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A MATERIAL FACTOR IN PROMOTING PROSPERITY.

One among the greatest material factors in promoting the prosperity of the citizenship and especially the farmers of this territory is the Sharples Tubular Separator introduced and being sold in Spur by the Spur Hardware Company. The Spur Hardware Company introduced this cream separator in this section only about two months ago, and notwithstanding the fact only about fourteen of the machines have been sold up to the present time and only eight or ten of these are being used to supply the market with cream, there is now being sold each week in Spur six hundred pounds of cream at twenty cents a pound, making a total of one hundred and twenty dollars a week, or an average of five hundred and twenty dollars each month going to the farmers of the Spur country. As an illustration of the material benefits of a Sharples Cream Separator to the average farmer we note the results of one bought by Ben Hagins of the Steel Hill community. He has seven milk cows of common range stock which are not fed and from which he sold this month seventeen dollars worth of cream, retaining the skimmed milk for calf and hog feed which is of no inconsiderable value. Others owning higher bred milk cows have made a better showing from the same Separator, and quite a number of those who bought separators are now paying their entire grocery bills by selling cream. The Sharples Tubular Cream Separator will make an average test of forty to forty five per cent of butter fat to the one hundred pounds of cream, and will develop ten to twenty five per cent more butter than by the old method of handling. It has been thoroughly demonstrated in the Spur country and elsewhere and there remains no further question but that the Sharples Tubular Cream Separator will make bigger returns on the money invested than anything the farmer or dairyman could buy, and it is only a question of a very short time until every farmer will have one installed in his home. The farmer who fails to consider and take advantage of an opportunity thus presented to promote his own prosperity will later surely recognize his mistake. If interested you are invited to call at the Spur Hardware Company, see the machine and get full details of its operations and advantages.

CULTURE CLUB.

The Womens Culture Club of Spur, at its regular meeting Friday, decided to suspend their regular meetings until the first Friday in September at which time a new year's work will be resumed and which will include American Literature and United States history. There is no more elevating club or organization in the country than this Culture Club, and those who desire to acquire real beneficial knowledge in a pleasant, social manner should become an active, working member of the organization.

TO ORGANIZE DICKENS COUNTY FAIR ASS'N.

The committee on organization of a Dickens County Fair Association submitted the following report which was adopted at a meeting held last week:

The name of the organization shall be the "Dickens County Fair Association." The officers shall be a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, and six directors to which shall be added the first three officers, making a total of nine directors. Permanent committees shall be as follows: An executive committee of three; a financial committee of three; an auditing committee of three; and the president and vice-president shall be additional members of all permanent committees; permanent committees shall be elected by the directors. The association shall be capitalized, the capital stock being divided into shares valued at ten dollars per share, and each share of stock shall entitle the holder to one permanent pass to the fair grounds and race track; said stock shall be non-assessable and transferable only on the books of the association.

At the meeting the following were appointed as a committee to solicit stock subscriptions and further promote and perfect the organization: Jeff D. Reagan, E. C. Edmonds, C. L. Love, R. L. Collier, R. E. Dickson, Geo. S. Link, W. G. Sherrod, Oran McClure, T. E. Standifer.

This Fair Association may not be a paying proposition to stockholders in the beginning, but properly handled can be placed on a paying basis within a short time. It will be a great factor not only in promoting social intercourse within the territory but will contribute much to the education and information of the people in agriculture and stock-farming methods and results, and will become a source of pleasure and of revenue to the town, the country and the people. The limited stock should be subscribed readily.

CANDIDATES SPEAKING.

Beginning July 6th the candidates will tour Dickens County enmasse, speaking at the various voting boxes on the dates below. Women, children and voters are invited to be present to meet the jolly candidate and hear the discussions. Come early, the Candidate Tent will be pitched on the ground before sunset. Speaking at 8:30 P. M.

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| Dry Lake, | Monday, | July 6th. |
| Red Mud, | Tuesday, | " 7th, |
| Steele Hill, | Thursday, | " 9th, |
| Duck Creek, | Friday, | " 10th, |
| Midway, | Monday, | " 13th, |
| Afton, | Tuesday, | " 14th, |
| Dumont, | Thursday, | " 16th, |
| Wichita, | Friday, | " 17th, |
| No View, | Monday, | " 20th, |
| Prairie V., | Wednesday, | " 22nd, |
| Spur, | Friday, | " 24th, |
| On the anxious seat | " 25th, | |

On July 26th the voyage up Salt Creek will start from Dickens.

Mrs. C. A. Bobo is on an extended visit to relatives at Weatherford and Ranger.

LOYALTY.

A loyal wife is one who has implicit confidence in her husband even when he is running for office.

A short prayer from the heart is more effective than a long prayer from the lips.

How thankful we should be for the rain and sunshine. All we could ask for with no special calamity of any kind. Think and be thankful to God for the blessings that are ours.

Yes, we have gotten in another big lot of Star Mills. The time of year is here when your stock need good, fresh water all the time, and your garden will appreciate a drink, so remember the Star is a real ornament to your home and a real necessity. See Higginbotham for special prices on Star mills, pipeing and sucker rod. Yes, we are in the windmill game and are making our competitors see Stars.

Boys, picnic time is here. Can't you almost smell the good barbecued beef, the odor of which was all you could get; the red lemonade, merry-go-round, and that little lassie with the red rose in her hat. Goodness knows! it makes us all feel like spring chickens. To really enjoy these occasions you should have one of our Banner Buggies. They range in price from \$40.00 for top buggies and up to \$100.00. No competition in the buggy when quality and price considered. See Hick, the hungry Hardware man.

Bill Perry and Mack Brown are dispensing Light Crust and other high class Groceries. This week Sanders Taylor is away down on Lazy Neck Creek with rod and reel, digging bait, spitting on his hook and studying up a fish story to tell the boys when he gets home. Most of you know Sanders. Now, it is said that God in dealing out blessings didn't see fit to bless all alike. He gave some men brains and some men handsome faces. Sanders must have gotten the brains. This was not written for his wife to read.

Say fellows, if you want a special price on a suit of clothes now is the time. How would it sound to get a full suit of clothes good enough to go sparking in for \$1.50. Yes, we are going to sell Clothing regardless of price, and if you want an extra pair of Pants for 50c, we have them.

Have you seen the new Cords, Combs, Belts, etc.? We have them. Come quick and get pick.

Don't forget us for hoes, files, sweeps, and other weed killers.

Come on with the crowd Saturday. We will have plenty good, cool water for you, and a welcome handshake. And should you wish to spend a little cash, we won't refuse that. We want you for our customers and friends and promise you to deal as fairly and honestly with you as we know how to do. Your friends, -Bryant Link Co.

NOTICE.

After July 1st, we will not sell any more meat unless the cash accompanies the order.—Central Meat Market.

SLANDERS BECOME A PART OF CAMPAIGNS.

The most specific charge published in this immediate territory against Ferguson as a suitable candidate for governor is that he is alleged to have said in a local option campaign a number of years ago that "If these cigarette smoking boys want to go to hell let them go. Our business has to be taken care of. My pocketbook is my principal." Mr. Ferguson says that he never used any such language at any time, privately or publicly. This all happened in 1909, and such a charge is alleged to have come from Rev. R. P. Shuler. The following letter written by Rev. Shuler less than a year ago to Mr. Ferguson is conclusive evidence to our mind that such a charge is a mere fabrication originating in the mind of some mud-slinging politician. The letter is as follows: "You and I have differed very widely, and perhaps always will, yet I have ever recognized you as a man of great liberality in dealing with matters of public concern, and you have more than once assisted me financially in undertakings for the good of the church, in spite of the fact that our differences were most positive. Yet I have ever believed you are a man with much public spirit and a great heart for the cause of humanity, whatever might be your mistakes as to the way to do our best and most. I want 200 opera chairs, costing \$500 donated by some one man to the students of the State University, I want you to be that one man. I will also say this to you, whether you donate these chairs or not, I shall not in any manner fight you or oppose your candidacy. I have already said the most friendly things concerning you to more than one man who has asked me during the past two days concerning you. And yet, while I might cast my vote for another, I will say there is more than one prohibitionist in the field that I would black in your favor, since I would rather have a man with your policy than a weak pro like Mayes or another fool candidate we have." Now, as an unprejudiced thinker, would you believe that Rev. Shuler would entertain such a high regard of Ferguson as expressed in the above letter had he heard Ferguson make any such remarks as charged with reference to "cigarette smoking boys?" And after a thorough investigation of the men aspiring to the governor's office, and considering the material issues of the campaign, would you prefer to vote for and think that it would be better for the state of Texas that a "corporation lawyer," a "stockholder in clubs where booze is dispensed," and "who will be biased in favor of and influenced by the railroads" be elected governor because of the fact that a questionable "campaign slander" had been charged against the opposing candidate?

TO THE VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY.

Believing that an officer's first responsibility is to the discharge of the duties of the office to which he is already elected, and the fact that the demands of the office of County Judge and Ex-officio County Superintendent are so great, it will be impossible for me to make a house to house campaign for re-election. But I believe that the voters are entitled to a full discussion of the duties of this important office. Not only to become familiar with its workings, but that they may more intelligently pass on the qualifications of the opposing candidates. With this thought in view we have arranged a candidates' speaking at the various voting places and ask that the voters of Dickens County give us a hearing.

The architect must have in his mind a plan before he can produce a graphic representation on paper; the inventor must have in his mind a well defined idea before he can produce a working model; likewise the County Judge must have his plans laid and his program formulated in order to the successful discharge of the duties of his office. No fine spun theory nor the mere statement that "I am a low taxer" amounts to anything without a wise and practical application. Neither does the accusation that a man is a "high taxer," without carrying with it the proof of the elements which constitute high taxes, amount to anything. To substantiate such a charge there must be shown an unjust, an illegal or an unequal taxation. Failing of these, there must be shown either an extravagant expenditure or an unnecessary hoarding up of funds. A low tax does not necessarily mean a wise administration of affairs. It may mean a depleted treasury.

The educational leader of Dickens County must be able to go before the people and deliver practical, forceful addresses on educational subjects. He should be an organizer of teachers and qualified to make inspiring talks to the student body of the schools of the county. The school days of our boys and girls are of paramount importance!

Therefore, a full and successful discharge of the foregoing duties, to say nothing of the knowledge of the law necessary to the competent Judge of court matters where the personal liberty and property rights of our citizenship are in jeopardy, demands a practical and an educational qualification.

Then we again ask that you come out and hear our discussions of these matters, and we assure you that with all good feeling we shall abide the result of your wise discretion at the ballot box. Respectfully,—O. S. Ferguson.

Neil Holman was operated upon Monday at the Standifer Hospital and is now reported doing nicely. He has been suffering of appendicitis the past year or more and to effect a permanent cure the operation was performed.

Funston's Service For His Country



The Man Who Led Our Troops Into Vera Cruz Became a Brigadier General at Thirty-six After the Capture of Aguinaldo, the Philippine Insurrecto—He Is Known as "Fighting Fred," and His Whole Life Has Been One of Adventure.

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1 and 2.—Army supply train and troops going to outskirts of Vera Cruz. 3.—"Fighting Fred" Funston in service uniform. 4.—Brigadier General Frederick Funston. 5.—General Funston and Rear Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz. 6.—Army supplies being unloaded at Vera Cruz.

F"IGHTING FRED" they call General Funston in army circles, but officially he is Brigadier General Frederick Funston, whose past record was responsible for his being picked to lead our troops into Mexico. At the head of the Fifth brigade of our army he relieved Rear Admiral Fletcher and his blue-jackets in Vera Cruz and soon had that city so that the natives within its boundaries felt more relief than they had at any time under Huerta's rule. The military government and the health work instituted by Funston showed how much better we are prepared today to assume such responsibilities than we were during the Spanish-American war.

General Funston has just that touch of personality which makes him an ideal leader of troops. He is short and stocky, brave to the point of recklessness and carries his men along by sheer force of his determination, yet in his campaign in the Philippines and especially in his capture of Aguinaldo he showed he knows how to plan, and his administrative qualities have been proved in his work in times of peace and particularly in the measures he took for the relief of San Francisco after the earthquake.

An Adventurous Spirit.

In the Philippines Funston glorified the army in his famous charge at Malolos and by his swimming feats before Calumpit. He was born with a wandering foot, which has taken him from the arctic to the tropics seeking adventure. He is the kind of man who can find adventure anywhere.

In 1888, an off school year, he became a Santa Fe train conductor. At different times his route lay all the way from Kansas City to Albuquerque and south of the gulf of Mexico. Among his other duties was that of train bouncer. He doesn't weigh much now, but he weighed less than 100 pounds then, and yet that fact didn't stand in the way of his success as a bouncer. The record of his gullt is still, perhaps, in the clogged supreme court of Kansas, where damage suits against the Santa Fe have long waited judgment day.

And among the greasers and cowboys of New Mexico, Colorado and western Kansas there is still a myth to the effect that the Santa Fe once put a human marmot on its trains, which concealed death in its right hand and lingering illness in its left.

Brigadier General at Thirty-six.

He was made brigadier general in 1899, when he was thirty-six years old. Before then he had been farmer, col-

lege student, train conductor, newspaper man, magazine writer, collector of botanical specimens, soldier of fortune and lover of Kipling—always.

Probably no man ever paid Rudyard Kipling the compliment that Funston paid him in Alaska, for on a long journey over a thousand hills he carried in his pack, where every ounce of weight became a torture, copies of the "Barrack Room Ballads" and the stories of Mulvaney and his friends.

He took part in an expedition into Death valley desert that nearly proved fatal to the whole party and was attended with such terrible sufferings that one of the number became permanently insane. He went to Alaska on a government commission and traveled 3,500 miles alone over snow and ice, living through the long days of an arctic winter, sleeping and hunting, for eighteen months. He was in Mexico in 1895 on a coffee plantation, then in New York doing newspaper work, and then he went to Cuba as a lieutenant of artillery.

Fifteen months of fighting with Garcia, storming towns, leading fights on Spanish cavalades, taking always the leading part in battles, sieges and wild cavalry charges, gave Funston that knowledge of the handling of men and the life of the soldier which proved of such value to him during his service in the Philippines. His body was strengthened, toughened, hardened by these experiences. He had learned self control, self reliance and cool judgment by the life he had been leading. He had been fitted by dreadful hardships and sufferings for a position of great responsibility.

Born in Ohio.

Funston was born near New Carlisle, O., in 1863, but he went to Kansas when he was only sixteen years old and was educated in Kansas.

Brave, adventurous, vigorous, he made his own way in the world from the time he was able to work. He was the oldest of a family of six. The struggles of the boy to obtain an education are pleasanter for him to look back upon than they were at the time of their occurrence.

Funston was wounded three times in Cuba—once through an arm, once in the chest, and once his horse fell upon him, fracturing his thigh. From this wound he was suffering when he left Kansas for the Philippines with the Twelfth regiment in the spring of 1898.

In the Philippines he ate and slept with his soldiers on the firing line. He was their idol. His lame leg did not keep him from limping ahead of them in a fight. He was with them when they charged into Caloccan and

was the first white soldier to enter Malolos. He was the first American officer to cross the river at Calumpit.

General Funston has told the story in Scribner's Magazine of the capture of Aguinaldo, a story that differs in an important particular from the versions cabled to the United States from Manila, upon the return of the Vicksburg to Manila on March 28, 1901, with the hero and his adventurous comrades on board. Colonel Funston himself did not take part in the sudden and unlooked for attack on Aguinaldo's bodyguard and the seizure of the Filipino leader in his quarters, as was supposed when the story was published.

Funston Tells of Aguinaldo.

General Funston says that before the American officers came up the ingenious tragedy was played to the end by Lazaro Segovia, the Spanish secret service agent, and by Hilario Placido, the drafted Filipino volunteer, who led the masquerading Macabebes and who seized Aguinaldo as a prisoner after Segovia had shot down two of his staff, the capture being made in a room of the house occupied by Aguinaldo.

"In the meantime we Americans with our supposed guard had reached the river, jumped into the banca waiting for us and had paddled across in frantic haste," recites Funston. "Running up the bank toward the house, we were met by Segovia, who came running out, his face aglow with exultation and his clothing spattered with the blood of the men he had wounded. He called out in Spanish: 'It is all right. We have him!' We hastened into the house, and I introduced myself to Aguinaldo, telling him that we were officers of the American army, that the men with us were our troops and not his and that he was a prisoner of war. He was given assurance that he need fear no bad treatment. He said in a dazed sort of way, 'Is this not some joke?'"

Honored by McKinley.

Two days after Aguinaldo was turned over to General MacArthur at Manila Funston was made a brigadier general by President McKinley. There were army officers who thought that the reward was excessive for the service rendered. The president, however, did not act upon his own judgment, but upon a recommendation by General Loyd Wheaton which General MacArthur had indorsed. It is pertinent that in his dispatch reporting the capture MacArthur had said, "I hope speedy cessation hostilities throughout archipelago as consequence of this stroke."

Topics of the Sport World

By SQUARE DEAL

Favor Baseball Invasion.

The sporting clubs in South American cities have already become interested in the proposed invasion of the major league baseball clubs which has been suggested for the fall of 1915. Word has been received that the project is expected to be a success and that the enthusiasm for baseball in South America runs high. Manager McGraw says that it was the idea of the promoters of the proposed trip to end the tour on the Pacific coast before the closing of the Panama exposition in 1915.

The latest suggestion for the tour is to have the two clubs, made up of the star players of both leagues, play a few exhibition games in the east and south after the world's series and then go to Cuba. The itinerary would then call for a brief visit to Panama and from there to South America, playing in the leading cities of the continent. The plan is to travel down the east side and come north on the west side of South America.

Then a longer stay could be made at Panama, playing in all the principal places in the canal zone, where the numerous Americans would welcome the baseball teams.

From New York it is planned to go to the Pacific coast and play in several cities in California before the close of the big fair.

McGill Crosses Tinker Off.

William McGill, a nephew of the late Pittsburgh Phil, bought the Indianapolis American association club last winter for \$175,000. Before he closed the deal he consulted Joe Tinker, his friend for many years.

"If you think the Federal league will start I will cancel my option," said Mr. McGill to Tinker. "So give me a straight tip!"

"Go ahead and buy the club," replied Tinker. "The Feds will blow up before spring."

As McGill's club has been outdrawn so far by the Hoosier Feds, Tinker is

charged with employing what is commonly known as the double cross, and McGill has eliminated the Chifed's manager from his list of friends.

Hard Job to Fill Evers' Place.

Bill Sweeney, who was sent from the Boston Braves to the Chicago Cubs by the national baseball commission in the Evers-Sweeney-Perdue deal, must go a whole lot faster to make up



Photo by American Press Association.
Bill Sweeney is Making a Brave Attempt to Fill Evers' Boots.

for the loss of Johnny Evers at second in the Windy City. Evers was very popular there, and his reputation as the best second sacker in the league gives Sweeney a hard job to hold the favor of the fans.

In the Sunday School Class

SENIOR BEREAN LESSON.

Golden Text.—Ye cannot serve God and mammon (Luke xvi, 13).

The Lesson Explained. Verses 17-20.—An eager inquirer.

From the point of view of worldly wisdom it might be said that Jesus missed an excellent opportunity to win a man of wealth to his movement. A study of this incident will show that Jesus was altogether right in the stand that he took. "There came one running." This man seemed to have been in urgent haste, and he showed an exemplary eagerness in seeking the presence of Jesus. Luke states that he was a ruler. "Kneeled to him." This was a mark of reverence, for he recognized in Jesus an authoritative teacher of religion. "Good master." Was this a conventional form of address, or did the man really recognize in Jesus a character of goodness worthy of the name? "Why callest thou me good?" This rejoinder was a check to glib and superficial homage. Jesus would have him realize the significance of this epithet and be careful how he used it. "None good but one." This is a moral quality that is perfectly possessed only by God, and if it is applied to men the inference is that they reflect in their own lives the divine character and therefore deserve to be honored. "Eternal life." This phrase expressed the purest essence of blessing in the Messianic age. Jesus gave it a deeper and richer meaning. It is a profound spiritual experience which comes by a realization of the presence of God. The phrase is more common in the gospel of John. It is the equivalent of the phrase "kingdom of God," which is frequently employed in the synoptic gospels. "Thou knowest the commandments." Jesus specially mentioned those sections of the Decalogue which relate to duties to our fellows. He implied that one who observes these requirements will succeed in the desired quest. "From my youth." He had been pious all his days and had strictly observed the letter of the divine law.

Verses 21, 22.—A disappointed man.

His earnestness and sincerity were certainly attractive, and Jesus saw great possibilities in him. "Beholding him." "Looking upon him" (revision) with the penetration of insight, he doubtless saw one who had the making of a hero and might be even an apostle if he would but consecrate himself. "One thing thou lackest." Matthew makes this a confession of the man himself and reports Jesus as telling him, "If thou wouldst be perfect." In both cases the demands are the same. "Sell whatsoever thou hast." The first

requirement was that he should dispose of his wealth and distribute it among the poor and needy. This was in answer to his desire to do some big thing. "Treasure in heaven"—spiritual possessions which rust not nor decay. "Follow me." This was the second requirement, and the spirit in which he was to identify himself with Jesus is seen in the words "take up the cross," which suggest sacrifice. "Went away grieved." The demand was too exacting, and he withdrew.

Verses 23-27.—Astonished disciples.

This interview saddened the heart of Jesus, and, with the retreating figure in sight, he declared to his disciples how "they that have riches" are seriously handicapped in their efforts to "enter into the kingdom of God." He saw that the disciples were taken aback at this emphatic utterance, and he knew that they had misunderstood him. He therefore made himself clear by pointing out that the subtle temptation of the rich is to "trust in riches" and rely on their wealth more than on God to secure for them an entrance into eternal life. "Who then can be saved?" The disciples shared the popular notion that the rich must have the right of way because of their wealth; indeed, such a sentiment still prevails even among us. "With God all things are possible." With a penetrating look that assured his disciples, Jesus reminded them of the sovereign power of God, who can not only break the spell that wealth has cast upon the rich, but who can save any who surrender to him.

Verses 28-31.—Abundant compensations.

Peter showed a self complacent spirit when he reminded the Master that he and the other apostles had given up all to follow him. Matthew adds the question, "What then shall we have?" which unpleasantly revealed a mercenary spirit (Matt. xix, 27). For my sake and the gospel's." Jesus reminded him that the motives of life must be noble and that they must be purified by love. "Receive a hundredfold." Those who renounce earthly ties and relationships at the call of Christ, as is being done today on the mission field in India and elsewhere, will be given in their place spiritual kinship in the brotherhood of the kingdom of God. "With persecutions." Sufferings are inevitable in the Christian calling, but what are they beside the joys of the Christian experience here and hereafter? "First * * * last." Let them, however, guard against spiritual pride and continue in humility, relying solely on the good grace of God.

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GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

A large crowd of Gilpin people were in Spur Saturday.

J. A. Sullivan harvested a fine patch of wheat last week.

Miss Mary Bennett visited Miss Clara Neighbors Sunday.

Buster Peacock, of New Mexico, is visiting L. W. Bilberry.

Gerome Hagins was a pleasant caller at Gilpin Saturday and Sunday.

A large crowd attended the singing at W. B. Bennett's Sunday night.

Rev. George Rucker filled his regular appointment at Duck Creek Sunday.

Rev. W. B. Bennett made his regular trip to Midway Friday, returning Monday.

L. W. Bilberry and wife visited their daughter near Jayton Saturday and Sunday.

Beautiful crops are decorating the Gilpin country now, and we believe the Spur country is the best in the world.

Mrs. Z. V. Smith and children, who have been in our midst the past two weeks, returned to their home in Spur Saturday.

Cecil Bennett made a trip to Soldier Mound Saturday and Sunday. Wonder what is up there that draws his attention?

All Gilpin people are busy and news is scarce.—A School Chap.

For the purpose of paying his debts, the survivor and heirs of J. P. Higgins, deceased, is offering the 1560 acres of good land, over 200 in cultivation, four sets of improvements, three wells, two windmills, 860 acres patented, 700 acres \$200 school land for \$12,500.00; \$6,500.00 cash and \$6,000.00 time. Purchasers referred to Arthur Yonge, Snyder, Texas, also persons holding claims against the estate, present them to him. 31 4t.

TAP ITEMS.

Here I come. How do you do? It is so hot, hot!

The ice cream supper last Saturday night was highly enjoyed by all.

Thomas Rutherford and family spent Saturday night at T. S. Lambert's.

Wanted—A nice young lady to ride with Charlie Hinson in his new buggy.

Grandpa and Grandma Sparks spent Saturday night and Sunday with Jeff Smith and family on Dockum.

Clyde Davis was a pleasant caller at Mr. Hinson's Saturday night and Sunday. We wish him success at Mr. Hinson's.

Miss Ola Harris, of near Spur, is visiting Mr. Trout and family.—A Candy Kid.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM, JUNE 28th.

Missionary Meeting—Subject—Bible Work.
Song—Prayer—Song.
Leader, (Script) Kittie Powell

Who Wrote the Bible?—W. F. Godfrey.
Why Was It Written?—Dorris Attebury.

How Many Divisions of the Bible?—Jennie Shields.
Give An Easy Method for Recalling the Number of Books in Each?—Evelyn Burgoon.

How Many Authors and Books in the Bible?—C. E. Brannen.
What Is Considered the Greatest Chapter?—Ella Pierce.

What Is the Most Beautiful?—Miss Bobo.
What Was the First Book Printed in Movable Type?—Hermia Burgoon.

What Verse Is Especially Appropriate for Young Converts?—Mrs. Edmonds.
What Verse Is Sometimes Called the Little Gospel?—Miss Ruth Attebury.

DON'T LET CONSTIPATION RUIN YOUR HEALTH

It Deadens the Brain and Weakens the Body. Nature Needs Real and Harmless Aid to Overcome it.

Nature does her best to fight constipation and its evil effects. She fights to the last atom of her strength, but usually she has to have assistance.

To avoid the sluggish brain and weakened body, the sick headache, coated tongue and biliousness, it is unwise to use unpleasant calomel, a medicine so strong that it leaves most people "all knocked out." Don't take chances with your health.

A great number of people have learned that Dodson's Liver Tone (50c.) makes one brighter, healthier and happier in a perfectly easy and natural way, with no pain nor gripe and no bad after-effects.

The Red Front Drug Store guarantees it without condition and will refund purchase price if you are not entirely satisfied. Dodson's Liver Tone is an absolutely safe, pleasant tasting vegetable liquid and a wonderful liver stimulant which takes the place of calomel, but be sure you get Dodson's.

J. J. Noland, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of near Afton, was in Spur Monday after supplies and was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He says he had a good rain Sunday and everything is in fine shape and that farmers are well up with their work.



Where There's a Farm There Should be a Bell Telephone

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Crawford Cobb, our efficient county clerk, was over from Dickens Saturday and spent some time here on business and greeting his many friends.

T. A. Ham, a prosperous farmer and ranchman of near Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business and shaking hands with his many friends.

Blaine Spear, of Dickens, was here Saturday shaking hands with the voters in the interest of his campaign for County Judge.

Mrs. Sudbury and children left this week for an extended visit to her sister and family near Gilpin.

Mrs. J. R. Laine returned last week from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Oklahoma.

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J. H. Boothe, a prosperous farmer and leading citizen of three miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday attending to business matters and greeting his many friends. He reports crop conditions ideal out his way.

Editor Hyatt, of the Dickens Item, was in Spur Saturday on business and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything moving along nicely at the county capital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simmons, accompanied by her father and C. H. Perry, made a trip to Slaton Saturday returning home Monday. They report a big rain on the Plains Sunday.

J. E. Sparks, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and greeting his many friends.

We are in the market for frying-size chickens and will pay the very highest market prices for all of such chickens brought to us.—Sol Davis. tf

Judge O. S. Ferguson, of Dickens, was here Saturday meeting the voters in the interest of his candidacy for County Judge.

Eat at the German Kitchen, at the old Poole stand. 31tf

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Money to loan on ranches and large stock farms at 8 per cent interest—quick inspections. Phone or write Duggan, Upshaw and Scott, Stamford, Texas. 2t

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith went down to Sagerton Sunday to visit relatives, Mr. Smith returning Monday while Mrs. Smith will remain on a more extended visit.

S. B. Scott came in from his farm home in the West Pasture Saturday and spent some time here attending to business matters and meeting his many friends.

John Weathers, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the West Pasture, was here Saturday looking after business matters and trading with the merchants.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake community, was among the business visitors in the city this week. He reports everything in good shape.

Misses Erma Baker, Donnalita and Roberta Standifer returned last week from the 24 Ranch where they spent a week or ten days.

Frank Smith was in Spur Saturday on business from his home seven or eight miles south of the city.

B. G. Warwick, of Dickens, was here Saturday on business and greeting his many friends.

Lilburn Standifer, who has been attending the A. & M. College, returned home last week.

Jeff D. Harkey was among the many visitors from Dickens Saturday.

We do all kinds of Auto repairing: keep extras, gasoline, oil, etc. Don't fail to see us when in need of anything in our line.—E. L. Clay. tf

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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 Lamfire, 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, who returns his affection. Returning home one day, David meets and chats with Ellen Daw of Drupe mountain, the poor, beragad adopted daughter of Silas Daw. Mary Reddin, being the only one in the Draft who succeeds in getting along with Martha Lamfire, visits the old woman at her home. George Hedrick, the village storekeeper, is the most satisfied man in the Draft with his lot in life, situated as he was at the crossroads, where he and the "world" met. An uncouth stranger excites curiosity when he stops at the store for tobacco. Hedrick recognizes in him Kip Ryerson. Ellen Daw, weary and faint from her lonely farm work, pauses to rest and falls asleep. Adrian Blair, a well to do youth of the Draft, notices the sleeping girl and finishes her work. Waking, Ellen perceives her benefactor and timidly tends her thanks. On Sunday the people of the Draft flocked to the schoolhouse to hear Brother Braxton's farewell sermon. Ellen travels from her mountain home for the occasion.

The Meeting.

THIS Sunday was the hottest day as yet, and there was a certain breathless pause in the feel of the atmosphere, as though all nature lay in suspense over what might be coming and in terror of the clutch of her own elements. People gasped in the heat; mothers wiped their babies' damp foreheads, pushed back their hair and borrowed their husband's hats for fans, while the little girls looked dejectedly at their wilted knots of flowers, faded almost as soon as plucked and now but a limp remembrance of their un-gathered alertness.

If Ellen Daw dressed for preaching with a dead heart and keen self scorn, there was at least one girl in the Draft that morning who dressed in an eager, tumultuous delight, her heart as buoyant as a bit of wind tossed thistle down and all her thoughts on wings—and that girl was Mary Reddin.

She had a dainty new pink muslin to wear, together with a white hat trimmed with a little wreath of roses, which gay finery had been purchased with the money saved from her share of the egg and chicken branch of the farm industry.

When she was all dressed and turned to look in the glass—she had refrained from looking until all the pretty toilet was complete, so that the whole effect might burst upon her at once—the face which the mirror gave back was so sparkingly pure and exquisite that a delicate soft color swept over her cheeks in surprise at her own loveliness.

For a moment she stood looking at her reflection, then she whispered softly, "Oh, do you reckon he'll like hit?" Whereat her face answered her with a tiny dimpling smile of reassurance. Then she caught up her pink ruffles and floated down the narrow boxed in stairway and out into the living room like a rosy cloud that had gone astray.

At her appearance the members of the family who happened to be present caught their breath in "ohs!" or gave vent to whistles, according to their nature, for Mary was the miracle and darling of the whole family. And as the Reddins abounded more especially in the masculine element, the whistles, as always, somewhat drowned the "ohs!"

Bobbie regarded his sister in silence for a space; then out of the subtle observations of youth he remarked, "I reckon Dave Cree must be ergoin' ter preachin' with you."

"Der yer, honey?" she answered with elaborate astonishment. "Why, what makes yer think that?"



"Sweetheart, sweetheart!" he cried. "Nothin' sha'n't ever come betwixt us! Nothin', nothin', nothin'!"

Which retort brought the laughter of the older ones upon Bobbie and made him resort to his disgusted and much overworked repartee of "Aw!"—a repartee which Mary wrung from him many times a day to her own no small delight and to the general promotion of the gaiety of the Reddins. Upon this occasion, however, fate favored Bobbie, for, in glancing down the lane, he suddenly exclaimed triumphantly:

"I think so 'cause I see Dave' ercomin' now! A-ha-a, Miss Mary!"

And for once Mary was covered with confusion and had to take refuge in his own embarrassed retort of "Aw!" and even the baby might have seen that she was blushing pink as she slipped away from them all and went down the little pathway to the gate to meet David.

Coming to meet him with floating ruffles and airy steps she seemed to David such a dazzling thing that his eyes fell before her and his tongue was thick and clumsy when he spoke. "Aire—aire yer ready, sweetheart?" he said confusedly.

Mary came through the gate, closing it carefully behind her, and started down the lane beside him.

"I'm—I'm ready, sweetheart!" she faltered, in mischievous imitation, the face she lifted to him alive with merriment.

David's embarrassment melted at her words like the morning mists before the sun, and he laughed from a full heart.

"Yer ther very sweetest thing that ever walked ther earth!" he said with deep conviction. He drew one of her slender hands under his arm, and, looking down at her, added in a shaken voice, "An' hit don't seem hardly possible that God's goin' ter let me walk beside yer."

After that they went on in silence for a long distance, Mary's hand pressed hard against his side and their arms touching.

A little below the schoolhouse there is a tiny path which leaves the wide track of the main road and goes meandering up the side of Peter's ridge, and, like a truant child, makes many a little turn and twist before it finally dips again toward the green knoll of the schoolhouse.

When David and Mary came to it, with one accord they turned along its green seclusion, and at the beginning of the way, when they were once safe within its solitude, David bent and kissed Mary passionately upon the lips, and again, about midway of the path, he kissed her once more. And each time she gave him back his kisses, her eyes shut and her face gone a little white.

As they came to the last bend that hid them from the schoolhouse Mary paused in the path, looking up into his eyes.

"Dave," she said; "Dave."

"What, honey?" he answered, tenderly.

She slipped her fingers down his powerful arm until they came to rest in his palm; there she put the other hand, too, clinging to him like a child.

"David," she said again, and her face was almost tragic in its intensity, "Oh, Dave, I'm so happy! Don't let anything come betwixt us!" Suddenly out there in the woods, where were only the hemlock trees and the budding azalea bushes to spy upon them, she leaned tremblingly against him, and her words came with almost a sob: "Oh, Dave! I keer so much, I'm skeered ter think how much. An' oh, I'm skeered! Skeered ter think something 'll come betwixt us, an' hit'll kill me if hit does!"

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

David flung his arms about her and pressed her hard against him.

"Sweetheart, sweetheart!" he cried. "Nothin' sha'n't ever come betwixt us! Nothin', nothin', nothin'!"

For a moment more she lay against his breast, and he could feel her shake all over; then suddenly she sprang erect and gave him one of her elusive, fleeting smiles, though the tears still hung on her lashes.

"I'm goin' ter preachin'!" she cried. "Aire you?"

And catching up her pink skirts she whisked down the path and round the bend and out on to the plateau of the schoolhouse.

And David followed her, laughing. And, oh, but the world was a wonderful place!

Brother Braxton was late in getting to the schoolhouse and his waiting congregation on that farewell Sunday morning. Probably, as it was his last day among them, there were many of his friends to stop him for last words and leave takings on his way up the valley from Linden, which was the small village at the mouth of the Jumping Creek Draft. No one, however, was in any way disturbed over his lateness. It was, in truth, too hot to take the shortcomings of a fellow being very strenuously to heart, even though that fellow being happened to be a preacher, the usual free target for every complainer's arrow.

Couples of young men and maidens idled across the foot log and up the hill, to retire discreetly to the shelter of the schoolhouse, where the women folk were more kindly unobtrusive than the group of men lounging under the trees. As Mary and David went past a little low ripple of speculation broke out in their wake, during which Ellen Daw, with a shy "Good mawnin' ter yer all," slipped by the critics and entered the schoolhouse, glad that she should come, as it were, in the trail of Mary's greatness and thus escape comment. Indoors she settled herself on a back seat somewhat off in the shadows, but even here she was sensitively alive to the amused glances with which most of the girls greeted her appearance.

Outside the storekeeper stretched his legs to the utmost limit of their meager length and leaned his back luxuriously against the trunk of a huge oak tree. Having come early with forethought to his own comfort he had secured the friendliest position which the bole of the old tree afforded, and was, moreover, as he loved to be, thus established in the center of the group of men, who, having come later, lounged, perforce, upon the grass in more or less uneasy positions, with no friendly supporting tree for their backs.

"I bet yer," he said, spying up at the heavens, "that we git er thunder-storm 'fore night. An' when she comes she'll be er everlastin' Jim Bruiser. Ther elements don't keep on er promisin' trouble like they've been doin' fer ther last week without somethin' comin' in ther end."

At least every second man in the group had speculated once, at any rate, on the weather probabilities that morning; nevertheless Hedrick's remark was greeted with the renewal of interest that is always the weather's prerogative.

"In my erpinion hits settin' in fer er long dry spell," Lloyd Johnson volunteered lugubriously. "An' er hit does ther corn'll lay so long in ther ground without sproutin' that frost'll be here 'fore we kind git hit cut. Yes, I know hit's goin' ter be er long, dry spell, fer hit's got commenced jest ther way hit did that spring three years back, when ther was sech er drouth an' then come that big storm. Der yer recollect of hit?"

"Recollect of hit!" cried Hedrick. "I wisher I couldn't recollect hit. Why, ther's times yit, ef ther wind blows at night, that I dreams erbout hit. I tell yer, fellers, when that ole storm and wind went by me an' I felt my store kinder trem'le all over an' seed them two big hickory trees come down across ther road an' eranother one sorter lean over like hit was goin' ter lay down on my roof, I thought my time was come sure 'nough, an' I says ter myself, 'George, I says, ther'll be er strange face in heaven 'fore night.'"

"Heaven?" Adrian Blair interrupted here with pointed interrogation.

"Yes, Mr. Blair, sir; that's what I said, sir. Ef I'd er meant"—Hedrick suddenly paused, looking intently up the road. "Look yonder comin'," he broke off in a low excited voice.

(To be continued.)

A Glance at Current Topics

Aeroplanes and War.

Washington, June 16.—Aeroplanes have been playing a prominent part in our trouble with Mexico. Several of the warships blockading the port of Vera Cruz were fitted out with aeroplanes equipped both for scout duty and as deadly instruments of warfare. They have been used to such good advantage that Washington officials decided on an increase in the aviation equipment. Army and naval authorities are agreed that in land fighting the

site Westminster abbey, has been granted by the British government for the statue of Abraham Lincoln to be erected in London next year, so the American peace centenary committee has announced. The statue, which is to be a replica of Saint Gaudens' statue of Lincoln in Chicago, is to be dedicated on Lincoln's birthday in 1915, which is within three days of the centennial of the signing of the treaty of Ghent.

The site was chosen by Lord Beauchamp, chairman of the London board of public works. Near by are the houses of parliament and statues of Peel, Palmerston, Disraeli, Cromwell and George Canning.

Charlton Trial in November.

Como, Italy, June 14.—The trial of Porter Charlton, the young American accused of having killed his wife and placing the body in a trunk, which he is alleged to have thrown into Lake Como, has been postponed until next November, owing to the delay in obtaining the supplementary evidence which was sent for in America.

The murder occurred nearly four years ago and Charlton was brought here from the United States for trial on Aug. 30 of last year.

Pigeons to Race With Train.

London, June 15.—Handel Booth, Liberal member of parliament, is a sportsman as well as legislator and by way of novelty proposes to test the merits of champion pigeons in a race on June 20 with an express train and automobiles from London to Pontrefract, in the heart of Yorkshire.

The pigeons will start from Palace yard, the main entrance to the house of commons. At the same moment Handel Booth will board his automobile to catch the Doncaster express. He hopes to reach Pontrefract in four hours from the time he leaves London. He will give a prize to the owner of each bird that beats him.

Censor of Songs Wanted.

Raleigh, N. C., June 16.—A national censorship of popular songs is the request that the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs has made to congress.

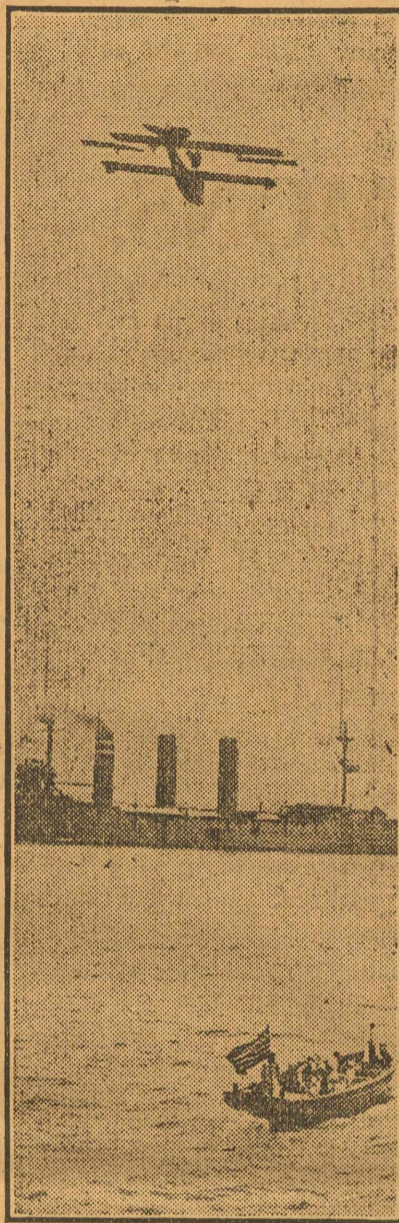
The agitation for the expurgation of popular music comes from Raleigh, with its 500 women club members. Schoolteachers have taken songs down as recited to them by children of all ages, with the result that a great agitation against popular music has followed.

Full Nebraska Progressive Ticket.

Lincoln, Neb., June 15.—The Progressive party of Nebraska has determined to put a practically full ticket in the field this fall, particularly for state and congressional offices. This was decided at a meeting of the state committee, which also issued a call for a state convention, to be held in Lincoln on July 28.

Woman of India Ardent Suffragist.

Delhi, India, June 14.—No less a personage than Nawit Sultan Shah Jehan has ardently declared herself as an advocate of the woman suffrage cause. She is the only woman ruler in India and is eighth in line from Dost Moham med Khan, the famous founder of the dynasty. She was born in 1858 and



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Aeroplane Scout Leaving Ship to Pick Up Information at Vera Cruz.

Aeroplane serves a useful purpose. A fleet of airships, they agree, is a necessary part of the military equipment.

A recent statement by the war department that it possessed only five aeroplanes fit for service is responsible for offers of assistance in the shape of machines and aviators made to the secretary of war. The first provisional aviation corps, Colonel Mortimer Delano acting commander, was the first to offer to enter the service of the federal government.

Bond For Orientals at Fair.

Washington, June 16.—The fears of San Francisco and California in general that all the Chinese and certain of the Japanese who are brought here for the Panama-Pacific exposition would not be returned to the countries from which they came have been allayed by the bureau of immigration. The unwelcome orientals who will come over with the China and Japan exhibits will be shipped back to their native homes.

Commissioner of Immigration Caminetti reveals in department circular 4 just how the aliens are to be rounded up at the close of the exposition and shipped back.

All "aliens," as the immigration service calls them, must enter and depart through the same port. As soon as the Japanese or Chinese arrives and passes the exacting requirements of his temporary admission to the United States the immigration inspector will give him a certificate, which in reality amounts to a passport while in this country.

A photograph of the holder will be attached to the back of the certificate and the seal of the United States placed beside it, and one copy of the certificate will be mailed to the commissioner general in Washington, while another will be kept by the inspector in charge at the port.

Also a cash bond of \$500 will be required from each "alien" to assure the authorities that the stranger will not run away with the idea of taking up permanent residence in this country.

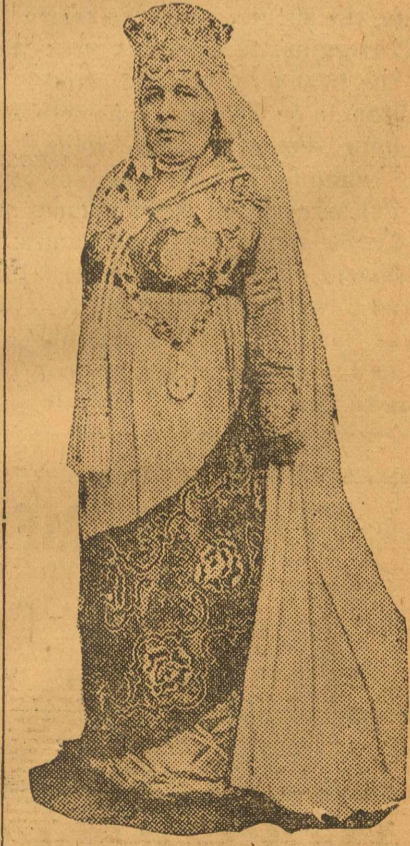
Model Village For Workers.

Philadelphia, June 16.—A model village, with playgrounds, gymnasiums and garden plots, patterned after the famous Sunshine colony in Middlesex, England, will be established at Washington Park, N. J., by a food company of Camden, which has purchased 2,000 acres of land.

Ground will be broken on July 1 for the erection of a four story re-enforced concrete factory to cost \$2,000,000.

Lincoln Statue For London.

London, June 14.—A place in Canning enclosure in Parliament square, oppo-



Nawit Sultan Shah Jehan, Begum of Bhopal, Advocate of Suffrage.

rules over a territory of nearly 7,000 square miles, containing 900,000 souls.

She thinks that women are superior to men and will show it if the fetters of time are once loosened and they become free to work out their own salvation. Although severe rules put a check on the activities of the women of India, the begum of Bhopal thinks those over whom she rules will soon be given an opportunity to exercise their initiative.

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

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E. L. Harkey

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
J. B. Conner (2nd term)
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

The proposition to organize a permanent fair association for Dickens county is progressing in a substantial manner. Such an organization will do more than any other organization of this character to promote and encourage social, commercial, agricultural and stock-raising

progress. The annual fairs will bring together the country and town people in a social way, and the exhibits of farm produce and livestock will be not only a great advertisement to the country but educational to the citizenship in that the results of farming methods and care of livestock will be shown. The success of such an organization depends wholly and solely upon the cooperation of a united citizenship to that end.

The whiskey question does not amount to a "hill of beans" in the selection of a governor of Texas only in so far as it detracts the public mind from the real issues of this campaign. The governor of Texas has but little more power to enact prohibition liquor laws than has a Justice-of-the-Peace of Lamb county, yet many voters will consider only the prohibition proposition in selecting a governor. If the people of Texas want a state-wide prohibition law they can get it only in one way, and that is by a majority vote of the people.

The break between Carranza and Villa, the recognized leaders of the revolution in Mexico, will probably expedite the settlement of the Mexican situation and promote the establishment of a more modern, progressive and substantial government within the course of time. While the plan of mediation on the part of outside representatives has made little apparent progress up to the present time, yet the indications are that the effort of mediators is being recognized and appreciated and in the end will be crowned with success. It is very evident that without the assistance or interference of outsiders revolutions in Mexico will continue indefinitely.

In political campaigns especially it is the general custom to malign the candidate of an opposing faction, and in the present campaign this custom prevails with reference to the candidates for governor. No man's life is perfect, and no doubt many little things of the past life and acts could be noted against both Ferguson and Ball, and in view of such custom the voters with open and unprejudiced minds should select from the two the best fitted man as our highest executive officer. After a careful and conscientious consideration of the men, their platforms, qualifications and fitness for the executive position we have decided to vote for Ferguson. Ferguson has demonstrated business executive ability as a farmer and banker in that he is successful in both lines. In this campaign he is the candidate of no faction, aligning himself with neither the prohibitionists nor anti-prohibitionists, and proposes to give the people a strictly business administration and suggesting to the Legislature for enactment only such laws as are required to promote and safeguard agricultural, commercial and educational progress. He refused to become a tool or factional candidate of anti-prohibition politicians in that he refused to submit his candidacy to an elimination convention of anti-prohibitionist politicians. He is under obligations to no man nor set of men, and especially corporate, legislative seeking interests, and the biggest charge against his qualifications as governor is that he will not submit to making prohibition or anti-prohibition the leading proposition for legislators during his administration.

Ball is strictly a prohibition candidate, making that proposition a leading issue for consideration by the next legislature. He was nominated as a candidate by a convention of prohibition politicians representing possibly the desires and wishes of one per cent of the voters of Texas. He is a corporation lawyer and has been in their employ during the past ten or twenty years, having become in such service a prosperous man and as a result now in a position to make an expensive campaign for the governorship. The people of Texas and of the United States have been warned repeatedly by statesmen, not politicians, who have the public welfare at heart to guard against the election to public executive positions men who have been affiliated with public service, legislative seeking corporations; and while we recognize that such corporations, under proper governmental regulation, are great factors in our development progress, yet it is an admitted and recognized fact that they are inclined to take advantage of an unsuspecting public and seek to control legislation and public executive officials. Because Ball probably was elevated to a prosperous condition through his services as a lawyer for public service corporations, and possibly is somewhat under obligations to them for such a condition, we do not say that he would extend to them unwarranted favors, but since it is human nature to love those who help us we do say that the risk is too great in this instance and we will give preference to any man of ability and integrity who has no such affiliations.

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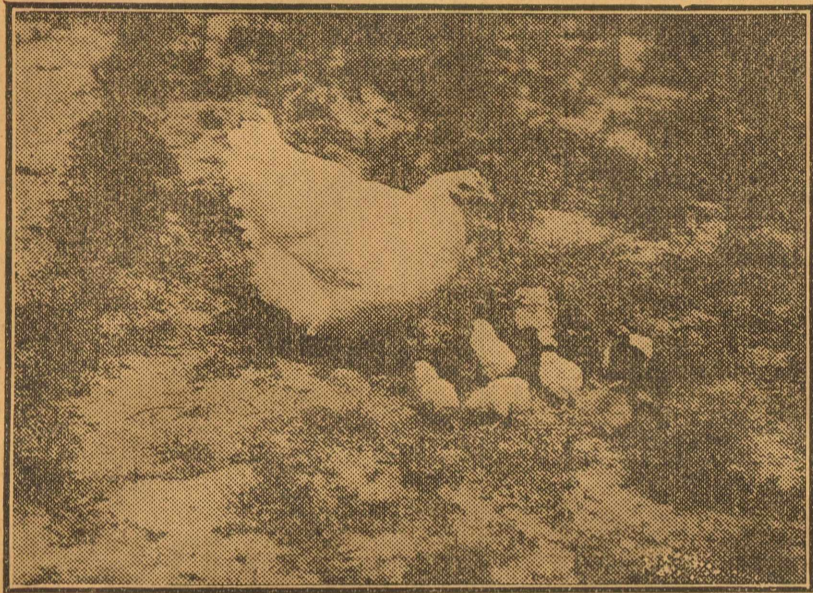
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When they are first put into harness young horses are particularly liable to be galled by the harness because their skin is not accustomed to the pressure

A Good Breed of Hen With Chicks



and friction caused by the collar, pad, etc., says the American Cultivator. Horses just up from grass are also specially susceptible to suffer from this trouble because of their soft condition.

The fact of a horse's system being in a heated state or "humory" is another predisposing cause of harness galls and sores, while some horses are unusually prone to them, owing to their skin being specially sensitive and delicate. In all these cases it is a useful plan, in order to harden the skin, to bathe the parts exposed to galling twice or thrice a day with a saturated solution of alum, while a lotion consisting of bluestone (copper sulphate), dissolved in water at the rate of five grains to an ounce of water, may also be recommended for use as a toughening agent and to counteract any tendency on the part of the skin to become chafed. One simple remedy for abrasions and sores caused by the harness is oxide of zinc ointment.

HORSE ADVICE.

Don't expect your breeding mare to do a hard week's work one week and not do anything the next week and do well.

Don't expect a first class colt from a second or third class stallion and a poor mare.

Don't expect a mare to be suckling a foal and carrying another one and do as much work as a good horse without a little extra care.

The heavy coated horses should be clipped just as the hair begins to start. It is a benefit to the horses, as the skin can be well cleaned and stimulated.

If the bowels of the young foal are not cleared naturally a gentle dose of castor oil should be given. It is wise sometimes to start the bowels with injections of warm water.

The horseless age will be coincident with the manless age. The automobile is all right in its place, but it will never displace the horse.

ITEMS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Rubber heels have become so popular in Switzerland that all leather and rubber goods dealers and even the peddlers have taken up the trade.

An institute for bibliographic research, the first of its kind in America, will soon be established in Chicago if proposed plans are carried out.

A French motorboat with an engine of only forty horsepower is making a voyage around the world to record meteorological and astronomical observations.

Johnson is the commonest name in Chicago and Smith the commonest name in New York city, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Buffalo and Pittsburgh.

A Russian woman is heading an expedition which has started to cross Arabia at its widest part and which

YOUR SHEEP.

In counting the profits from your flock do not fail to count the value of the fat lambs killed during the twelve months for the family use and the high value of all the manure.

Worms in sheep are usually caused by infected pastures. Dampness is the cause of many fatal sheep diseases.

Sheep manure is the richest manure of all.

It does not pay to keep sheep after they are seven or eight years old.

In your breeding try to improve the quantity and quality of the wool.

ATTENTION TO RUNTY PIGS.

They May Possibly Develop Into Fairly Decent Animals.

The hog man, no matter how careful he may be, always finds a few runty pigs on his hands when the time comes for weaning the litters in the early summer, says the Kansas Farmer. The number will depend to some extent upon the condition of the breeding herd, but perhaps more largely upon the care the sows and pigs have received during the suckling period. Every good hog man dislikes to see these runty pigs running around among the other pigs, and even though they are few in number, they always seem more prominent than the good pigs of the litters.

The pig which is runty at weaning time will likely remain runty through the season unless he is given some extra care and attention. These pigs should by all means be culled out from the rest of the bunch and placed in a pasture or lot by themselves. They can then be given a little better feed and care and may possibly develop into fairly decent pigs. The rest of the bunch will look better at any rate, and this is no small matter to the breeder of pure bred hogs who oftentimes wishes to show visitors his stock. Giving the runts a little better chance will push them along so that they oftentimes can be disposed of on the market early and thus be out of the way.

PREVENTING HORSE PLAGUE.

Feed Only Clean Well Cured Forage, Grain and Pure Water.

While investigation into the causes of the horse plague which carried off thousands of horses in the central Mississippi valley a couple of years ago does not indicate the exact bacterial agent responsible for the disease, enough information has been gathered to suggest preventive measures for its control. The trouble has been diagnosed as cerebrospinal meningitis. It may be largely prevented by feeding horses only clean, well cured forage and grain and pure water. In the sections where the losses sustained were heaviest the epidemic came after a long period of drought, followed by a considerable rainfall and a humid condition of the atmosphere. This condition seemed to favor the development and spread of the disease, which was contracted by eating green or newly cured forage.

Blemishes on Horse.

A big scar in a prominent place on the body of a horse will take a good many dollars off his market price. For that reason do your best to guard against all such things.

Giving Happiness a Boost

Giving Her Plenty of Time.

Mr. Gotham—I have tickets for the theater, dear.

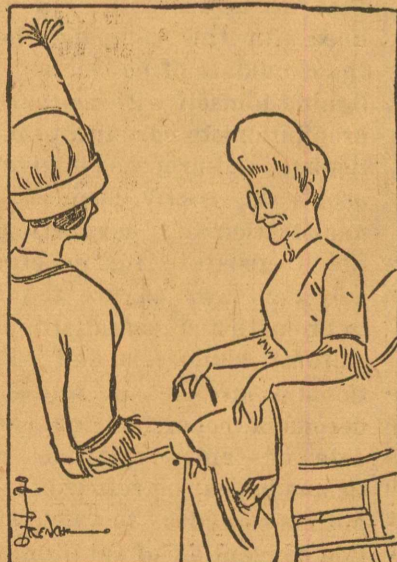
Mrs. Gotham—Oh, good! I'll run and get ready right away.

"All right, dear. I guess you'll be ready in time, then. The tickets are for tomorrow."—Yonkers Statesman.

One Time at Least.

Gibbs—I tell you, no one can fool my wife. Dibbs—Then how did you get her?—Exchange.

Self Sacrifice.



"Your husband has to be out of town on business a great deal, doesn't he?" "Yes; I don't suppose he is at home more than ten days a month on the average."

"I should think you would find such a state of things very unsatisfactory." "It isn't as pleasant as it might be, but he tells me that he would have to accept \$25 a month less than he's getting if he stayed at home, so what is one to do? Of course if he were a younger and handsomer man than he is I shouldn't put up with it even for the money it brings us."—Chicago Record-Herald.

De' Medici Saw the Ghost

By WILLIAM VAN NESS

THERE is a story concerning one of the De' Medicis, a powerful Florentine family, which, if not true, at least accords well with medieval times. This man—I think he was Cosmo de' Medici, the first Duke of Tuscany—was as near satanic as it is possible for a man to be. One of his sons while hunting in a quarrel wounded his brother, and Cosmo killed the offending boy with his own sword. The duke's daughter fell in love, and her father, who claimed the right to dispose of her hand, slew her also. His wife did not long survive these tragedies, and Cosmo gave himself up to so fiendish a career for the rest of his natural life that he shocked even his contemporaries. The above statements are historical. The story is as follows:

There stood in the environs of Florence during the seventeenth century, near the spot where Duke Cosmo killed his son, a villa which in his time had been a hunting lodge. It is well known that the duke's conscience tortured him, and it is supposed that his profligate life after his wife's death was to drown its voice. The hunting lodge, where it was supposed he was staying when he killed his son, after his demise was for many years unoccupied. The story goes that in the duke's will that clause which referred to the lodge read, "The lodge where I sojourned when I found it necessary to maintain my authority as head of the house of De' Medici by punishing my son I bequeath to the devil."

No one could be found who was willing to buy the place under such a title, and for years after its owner passed away so great was the horror of his memory that no one would rent it. At last, however, an Italian gentleman, Signor Cavalli, bought it for a song and converted it into a villa. He was a young man just married to a young and beautiful wife.

One evening shortly before dinner—it was during the gloaming, before candles were lighted—Signor Cavalli was in the library trying to read in the dusk. Signora was in her room, directly above, making her toilet. Suddenly the husband heard a thump directly over his head as of a body falling on the floor. He ran upstairs, and there lay his wife inanimate before her dresser. He took her up, carried her to a lounge, placed her on it and sprinkled water on her face. Thus revived, she looked at him with an expression of horror.

"What is it, carissima?" he asked. She closed her lids as if to shut out some horrid picture, then opened them and said:

"The duke!" "What duke?" "Cosmo, Cosmo and the devil—one

or both. The features were those I have seen in portraits of the first Duke of Tuscany, but they were also those of the devil. They looked at me from the mirror."

"Some one must have come upon you to frighten you."

"That awful face did not belong to any human being. It was dead Cosmo turned Lucifer."

The wife clung to her husband during the rest of the evening and passed the night with him in a chamber at the other end of the villa. The next morning she begged him to take her away from the place, and he was obliged to do so, though he returned the same afternoon. He clung to the idea that some one had purposely frightened his wife and for a motive. He knew that certain persons, Duke Cosmo's heirs, were interested in getting possession of the property, and he believed they were taking advantage of the clause in the will respecting it to frighten away any one who should buy it, hoping to secure it for a nominal price.

Cavalli slept on the night of his return in the room where his wife had been so terribly frightened. If any one could scare him out of the house he had bought he was welcome to do so. He was indignant at the outrage that had been practiced upon him and placed under his pillow a rapier and a pistol with which to take care of any one attempting to disturb him. He went to sleep with his hand on the pistol.

Nothing unusual occurred during the night. He slept in the room several nights and before going to sleep for the last of them resolved that on the morrow he would go to Florence and endeavor to persuade his wife to return with him. He was awakened at midnight by seeing a light shining through the bed curtains. Pulling them aside, he saw two young persons, a boy and a girl, each holding a candle, walking slowly across the room. In the boy's side was a gaping wound; in the girl's breast was another.

Strangely enough Cavalli did not feel frightened, though he was appalled. But in another moment another figure appeared behind the two, which froze the very marrow in his bones. A man whom he recognized as the same one his wife had described as having seen in her mirror walked behind the two young persons. This little procession passed to the wall, apparently walking into it as persons walking down into water disappear beneath the surface.

As soon as they had gone Signor Cavalli sprang from his bed and, rushing from the room, went down the staircase into the library below, where he spent the remainder of the night piling wood on embers he found on the hearth. In the morning he left the place and rejoined his wife in Florence.

Dangerous.

"Why did you break your engagement with Mr. Smitherton?"

"I was fortunate enough to find out before it was too late that he always files a cross bill when he is sued for divorce."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Fur, Enough, Johnny!

Teacher—Tommy, can you spell fur? Tommy—Yes, ma'am. F-u-r. Teacher—That's right. Now, Johnny, can you tell me what fur is? Johnny—Yes, ma'am. Fur is an awful long distance to go.—Chicago News.

Proof.

Bacon—Why, he's even put a mortgage on his bedclothes. Egbert—You must be mistaken. "No; I'm not. I heard today he's got some money on a blanket mortgage."—Yonkers Statesman.

Suggestive.

"Auntie, if you are a real prohibitionist you ought not to be giving the drink suggestion."

"How do you mean?" "By wearing corkscrew curls."—Baltimore American.

The Old and the New.

"The old style politician used to saw wood and say nothing."

"And the new style"— "He claims he was misquoted and plays golf."—New York Mail.

Side Stepped.

"There goes a man I might have married."

"Another guy who is wiser than I, I suppose."—Detroit Free Press.

Uplifting.

"What is this kleptomaniac I read about in the papers. Is it catching?" "No; it is taking."—Boston Transcript.

What Is She?

Caller—Is the lady of the house in? Waitress (who has been given notice)—She's in, but she's no lady!—Life.

In the Dark.

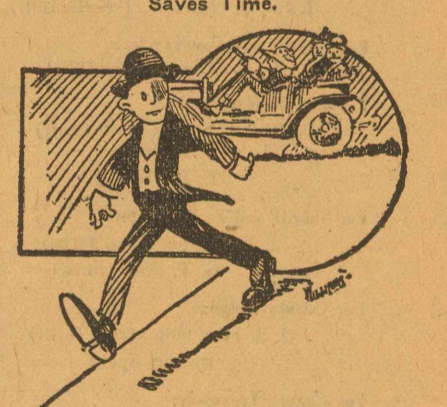
"He said he felt greatly encouraged because you turned the gas down low when he was calling on you."

"Well, he needn't feel encouraged. It takes a dark room to develop a negative, you know."—Philadelphia Press

Poor Maud.

Maud—You say Jack once proposed to you? I don't believe it. He said I was the only woman he ever loved. Ethel—Yes, dear, but he didn't class me among women. He used to call me his angel.—Boston Transcript.

Saves Time.



Sparker—That fellow is full of ideas. Marker—How so?

Sparker—He had a black eye and went to the printing office and had cards printed with the words "None of Your Business" on and handed them to people who asked him about his eye.—Chicago News.

Taking No Chances.

"Everything I touch turns into money."

"Keep away from me, then. I don't want to be known as a vulgar display of wealth."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Three a Crowd.

Stella—What is the rule of three? Bella—That one ought to go home.—New York Sun.

Fashion and Care of the Home

The College Girl's Room at Home



Illustrated here is a corner in the room of a college girl. It was fitted up at home and during the day is used as a sitting room. The davenport is converted into a bed at night. The girl who is growing into womanhood is happier for having some special and attractive place where she may entertain her girl friends when they call, and the bed-sitting room answers the purpose. The walls of this room were covered with plain paper in a neutral tint, which afforded a tasteful background for her college pictures and trophies. The simple and substantial furniture was of fumed oak.

SMART FOOTWEAR.

Low Shoes Worn With Light Colored Overgaiters.

Though there is no diminution in the favor for buttoned boots, which are the accepted form of correct footwear for women who dress well, a passing craze for buttoned overgaiters has arrived. "Spats," as they are called in England, invariably lend a touch of elegance and formality to the street costume, and when the "spat" or overgaiter fits instep and ankle trimly it is really a very attractive dress detail.

An ultra smart type of buttoned overgaiter is the light gray shade and is worn over a patent leather colonial pump. The costumes are all rather short because of the craze for dancing, at which pastime society is indefatigable, and, of course, the short skirt, closely draped about the feet, makes the footwear very prominent. The daintiest little boots are worn, gracefully built affairs, with arched insteps, high, curved heels and buttoned tops of contrasting material. The buttoned overgaiter gives this smartly contrasting buttoned top effect, yet makes it possible to wear a low spring pump with the tailored street costume.

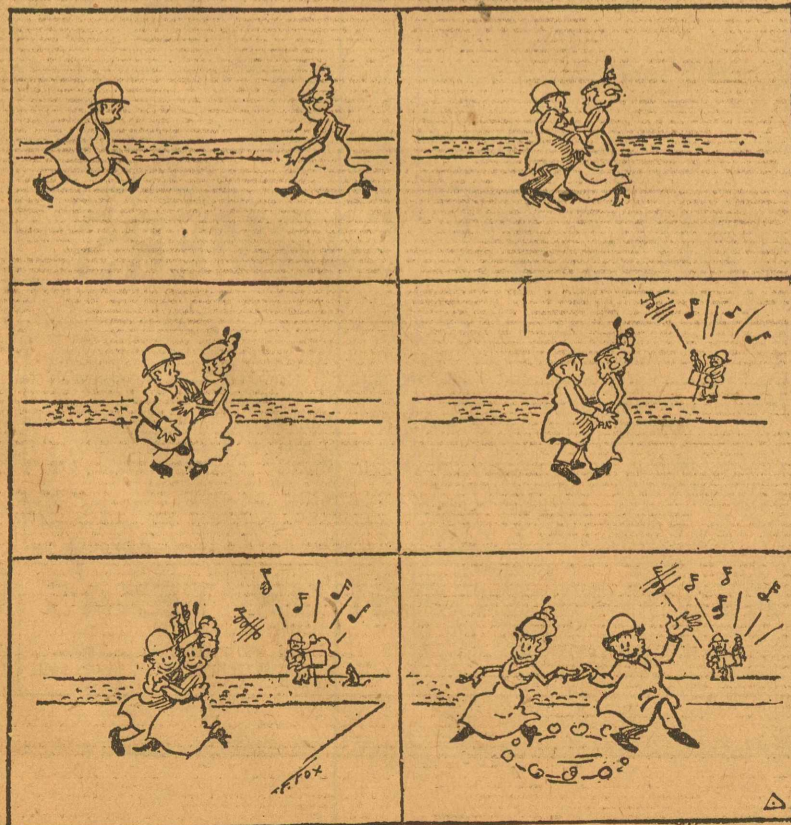
HOME DYEING.

Delicate Fabrics May Be Successfully Treated by This Process.

To color ruching to match the blouse fold the ruching with edges together and dip it in a solution of oil paint thinned with gasoline, being sure there is no danger of fire. Smooth and work the paint into a liquid, adding the gasoline until the tint exactly matches the waist. Gasoline runs in silk or any fabric, so in a moment the ruching will be a beautiful tint; a moment of shaking in the wind and it is dry and quite lovely.

Lace and ribbons, even kid gloves, may thus be tinted; also feathers.

First They Were Merely Trying to Pass Each Other



—New York Evening Sun.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Fried Salt Pork.
Cut the slices thin and fry slowly, turning to fry both sides. When done until crisp enough to break at touch lift to a dry hot platter. Make a smooth milk gravy with part of the fat and dip slices of dry bread in it, piling on a platter. Serve with baked potatoes, egg salad, apple sauce and coffee.

To Keep a Dress Clean.
For use on rainy days get a piece of wide elastic long enough to go around the dress just below the hips. Sew a hook and eye on the ends and you can draw your dress skirt evenly and neatly around you, out of the way of mud.

When Cleaning Brass.
Don't clean or polish brass without wearing a pair of old gloves. Serious results have followed the infection of small cuts on the hands by contact with brass in a corrosive state.

NEW BIRDCAGES.

Attractive Ones For Summer to Match the Wicker Porch Set.

Some of the new birdcages are charming in their suggestion of convenience as well as in their beauty. But they are no exception to the old cages. Some of the really antique Japanese cages, made of split willow stained mahogany color and fitted out with little ivory feet and blue and white pottery food dishes, could not possibly be surpassed by modern man. And what can be more attractive than the wicker cages of the peasants of parts of Europe? American dealers in wicker furniture are now selling cages similar to these peasant cages. They are not expensive.

The little glass bathhouses that are hooked over the open door of the bird's cage are a delight to the bird and a convenience to the human being who is caring for the bird, for they prevent splashing of water all over the room where the cage hangs.

Removing Freckles.
Summer's sun brings that menace to good looks, the unsightly freckle. An ointment that is good for freckles is very simply made as follows:

Sulphate of zinc, twenty grains; elder flower ointment, one ounce. Reduce these to a smooth paste.

This should be applied lightly night and morning after a hot soap and water face bath.

The wearing of a reddish brown chiffon veil when walking or motoring in the sun and wind will often prevent freckles and needless burning. A white veil, though pretty, is absolutely no protection.

Fearlessness and Stratagem

By PERCIVAL R. STILLMAN

WHY are people invariably comparing the sexes? They are not to be compared. The man usually has an advantage in his field and the woman in hers. And yet these fields are continually overlapping, or, rather, there are many exceptions. For instance, a woman will at times show a man's bravery. The unexpected is more liable to happen with woman than man. Usually a woman is more resourceful than a man. The following story illustrates some of the points above noted, the one most particularly illustrated being that one can never know what a woman will do in an emergency:

One afternoon two friends, James Wakefield and Henry Smythe, while waiting to take out their best girls in an automobile, engaged in a dialogue as to woman's courage. Wakefield was engaged to Lucy Trowbridge, while Smythe's fiancée was Helen Ormsby. This is what the men said:

Henry—Your girl has one thing about her that I like. She is fearless.
Jim—How do you know that?

Henry—Oh, I've seen her out at sea in rough weather. She was very plucky.

Jim—You can't tell much about women's pluck because they're stupid about appreciating real danger. I don't expect bravery in a woman, and I wouldn't value Lucy any higher if I knew she were capable of standing up in the face of a volley of musketry.

Henry—If Helen should show a lack of nerve I would despise her as much as I would a cowardly man.

Jim—I should consider her all the more womanly and the more to be loved.

The quartet started on their motor trip about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Henry had the wheel, and Jim sat beside him, the two girls occupying the rear seat. They lived in a large city and started out on one of those boulevards only to be found in large places. Having gone some twenty miles, they turned, reaching the city limits just about dusk. Henry stopped the car and got out to light the lamps, when he heard a voice shout, "Hold up your hands!" and a man from either side advanced, covering the party with cocked revolvers.

Henry stood with a lighted match in his hand regarding the robbers with an expression of antagonism on his face and did not raise his hands till he had been ordered to do so a second time and been told that if he didn't obey a bullet would be put in his brain. Jim's hands went up on the first order. Helen was not able to obey, because she fainted dead away. Lucy was somewhat tardy in holding a hand

aloft, but did not require a second command. Henry was ordered to resume his seat at the wheel.

All being in position to be plucked, a third man mounted the footboard and proceeded to relieve them of their valuables. Henry Smythe, though disgusted at being taken at such a disadvantage, had the good sense to permit himself to be robbed rather than risk being killed. Jim made no pretense of resisting, or even desired to, handing out his watch and chain and \$27 in bills of his own accord.

When the plunderer came to Helen he seemed to be conscience stricken at robbing a woman who was lying unconscious. At any rate, he passed her. Lucy's right hand was still pointing to the sky. It was unglued, and the robber, seeing that there were no rings on it, jumped off the footboard with two gold watches and chains and some \$60 that he had taken from the men. Then the robbers all disappeared in the woods.

Henry turned and saw Helen in a dead faint. Lucy was sitting up straight enough, but seemed to have lost her tongue. She had neither screamed nor spoken since the episode commenced. The expression on Henry's face as he looked from one to the other was peculiar.

"Lucy," he said, "what have you lost?"

Lucy made throat sounds without opening her mouth and frowned.

"Are you struck dumb?" asked Jim.

Lucy, glancing aside to make sure that the robbers were gone, dropped from her mouth into her hand three rings, including a twin diamond valued at \$200.

"Oh, that's the reason you didn't speak," said Henry. "You're good pluck. Look at Helen."

At this Helen opened her eyes, and, strange to say, they shone with a dangerous light on her fiancée.

"You should know something about what you comment on before doing so," she said to him coldly. "It is all right for you to admire Lucy's pluck, but there was no real pluck shown by any one of us. It wasn't a case for pluck. It was a case for stratagem. Lucy won by one ruse, I by another. Instinctively I relied on man's—even a bad man's—dislike to injure a defenseless woman. The more defenseless she is the more he is disposed to let her alone. I pretended to faint and have not lost my engagement ring. Here it is."

Taking it off her finger, she handed it to him. He took it reluctantly.

The party rode home with but little conversation. Smythe called on Helen Ormsby the same evening; and tried to undo what he had done. He failed.

The Children's Part of the Paper

GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES.

Players Must Find Them Hidden In Sentences.

Give each of your guests a piece of paper and pencil. The hostess gives out the sentences, and the guests write the answers—a geographical name—on their papers.

1. Name of an ancient city whose downfall was caused by a woman?
 2. A farmer who was twice dictator of Rome?
 3. Name of a king of France?
 4. An exclamation, a short name for mamma and a laugh?
 5. An opera encore?
 6. A city whose end and aim is "go"?
 7. An improvement on Noah's home?
 8. A great engineering feat?
 9. Where all have "bean"?
 10. A surgical operation?
 11. A high stalked vegetable against a structure?
 12. Named for the "father of our country"?
 13. An elevation with abundant product?
- Answers: 1. Troy. 2. Cincinnatus. 3. St. Louis. 4. Omaha. 5. Sing Sing. 6. Chicago. 7. Newark. 8. Wheeling, W. Va. 9. Boston. 10. Lansing. 11. Cornwall. 12. Washington. 13. Richmond.

Life Saving Mouse's Life Saved.
A well known man was recently saved from death by a mouse. One of these troublesome little pests was nibbling in the room where the man slept. A trap was set. In the night the mouse came, the bait was seized, the trapdoor fell with a crash. The man awoke to find the room full of gas which had escaped from a half turned burner.

The best part of this story (which is true) is that the man said he believed that a life demanded another life. Consequently the mouse was released with only a sprained paw. Let us hope that the incident taught him to beware of traps in the future, no matter how good the cheese smells.

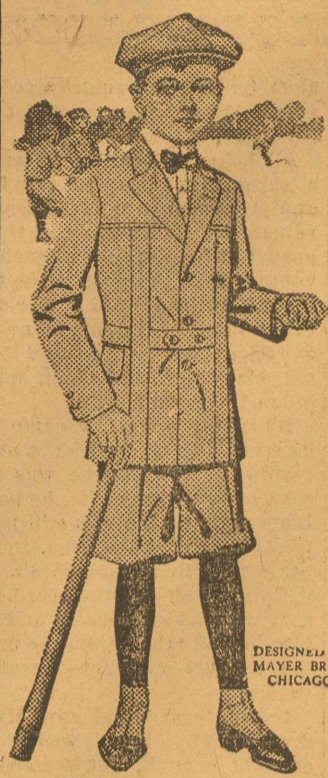
"Street Arabs" of London



Photo by American Press Association

There are more poor people in London than any other European or American city. The unfortunates live in thickly settled, ill kept houses, where they breathe the foul air and the children play in dirt and filth if they happen to get a few hours to themselves. If the youngsters are fortunate enough they may be provided with a pair of shoes during the cold weather, but as soon as the sun becomes warm overhead and underfoot bare feet are to be seen everywhere. Too often other parts of their bodies are left uncovered, as you see in this picture. These "street arabs" are boys of the poor who earn their living selling papers or blacking boots. Most of them have only a pair of trousers on. They are watching soldiers drilling near London.

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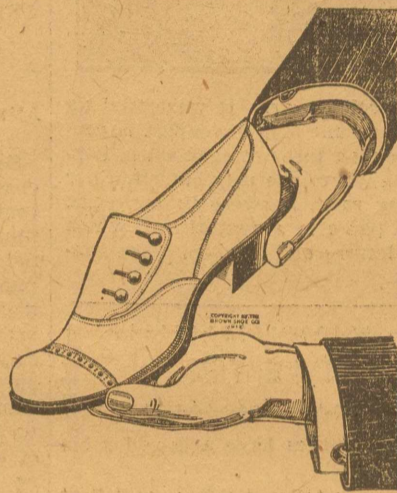


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SUBSTANTIAL BUILDINGS GOING UP IN GIRARD.

H. F. Murry returned Monday to Girard where he is now completing the construction of a twenty five by fifty-foot brick business house for a bank which will open for business at an early date. The new brick school building at that place is also nearing completion, and we understand that another brick business house will be under construction at an early date, and which will be occupied by a drug concern. Girard is now developing, building and progressing more rapidly and substantially than any other town in this section.

MARRIED.

Will Osman, of Jayton, and Miss Myrtle Rogers, of Spur, were married at the latter place last Saturday, Rev. Perry performing the ceremony. Will is the accommodating manager of our telephone exchange, and is a worthy young man. The bride is a daughter of Jack Rogers, and possesses many adorable traits of character which makes her a favorite with all who know her. The Herald feels sure that they have both wisely chosen, and hopes that they may find a full measure of happiness as they journey along the pathway of life.—Jayton Herald.

High bred Poland China and Berkshire pigs for sale by C. W. Lowery at the Red Front Drug Store.

A postoffice inspector was here Wednesday and Thursday checking up the affairs of the Spur postoffice.

PROFESSIONAL IDLERS.

It ought to be the lot of every man and woman to be trained to do something intelligently. No person has a right to be a professional idler. Even nature has decreed otherwise. There are mighty problems to be solved, and every ounce of energy that can be mustered can be used to splendid advantage. Our armies and navies are doing little more than to create a vast aggregation of idlers, who neither study nor work. It is a shame upon our civilization. It is high time our educational system was being perfected to obliterate the unskilled workman. Every man should have a profession. He owes it to himself and society. Misdirected energy is a curse to the world. There are vast fields of development yet untouched. It takes well directed energy to do what the world demands. Our efforts should be creative, uplifting, farsighted. As long as nature performs her functions there will be plenty of work for mankind no matter how efficient he has grown. The time is coming when human parasites—another term for professional idlers—will be forced to take upon themselves some work that will be beneficial to the human race.—Industrial Record.

R. S. Holly and wife, of seven miles northwest of Dickens, were shopping in Spur Tuesday. Mr. Holly called at the Texas Spur office while here and says that crops of all kinds look good out his way and that prospects were never better for bumper crops than at this time.

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N. A. Baker and wife and Miss Erma left Thursday for Hamilton where they will attend a family reunion and make an extended visit to relatives in that section.

Editor Suits, of the Roaring Springs Echo, passed through Spur Tuesday on his way to Jayton to spend several days with relatives and friends.

Lem Lewis and wife returned last week from Iowa Park where he has been employed with G. L. Barber in the construction of tanks.

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