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## Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack Hardware, Implements, Dry Goods and Groceries

We Want Your Trade CASH OR CREDIT

### STORM DAMAGES MUCH PROPERTY

Two Storms Last Sunday Covers Big Territory. One Death in Runnels County. Ballinger Suffers

The weather last Sunday was the worst for many years, and left damage in its wake that will require some time to repair. The first storm reached Ballinger about four thirty Sunday morning accompanied by heavy thunder and much lightning and a heavy down-pour of rain for a few minutes. The early storm did very little damage in Ballinger, and the day opened with indication for a pretty day, but a strong gale from the west reached here about ten o'clock and by noon was blowing at the rate of a hurricane, and estimated at fifty miles an hour. Due to the fact that a heavy rain preceded the gale the air was soon a cloud of dust, and at time the sun was shadowed by the dust. The high wind continued until after dark when it shifted more to North and the temperature dropped considerably.

Reports from over the county reports that more or less damage was done to buildings, out houses, sheds. Flues were blown down, roofs blown up, windows blown in, telephone wires twisted, awnings and signs scattered.

**The Damages in Ballinger.**  
The greatest damage in Ballinger is in the business district. The plate glass windows in the Melton Jackson Co., store were demolished, while the men were trying to arrange braces to hold them, it having been discovered that they could not stand the wind. The glass front in T. S. Land's store on the furniture side the house was blown in. The signs above the awning in the C. Harris building were smashed.

The awning in front of the grocery store was blown by the glass front knocked light in the Shaffer shop was crashed in front of the

Higginbotham Currie Williams Co., were torn down and scattered to the fore winds. Bill boards were laid flat, wagon yard sheds toppled over, telephone wires twisted, and many phones put out of commission. The town was cut off from the world for some time, and the Western Union could not get in touch with the outside world over their wires until Monday afternoon. The tower on the Methodist church was torn off and wrecked.

In the residence district many flues were blown down sheds and outhouses scattered, windows blown out, roofs damaged and more or less damage done all over town.

#### Child Killed Near Crews.

The early storm, which swept over the county about four-thirty Sunday morning was worse at some places than others, and was more like a tornado than a hurricane. It destroyed the home of Sam Parker in the Crews neighborhood, and killed his seven year old daughter. The family were all in the house when the house was demolished and it is a miracle that any of them escaped a live. The little girl was crushed by the falling building and instantly killed. The death of the little girl cast a gloom over the entire community and the many friends of the family sympathize with them in their sorrow.

The storm was pretty general and did damage at many places. The rain extended over a radius of sixty miles and the fall about like it was in Ballinger.

W. C. Stark was in from the New Home neighborhood Monday. He reports that the storm last Sunday afternoon did some damage in his neighborhood, but nothing serious. The wind demolished out houses in many sections of the county. Mr. Starks reports that his buggy was badly crippled up by the storm.

Jas Taylor who has been with the Higdon Melton Jackson Co store for some time left Monday afternoon for Tyler, where he will take a business course in the Tyler Commercial School.

### A NEW FEATURE FOR OUR MANY READERS

We are pleased to call the attention of our readers to a new feature that is added with this issue of the Banner-Leader and which will be a permanent improvement. We are adding to the regular paper, which comes out this week in ten pages, an eight page magazine supplement. This feature will appear once a month and will be issued the last week in each month. With the magazine supplement we greet you with an eighteen page paper this week, We trust you will appreciate our efforts to give you a good paper, and show appreciation by becoming a regular reader of the paper.

#### A. W. Hardin.

A. W. Hardin of Norton passed through Thursday enroute from Mason County, where he had been on the sad mission to attend his brother's funeral. His brother and another man were out turkey hunting and had shot four turkey and wounded another and were running after the wounded bird when the gun of deceased's companion was accidentally discharged shooting Mr Hardin's brother in the leg, and before medical aid could be secured he bled to death.

Mr. Hardin went on out to his Norton home Thursday. The Leader joins friends in sympathy with him in his sadness.

#### Sunday School Convention.

Program for the Sunday School Convention to be held at the 8th street Presbyterian Church, Sunday, March 10th, at 2:30 p. m. President R. T. Williams, presiding.

Opening song, No. 227.  
Prayer.  
Song, No. 92.  
Opening Remarks by the President Solo by Miss Coral Clark.  
Address, "Grading the S. S." by Prof. E. L. Hagan  
Quartet by Messrs Martindale, Adkins, Reeves, and Simpson.  
Address, "Organizing S. S. Work" by Rev Hammock.  
Song No. 25.  
Open Discussions led by A. H. Eicke.  
Future plans and Business.  
Song No. 34.  
Closing prayer.

#### Fire Marshall.

J. P. Martindale is now Fire Marshall of the city of Ballinger and among his other duties will be to inspect all flues and premises to eliminate all danger of possible fires. This is a good move in the right direction and was advocated some time ago in the Columns of the Banner-Leader.

We believe Mr. Martindale is a good choice and will give the people good service.

#### West Texas Phone Co Suffers.

The West Texas Telephone Co., suffers considerable loss in the storm last Sunday. Their line extending across the river received the greatest damage. The South Ballinger line will be rebuilt and a heavy cable extended out that way as soon as the force at work at Paint Rock can be transferred here.

#### Lost.

leather hitch rein somewhere in city limits. My name is it.

E. V. Cox.  
St., Ballinger Tex.

### FARM TRAIN HERE TUESDAY MARCH 5

Demonstration Train to Spend Two Hours Here Next Tuesday Farmers should be Here.

The Demonstration train which is being operated over the Santa Fe lines in Texas is doing great work towards educating the farmers along every scientific agricultural line, and every farmer within a reasonable distance of Ballinger should be here next Tuesday when the train reaches Ballinger. The train is due here at 11 o'clock and will leave about two, the men in charge giving an hours lecture.

Two experienced agriculturals men are in charge and The Santa Fe is going to this expenses in an effort to help the farmers produce more and better crops. The road realizes that the more the farmers raise and the more he has to ship the more freight the road will get to haul and the heavier the receipt This is the reason they road is sending out this train and working along other lines in co-operating with the farmers. Be here Mr. Farmer. It cost you nothing to learn and you can practice the preaching if it suits you.

#### City Sells Little Tract Land.

A deal was closed Wednesday between the city of Ballinger and T. Routh in which Mr. Routh bought the little tract of land located between his home place and the creek at the upper dam. The land has not been surveyed out yet, and it is not known the exact numbers of acres, but it will figure, about 20 acres. In selling this land the city reserves the water right and obtains from Mr. Routh a water right on some land he owns above this some to land he owns above this

#### To Address Teacher's Conference.

Prof. W. S. Fleming went to San Angelo yesterday, where he accepted an invitation to address the Teachers Conference.

R. A. Nicholson and Leslie Baker came in Wednesday from Oklahoma, where they have been buying cotton the past season.

#### To The Patrons no Rural Route No. 3

Inquiry has been made in regard to the boxes to be erected on the route, the postal department require that they be the regular rural mail box and approved by the postmaster General.

Each "approved" rural mail box must be provided with an adjustable signal, so designed and attached as to fully serve the purpose of indicating whether or not there is mail in the box.

Boxes must be weatherproof and serviceable.

They can be purchased at the hardware stores in Ballinger.

The patron can have a lock on his box if he so desires. It is best to have them locked unless they are located near the house.

The boxes should be erected on a place that is easily reached and high enough for a wheel to pass under, carriage not permitted to leave the hie to put mail in boxes. Newly erected boxes add to the service of rural delivery.

H. A. Cady,  
Post

#### Methodist Revival.

A revival meeting will be held at the

W. M. Harrison, a Wingatezens, orders the Banner Leader come to his address.

#### Holiness Services.

Preaching at the Library Sunday night, Sunday at eleven o'clock and Sunday night by Miss Lena Hartgrove and Myrtle Mangum.

Robt. Downey, formerly Editor of the Rowena Review, passes through Ballinger Tuesday enroute to his home at Dublin.


R. T. Jones steamed up his Pullman Tuesday and left for the Pecos county with Allen Curry, Elmer and Benard Batts, and Malcom Wardlaw, where the later gentlemen go on land business.



**One Boll of Cotton is of small account**

**But a Whole Cotton Field has Great Value**

A WHOLE field contains countless bolls. But before they can be planted—and then to be planted with money. A whole cotton field has great value.



### Statement of Condition on February 20, 1912

Loans and Discounts	\$327,057.51	Capital Stock (Paid in)	\$200,000.00
U. S. Bonds	100,000.00	Sur. & Undivided Profits	34,083.89
Banking House, Furniture & Fixtures	25,000.00	Circulation	100,000.00
Real Estate	3,459.04	Dividends Unpaid	90.00
Cash and Exchange	178,878.21	Bills Payable	NONE
	\$634,394.76	DEPOSITS	300,220.87
			\$634,394.76

**Regular Semi-Annual Dividend Paid January 1st, 1912. Not a Dollar of Interest Bearing Public Money in Above Statement.**

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

A SAFE BANK FOR SAFE PEOPLE

Established 1886. Ballinger, Texas

Capital, Surplus and Shareholders Liability \$430,000.00



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Will pay your subscrip- tion for a year for two good weekly papers and give you the local and general news. The reg- lar subscription price of the Banner-Leader is one dollar per year, and

we have made a deal whereby we can send to every subscriber who pays one dollar for one year in advance The Banner-Leader and the Kansas City Star---the 2 papers for the price of one. A combination that can't be beat. We don't know how long this offer will stand, get busy now and send us your

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BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION Of the FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 20th day of Feb., 1912, published in the Banner-Leader, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 1st day of March, 1912:

RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts, personal or Collateral \$142,083.35; Loans, real estate none; Overdrafts 25,909.66; Bonds and Stocks none; Real Estate (banking house) 41,678.35; Other Real Estate 1,000.00; Furniture and Fixtures 8,731.67; Due from Approved Reserve Agents, 56,066.45; Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, 16,451.00; Cash Items 646.05; Currency 14,397.00; Specie 2,350.80; Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund 2,244.82; TOTAL \$311,559.13

LIABILITIES: Capital Stock paid in 100,000.00; Surplus Fund 2,000.00; Undivided Profits, net 2,690.70; Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, 7,942.94; Individual Deposits, subject to check 147,905.56; Time Certificates of Deposit 25,698.38; Demand Certificates of Deposit none; Cashier's Checks 166.55; Bills Payable and Rediscounts 25,000.00; Other Liabilities as follows: Dividends Unpaid 155.00; TOTAL \$311,559.13

State of Texas, County of Runnels, We, J. F. Currie as president, and Jo Wilmeth as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. F. Currie, President. J. Wilmeth, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26th day of Feb., A. D., 1912. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

A. F. Wood, Notary Public, Runnels County.

Correct Attest: W. B. Ray, M. D. Chastain, J. L. Chastain, Directors

RECAPITULATION

RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts \$142,083.35; Overdrafts 25,909.66; Real Estate, Banking House and Fixtures 50,410.02; Other Real Estate 1,000.00; Cash and Exchange 89,911.28; Int. & Guaranty Fund 2,244.82; TOTAL \$311,559.13

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock \$100,000.00; Surplus and Undivided Profits 4,690.70; Bills Payable 25,000.00; Total Deposits 181,868.43; TOTAL \$311,559.13

F. & M. BANK'S BIG INCREASE.

We are pleased to call attention to the report of the financial condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, as published elsewhere in this paper. The bank shows that it is growing in popularity as the good times return to this country. The last statement published by this bank in December, less than three months ago reported individual deposits at \$116,000 while the statement published this week show individual deposits of \$147,000, a increase of over 31 (00).

NOTICE OF CHANGE.

TO THE PUBLIC: We have purchased the A. F. Voss and Co., Insurance agency and have had all the companies transferred to us and will continue the business at the same old stand. In this agency are some of the best companies in the World, such as the Hartford and Liverpool, London and Globe, besides many other strong companies, and we solicit a renewal of all expirations as well as new business.

We expect to conduct the business upon a high plane, and give it our very best attention, thereby hoping to merit your continued patronage.

Call and see us and we will take pleasure in giving you every courtesy.

Yours very truly, STEVENS & ROOTS.

Moves to San Angelo.

The many friends of Dr. T. A. Rape will regret to learn that he has moved to San Angelo, where he will make his home for the present. Dr. Rape went to San Angelo last week and bought a drug store and made arrangements to become a citizen of that town. He returned to Ballinger and shipped his household goods the early part of this week. The Doctor owns considerable property in Ballinger, and will no doubt return to make this his home some time in the future.

Miss Ethel Truly of Coleman, was the guest of Miss Emma Bennett Saturday and Sunday, returning home Monday.

LEE MADDOX SELLS OUT.

Lee Maddox and M. D. Chastain & Co., closed a deal this week in which the Maddox insurance agency and the Chastain agency become one, the two being consolidated. This makes the Chastain & Co., agency a strong agency and they will make an effort to build up a business second to none. Mr. Maddox will devote the most of his time to real estate and life insurance, but will be connected with the new firm, and will have charge of the outside work.

A good treatment for a cold settled in the lungs is a HERRICK'S RED PEPPER POROUS PLASTER applied to the chest to draw out inflammation, and Ballard's Horehound Syrup to relax tightness. You get the two remedies for the price of one by buying the dollar size Horehound Syrup; there is a porous plaster free with each bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

FARMERS UNION MEETIG.

There will be a general mass meeting of farmers and other at Winters on March 21. O. F. Dambler, secretary of the National Farmers Union will address the assembly at 1:30 p. m. Everybody come.

Joe Calder, County Sec.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for arubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

Lawson O. Dailey spent part of this week at his ranch in Coke and Runnels counties, looking over the prospects. He reports that everything in that part of the county the ranchmen are more than pleased with the prospects.—San Angelo Standard.

W. H. Rodgers, of Winters here first of the week, delivered some trees for John Hall over to San Angelo on his way before returning to his home.

FREE REMEDY HELPS CHILDREN

Many a mother has learned of a way of avoiding sickness in her family, especially among the children, by the use of a free sample bottle of the famous laxative, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. This offer of the doctor's to send a free sample bottle has been responded to by thousands of women in all parts of America.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a truly wonderful laxative and especially adapted to the needs of babies and children because it is pleasant to taste and no child will refuse it. Then it is mild and never gripes. It is all that a child's remedy should be, though it is a good laxative for the whole family because it is effective at all ages. It is not dynamic like salts, pills and powerful cathartics, which should not be given to children under any circumstances.

Nine times out of ten when a child complains and you don't know exactly what is the matter with it, it needs a laxative—its bowels are constipated. Syrup Pepsin will correct the trouble, tone up the child and soon it will be well again—wonderful results have been secured with Syrup Pepsin over night.

You can buy it of any druggist at fifty cents or a dollar a bottle, the latter being the family size, but you are invited to make a test of it first at the doctor's expense. Send him your address today and he will send you a free sample bottle direct to your home. Then when satisfied buy it of your favorite druggist.

For the free sample address him, Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 402 Caldwell building, Monticello, Ill.

INSURANCE AGENCY CHANGE HANDS.

A deal was closed last Saturday whereby A. F. Voss sells his insurance agency to J. O. Roots and C. R. Stephens, the buyers taking charge of the business on the first. Mr. Voss had a splendid agency and built up a good business and the men taking his place are experienced business men and we predict will keep the business going. Mr. Voss has not given out what business he expects to engage in, but we are glad to note that he will remain in Ballinger.

Francis Holiday and wife, of Winters, were here the guest of Ballinger relatives first of the week.

W. A. Francis went to Brownwood first of the week to confer with the representatives and officials of the Walker Smith Co., of which firm Mr. Francis is manager at Ballinger.

Cold in Chest and Throat

I use Hunt's Lightning Oil for colds, rubbing it on my chest and throat as a counter irritant, and am so enthusiastic concerning its virtue. I always keep a bottle of it in my house.

Mrs. Ida B. Judd, W. 87 th St., New York, N. Y. All druggist sell and recommend Hunt's Lightning Oil. 25c and 50c bottle.

Ewing Taylor is at home from Austin, where he has been attending the State University. On account of the mining's situation a number of the pupils at the school have returned to their home and will not return this session.

Why take Calomel

When Simmons' Liver Purifier is so easy and pleasant, yet acts just as thoroughly as those harsh purgatives. (In yellow ten box only.) Price 25c, Tried once, used always.

Lankford in The Grocery Business--

I Wish to announce to the people who buy Groceries, that I have added to my business, a complete line of groceries. Paul Simpson, an experienced grocery man, will have charge of this department and we will give you good service, prompt service and good groceries and lots of them for your money. We want your trade, will do our very best to merit same.

T. S. LANKFORD.

PHONE NO. 82.

THE TEST OF TIME

We have been in the Retail Grocery business in Ballinger many years, and have built our reputation by the quality of the goods sold. The best groceries that we can buy is what we offer to sell you and at prices as reasonable as the character of the goods offered will permit.

Give us part of your Grocery trade.

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## Money For Farmers

We can save you from 25 cents to one dollar on each plow point, and we can save you money on the plow extras for almost any make of plow including the Avery, Canton, Casady, Case, Jno. Deer, Oliver and Rock Island.

COME TO US WITH YOUR PLOW TROUBLES.

### Owensboro Wagons and Buggies

We can save you \$25 on a buggy or wagon and at the same time give you something that will give good service. We guarantee this. The Owensboro is guaranteed to stand the test in wear and tare.

BUY AN OWENSBORO AND SAVE DOLLARS.

### Blacksmithing and Blacksmith Supplies

We carry in stock a complete line of blacksmith supplies, wood material, etc., and can furnish you such goods at a big saving. We are equipped to handle your blacksmith troubles by giving you prompt service. Call on us.

**F. F. Moore & Co.**

## IF IT IS LUMBER YOU WANT

The Ballinger Lumber Co is ready to fill your wants, at the same old stand, with prices that are right. We carry a complete line of building supplies and mill-stuff. Call on us.

J. R. McVAY, Manager.

## HAULING!

Give me a part of your hauling. Promptness is my motto.

**W. R. BUSHONG**

Phone No. 401 Ballinger, Texas

For Best Grades and Lowest Prices on Building Material, buy from—

**Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.**

At Concho Lumber Co.'s Old Stand

**B. P. S. PAINTS Are Best**

## Cotton Seed

In Exchange for Cotton Seed we will give Three Tons of Cotton Seed Hulls for One Ton of Cotton Seed, and let you have Cotton Seed Meal at the Market Price less 10 per cent when paid in Cotton Seed.

THE  
**Cotton Oil Co.**  
Ballinger, Texas

### AVOID HARSH DRUGS.

Many Complaints Tend to Cause Injury to the Bowels

If you are subject to constipation you should avoid strong drug and cathartics. They only give temporary relief and their reaction is harmful and sometimes more annoying than constipation. They in no way effect a cure and their tendency is to weaken the already weak organ with which they come in contact.

We honestly believe that we have the best constipation treatment ever devised. Our faith in it is so strong that we sell in on the positive guarantee that it shall not cost the user a cent if it does not give entire satisfaction and completely remedy constipation. This preparation is called Rexall Orderlies. These are prompt, soothing and most effective in reaction. They are made of a recent chemical discovery. Their principal ingredients, is odorless tasteless and colorless. Combined with other well known ingredients, long established for their usefulness in the treatment of constipation, it forms a tablet which is eaten like candy. They may be eaten at any time, either day or night, without fear of their causing any inconvenience whatever. They do not gripe, purge, nor cause any nausea. They act without causing any pain of excessive looseness of the bowels. They are ideal for children, weak, delicate as for the most hearty person, persons, and aged people as well.

They come in three size packages 12 tablets, 10 cents; 36 tablets, 25 cents; 80 tablets 50 cents. Remember you can obtain them only at our store—The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger, Texas.

How often is a fine nature wrapped, a really good disposition spoiled by the omission of a few timely words of encouragement. A child receiving nothing but blame and constant scolding, in time becomes deaf to correction sullen, defiant and in the end those children who neither hears nor heeds. On the other hand a child that is occasionally encouraged is proud of pleasing another consequently is pleased with himself and urged to renew exertions to gain a repetition of that praise so dear to the human heart, be that heart young or old.

HERBINE cures constipation and reestablishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

For hoarseness, inflamed lungs or irritating coughs, Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm. It does its work quickly and thoroughly. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Y. Pearce

Take HERBINE for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by J. Y. Pearce.

A model husband may be a day laborer who returns to his home at night with a hard earned dollar clasped in his honest hand, and add it to the family fund to be used to provide necessary comforts for the family. He shares faithfully with his wife whatever he may earn by trade or profession. When business matters perplex he doesn't go home with a woeful tale of his hardships and turn the bright side of his character to his associates, but he comes into his home with a cheerful face that inspires his wife with new courage after a day of perplexing duties which women alone have to meet, and in their monotony become distasteful to the most patient of them.

## Thru Sleeper TO Kansas City

VIA



Leaves South Texas every night, North Texas next morning, arriving in Kansas City following morning.

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Fred Harvey Meals

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For reservations, ask Santa Fe Agent or address

**W. S. KEENAN,**  
G. P. A., Galveston, Texas

### A Sure Cancer Cure.

Without the knife and with very little pain. I guarantee a cure or no pay. I can give you good reference, so if you have a Cancer and want it cured, come and see me.

**M. M. Hamilton.**  
267 North Fourth St.

## BACKACHE

Is an indication of kidney trouble. It means much to the victim because the deadly Bright's Disease begins in just such symptoms.

## PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a successful remedy for diseased kidneys. It strengthens the suffering kidneys, helps them to perform their duties properly and by cleansing and regulating the bowels it drives out unhealthy conditions; restores strength and vigorous health.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.  
Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

### A Bargain—For Trade or Sale.

160 acres land in New Mexico, 163 in cultivation, modern improvement in irrigation district, well and pump close to good county seat town. A seven room home and four lots in Ballinger. Will trade for good farm any where except west of Ballinger.

W. T. Bundick,  
Ballinger, Texas. 41.

Rev Geo. W. Fender is in Ft. Worth this week attending a committee meeting of his church. He will return the latter part of the week and be here to fill his regular appointment Sunday.

Jap Adams, of the Higginbotham Currie Williams Co., is looking after business for his firm in other section of the state this week.

C. Dornberger the Santa Fe flower man, was here last Saturday looking after the Santa Fe Park at this place, and spent a couple days here the guest of his brother B. Dornberger.

Dr. W. A. Gustavous went to Paint Rock Monday where he will be this week, pulling teeth and watching the anti and pro lecture.

W. O. Schultz, of Milersvie, was here last Saturday to bring Mrs. Schultz to the train Mrs. Schultz went to Ft. Worth to visit her parents.

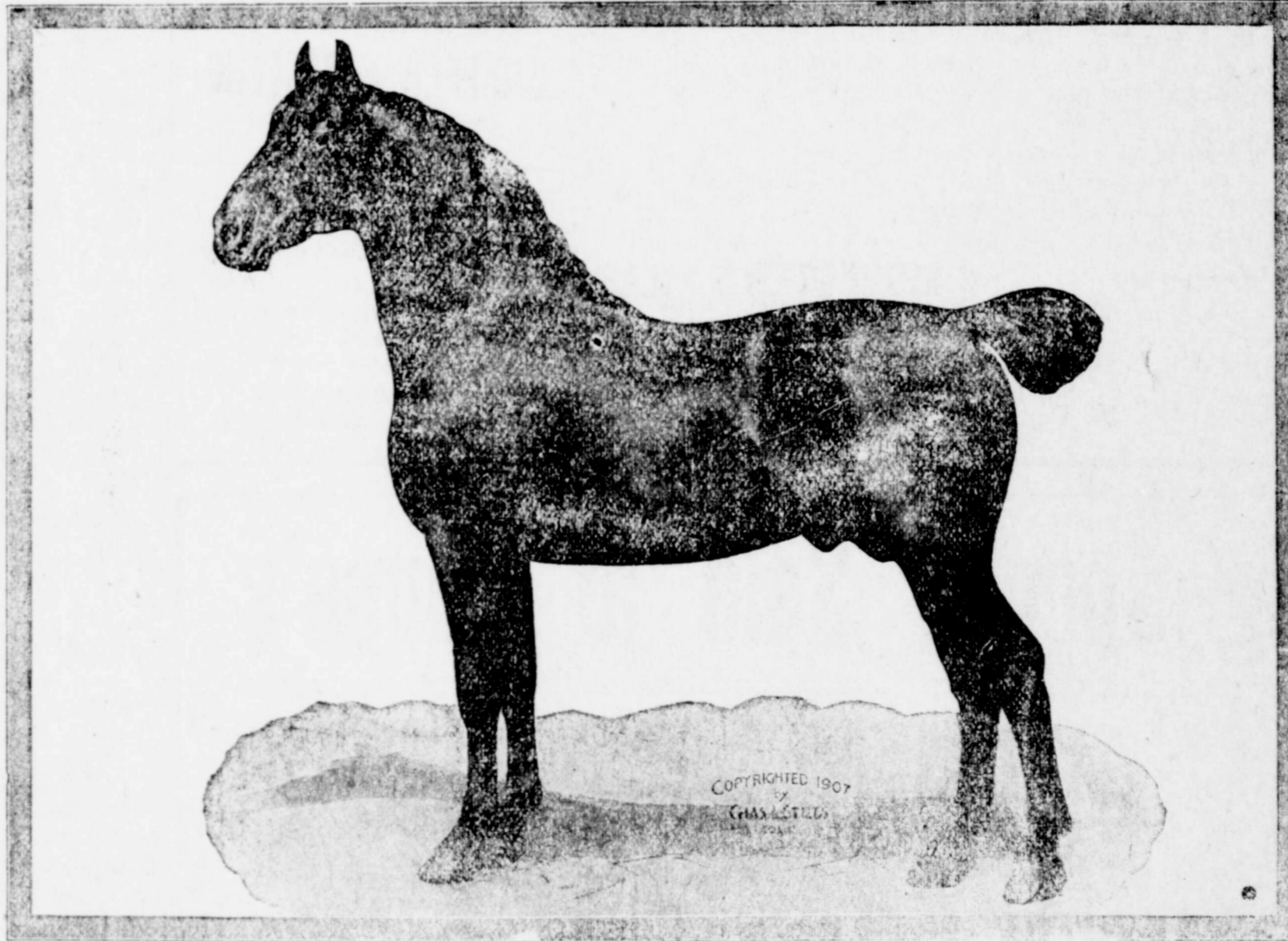
W. C. Grant, of San Angelo, was the guest of his brother Dr. J. H. Grant, last Sunday returning home Monday at noon.

## This Space Belongs to Arctic Ice & Fuel Company

## GIESECKE-BENNETT COMPANY

- REAL ESTATE, LOANS, AND ABSTRACTS -

"GET YOUR LAND TITLES RIGHT."



## Glucksman

The Fine German Coach Stallion, will make the season at my place three and one-half miles North of Ballinger, on the Ballinger and Winters road.

## Black Sam

My Fine Catalonian Black Mammoth Jack, will also make the season at same place

**B. F. KEMP, Ballinger, Texas.**



# THE BANNER-LEADER

Published Every Friday by THE BANNER-LEADER PUBLISHING CO.

C. P. SHEPHERD, Business Mgr. A. W. SLEDGE, Editor  
MRS. C. P. SHEPHERD, Society Editor

**Concho County needs Water, not Whiskey:** give us the former, and we will enjoy happiness and prosperity, force upon us the latter, and we have all the curses following in its wake.

Judging from the demand for seed potatoes the truck growers will plant on a larger scale than ever before. Potatoes never drag on the market and the farmer with potato to sell realizes a good profit on it in its wake.—Herald.

The man that failed to get his choice of weather last Sunday is hard to please. The day started with a thunder storm and rain, followed by a lull and bright sunshine, the promise of a pretty day. By noon a gale and sand storm was raging, and by night a blizzard. The weather man was off duty.

We have been preaching home patronage since the beginning and doing our best to show that it did not pay to send away from home for goods that can be bought as cheap, and in nearly every case for superior to those ordered from other places, but we become a little discouraged when we see a merchant sending out of town for printing that can be handled just as well by the local printing offices. It is easy to preach home industry, but it takes cash to pay printers.

On Feb. 15th the Industrial Congress reported that Runnels Co., had ten entries in the contest for the \$10,000 gold prizes offered for the best crop yields this year. The county in Texas offers the best opportunities for winning in contest and especially on the maize crop, than Runnels county. There should be two hundred entries by the first of April, the latest you can enter. Send to the Texas Industrial Congress at Dallas or call on the secretary of the Ballinger Business League for particulars and get in the contest.

The farmers of Runnels county are entering upon the busy season of the year, and for the next two or three months will be busy in their crops, but they should at least do a little thinking and planning and put on foot a move for good road building in this county. The farmer is the one who derives the greatest benefit from good roads. Any farm that can be reached from town over good roads is worth \$5 per acre more than the farm that is on a bad road. The road tax you are paying now is money thrown away. The use to which it is placed is nothing but patch work and temporary, and is to do over every time you work the road. Permanent road building is the only kind worth while.

Jake Stubblefield, of the Oak creek country, was here Tuesday and went to Brown county to look after a bunch of steers he has in that county.

## Baking in Cold Weather.

Is a problem to the housewife. Why not let us do your baking and save all that trouble? Our bread is the best and is always fresh. A satisfied customer is the best advertisement and we have many. If you have not paid us a visit let us form your acquaintance and be your friends. Good service, courteous treatment and prompt delivery is our motto.

The Ballinger Steam Bakery,  
Joe Haddin, Manager.

Miss Clara Malone orders the Banner Leader to come to her address at Van Horn, Texas.

Last Sunday's storm over West and Northwest Texas was the worst in years, and great damage resulted to property and livestock, and a number of deaths occurred. Further North, in the Panhandle country the storm was accompanied by a severe snow storm.

## This is So

We wish to state in as plain and vigorous way as word can express it, that Hunt's Cure will positively, quickly and permanently cure any form of Itching Skin disease known. One box is guaranteed to cure. One application affords relief. All druggist stand behind the guarantee. Ask Yours.

Joe Nash returned the A. & M. Tuesday the 12th, having about 1000 lbs.

Higginbotham Currie Williams Co. have been busy this week making some attractive changes in the dry goods and clothing department of their store. The shelving have all been down to a uniform height, and other improvements made.

## UNIQUE NAME.

Many People Cannot Pronounce Name of World's Most Famous Catarrh Remedy

High-o-me, that's the proper way to pronounce Hymomei the old reliable remedy that has rid tens of thousands of people from that vile and disgusting disease.

HYOMEI is made of purest Australian eucalyptus combined with thymol and other effective antiseptics and is guaranteed to be free from cocaine or any harmful drug.

HYOMEI is guaranteed to end the misery of catarrh, asthma, croup, or cold, or money back. Breathe it that's all no dosing the stomach. Complete outfit including indestructible inhaler, \$1.00 Extra bottles of HYOMEI, if needed 50 cents at The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger, Texas, and druggists everywhere.

W. E. Allen had business in San Angelo this week.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
THE DIAMOND BRAND.  
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 cents a box in Red, Silver. Always reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

No. 3533

## Report of The Condition of

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK, at Ballinger in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Feb. 20th, 1912:

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$315,017.67
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	12,039.84
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	25,000.00
Other Real Estate owned	3,459.04
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	14,319.52
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	915.81
Due from approved Reserve Agents	56,800.16
Checks and other Cash Items	2,661.47
Notes of other National Banks	2,005.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	269.08
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$32,889.10
Legal-tender notes	540.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	5,000.00
Bills of Exchange	63,478.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$634,394.76</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	200,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	14,083.89
National Bank Notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to other National Banks	7,072.02
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	6,649.40
Dividends Unpaid	90.00
Individual Deposits subject to check	255,097.38
Time Certificates of Deposit	31,020.40
Cashier's Checks outstanding	381.67
Bills payable, including Certificates of Deposit for money borrowed	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$634,394.76</b>

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss:  
I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
R. G. Erwin, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of Feb., 1912. Annie Van Doren, Notary Public.  
Correct Attest: D. M. Baker, Tom Ward, J. McGregor, Directors.

### RECAPITULATION

#### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$327,057.51
U. S. Bonds	100,000.00
Banking House, F. & F.	25,000.00
Real Estate	3,459.04
Cash and Exchange	178,878.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$634,394.76</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock (paid in)	\$200,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	34,083.89
Circulation	100,000.00
Dividends Unpaid	90.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Deposits	300,220.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$634,394.76</b>

## SHOE REPAIRING.

We are better than ever prepared to do shoe repairing. We have added some new machinery of the latest model and can do you better work than in the past.

Give us a trial.

**SHAFFER & MULLIN**  
Ballinger, Texas.

Fred Greathouse, a school boy of Winchell, dropped dead while playing ball in Brownwood Tuesday. The boy had cleared the bases making a score when he called to his brother and said he was sick, walked a few steps and fell. The physicians attributed his death to the bursting of a blood vessel.

## TO THE PUBLIC.

The First National Bank will be closed Saturday March 2nd.  
R. G. Erwin,  
Cashier.

## GET IN THE CONTEST WITH A J. I. CASE.

"10,000 in hard cash is to be given in prizes this year by the Texas Industrial Congress, at Dallas. Competition is open to every farmer in the state for best results with crop rotation, forage crops, milo maize, kaffir corn, etc. Big prizes for boys and girls. Write them at once for full particulars.

"Now remember that J. I. Case implements are made to suit your soil. You'll need them to win. You may want advice too. The J. I. Case Plow Works has an expert farmer employed for that purpose. Ask us for his name and address. Higginbotham, Currie, Williams Company.

## REAL ESTATE LOANS

With the advent of the new year, we have several new loan companies that we have recently induced to enter Runnels county territory and are therefore in a position to take up and extend the time of your past due Vandors Lien Notes, as well as to make you first Mortgage Loans.

As our inspector will be out shortly, and it takes some time to get these matter through, you had best put in your application in advance of his coming.

For further particulars call on or write

C. A. DOOSE & CO.,  
Ballinger, Texas.

# ROYAL BAKING POWDER

**Absolutely Pure**  
**Absolutely has no substitute**

Many mixtures are offered as substitutes for Royal. No other baking powder is the same in composition or effectiveness, or so wholesome and economical, nor will make such fine food.

Royal is the only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

## A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. regulates bladder troubles in chil-

dren. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. F. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists. 52 t

## THE WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE CO.

"The System Reliable"

## KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH HOME



## "Be it Ever So Humble There is No Place Like Home."

Is a maxim that has been immortalized in the verse of Payne and unborn generations shall chant its praises. The home is the center of the social system from which all happiness radiates. A man's home is his castle, no matter whether it be a palatial structure of marble, or a dilapidated cabin of logs.

HAVE YOU A WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE IN YOUR HOME? If not, your home, to that extent, is less attractive, and one of its essential comforts and conveniences is lacking.

By means of our connections with the Southwestern Tel. & T. "THE SYSTEM RELIABLE" offers an unsurpassed service, ur its extent.



## Farm Demonstration Special Will Be Operated March 5th on the Following Schedule:

Coleman	Arrive	Leave	8.00 a. m.
Talpa	Arrive 9.00 a. m.	Leave	10.30 a. m.
Ballinger	Arrive 11.10 p. m.	Leave	12.40 p. m.
Rowena	Arrive 1.00 p. m.	Leave	2.00 p. m.
Miles	Arrive 2.20 p. m.	Leave	3.50 p. m.
San Angelo	Arrive 4.30 p. m.	Leave	8.00 p. m.

The Demonstration Special will be under the direction of Prof. H. M. Bainer, Agricultural Demonstrator of the A. T. & S. F. Ry., assisted by H. E. Singleton, of McKinney, an expert on hogs; Prof. Evans, of the A. & M. College, an expert on dairying, and Prof. Johnson, who will lecture on poultry raising. Prof. Bainer will lecture on "Improved Agricultural Methods."

Farmers are cordially invited to visit and hear the following lectures, which will be of great interest and assistance to them.

"Better Farming."  
"Profitable Hog Raising work me  
"Our Farm Poultry."  
"The Need for More Dayou spend

The above lectures will not be ant capable to school children under the sixth grade.

Our efforts to school children will work as you home. Then some industry us,

R. J. Kennedy, Col. Agt., G.

LAUNDRY

# Big Special Sale at Zappe's

Having bought a big line of Sample Muslin Underwear for Ladies at 50 CENTS ON THE \$1.00 we will place the same on sale beginning March 2nd and ending March 9th. This is an opportunity to buy Underwear at less than factory cost. We will also place a big line of Laces, Embroideries and White Goods in this sale. 15 Per Cent Discount on all Mens', Ladies and Children's High Shoes.

**A. J. ZAPPE** THE STORE that GROWS



# ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF O. L. PARISH, COUNTY CLERK OF RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1912.

T. J. STOCKS, County Treasurer.

## JURY FUND, 1ST CLASS.

To balance on hand Feb. 1911 report	\$1,683.21	
To amount received during year	838.31	
To amount transferred from Special Fund	500.00	
By amount paid out during year	\$2,104.88	
By Commissions to Tax Collector	18.78	
By Commissions on amount paid out	31.57	
By amount on hand to balance	872.49	
	\$3,021.52	\$3,021.52

## ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND SECOND CLASS.

To balance on hand Feb. 1911 report	\$4,161.53	
To amount received during year	5,812.56	
To amount transferred from other funds	282.63	
By amount paid out during year	\$6,587.50	
By amount transferred to Bridge Bond Skg Fund No. H2	42.50	
By error as per Finance Committee	.40	
By Commissions on amount received	87.19	
By Commissions on amount paid out	98.81	
By amount on hand to balance	3,440.32	
	\$10,256.72	\$10,256.72

## GENERAL COUNTY FUND THIRD CLASS

To balance on hand Feb. 1911 report	\$5,456.58	
To amount received during year	4,546.52	
To amount transferred from Special Fund	2,500.00	
By amount paid out during year	\$12,220.95	
By Commissions on amount received	68.20	
By Commissions on amount paid out	183.32	
By amount on hand to balance	30.63	
	\$12,503.10	\$12,503.10

## SPECIAL (COURT HOUSE AND JAIL) FUND FOURTH CLASS.

To balance on hand Feb. 1911 report	\$741.69	
To amount received during year	2,386.99	
By amount paid out during year	\$1,002.03	
By error allowed by Commissioners Court	1.00	
By amount transferred to General Co. Fund	2,500.00	
By amount transferred to C H Bond Skg Fund No. 1	21.48	
By amount transferred to other Funds	782.63	
By Commissions on amount received	31.30	
By Commissions on amount paid out	15.04	
By amount on hand to balance	1,475.20	
	\$5,828.68	\$5,828.68

## ADVERTISING FUND FIFTH CLASS.

To balance on hand Feb. 1911 report	\$49.52	
To amount received during year	35.16	
By amount paid out during year	\$242.40	
By Commissions on amount received	.53	
By Commissions on amount paid out	3.64	
By amount over paid	161.89	
	\$246.57	\$246.57

## COURT HOUSE BOND SINKING FUND SIXTH CLASS.

To balance on hand Feb. 1911 report	\$1050.00	
To amount received during year	118.59	
To amount transferred from Special Fund	21.48	
By amount paid during year	\$1,585.32	
By amount received	1.77	
By amount paid out	23.78	
By amount over paid	420.80	
	\$1,610.87	\$1,610.87

## BRIDGE BOND SINKING FUND NO. 1 SEVENTH CLASS.

To balance on hand Feb. 1911 report	\$5174.25	
To amount received during year	263.84	
To amount transferred from R & B Fund	21.25	
By amount interest paid during year	\$789.51	
By Commission on amount received	3.96	
By Commissions on amount paid out	11.84	
By amount on hand to balance	\$4,654.03	
	\$5,459.34	\$5,459.34

## BRIDGE BOND SINKING FUND NO. 2 EIGHTH CLASS.

To balance on hand Feb. 1911 report	\$1,200.00	
To amount transferred from R & B Fund	21.25	
By amount interest paid during year	\$1,200.00	
By Commissions on amount paid out	18.00	
By amount on hand to balance	3.25	
To balance on hand	3.25	
	\$1,221.25	\$1,221.25

## W. T. PADGETT TAX COLLECTOR.

(From February 1, 1911 to Final Settlement 1910 Rolls)

To balance due on rolls Feb 1, 1911	\$3,900.05	
To amount due R & B Fund	292.40	
To amount Supplemental Roll	258.13	
To amount redemption	49.64	
To amount penalties collected Rolls 1910	61.75	
To amount adv. fees collected on redempt.	4.00	
By amount paid County Treasurer	\$556.86	
By amount Commission to Tax Collector	9.12	
By amount delinquent list 1910	1,390.55	
By amount delinquent list 1910 & former years	873.47	
By amount insolvent list 1910	1,002.74	
By amount erroneous assessments 1910	389.17	
By errors allowed by Com's Court	51.66	
By amount over paid Special	292.40	
	\$4,565.97	\$4,565.97

## W. T. PADGETT TAX COLLECTOR.

(From Feb. 1 to Final Settlement May 6, 1912)

To amount received from Comptroller	\$3,941.25	
To amount extra receipts	696.50	
By amount paid to County Treasurer	\$456.97	
By Commissions to Tax Collector	18.78	
By amount receipts on hand to balance	4,162.00	
	\$4,637.75	\$4,637.75

## W. T. PADGETT TAX COLLECTOR.

(Occupation Tax)

(From Feb. 1 to Final Settlement May 6, 1912)

To amount receipts on hand Feb. 1, 1911	\$1,235.75	
To amount extra receipts	70.00	
By amount paid to County Treasurer	\$107.40	
By Commissions to Tax Collector	4.60	
By balance returned to Comptroller	1,193.75	
	\$1,305.75	\$1,305.75

## W. T. PADGETT TAX COLLECTOR.

(Occupation Tax)

(From May 6th to February 1, 1912)

To amount received from Comptroller	\$3,941.25	
To amount received on school lands	177.12	
By amount paid to County Treasurer	\$456.97	
By Commissions to Tax Collector	18.78	
By amount receipts on hand to balance	4,162.00	
	\$4,637.75	\$4,637.75

## R. S. GRIGGS COUNTY JUDGE.

To amount convict bonds on hand Feb. 1, 1911	\$129.00	
To amount rent collected on school lands	177.12	
To amount convict Bonds received during year	30.00	
By amount paid County Treasurer	\$177.12	
By amount convict Bonds on hand to balance	159.00	
	\$336.12	\$336.12

## O. L. PARISH, COUNTY CLERK.

To amount Jury Fee collected	\$30.00	
To rebate on script collected	.35	
To Estray Sales collected	3.40	
By amount paid to County Collector	\$33.75	
	\$33.75	\$33.75

## MARY PHILLIPS, DISTRICT CLERK.

To amount Jury Fees collected	\$77.00	
To amount Stenographer collected	105.00	
To amount Trial Fees	20.00	
To amount Criminal Trial Fees	5.00	
By amount paid County Treasurer	\$52.00	
By balance due	155.00	
	\$207.00	\$207.00

## J. P. FLYNT, SHERIFF.

To amount due Feb 1, 1911	\$426.30	
To amount fines assessed during year	1,003.00	
By amount paid to County Treasurer	\$695.25	
By Commissions to officers	159.80	
By amount fines worked out	33.25	
By convict Bond chg to County Judge	30.00	
By sentence suspended	1.00	
By amount fines uncollected to balance	510.00	
	\$1,429.30	\$1,429.30

## W. L. TOWNER, J. P. PRECINCT NO. 1.

(From Feb. 1, 1911 to Sept 24, 1911.)

To balance fines unpaid Feb. 1, 1911	\$8.00	
To amount fines assessed	56.00	
By amount paid to County Treasurer	\$17.85	
By Commissions to officers	3.15	
By amount Fines worked out	2.00	
By amount fines credited by Com. Court	1.00	
By amount fines uncollected to balance	44.00	
	\$64.00	\$64.00

## PAUL TRIMMIE, J. P. PRECINCT NO. 1.

(From Sept. 24, 1911 to Feb. 1, 1912.)

To amount Fines assessed	\$107.00	
By amount paid to County Treasurer	\$39.10	
By Commissions to Officers	4.90	
By amount Fines worked out	2.00	
By amount Fines unpaid Feb 1, 1912	61.00	
	\$107.00	\$107.00

## W. H. WEEKS, J. P. PRECINCT NO. 1.

To Balance fines uncollected	\$227.00	
By amount paid County Treasurer	85	
By Commissions to officers	15	
By amount Fines unpaid	226.00	
	\$227.00	\$227.00

## A. D. TALLEY, J. P. PRECINCT NO. 2.

To balance Fines unpaid	\$2.00	
To amount Fines assessed during year	22.00	
By amount paid to County Treasurer	\$17.85	
By Commission to officers	3.15	
By amount fines unpaid	3.00	
	\$24.00	\$24.00

## JAMES BARRON, J. P. PRECINCT NO. 3.

To amount Fines assessed during year	\$11.00	
By amount paid to County Treasurer	\$9.35	
By Commissions to officers	1.65	
	\$11.00	\$11.00

## R. R. COGDELL, J. P. PRECINCT NO. 5.

To amount Fines unpaid Feb 1, 1911	\$2.00	
To amount Fines assessed during year	18.00	
By amount paid to County Treasurer	\$14.45	
By Commission to officer	2.55	
By amount Fines unpaid to	3.00	
	\$20.00	\$20.00

## W. A. HALANICEK, J. P. PRECINCT NO 7

To amount Fines assessed during year	\$8.30	
By amount paid to County Treasurer	\$5.35	
By Commissions to officers	.95	
By amount Fines unpaid to balance	2.00	
	\$8.30	\$8.30

## ESTRAY SALES.

To amount Estray Sales during year	\$57.00	
By amount paid to County Treasurer	\$35.65	
By amount Estraying expenses	6.60	
By amount cost of sale	2.00	
By Commission for taking up	12.75	
	\$57.00	\$57.00

## REGISTERED INDEBTEDNESS.

To 18 Court House Bonds outstanding	\$17,500.00	
To 40 Bridge Bonds outstanding	39,594.00	
By amount C. H. & Bridge Bonds to balance	\$57,094.00	
	\$57,094.00	\$57,094.00

## RECAPITULATION OF FUNDS ON HAND FEB. 1, 1912.

To amount cash on hand in Jury Fund		
1st class	\$872.49	
To amount cash on hand in R. & B. Fund		
2nd class	3,440.32	
To amount cash on hand in General County Fund, 3rd class	30.63	
To amount cash on hand in Special Fund		
4th class	1,475.20	
By amount over paid in advertising Fund		
5th class	\$161.89	
By amount overpaid in Court House Bond Sinking Fund 6th class	420.80	
To amount cash on hand in Bridge Bond Skg Fund No. 1, 7th class	4,654.03	
To amount cash on hand in Bridge Bond Skg Fund No. 2, 8th class	3.25	
By amount cash on hand to balance	9,893.23	
	\$10,475.92	\$10,475.92

Total cash on hand Feb 1, 1912 less outstanding checks 9,893.23

The above and foregoing is respectively submitted with the following explanation. The account of the County Treasurer shows smaller receipts than should really appear for the year. The January collections are not included in this report, for the reason they were not paid into the County Treasury, until after Feb. 1, 1912.

The Court House Bond Sinking fund, 6th class, shows a deficit of \$420.80, when in fact it should show a balance of—, caused by failure to set aside to the credit of said fund, the amount due it from the Special Fund, as per order Commissioners Court, Vol 4 page 637, Minutes of the Commissioners court.

Several of the officers reports, show a balance unpaid on Feb. 1, 1912, when their reports were closed on the Finance ledger. However a part of the unpaid balance has been paid into the County Treasury since the closing of said reports.

O. L. PARISH, County Clerk Runnels County, Texas Examined and approved in open court on this 28th day of February 1912, and ordered published as the law directs.

R. S. GRIGGS, County Judge.  
Feb. McWILLIAMS, Commissioner Precinct No. 1,  
J. E. McAdams, Commissioner Precinct No. 2,  
J. M. ADAMS, Commissioner Precinct No. 3,  
C. N. CRAFT, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

R. L. Wade returned to his home at Trenton, Tenn., yesterday after a extended visit to his mother, and brothers in Ballinger.

Mrs. W. A. Breedlove returned from a visit to her brother at Miles Wednesday afternoon.

Judge McCartney, of Brownwood, had business in Ballinger first of the week.

Miss Holt, of St. Louis, is the new milliner at the Higginbotham Currie Williams Co., She came in the first of the week, and will take charge of the millinery department at once.

W. C. Montgomery, of Paint Rock was here last Saturday. Mr. Montgomery said the prohibition fight in his county was a mild affair, and the result would be in doubt until the votes were counted.

## Spotless Laundry



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In asking for your laundry work we not only offer you guaranteed satisfaction in every particular, but we indirectly return your money to you. We employ workmen who spend their wages in Ballinger. We buy everything we use in Ballinger. This keeps the money you spend with us in circulation at home. We have a plant capable of handling all the laundry work of Ballinger. Our efforts are to please you, and we give you as good work as you can get by sending your laundry away from home. Then why do you do it? All things being equal, home industry should have the preference. Give it to us.

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COLONIZATION AGENT, SANTA FE  
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**The First Voter**

Young man, great responsibility attaches to your first vote. As you begin, so you are likely to continue. The momentum that carries you into a party at the beginning of your political life is apt to keep you in that party unless some convulsion shakes you out of it. Start right, and in order that you may start right, examine the principles of the parties and the policies which they advocate.

There are two great party organizations in the United States, one more than fifty years old, and the other more than a century. The Republican party has been in power almost uninterruptedly for more than half a century and under its reign abuses have grown up which threaten the perpetuity of the government and endanger our civilization. So great are these abuses that republican reformers are now pointing out that something must be done—and what can be done? The first thing is to undo the things that have been done, and the party to undo these abuses is not the one party which has done them, but the party which has protested against these abuses and pointed out remedies.

The republican party has turned the taxing power over to private individuals; it has allowed monopolies to grow up and assume control of the industries of the country by granting privileges by law and by giving immunity to the large violators of the law; the republican party has permitted the



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fortunes of the rich to become so large that government is corrupted, politics debauched, and business polluted.

The democratic party proposes to withdraw the taxing power from private hands, to so legislate as to make a private monopoly impossible and to enforce the law without discrimination. It proposes to protect legitimate wealth and punish those who attempt to plunder the public for private gain. On which side do you stand young man? Are you with the masses in their effort to restore the government to its old foundation and make it a government of the people for the people and by the people or are you with the republican leaders in their effort to perpetuate the party in power by selling immunity in return from campaign contributions?

There are always two parties in the country, and one is necessarily nearer to the people than the other. In this country the democratic party is nearer to the people than the republican party. Its leaders have more faith in the people and are more anxious to keep the government under the control of the people. Take the election of United States Senators by the people as a test. The democrats want to give to the voters a chance to elect and to control their representatives in the United States. The demo-

**TEXAS A WORLD POWER.**

The announcements in that a carload of cedar been shipped from Pecos, Monroe, La., to be used in paving the streets of that city set up a new industry for Texas.

We have been striving to and clothe the world, providing lumber for building the nation's homes, and furnishing oil to illuminate the world's fireside and now we are beautifying the streets of our neighboring states.

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You will look a good while before you find a better medicine for coughs and colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only gives relief—it cures. Try it when you have a cough or cold, and you are certain to be pleased with the prompt cure which it will effect. For sale by all dealers.

**OFTEN MAKE A QUICK NEED FOR THE CURE THAT'S SURE DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY FOR COUGHS AND COLDS WHO AN THRO' PNEUMO PRICE 50c and \$.**

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## CAMPAIGN OF TEXAS GOVERNOR

For Second Term is Discussed by Number of Friends.

### AN ADDRESS IS PREPARED

Two Hundred Citizens Present a Document Setting Forth Record of Mr. Colquitt and Urging That He Succeed Himself.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 10.—An enthusiastic meeting of Colquitt supporters, at which about 200 were represented in person and by letters, was held at the Westbrook hotel today.

Colonel R. M. Johnston of Houston called the meeting to order and stated its object—that of aiding the campaign of Governor O. B. Colquitt for re-election. He expressed gratification that in view of the quarantines now prevailing the attendance was so large and that so many sections of the state were represented.

The conference was organized by the election of G. H. Culp of Gainesville as chairman and W. P. Hobby of Beaumont as secretary.

Many speeches were made indicating that the interest in Governor Colquitt's re-election is general throughout the state and that an aggressive campaign will be waged in his behalf from the counties and sections represented. Each speaker predicted the renomination of Governor Colquitt by an overwhelming majority.

A committee on ways and means, consisting of Paul Waples of Fort Worth, Gus Shaw of Texarkana, F. Cook of San Antonio, Royal A. Ferris of Dallas and B. F. Bonner of Houston was appointed to consult Governor Colquitt with a view to aiding him in the promotion of his campaign.

A committee was appointed to prepare an address to the Democrats of Texas in behalf of Governor Colquitt, and the adoption of the views as outlined by this committee setting forth the achievements of Governor Colquitt's administration and presenting his claims to the support of Democrats in the forthcoming primaries ended the work of the conference.

#### Address to Texas Democrats.

The address and the signatures of those offering it was as follows: To the Democrats of Texas:

We present Governor O. B. Colquitt for renomination at your hands, because we believe he is worthy of your trust; because the practical policies which he has executed have operated to the benefit of our citizenship, and because he is clearly entitled to the enjoyment of a second term under the time-honored custom of our party.

He is a man of fair dealing and unflinching courage in the performance of duty; he has not deceived those who have trusted him; he has not disappointed the expectations of his friends; he has not been a politician, but has met every emergency promptly, with adherence to principle and with a patriotic purpose to serve the state and uphold its laws. His private life is blameless; his public career of twenty years is unbroken record of devotion to public welfare; he has given the energies of his life to the service of the state.

#### Benefited Public Institutions.

His administration has been marked by economy and businesslike methods; to meet a deficit caused by a tax rate which was manipulated for political purposes and which failed to yield a sufficient revenue, he had the courage to recommend and the legislature wisely made provisions sufficient to maintain the government with efficiency but without extravagance. As a consequence the state's education and eleemosynary institutions, which had been inadequately maintained and impoverished, are now decently supported, buildings which had suffered damage almost to the point of destruction have been repaired; needed improvements and equipments have been provided and in the erection of new buildings fireproof construction has been required.

In proof of the fairness of this statement we refer to the reports of the several committees appointed by the general appropriations committee of the last legislature to personally inspect the state's eleemosynary and educational institutions and especially to the report prepared by Hon. C. M. Cureton on the intolerable physical conditions which were revealed at the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

#### Tuberculosis Commission.

He has won the approval of the laudably helpful aid in the prevention and curative sci-

ence in the matter of creating the tuberculosis commission as a means of arresting the ravages of the great white plague. Equally prompt and efficient has been the action of this state health department with respect to the prevailing visitation of meningitis and in all other matters of public health.

Upon his recommendation the most liberal appropriation in the history of the state was made for the livestock sanitary commission and that body has administered the law with exceptional efficiency, not only with respect to cattle quarantine and cattle inspection, but with respect also to the suppression of diseases among farm animals. As a consequence, millions of dollars have been saved to the livestock industry of the state.

His prompt and wise action in protecting the Texas border from marauders and from perils threatened by the recent Mexican insurrections has brought approval and applause from the entire nation.

#### The New Prison System.

The new prison system under the direction of his commissioners has become merciful and reformatory as well as punitive; cruelty has been abolished and prison life has become tolerable and wholesome without sacrificing discipline. Notwithstanding



ing a heavy financial obligation imposed by the law allowing pay to convicts; notwithstanding heavy loss of revenue by the unavoidable freezing of a large part of the state's cane crop, and notwithstanding a disastrous fire at the Huntsville prison, the system has been maintained upon its own revenues and provision has been made for needed repairs and reconstruction.

By his express recommendation or by his cheerful approval, the state's educational institutions are more generously sustained than for many years past; the normal schools have been placed under a single board of regents, removed as far as possible from political control; rural high schools have been established and an improved text book law has been enacted with provisions for the prevention of political influence.

#### Opposed Political Spoils System.

His administration is notable for the high character and efficiency of his appointees. Appreciative of his friends, he has refused to regard the public service as the spoils of political war.

In so far as he has been able under the stressful circumstances of factional strife, he has directed his energies toward making the government more serviceable; his policies have been constructive; he has sought to bring prosperity to business, improvement to agriculture, and peace to the people. He has refused to permit extended and repeated sessions of the legislature to harass the state with adventurous legislation for political or factional ends.

The opposition to his re-election is an appeal solely to prejudice growing out of the late prohibition campaign. For four years the state has been embroiled in this controversy, which was submitted to the people last year. If the people desire it submitted again they have full opportunity in the appointed way and they can be neither hindered nor helped in this purpose by the governor, whoever he may be. Until the people order another submission the question ought to be eliminated from our state affairs as irrelevant and as hurtful to our peace and prosperity.

#### Signal Service for Temperance.

In the meanwhile Governor Colquitt has rendered signal service in the interest of temperance and in the enforcement of law by suppressing many so-called social clubs which were saloons in disguise.

Four years ago the country suffered a financial panic; for three years following there has been distress in agriculture and in commerce on ac-

count of deficient rainfall, and the passing winter brought an infliction of epidemic disease which has distressed the people and caused serious injury to business. Meanwhile economic problems press for solution. Our commerce, our agriculture, our industries and our social conditions demand the most intelligent and the most considerate care which a dutiful government may bestow in the interest of prosperity, health and happiness.

Governor Colquitt's re-election will insure an administration free from harassing legislation, alert to material affairs and pledged to salutary and practical reforms in response to the universal demand for progressive limitations of the liquor traffic and for the strict enforcement of the law.

#### Re-Election Means Political Rest.

Courage in office upon the part of an executive or upon the part of a legislative body always develops more or less opposition by those who are disappointed in failing to obey action which they seek in their interest. Selfish business on the one hand and zealous labor on the other are constantly striving for advantage or benefit or betterment. As a consequence no faithful administration can hope to escape criticism of some kind. Upon the whole the administration of Governor Colquitt has aroused less opposition in these respects than might have been expected, for he has been compelled under his view of constitutional duty and sound public policy to resist some measures favored by commercial interests and some interests favored by labor interests. Every fair man who is apart from personal interest in such measures will accord to him good conscience and unselfish conduct for the manifest reason that he has dared to do his duty as he saw it at the hazard of his political fortune. After all is said however, it is plain to thinking minds that the welfare of business and the welfare of labor alike at this time demand a cessation of strife in order that commerce and industry may recover from the distresses of drouth, disease and disturbance and that every man of commerce and every man of toil may have opportunity to employ his capital or his labor. We appeal for at least two years of rest from turmoil and we admonish the people not to be misled by personal ambition, political spite or factional strife.

We believe that aside from prohibition, which is not a pertinent issue, the masses are one in approval of Governor Colquitt's administration and we confidently rely upon their sense of justice and fair dealing to give him an opportunity to perfect the policies which he has so wisely adopted and to bring to Texas a short season of "legislative rest and political peace."

The people of Texas are a just people. While swift and sure in their rebuke to unworthiness in the public service they are none the less generous in their approval of loyalty to public trust. They have never permitted the factional spirit of an hour to becloud their judgment or obscure their course of action. At this time, when every patriotic impulse is for the prosperity of the commonwealth and contentment of its people, in advocating the renomination of Governor Colquitt we appeal to their sense of justice in behalf of competent administration and the maintenance of soberness, fairness and integrity in the conduct of public affairs.

Clarence Ousley, Tarrant; S. L. Staples, Bastrop; N. A. Shaw, Bowie; Sam Scott, McLennan; Louis J. Northman, Tarrant; J. A. Stevens, Hill; George A. Tallafiero, Bexar; Edgar Scurry, Wichita; Nelson Phillips, Dallas; W. B. Collier, Tarrant; J. A. Callan, Menard; James H. Edwards, Denton; B. Cook, Harrison; R. M. Johnston, Harris; L. C. Eason, Tarrant; J. S. Williams, Lamar; Walter Crawford, Jefferson; Robert P. Coon, Bexar; B. F. Bonner, Harris; Mayo W. Newland, Hunt; F. D. Wright, Freestone; J. D. Stroud, Johnson; J. H. Evans, Anderson; S. M. King, Nacogoches; J. B. Thomas, Denton; Harmonson, Denton; T. W. Large, Angulina; R. O. Braswell, Tarrant; J. W. Johnson, Tom Green; A. N. Weston, Freestone; Bob Prater, Brown; E. O. Gresham, Bell; William Camps, Tarrant; Paul Waples, Tarrant; George Harris, Ector; F. H. Coombs, Harris; V. H. Thodberg, Comanche; E. W. Harris, Comanche; Claude V. Brinkhead, Bexar; Fred W. Cook, Bexar; E. C. O. Canougher, Denton; J. D. Rudd, Harrison; P. V. Cochran, Harrison; Charles Davis, Brazos; W. O. Stamps, Upshur; W. W. Cameron, McLennan; R. F. Collins, Jefferson; J. Waddy Tate, Dallas; Jack Turner, Howard; John B. Howard, Midland; T. S. Cartwright, Grayson; J. M. McLemore, Grayson; Theo. Fulgram, Grayson; Rollin Rodgers, Bowie; N. P. Jackson, Lamar; J. W. Chancellor, Montague; H. E. Ellis, Grayson; Thomas Longbottom, Freestone; James E. Ferguson, Bell; Ab. Gross, McLennan; Robert H. Hopkins, Denton; J. W. White, Mason; John T. Stanley, Tarrant; John Harvey, Red River; Jno. R. Wright, Red River; W. S. Griffin, Red River; H. B. Moore, Galveston; E. K. Marrast, Galveston; John W. Campbell, Galveston; M. T. Lively, Dallas; W. J. Carden, Dallas; Chas. E. Hicks, Tarrant; A. N. Evans, Tarrant; Joseph A. Adkins, McCulloch; J. R. Shouse, Gregg; G. H. Culp, Cooke; W. P. Hobby, Jefferson; Reese Tatum, Dallas; James E. Lucey, Travis; P. C. Withers, Denton; W. N. Waddell, Tarrant; D. Frank Gardner, Dallas; John H. Kirby, Harris; W. D. Cleveland Sr., Harris; J. W. Link, Harris; J. S. Bonker, Harris; S. Pace, Navarro; B. L. Callis, Hill; Thad Edens, Hill; G. F. Colter, Bowie; W. C. Boyett, Brazos; H. Burks, Comanche; John Melander, Shelby; W. G. Newby, Tarrant; D. E. Decker, Hardeman; B. Y. Cummings, Hill; Walter Collins, Hill.



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"I suffered five years, with awful pains, due to womanly troubles," writes Mrs. M. D. McPherson, from Chadbourn, N. C. "They grew worse, till I would often faint. I could not walk at all, and I had an awful hurting in my side; also a headache and a backache.

I gave up and thought I would die, but my husband urged me to try Cardui, so, I began, and the first bottle helped me. By the time the third bottle was used, I could do all my work. All the people around here said I would die, but Cardui relieved me."

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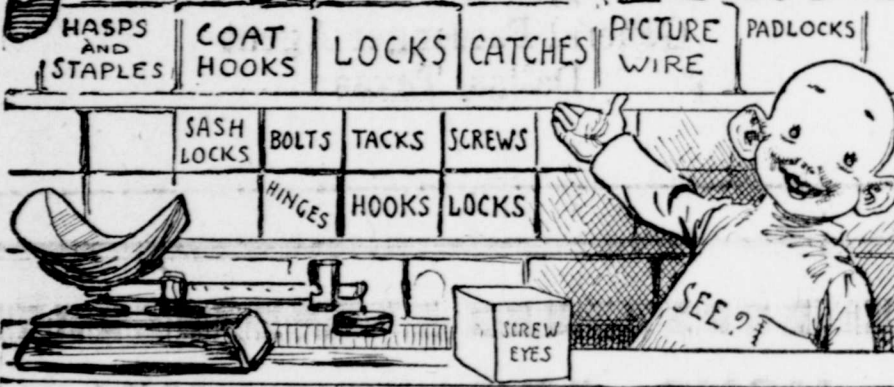
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## Quarterly Report of Finances By Commissioners Court.

STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Runnels:

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared R. S. Griggs, County Judge, Feb. McWilliams, J. E. McAdams, J. M. Adams, and C. N. Craft, County Commissioners, all of Runnels county, Texas, who, being duly sworn, each on his oath deposes and says that he has fully complied with the provisions of Article No. 867, R. S., as set forth in said article, taken in connection with Chapter 164, Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, 1905, known as the Depository Law, by having actually counted and inspected all the cash in the hands of T. J. Stocks, County Treasurer, as set forth in said County Treasurer's report for the Quarter ending January 31st., 1912, and find same to be as follows:

First Class, or Jury Fund, cash balance of .....	\$ 872.49	
Second Class, or R. & B. Fund, cash balance of .....	3440.32	
Third Class, or General County Fund, cash balance of .....	30.63	
Fourth Class, or Special Fund, cash balance of .....	1475.20	
Fifth Class, or Advertising Fund, deficit of .....	\$161.89	
Sixth Class, or Ct. H. Bond Skg. Fund No. 1, deficit of .....	420.80	
Seventh Class, or Bridge Bond Skg. Fund, No. 1, balance .....	4634.03	
Eighth Class, or Bridge Bond Skg. Fund, No. 2, balance .....	3.25	
	\$10,475.92	\$582.69
	582.69	

Total Cash Balance in County depository .....

\$ 9893.23

R. S. GRIGGS, County Judge.  
FEB McWILLIAMS, County Commissioner.  
J. E. McADAMS, County Commissioner.  
J. M. ADAMS, County Commissioner.  
C. N. CRAFT, County Commissioner.

(SEAL)  
Sworn to and subscribed before me the undersigned authority, by each of above parties, on this the 17th day of February, 1912.  
O. L. PARISH, Clerk County Court, Runnels County, Texas

### REAPING BENEFIT.

From the Experience of Ballinger People.

We are fortunate indeed to be able to profit by the experience of our neighbors. The public utterance of Ballinger residents on the following subject will interest and benefit thousands of our readers. Read this statement. No better proof can be had.

Mrs. J. C. Orange, 505 Thirteenth St., Ballinger, Texas, says:

"I was troubled by my back for some time. I was so stiff and lame that I could hardly work. This would go away after I moved about for awhile, but was sure to come back the next day. The kidney secretions were disordered and this was a source of annoyance. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, as I had seen them highly advertised and after using half the contents, I found them a great help and my lameness began to leave me. I always keep Doan's Kidney Pills on hand, as I consider them an excellent remedy and I am glad to tell others how I was benefited."

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### PROFITS IN THE CREAMERY.

The creamery at Stephenville, Texas, has 91 patrons, and its pay roll is an important matter with 1 that town. About 500 cows are being used, and more farmers are starting "farm dairies" all the time. It is farm dairy that pays best, since the farmer can do all the work, and furnish most of the feed. He finds market for all the labor of himself and family, and for the products of his farm. It is possible to get the dairy too large, and this is the rock on which many founder. When all the receipts must be paid out for labor and feed there is little left. Already the Stephenville creamery has pay roll which exceeds \$25,000 per year, and these people were not "scooped" by the creamery sharks. That creamery was built by men who read Farm and Ranch—Farm and Ranch.

Miss Dovie Pipkin returned to her school in Tom Green county, Monday, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pipkin, of South Ballinger. She came home also to be with her brother a few days, who is here from Idaho on a visit.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

District Office .....

County Office .....

Precinct Office .....

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JOE. SPILL.

For Sheriff:

J. P. FLYNT.

B. W. (Chop) PILCHER

For County Judge.

W. D. Jennings.

MARCELLUS KLEBURG

A. E. WOOD

Representative, 11th. District:

R. S. GRIGGS

For Dist. Clerk:

MISS MARY PHILIPS

For County Attorney:

H. ZDARIL

C. P. SHEPHERD.

County Superintendent:

E. L. HAGAN

For Constable Precinct No. 1.

J. A. (Dad) DEMOVILLE

For County Clerk.

O. L. PARISCH.

Let our homes be places of love, joy and brightest sunshine, places of enduring love that out last the wedding day, and which produces a life of one long unbroken honeymoon the molding place of character, place where the child breathes an atmosphere perfumed by the choicest flowers of heaven where it finds the greatest earthly security in mother's loving, fostering care.

There should be no day in our lives that did not record some act of kindness, some help held out to the needy. One self-denying act or some kind word, or a pleasant glance, has fallen like sunshine or ceased an aching heart. There is no act intended to help another, too small for the Master's notice. It is the conscientious attention to what the world calls little things that makes the great beauty and success in life.

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### THE SOIL MAKES WEALTH.

Col. P. L. Down Cashier of the First Nat'l Bank of Temple is all ways on the alert to the interest of farming. In discussing the value of scientific agriculture and the need of business cooperation he said:

"We are strictly agricultural people; how ever much we may hope ultimately to become a man ufactory and industrial element we must recognize the fact that we are compelled to depend upon our agricultural resources for the support of our people and the maintenance of our institutions. If the banks of the county expect to lend their money or have money to lend; if the merchants who make advances to the farmers expect their bills to be paid at maturity; if the land owners expect their tenants to be able to meet their obligations if the holder of mortgage or vendor liens notes expect the interest and principal of these notes to be paid promptly at maturity, then all the people and all the material interest of the county and the state must do their in developing and increasing the productiveness of our soil and creating the means by which the people will be able to meet their obligations.

Bell county one of the richest and most productive counties in the state and yet our methods of farming have not increased in potion to that of others and why? Because our people have not been educated along that line, and have not taken advantage of the opportunities that have been offered them. They have not diversified their crops, as has been done in other sections eow conceded to be more prosperous.

"The last legislature enacted a law authorizing and empowering the commissioners' court to appropriate as much as \$1000 county funds from the general revenue in any one year for the purpose of encouraging more scientific methods of farming. Our commissioners court should be glad of an opportunity to contribute this amount for the general welfare of the county and year after year should cooperate with the agriculture department at Washington in securing the benefit of its counsel services and supervisions and thereby largely increase our crop production and distribute directly 1000 and 1000 of dollars additional into the pockets of the people and into the channels of trade that would be acquired from no other sources.

D. E. Caudle left last Saturday afternoon for a business trip to Falls county.

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### Special Muslin Underwear

In this display you will find a large assortment of gowns, petticoats, drawers, chemies, princes slips, corset covers and combination suits.

\$2.50 Petticoats at	\$1.98
2.00 Petticoats at	1.48
1.75 Petticoats at	1.18
1.00 Petticoats at	64c
One lot of Gowns worth as high as \$2.50 your choice	98c
Corset Covers 40c values at	28c
25c values at	18c

Ladies extra fine Ribbed Vests, sleeves and neck beaded, 15c value

Ladies extra fine Ribbed Vests, sleeves and neck beaded, 15c value	8c
Table Damask	
\$1.00 grade at	68c
80c grade at	56c
50c grade at	32c

### Misses and Childrens Shoes

Misses \$2 shoes at \$1.18  
Misses and childrens shoes \$1 and and \$1.50 in patent leather and vic. 98c

### Ladies Skirts

\$5 Skirts in Panama and Serge at	38.68
8.00 Skirts at	5.48
3.00 Skirts at	1.98

Ladies summer union suits. 75c grade 48c  
Ladies Ribbed summer pants 35c value 22c

### Extra Special

We are showing embroideries from 8 to 10 inches wide, 25c values at 10c

### Dress Goods

Womens latest Silk pongee 65c value 48c  
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## D. REEDER

### A GREAT DISCOVERY.

Certain Ingredients That Really Promote Hair Growth when Properly Combined.

Resorcin is one of the most effective germ destroyers every discovered by science, and in connection with Beta Naphthol, which a combination is formed which destroys the germs which rob the hair of its natural nourishment and also creates a clean, healthy condition of the scalp, which prevent the development of new germs.

Pilocarpin, although not a coloring matter or dye, is a well-known ingredient for restoring the hair to its natural color, when the loss of hair has been caused by a disease of the scalp.

These ingredients in proper combination, with alcohol added as a stimulant and for its well defined nourishing properties, perfect perhaps the most effective remedy that is known for scalp and hair troubles.

We have a remedy which is chiefly composed of these ingredients, in combination with other extremely invaluable medicinal agencies.

We guarantee it to positively cure dandruff and to grow hair, even though the scalp in spots is bare of hair. If there is any vitality left in the roots, it will positively cure baldness or we will refund your money. If the scalp has a glazed, shiny appearance, it's an indication that baldness is permanent, but in other instances we believe baldness is curable.

We want every one troubled with hair disease or loss of hair to try our "93" Hair Tonic. If it does not cure dandruff and grow hair to the satisfaction of the user we will refund your money or quibble return for it. We print every bottle, and the positive cures in every case where put to the test.

This Tonic is entirely new. We think in every way better than anything else known of for the purpose for which it is prescribed. We urge you to try this preparation at our risk. Certainly we know of no better guarantee to give you. Remember you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Ballinger only at our store the Walker Drug Company, Ballinger, Texas.

### Farming For A Living And Living at Home.

Mr. Colson, accompanied by his wife and Willie Counts, came here from the first of the week. He came to Ballinger to heat an exchange for a mill for flour. The farmer that farms lives at home. He has 90 acre farm in the Northern part and does not owe a conversation with the learned that he has learned that he needs a few extras, such as coffee, sugar, baking powder, syrup, etc., and all these he purchased with the money realized from the sale of eggs chickens and butter. He states that he had not bought three buckets of lard since he moved to Rannels county and he has been here twenty-one years. He makes all his meat, bread and biscuits at home, and never falls on cotton, his money crop.

Mr. Colson is a successful farmer. Every time you find a farmer that keeps his smoke house in his own will find a successful farmer. There is no exception to the rule. If you are at home, it can be just as easy in Rannels county as in Texas.

### Stores to Close Tomorrow.

The banks in Ballinger, will close on Texas Independence Day tomorrow by remaining closed for the day. Those having business with the banks will have to wait until Monday.

It is reported that the Katy Railroad will re-lay one hundred and ten miles of its roadbed in Texas this year with eighty five pound steel rails. Work will begin immediately.

In order to improve agriculture along the line of the Texas Central Railroad between Waco and Rising Star, a demonstration train will be run on that line in the near future.

Brownwood has two cases of meningitis this week, both patients are reported out of danger. Coleman has two new cases this week, but no deaths. One death in Coleman last week.

The daughter of J. W. Minter near Texarkana was burned to death by her clothing catching fire from a grate. This was the second child in the family that met death the same way.

### COMING TO TOWN FIRST MONDAY

Many People to be Here Monday. Move for a Better Trades Day Meets With Encouragement.

"We are glad to notice that Ballinger is waking up, and that the merchants will take some interest in the success of a general trades day," said a prominent farmer to the writer this week. The farmer lives considerable distance from Ballinger, and stated that his neighborhood would be well represented here next Monday.

The indications point a large attendance on the Trades Day, and there will be sharp competition for the premiums offered by the various merchants. Arrangements are under way for the planning of a greater Trades Day for the next month than has ever been held here before. The exhibition of live stock, poultry, etc., will be made a feature of the days going, and it is hoped that the people who good stock will be here to show.

H. Clemmants came in from Braunfels first of the week. Clemmants is heavily in Rannels county and he has been spending a good part of the time here during the past six months.

### Commissioners Approve Reports.

The Commissioners Court was in session a few days first of the week to pass on and approve the reports of the various county officers. The work was finished up and the report turned over to the printers and the annual statement of the financial condition of the county is found elsewhere in this paper.

Fred Greber, general manager of the West Texas Telephone Co., was here first of the week consulting with the local manager Wood and looking after the interest of the company. Mr. Greber made the Banner Leader a pleasant call and stated that valuable improvements would be made by the Phone Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Strobel the sympathy of their friends at the loss of a little infant. The child was buried Wednesday in the Ballinger cemetery.

### Early Closing for Store.

Beginning to day, March stores in Ballinger with few exceptions have agreed to close early, excepting Saturday at thirty o'clock. A petition has been circulated and signed by the business men, and arrangement will be made for a closing signal to be sounded each evening, and it is hoped that all will abide by the agreement and close when the signal is sounded. This is done in order to give the employees, and also the "bosses" and opportunity to see a little of daylight before the retire.

### C. Jack Green with The Banner-Leader.

C. J. Green, who has held a position as machine operator with the Banner returned to Ballinger to make his home, and accepted a position with the Banner Leader. Jack is well known in Ballinger, and as a printer he stands in the forefront of the best workmen. His work is the kind that pleases particular people, and with the equipment he has in the Banner Leader we feel that we will merit a share of your job printing in our efforts to please.

Mrs. C. F. Dickinson came in from her farm near Wingate and is spending the week here.

The Thorndale on trial at Camanche charged with the Mexican boy last July for the crime.

**Phone 320 Free delivery A Business Magnet**

Every store that is successful has a magnetic force. Yet, at the same time they differ as to what the feature of attractiveness should be. Some use for their magnet a pretty and well kept store. Others say their help is more courteous; while the great corporation stores keep before you their enormous size and combination of capital as an attractive feature. But we believe the magnetic force that makes the compass needle of business point sure and steady is a **LOWER PRICE**. Therefore we submit the following for your consideration:

<p><b>Flour</b></p> <p>Belle of Wichita Flour a sack \$1.49 Sample sack Free</p> <p><b>Bacon</b></p> <p>10 pounds Salt pork for \$1.00</p> <p><b>Lard</b></p> <p>10 pound bucket Swift Premium \$1.39 " " " " " " 74c</p> <p><b>Cottolene</b></p> <p>10 pound Cottolene \$1.24 5 " " " " " " 54c 10 pounds Jewel Lard 99c 5 " " " " " " 49c</p> <p><b>Coffee</b></p> <p>4 lb Good Coffee 94c Circle (3) Coffee a lb 28c Bucket Coffee 99c</p> <p><b>Beans</b></p> <p>16 lbs Pink Beans \$1.00 16 lbs Navy Beans 1.00 18 lbs Black Eye Peas 1.00</p> <p><b>Syrup</b></p> <p>Velva per gal 64c Velva half gal 39c W. R. Syrup gal 63c W. R. Syrup half gal 23c Red Velva gal 59c Red Velva half gal 34c</p> <p><b>Potatoes</b></p> <p>Irish Potatoes per bushel \$1.49</p> <p><b>Salt</b></p> <p>25 lbs Salt 23c 100 lbs Salt 63c 10c size Table Salt 9c 5c size " " 4c</p> <p><b>Soda</b></p> <p>10 lb bucket Soda 49c 1 lb package Soda 7c</p> <p><b>Brooms</b></p> <p>Good 4 string Broom 34c Better Grade 39c Best Grade 59c 50 ft Best Cotton Hose \$1.43</p>	<p><b>Cakes and Crax</b></p> <p>National Biscuit Co. Cakes and Crackers, all kinds, bulk per pound .08c Best Swift &amp; Co Cheese per lb 28c</p> <p><b>Dried Fruit</b></p> <p>Dried Peaches 14c Apples 14c Apricots 19c</p> <p><b>Peaches</b></p> <p>California S C Peaches per can 18c 2 lb Texas Peaches 12 1/2c</p> <p><b>Hominy</b></p> <p>3 lb can Van Camp Hominy 9c 3 lb can Van Camp Krout 10c</p> <p><b>Can Tomatoes</b></p> <p>3 lb Clipper Tomatoes 12c 2 lb Clipper Tomatoes 10c</p> <p><b>Can Corn</b></p> <p>W R Can Corn 9c Clipper 10c Perfection 12c</p> <p><b>Baking Powder</b></p> <p>10 oz K C Baking Powder 9c 25 oz K C Baking Powder 22c 50 oz K C " " 43c 80 oz K C " " 69c 25c size Good Luck 23c 25c Calumet 23c</p> <p>149 Boxes Shinola aech 8c</p> <p>25c Mennen's Talcum Powder 18c 25c Colgate " " 18c</p> <p>Brass King Wash Board 33c</p> <p>Best Crank Sifter 24c Common Crank Sifter 13c</p> <p><b>Soaps</b></p> <p>Colgate Shaving soap 4c " Toilet soap 5c C W Laundry Soap per bar 4c Clariett Soap per bar 04c Bob White Soap 4c Coco Long Bar 8c</p>	<p><b>Hats</b></p> <p>Jno. B. Stetson \$5.00 Grade. Tub Sale price \$4.39 Good Black Hat \$1.50 Grade only \$1.14</p> <p><b>Shoes</b></p> <p>Mens Work Shoes pair \$1.09 Mens Dress Shoes pair \$2.19</p> <p><b>Ladies Shoes</b></p> <p>\$3.50 and 4.00 Julia Marlowe Low cut Shoe per pair \$1.19</p> <p><b>Hose</b></p> <p>Good Hose black or tan, 15c quality, a pair 8c Ladies Hose, faat color 9c</p> <p><b>Mexican Hats</b></p> <p>15c Grade Mexican Hats 10c 50c Grade Mexican Hats 33c</p> <p><b>Lamp Chimneys</b></p> <p>10c Grade No. 2 Chimneys 8c 25c Grade No. 2 Chimneys 18c 10c Grade No. 1 Chimneys 4c</p> <p><b>Tubs</b></p> <p>No. 0 Wash Tubs 43c No. 1 Wash Tubs 49c No. 2 Wash Tubs 59c No. 3 Wash Tubs 69c Best Foot Tub 33c</p> <p><b>Buckets</b></p> <p>25c Galv. Buckets 17c 35c Galv. Buckets 19c 40c Galv. Buckets 22c</p> <p><b>Files</b></p> <p>10c Hand Saw Files 5c 15c Flat Mill Files 10c 25c Flat Mill Files 14c</p> <p><b>Locks</b></p> <p>50c Grade Door Locks 23c 25c Pad Locks 19c 15c Pad Locks 9c</p> <p><b>Saws</b></p> <p>Good Hand Saws 69c Better Hand Saws \$1.34 Diston Hand Saws 1.89</p>
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**THE GLOBE**  
Originator of the Tub Sale

R. P. CONN, Prop.

**Norton News.**  
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Little Francis Murry Kinzy had Group Thursday. The parents have the sympathy of many friends.  
Mrs. Mattie Williams is on the sick list this week.  
Bro. Dunn filled his appointment at the M. E. Church Saturday Sunday being two blustry for service.  
Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Harden

were called to Mason County Sunday to see Mr. Hardens brother who got accidentally shot while on a hunt.  
Queen of the Praise.  
**A. H. Van Pelt Buys Business.**  
A. H. Van Pelt this week bought the other stockholders in the firm of Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack of Winters and is now sole owner of the business here. Mr. Van Pelt has spent the week here looking over the business and taking in

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A. B. Burrell came in from different section of the state, first of the week.

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The First national Bank iss out with its good showing in the financial statement published elsewhere in this paper. Not with standing that this is the dull season of the year the statement shows that Rannels county people have considerable money and that this bank is handling its share of it.  
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In this display you will find a large assortment of gowns, petticoats, drawers, chemies, princes slips, corset covers and combination suits.

\$2.50 Petticoats at	\$1.98
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One lot of Gowns worth as high as \$2.50 your choice	98c
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\$1.00 grade at	68c
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\$5 Skirts in Panama and Serge at	38.68
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Ladies summer union suits. 75c grade	48c
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### Extra Special

We are showing embroideries from 8 to 10 inches wide, 25c values at 10c

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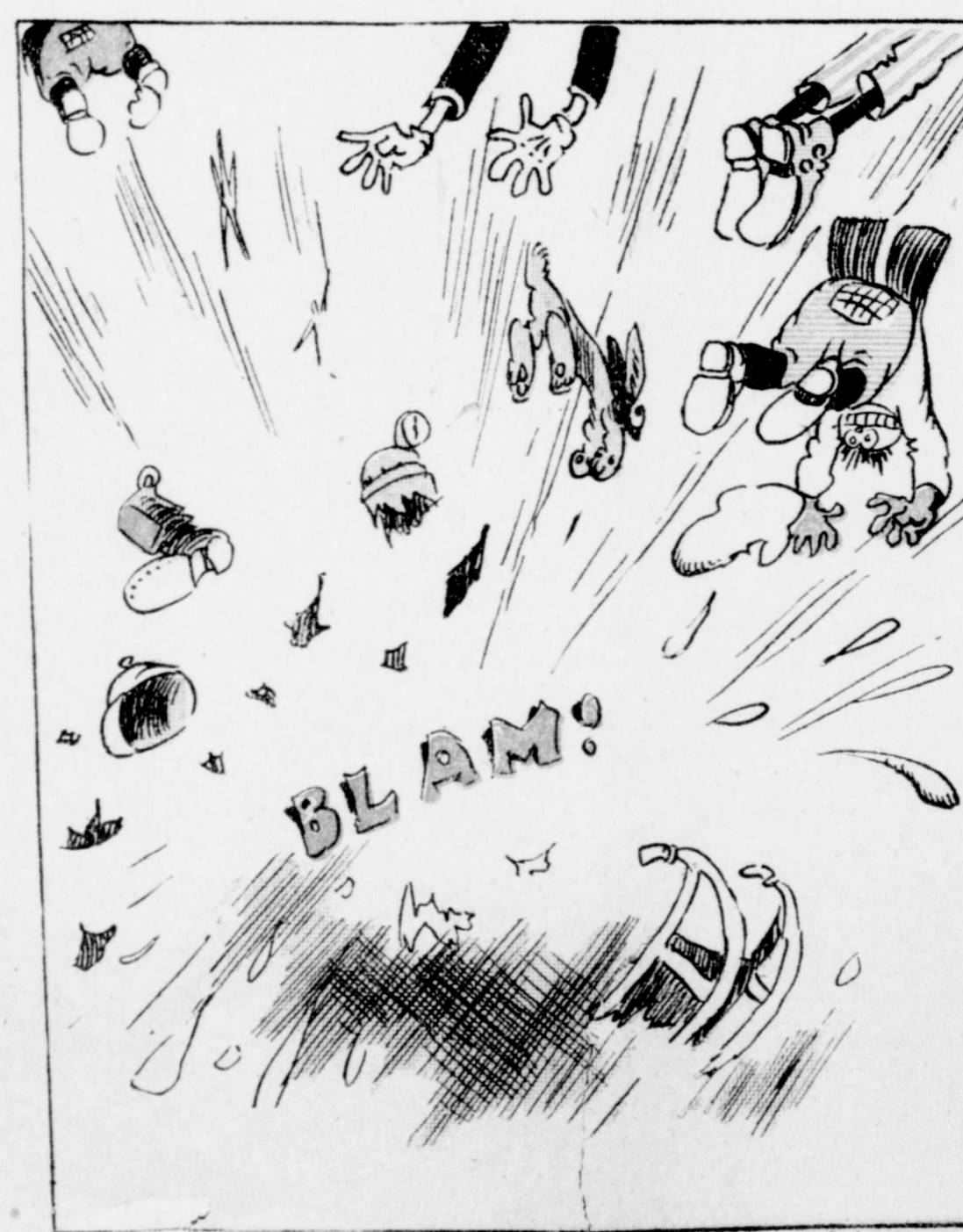
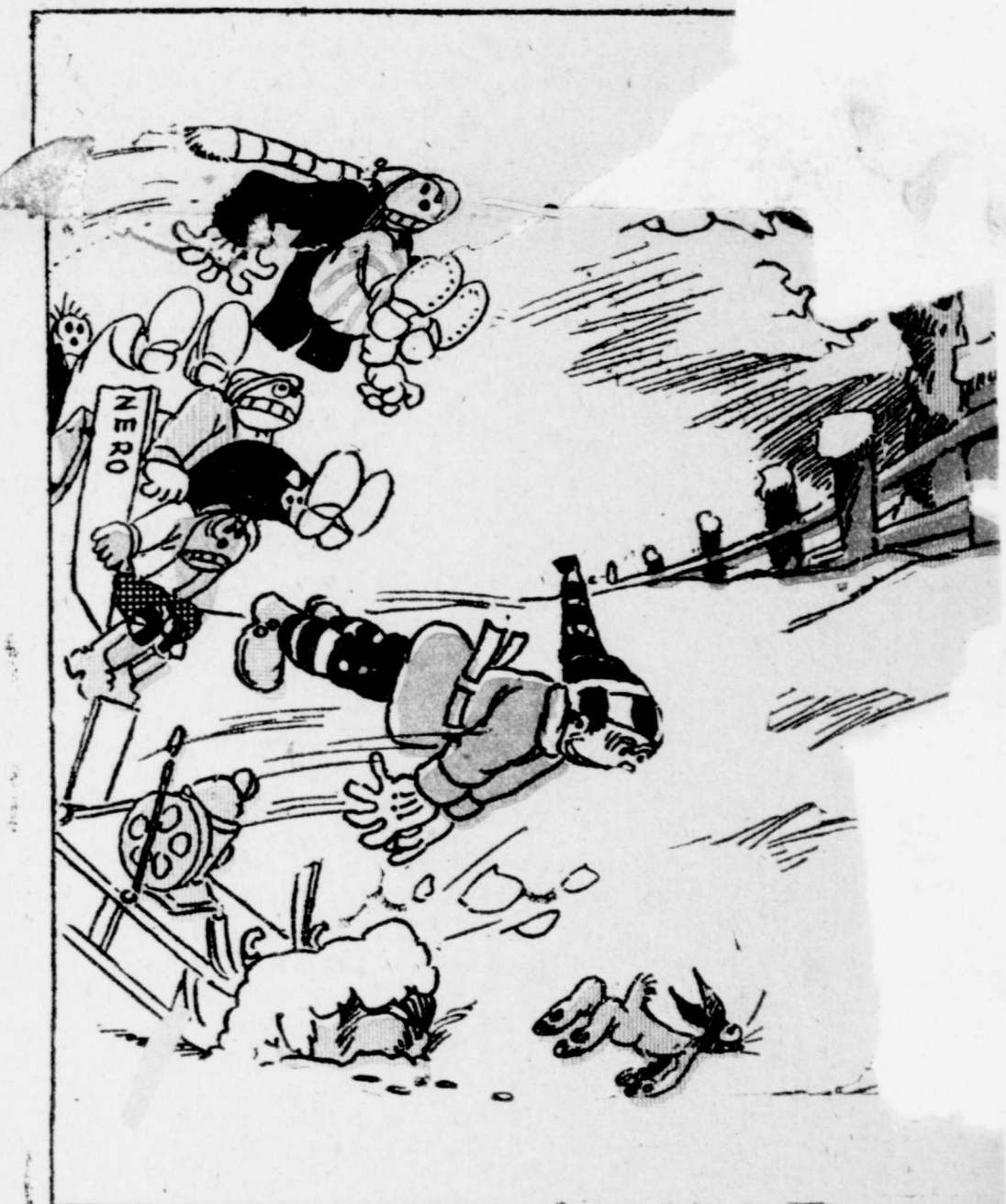
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# THE RETURN OF CAPTAIN JASPER

## A SIMPLE STORY OF THE FISHING FOLK

By JOHN WHITCOMB



A second Uncle Eben stood motionless, scanning the water.

PRISCILLA FARNHAM was the daughter of a fisherman who had lost his life at the banks, leaving his children to the tender mercy of Uncle Eben, sail-maker, on Tide street, in the seaport town of ville. Priscilla understood the art of coquetting practiced it, although, to her credit be it what it may, she meant no harm to any one. Captain the trim ship Heron, loved Priscilla. He had loved her and laughed away his serious face. Perhaps it was because she so resembled her mother that he loved her—because she was so changeful and beautiful never, he said, coming twice in her life, forever varying from a dull throb to a semi-tone, from major to minor. But whatever the reason may have been, he did not often stay to consider it, but went his way guided in all things by this one devotion, which never wavered, however the winds might blow or the storm might beat.

"We shall sail tomorrow," he said to her one evening, as the dusk was closing down, leaning in at the kitchen window, while Priscilla folded the cloths from the week's wash.

"Oh! did I sprinkle you?" she cried as she let fall a douche from her rosy hand.

"It is not the first cold water that you have thrown at me," he laughed. "I'd rather take it in this shape. I'll be worse sprinkled before you see me again, I reckon."

"Shall you be gone long?" she vouchsafed.

"That depends. If I had anything to come home to—who knows. Do you know, Priscilla, a man with a wife or a sweetheart floats where another man would sink."

"Why don't you marry, then? It would be as good as taking a life-preserver along."

"You laugh at me, Priscilla; but you don't comprehend. The first man has something to live for, something that makes life buoyant. In danger he thinks of the dear face watching at home, of the weary waiting, of the bitter blinding tears, and he makes up his mind to live—for her sake."

"But you will be home by Christmas?" she asked, leaving the point undisputed.

"If God wills it."

"Come then, and pull a wishbone with me on Christmas day, and praise my plum-pudding."

"With all my heart; but Priscilla—?"

"Well?"

"Think how long it will be without seeing you. Answer one question before I go."

"Its impertinent to ask questions, sir."

"Not this one. Priscilla, may I come to your Christmas dinner as your sweetheart? I love you dearly."

"But you come as ye na courting o' me," she sang, mockingly in answer.

"Consider," he persisted, for he knew her ways, "not twice in a lifetime is such love offered to another as I offer you."

"Oh, thank you," she said, folding her cloths vigorously. "I am sure I am not worth such a prize. It would be wasted on me."

"Indeed, you are worth far better; but can I do more than give you my best? Of course, I think it worth your taking or I shouldn't offer it; it would be folly to pretend that I don't. But if I were a king you should be my queen—if you would."

"If I wouldn't?" she asked.

"Then good-by."

"Good-by then."

"Good-by."

Had he really gone? He would be back presently—no danger. He would get aground down at the gate; they always did. There, he was returning already.

"If you should change your mind," he said,

coming to her side, "send me a line. Lewis will sail in a month; he will touch at our port before we leave on the return trip. If you send me a line by him it may be a life-line—if you should change your mind, Priscilla."

"I shall hardly change my mind," she answered, haughtily enough, with the inborn love of playing with fate, of finding out how near she might come to the edge of the precipice and yet preserve her balance in full possession; and then she heard the gate click after him, and watched his shadow vanish down the street. Oh, but he would come tomorrow—she was sure of that. Couldn't he see that she was used to being wooed, that she never yielded at the first word? Couldn't he be certain that her reserve was all a make-believe; couldn't he see her heart beating through it all? Did love really make people blind to their own undoing, to lead them astray? She never once questioned if she were blind herself. He might have carried the day with another word, and she felt aggrieved that he had omitted it, and a little angry with him. Besides, she had not lied to him—she should not change; only just now she did not feel like binding herself, and so he left out of all the merry-making between now and Christmas.

At any rate she would see him tomorrow. But when tomorrow came out of the east the Heron was no longer in the stream, nor yet a phantom sheet lost in the fogs across the bar. She had weighed anchor during the night, and dropped down with the tide and a fair wind that was even now filling her canvas out on the Atlantic. Plainly Captain Jasper would not press his suit tomorrow.

Priscilla was dishing the dinner when Uncle Eben came in.

"Heron's off," said he, "and Jasper with her."

"I thought," she said, smothering a sigh—"I thought they were not going till today," putting the potatoes into the butter-dish in her absent-mindedness.

"Wa'al, ye see, wind came up fair and tide served; and Jasper said he hadn't anything to wait for—how is that, Cilly?"

"What's that to me," she answered. "What isn't worth waiting for isn't worth having."

"No, no; that ain't it; what ain't worth asking for isn't worth having. Captain Jasper was very sore about it. You treated him ill, Cilly. Fire and love are dangerous playthings."

"The burned child," she insinuated, saucily.

"The same—don't mind owing to it. I carry the blame to my grave. But you'll send me a line, won't you?"

"It's a pity Jasper can't keep his own counsel!"

"He was that broken-hearted. Its nigh to killing a man to keep it all to himself. Don't I know it? But you will send him the line?"

"I don't know."

"You'll find out, I reckon."

And then they sat down to their boiled halibut, and the children came trooping in from school and play, and Uncle Eben had a dozen things to relate—all the gossip of the wharves and the fishermen; how a shark had been seen off Snarler's Point; what "Fetch and Carry" had netted from their vast venture; what news from the mackerel fleet; how Job Knight's wherry had drifted out to sea; how fine the Heron had looked in the new rigging, and how his needie had broken in the sails, and an old tar had boded ill luck to the voyage therefrom; so that before dinner was over Priscilla had decided to send Captain Jasper the line he craved, by Captain Lewis. Therefore, when, a month later, Lewis dropped in one day to say good-by and that he sailed for the same port on the morrow, in the interest of the same merchants whom Jasper served, Priscilla asked:

"Would you mind taking a line to Captain Jasper for me?" and then the color went over her face and turned it crimson.

"Well," said Lewis; "anything in particular between you and Jasper?"

"I don't know what you call anything in particular, but if you don't wish to take my letter, you can leave it."

"Of course, I'll take it, Cilly. Wouldn't I do anything for you? What shall I bring you home now?"

"Bring yourself home," she answered, with the last sparkle of her old caprice flaring up before going out forever. And then Captain Lewis took the little note which simply said:

"Dear Jasper: I haven't changed my mind, for I didn't need to, in order to love you. I shall look for you on Christmas day."

"Yours,

"PRISCILLA."

And Captain Lewis went off whistling "Caller Herrin," as contentedly as if his name had been Jasper.

They were not much in the way of letter writing, these simple fishing folks, and this was a labor of love to which Priscilla had set her name—first to make sure of saying enough, but not too much; to take care the spelling was not too bad, and that the punctuation did not outdo the sense or obscure the meaning. She did not expect an answer; but, satisfied with her tardy resolve, and confident of its success she pursued her household duties, and joined the merry-making with a light heart, and a smiling face, lit by the lustre of hope.

After all, Christmas was not so very far off; and she used to sit over her darning and imagine Jasper's surprise when Captain Lewis should deliver the line. She had never dreamed that love could tame so. Why, she cared nothing at all for the vain babblings of those striplings who followed in her train, whose adorations she had valued but yesterday. She could hardly believe that she had let Jasper go without a kind word; but then she had counted upon seeing him tomorrow. She was late in learning the wisdom of putting nothing off till tomorrow that should be done today.

And so the year waned. The blackberries grew ripe in the pastures, Pettigales wood rained nuts, the maples turned scarlet and yellow on Broad street and little ragged urchins with wheel-barrow caught up every leaf that fell as if it had been gold dust. There were long blue days when the "flying gold of the woodlands" was abroad, and the atmosphere seemed bathed in sunshine; then the east winds bore down upon the coast, and brought drenching rains and bewildering fogs, and shook the heart of many a sad watcher. Sometimes now Priscilla would wake in the "dead middle of the night" and hear the tide lashing the piers and fretting about the shore; and she would catch, far off, the dull smothered thunder of the sea, where it broke in a swirl upon the bar and sent its spray in the face of the troubled seafarer. On such nights she used to rise and open her window, listening. She would fancy vague sounds of distress intermingled with the undertone of the breakers.

"Jasper shall never go to sea again if once he comes home," she thought, lying awake there, and trembling and shuddering among her blankets—"not if I have to stand on the corners and cry red herrings for a living."

And yet Jasper was not due till Christmas time, foolish child! But love is always on guard, with its poor blithering eyes.

By-and-by the trees were bare and the first snow lay upon the ground. All the world was a lonesome, dazzling waste.

"At least," thought Priscilla, "Christmas will be here soon."

She did not trust herself to write to Jasper would be certain to doubt, and the sea view. Storms raged and many ships went down, and many hearts were broken before Christmas day! Perhaps she thought of many things while she made ready for that happy day; perhaps she saw now how cruelly she had used her lips as well as Jasper, in disowning with her lips the love-beat of her heart. What if he should go down to death and never know how she had watched and waited and prayed.

But some how, when Christmas was really knocking at the door, and the earth was sheeted in hoar-frost, and the fires snapped and blazed with a will, and all manner of kind wishes were current; when Priscilla's plum-pudding was ready for its bag, the pies waiting on the pantry shelves, the crab-apple jelly quaking in its jars; when the great turkey was dressed and in the pan, and there were a loaf of plum cake in the chest, along with the sponge ginger-bread and raised doughnuts, that Jasper liked; when there were apples in the bin downstairs, also cider, and nuts that Priscilla and the children had gone into the Pettigale woods to pick; when all these delightful preparations had been completed, and Priscilla went up to the house-top with her spy-glass and Uncle Eben, all those dolorous fears with which her winter had been clouded blew away; and she expected nothing but to see the Heron bounding homeward, without a hindrance, the instant she should put the glass to her eyes. But she had never had a real lover at sea before, and her eyes hadn't the knack of Uncle Eben's in such matters, into whose hands she reluctantly resigned herself.

"Do you see anything coming, Uncle Eben?" she asked, like Bluebeard's wife; her fingers tingling with the cold, her cheeks burning with excitement, and the high wind pulling out her crimps at a disastrous rate.

"Hey? Yes, I see the sea out there beyond the bar, all frothy like yeast, Cilly."

"Any sail, Uncle Eben?" she persisted.

"Yes, child, yes; two of them."

"Do you suppose it's the Heron?" altogether overlooking the plural number.

"Wait a bit, Cilly; don't hurry; time enough; if either of them is the Heron Jasper'll be before dinner time, any way; it's only a matter of three miles, and with this wind she'd be alongside soon."

Priscilla's teeth were chattering, as much with nervousness as with cold.

"You'll catch cold up here, Uncle Eben," she said. "I'll just run down and look into the oven; I'll be back in a jiffy."

"Put something on your head while you are down there," he advised. "I'm as warm as wool with my tarpaulin and comforter."

After Priscilla had set upon the table her well-cooked dinner she placed a seat for Jasper at her right hand, and stood off at the end of the room and surveyed the effect with pleasure, and pronounced it good. So saying, she mounted the stairs again to the roof, and found Uncle Eben looking over an old log-book, stowed away in the attic, where he had spent the last three-quarters of an hour, having assured himself that the Heron wasn't far outside, and would be up before the dinner-bell rang.

"It's the Heron and no mistake," said he, feeling guilty that he hadn't remained out in the weather in the service of the Heron and her crew. "She's alright," he affirmed; "how's the turkey doing?"

"But, Uncle Eben," said Priscilla, "do come up and show me where to look. I want to see her myself." And then the good uncle led the way back into the bleak view from the roof.

"There, Cilly," said he; "look to your left. There's two on 'em, and one is larger than the other; and the one—"

"I don't see but one, Uncle Eben."

"Eh? Wa'al, they've changed positions, th all. Here give me the glass!"

For a second Uncle Eben scanned the water; then as old hand he trembled, and a red line painted itself across his forehead, and he drew his breath hard, as he put the glass away and turned to go down the stairs.

"I believe you are right, Cilly," he said, in a stifled voice; "there ain't but one vessel a-riding in, all by herself."

"Don't fall, Uncle," she called after him, wondering if he were going to have an ill turn, that his voice was so full of discords.

"She'll be in the river already," he muttered, drawing on his mittens. "I'll run down to the wharf and see what they think."

And he hurried out, without heeding Priscilla's remonstrance, for it was just possible that he might have been mistaken after all. Could that other vessel have been an illusion? For when Uncle Eben had taken the glass from Priscilla he had seen the larger craft outlined against the sky, and—was it the stern of the other settling there in the trough of the sea just outside the turbulent bar? Had the larger craft run down the Heron, or had his old eyes deceived him?

He bent his steps first to the little public house looking out on the river, where a group was already collected on the stoop, with spy-glasses and conjectures, watching eagerly for the ward-bound vessel.

"There's been rough work outside there an old salt to Uncle Eben. 'I saw that thing, and it didn't take so long as I tell wouldn't know'd she was hurt before clean gone. Mighty poor sailors, I tell, run down a fellow in broad daylight, they've got too much ballst aboard!"

"The wind's drefful cranky, you see," said by-stander.

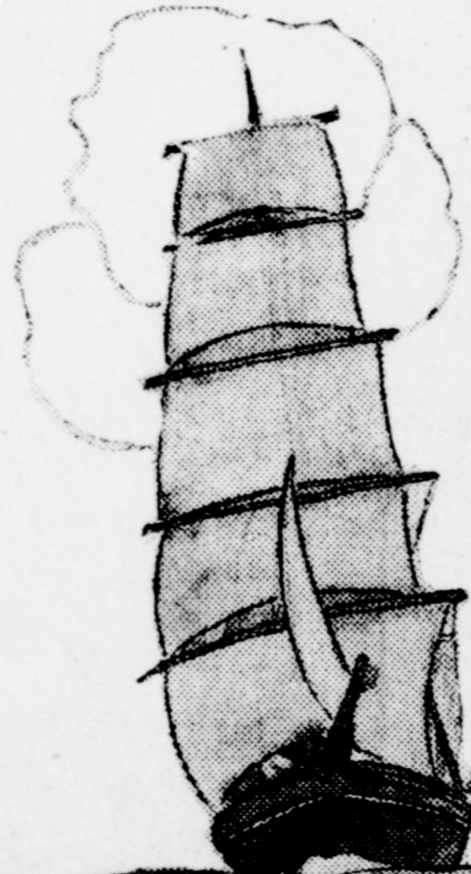
"It wasn't the Heron?" quavered Uncle Eben. "Dunno; never thought of the Heron. I see, Captain Jasper's in her service. He'd know'd better than to let that concern strike her, like that."

"I don't know; accidents will happen," said Uncle Eben, watching the ship run up the river.

She surely was not the Heron. Jasper would yet help them eat their Christmas dinner. Had he best go back and speak to Priscilla? At any rate, he would take a turn around the square first, and compose himself, and get his breath. The tears stood in his eyes and rolled down his furrowed cheeks as he went on. He was thinking, perhaps, as much of himself as of Priscilla, just then, only her possible sorrow had brought his own to his mind more strongly—for he loved Jasper almost as well as Priscilla.

Presently he found himself back in the neighborhood of the wharves again. The strange vessel had anchored now, and all Tide street was down on the end of the quay talking with the crew. Uncle Eben could see their gesticulations as they described the event; the "Mermaid" in great gilt letter stared him out of countenance at the ship's stern, as though defying him to call her the Heron. Some sailors were busy lifting a burden down her sides, something that lay in their arms like a dead weight, something sodden and cold. A shiver ran through him from head to foot; he turned his face away from the dumb thing they held, he would not stay to see; all his neighbors were clustering about the frozen mast. As for him, he thought of Priscilla, and Jasper's mother ten years in her grave. Then he heard one of the sailors saying:

"He was the only man of them that rose to the surface. We was growing as long as we dared, but the sea was growing wilder ev





moment. "Aye, but it was a killing wind. We tried all our nostrums to bring him to, but he's gone—the sea just beat the breath out of him."

There was no doubt in Uncle Eben's mind but the dead man was Jasper; yet he could not trust himself to make sure. So he waited till they should speak his name—waited half benumbed with pain and cold, wondering how he should break it to Priscilla. Then Old Burton, who had kept the corner grocery, blurted out in his rough sympathy:

"Poor fellow! His wife will be sore put to it to feed those six hungry children without him."

It was plain to Uncle Eben that the Heron had gone down; that this was the body of the mate; that Jasper was even now tossing on the currents across the sand bar, while Priscilla waited for him to come to dinner, and made herself comely to welcome him. Uncle Eben went back to the house. He looked into the vacant kitchen in passing. The savory odors sickened him, the table with the plate set for Jasper turned him cold, as if it had been placed for a ghost. He called at the foot of the stairs for Cilly.

"Here I am," she replied, coming out of the best room, where she had been arranging a sprig of scarlet geranium at her throat—her cheeks flushing, her soft eyes undimmed by tears.

"Where is Jasper? It was the Heron, wasn't it? Is he in the kitchen? Don't tease me, Uncle Eben. I know it was the Heron. I just heard Mrs. Burton say it was. Oh!"—as she caught sight of his white face, "is anything the matter?"

"Jasper—" he began, and his voice broke. "Where is he?" she asked, half puzzled, but unsuspecting still. "When shall we see him? I will have dinner on the table at once."

"Wait a minute, Cilly." How should he tell her, what was the most gentle way, or was there any gentleness in such cruel business?—"you will see him, dearest, when the sea gives up its dead! There, there, your uncle was rough with you," rocking her in his arms like an infant. "There, there, wipe away the tears, dearest,"

but there were no tears to wipe away, for Priscilla had fallen in a swoon.

When the new year came in, and the days began to lengthen and the cold to chill, the neighbors were saying among themselves that something had changed Priscilla Farnham. She never sang now about her work, averred Mrs. Burton, who had often listened to her in the still afternoons. She left off the gay ribbons with which she used to adorn herself, the jaunty hat that had been her pride; her spar ear-rings were put away in a box in the best bureau till Nannie should be old enough to wear them; her brown hair had forgotten its crimps. She was no longer to be met with at sewing circles, at tea drinkings or at quiltings or dances. Her quondam lovers declared that she had grown dull, that a smile was rare and that she had lost the charm of coquetry. Mothers pitied her, and said it was all along of taking care of Uncle Eben and his asthma and those great noisy children; and fathers told their sons that she would make a good wife, notwithstanding the loss of her high spirits and the rose of her cheeks. Only Uncle Eben understood it all, and worked many a sad thought into his sails, while Priscilla kept the fire bright and the hearth swept as before. She would look out across the yeasty bar and shudder in her heart, remembering that fair day when she had love in her hands, to take or leave. But she had sent him the line he had asked for; she had that for her comfort; he had gone down to his death with the assurance of her love in his heart, shut fast, like a flower in its calyx; his last thought had been of her, his last breath a prayer for her; but not one hand-clasp, not one warm melting kiss to lengthen all the bleak future, to halo the fading past. It had been her own fault surely, but none the less was it bitter.

One Sunday, when she saw Matilda Mathews, come walking into church with her lover, bronzed and weather-beaten, off a two years' voyage, her heart leaped wildly in her breast and the tears started into her eyes; so, when other girls and their sweethearts passed her by

she turned away her head and went on in her lonely way.

St. Valentine's day came round. Priscilla had received scores of those fanciful billet-doux in years past—tender missives in halting verse, lost in a wilderness of poises, watched over by a corps of Cupids. But today the postman made his rounds and missed her altogether; she watched him stop at Mrs. Burton's and saw Lizzy Burton open the door with a blush and a dimpling smile. Priscilla did not begrudge her her valentines, only the warm reality of living love; and she sat long in the bitter winter twilight that night alone, while the children and Uncle Eben made molasses candy in the kitchen. Next morning Mrs. Burton opened the door like a gust of wind, and came in with blanched countenance and whitened eyes. Priscilla cried out:

"Oh, Mrs. Burton, how you scare me! Are you sick? You look as though you were running from a bear."

"Sick!" repeated the good woman, as if scorning the insinuation; "sickness isn't a circumstance to it. I have seen a spirit, Cilly Farnham!"

Priscilla answered her with an incredulous laugh, closing the door which the frightened woman had left open behind her.

"Spirits don't walk abroad in daylight," she said, reassuredly. And then, as she turned about, the "spirit" confronted her, came across the threshold with a familiar smile on its lips, caught and kissed her, and asked in a voice to her far sweeter than music:

"Are you going to shut me out in the cold?" Mrs. Burton had fled, shrieking, to an inner room, and had bolted the door behind her.

"Where did you come from, Jasper?" said Priscilla, half doubting her own senses. "I thought—I thought—" and here she gave it up and took refuge in tears.

"You thought I was a ghost?" he said. "Well, didn't I come within an ace of it? What saved me from going down in the Heron? Why, nothing more or less than a good smart brain-fever. The Heron, you see, was to be back by Christ-

mas, or her cargo wouldn't be worth a sculpin; and so, as I was mad as a March hare, and beyond control, the mate had to sail without me, poor fellow! That's how it happened, Priscilla. I kissed you just now at hazard; shall I beg your pardon?"

"Beg my pardon!" "Yes. Have you anything kind to say to me today?"

"Didn't I say it all in my letter?" "Your letter?" "That Lewis carried for you."

"The deuce! Lewis said he left you behind as smart as a cricket; but he never spoke of a letter. If he had, perhaps I shouldn't be here. It was all along of expecting and looking and longing to no good that keeled me over. As for you, Lewis; you've fondered your own brig! So you changed your mind, sweetheart?"

"Did I? Indeed I didn't," saucily again.

"How?"

"Because—because there wasn't any need of it." Just then Mrs. Burton thrust her head out from the inner door and shouted:

"Two 'spirits' with but a single thought, two hearts—"

She never finished, for Uncle Eben came upon the scene and put his arms around Jasper. Then he took Priscilla's hand and put it in Jasper's hand and blessed them both.

Jasper's return was a time of general rejoicing at Shadville. Sailors whom he had known since youth left their ships and gathered about him. He had been mourned as no other man for many a day. Fathers and mothers would take him by the hand and weep. His escape reminded them of some lost dear one.

The toll of the sea is always heavy among the fishing folk and when a lost sailor returns he is given a kindly welcome.

Captain Jasper lived to sail his ships over many seas, out of the port of Shadville, and he will tell you, with a sly wink, that his luckiest voyage was when he put out to sea with Priscilla and steered safely around and over the dangerous reefs and shoals of matrimony.

# INSECTS THAT WORK AND FIGHT FOR MAN

By JOHN S. COWAN, Expert Entomologist for Overland Monthly



Spinning Silk From the Cocoon.

**S**MUCH has been said and written concerning the depredations of insect pests that there is danger that we will go to the extreme of regarding all members of insect world as engaged in a warfare against humanity. Therefore, it is well to remember that insects that work and fight for man are few in numbers nor despicable in their

work. Familiar of the insects whose labors contribute to the support and enjoyment of humanity are the honey bees. These have been known for the sake of their honey and wax from remotest antiquity; but never before have their products entered so largely into the world's commerce as now. The invention of the movable frame beehive, by Rev. L. L. Langstroth, in 1852, made possible the development of beekeeping into a great and important industry. The Bureau of Entomology, of the United States Department of Agriculture, sets aside about \$10,000 annually for the study of apiculture, and employs several trained experts who devote their entire time to the study of bees. One of these experts is a bacteriologist, who does nothing but investigate the diseases to which bees are subject. State and agricultural colleges also find it necessary to give much time and attention to the general subject of bee keeping, both as an independent industry and in its relation to agriculture and horticulture.

It is conservatively estimated that the world's honey production now amounts to more than 300,000 tons annually. Two-thirds of this vast quantity are produced in North and South America. If put up in standard combs of 14 ounces each, there would be enough to make a line 50,000 miles long, or twice to girdle the earth at the equator. In the United States, the honey and wax production amounts to fully \$22,000,000 in value annually, representing an investment of capital to the amount of at least \$100,000,000. The number of American bee keepers, producing honey for market in greater or less quantities, is estimated at 275,000. Then there are not less than 475,000 others who keep one or more hives to supply honey for family use.

Upon the queen depends the value of a hive, or colony, of bees. During the breeding season she lays from 2,000 to 3,000 eggs daily; and as these hatch and the young reach maturity they replace the older members of the colony, whose usefulness is past. So it is evident that by the employment of a queen of an improved strain the true character of a hive may soon be changed. In recognition of the importance of the queen the United States postal authorities permit to be sent through the mails, a block of wood with holes bored in it, and these holes covered

with wire screen, providing a safe and convenient parlor car in which she travels. No other living creature enjoys a like privilege of being carried through the mails.

Great as is the value of the honey and wax production, it is possible that the indirect results of bee keeping are still more important. Bees, wasps and other insects play a very essential part in the fertilization of flowers of many kinds, carrying the pollen from staminate blossoms to the pistils of others. In some cases, as in the case of the alfalfa plant, the industry, working damage to the alfalfa, is a matter of fact, profitable fruit growing would probably be impossible but for the agency of bees in insuring perfect pollination of the flowers. It is much the same with cucumbers, squashes, pumpkins, clover, alfalfa and berries. Alfalfa is the great forage crop of the West, as well as of many other parts of the world. It is one of the greatest honey-producing plants known, and, wherever it is extensively grown, bees thrive wonderfully and store up an abundance of honey. It has only recently been discovered that bees are even more useful to alfalfa than alfalfa is to bees. Without the aid of these tireless workers to insure perfect fertilization of the flowers, the plant will not thrive, so that it is now believed that many of the failures that have been scored in attempts to introduce alfalfa into certain sections of the Eastern States have been caused by the scarcity of bees, rather than by deficiencies of soil or climate.

The red clover blossom cannot be fertilized by the honey bee, because the nectar is too deeply placed in the honey cup for so small an insect to reach it. Hence the bumble bee proves himself a true friend of man, exploring every clover blossom, and incidentally pollinating it as it passes. Several years ago it was found that the soil and climate of parts of the Philippine Islands were perfectly adapted to the growth of the red clover, and this valuable forage plant was introduced there. The immediate results were disappointing; and at last some one suggested that the cause of the trouble lay in the absence of suitable insects to accomplish the fertilization of the blossoms. The entomologists of the Department of Agriculture made haste to introduce the bumble bee, and the success of growing red clover in the Philippines is now assured.

Other honey-producing insects are the honey-making ant of the Southwestern States, and the honey-gathering wasp of Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay. Both of these are valuable to the aboriginal inhabitants of the regions in which they are found, but are not of economic importance to civilization. The honey-making ants, however, are among the most curious of insects, the honey being stored in the living bodies of certain members of the colony, known as rotunds, and disgorged in the winter months as needed by the workers. They are valued by the aborigines both for the sake of their honey as a relish for their food, and more particularly for certain medicinal purposes.

The silk worm moth is the most thoroughly domesticated of all insects. In most silk producing countries it is not found in a wild state, and the adult moth has lost the power of flight through long breeding in captivity. In China, the rearing of silkworms has been practiced for at least 4,500 years for the manufacture of textiles. About 530 A. D. the insect was introduced into Europe, and the production of silk soon became an industry of importance in Turkey, Italy and Greece, and later in France, Spain and Portugal. For centuries the Orientals carefully

guarded their monopoly of silk production. The story of how a monk carried the eggs of the insect to Europe in a hollow cane is well known, and is not improbable. Japan is now one of the world's leading silk producing countries, and supplies about half of the raw silk imported into the United States. The world's supply is derived from China, Japan, India, the Levant, Italy, France, Austria and Spain. About 55,000,000 pounds reach the world's markets annually, but vast quantities are produced and consumed in China never figure in international trade statistics. New York City ranks second only to Shanghai as a silk market, all American imports of raw silk, amounting to between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 annually, being forwarded to that point for distribution.

The life history of the silk-worm is an interesting and typical example of insect metamorphosis. In countries having a climate similar to that of our own Southern States the eggs are laid in June, and in that condition the winter months are passed. In the following April the eggs are hatched into larvae, or caterpillars, which grow rapidly, casting their skins four times in as many weeks, and feeding voraciously upon the leaves of the mulberry tree. When five weeks old the matured caterpillars, or "silkworms," begin to spin their cocoons, consuming three days in the process. Eighteen days are passed in the chrysalis stage in the interior of the cocoon, when the matured moth breaks the fibres and emerges, its life-cycle complete. About the last of June it lays its eggs; and, its mission of reproduction being accomplished, it soon dies.

The cocoons are the commercially valuable product of the silk-worm. These are practically ruined if the moth be permitted to emerge, the fibres being broken into lengths so short as to be of little worth. So the cocoons are placed in ovens and heated sufficiently to kill the chrysalis. The fibres are then carefully reeled in unbroken length from the cocoons, two or more being spun together to give the product the requisite strength.

Although the profitable production of cocoons, or raw silk, on a scale of commercial importance, appears to be possible in the United States, yet

A few months since an Oriental silk grower went through the southern states with an exhibit of silk worms in their various stages of silk-producing development. The Oriental fed these worms on leaves of the southern mulberry tree and stated that it would be an easy matter for the southern people to produce raw silk profitably. (This same Oriental had his silk worm exhibit at Fort Worth, Texas, about six months ago.)

the weaving of silks and the manufacture of silk floss and similar articles, now constitute a great and growing industry, the perfection of American machinery and the efficiency of American workmen more than compensating for the high cost of labor in this country. American silk mills represent an investment of more than \$100,000,000 of capital, and give direct employment to more than 75,000 persons. The benefits to capital and labor as represented by manufacturers of machinery and dye-stuffs, transportation interests, jobbers, retail dealers, dressmakers, milliners and scores of cognate interests, cannot in any way be estimated.

An insect benefactor of humanity with the operations of which most Americans are unfamiliar, is the fig wasp, or *Blastophaga grossorum*, without which the commercial production of dried figs would be impossible. In America, dried figs are eaten as a sweetmeat or dainty, and hardly rank as a food crop; but in the Orient, the south of

Europe and the north of Africa they form a staple article of diet of very great importance.

The fig is a peculiar fruit, being, in fact, a mere receptacle for the flowers, which are in the interior. At the apex of this receptacle is a small orifice, giving entrance to the heart of the fruit. The variety of figs eaten fresh are both staminate and pistillate blossoms. Pollination is accomplished without the intervention of insect agency. But the only variety of merit for drying, contains only pistillate blossoms, and unless these are fertilized from some exterior source the fruit falls off when the size of small marbles. The Capri, or wild fig, contains both staminate and pistillate blossoms, and in this the fig wasp lives, moves and has its being. This variety of fig matures three or four crops annually, one remaining on the trees all winter. So when the female wasp emerges from the fruit that is fully ripe and ready to fall, it finds new figs formed into which it crawls to deposit its eggs.

When the Smyrna, or commercial fig, forms on the trees in June, one crop of the Capri figs is fully matured, and the insects just ready to emerge to seek a new place in which to deposit their eggs. The fig growers then take them from the trees, string them on raffia, and hang them among the branches of the Smyrna fig trees in their orchards. The insects emerge from the Capri figs, covered with pollen from the staminate blossoms in the interior, find the immature fruit of the Smyrna figs, and enter them for the purpose of depositing their eggs, incidentally pollinating the blossoms, so that the fruit matures perfectly.

This process, known as caprification, has been performed in Asia Minor by fig growers for ages; but the fig wasp was not introduced into America until 1899. In that year, insects imported by the Department of Agriculture were successfully naturalized by Mr. George C. Roeding, of Fresno, Cal. Prior to that time, attempts to produce Smyrna figs in America had uniformly met with failure, and other varieties that were dried for market proved of little value. As a result of the introduction of the fig wasp, California now produces 8,000,000 pounds of dried figs of the best quality annually. The industry is yet in its infancy, but will doubtless grow to vast proportions, so that American growers anticipate the speedy arrival of the time when importations of dried figs will entirely cease, and when the American product will become an article of export.

Prior to the discovery and utilization of coal tar dyes, the cochineal insect formed one of the world's most important dyestuffs. This is a scale insect, thriving upon many species of cacti, but particularly upon the nopal, or cochineal fig. Plantations known as nopaleries were devoted to the growing of cacti solely for the sake of these minute insects, which are so small that 70,000 are required to weigh a pound. Cochineal insects were extensively produced in Mexico, Central America and Peru, and were later introduced into Algiers, Morocco, Southern Spain and the Canary Islands. The industry has now declined to an inconsiderable fraction of its former proportions, but a few nopaleries are still maintained in the neighborhood of Cuzco, Peru and in some parts of Mexico.

Oak galls are extensively utilized in the manufacture of the best inks and writing fluids, and tannin is extracted from them. In Europe these galls form an important commercial commodity, but in this country they are not collected. They

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# DANGERS OF DEEP SEA DIVING



notable piece of work of this character was done on a bridge that was built a couple of years ago at Cape Colony. There it was necessary that a foundation be laid in 180 feet of water.

One hundred and eighty feet of water is a depth that is very seldom attained and there are but few instances on record, yet the foundation was laid. This job will no doubt hold the record for commercial diving for many a day, although there are men who have gone as deep, and deeper, in quest of treasure.

It is said that the record is held by Hooper, an Englishman, who descended 201 feet to the wreck of the Cape Horn, lost off South America. In 1866 A. Erostarbe went down 180 feet to the wreck of the Skyro, off Cape Finisterre, and sent up bar silver valued at \$450,000, after first having blown the ship partly to pieces with dynamite.

Another deep-water record was established by Alexander Lambert, who recovered \$350,000 in gold from the wreck of the Spanish mail steamer Alfonso XII, which was in 180 feet of water. It is said that the last time he went down he remained four hours, this in itself being a phenomenal record, as two hours is regarded as about the limit of any diver's endurance.

Diving is a peculiar work and there are not many who can do it. It not only requires soundness of body, but one must be something of a mechanic as well, especially if he is going to engage in under water building. Besides that he must be a man who is willing to take chances, must be able to keep his head at all times, no matter how scared, and then, maybe, he will die in bed.

A diver named Donovan recently came very near dying in Baltimore harbor, but he did not know of it at the time. He was working in 25 feet of water directing piles that were being driven by a 4,000-pound hammer. In some manner the hammer was released and the great

Uph! I could almost hear his teeth snap, I was that scared. I stuck my hands under my belt to protect them and stood still. I don't know how long, about two minutes, I guess, and then I gave the signal to go up.

"What'd you come up for?" asked my helper when he had taken off the helmet.

"Come up for something to eat" I replied.

"I reckon you did," he replied. "Why man, you're as pale as a ghost."

"I didn't let on just what had happened and after getting a bite, and taking a smoke, I went down again. This time I went after my spear and found it. Then I let everything else go while I looked for Mr. Eel. I soon found him for he evidently was waiting for me. He was lying on a little ledge of rock, but before he knew just what was what I had that spear into him. Twist? Well, you have no idea how that fellow squirmed. It was all I could do to hold him down and we had as lively a 10-minute tussle as you'd ever want to see.

"But I finished him all right and sent him up just to show the boys what he looked like. That night some of the boys had him for supper, but I never did like eels so I let them have it all.

"As for sharks, well, I suppose they would attack a man if he was to worry them, but the worst sea creatures are seals. I remember once I was working down near Halifax; working on a wreck, and there was a school of about 100 seals around. I cautioned everyone about throwing anything at them and I went down. It wasn't very deep, not more than 50 or 60 feet, and every now and then a seal would come along, kind of nose me over and then go on. I never let on I saw them so I didn't have any trouble.

"Now you wouldn't think cat fish would trouble you much, would you? Well, they will, and what is more they bite hard. I don't mean those little fellows such as are found in streams, but the two-footers that are found in the Great

By means of compressed air tools, a diver can now do more in one hour than he could in five with hand-powered tools, because his diving suit so hampers the freedom of his arms. With a pneumatic tool all he has to do is to hold the machine still and the air does the rest. He can carry a pneumatic tool wherever he can go, for the hose that feeds it is no larger than his air



ALL callings that embrace danger and romance that of diving probably comes first, and well it might, for not only does a diver work in an element foreign to his nature, he faces a score or more of dangers, which might be fatal. Not only are there accidents under the water, but the diver is always in the hands of his helpers who near, while he is below, not fail for a moment to keep the life-giving air pump going but they must be able to comprehend his signals and act accordingly and promptly.

Scores of stories of the work of divers have been written. Some of them are true, some are fiction, but whether real or imagined they do not in the least detract from the romance that seems to shine like a halo around those who perform their work deep under the water.

Usually divers are associated with sunken treasure, wrecks, the gathering of shells, pearl oysters and sponges and but few give a thought to the fact that the diver is engaged in numerous other, and less romantic, occupations in which risks far greater than the mere going into a wreck are taken.

In bridge building, for instance, divers are frequently employed to lay the foundations for the great pillars of stone and concrete that will support one of the spans of the structure. A

weight plunged to the bottom of the harbor. Donovan was directly in the path of the huge weight, so close that it struck his air hose within two feet of his helmet.

Fortunately, the force of the blow hurled the diver away from the weight, instead of under it. In the meantime the men above were almost frantic with fear. They knew that the diver was directly under the hammer and they naturally supposed he had been struck. There was terrific commotion and the life-line man began to jerk and pull as hard as he could to ascertain whether Donovan was caught or free. The suspense for a minute or two was fearful.

In the meantime Donovan didn't know just what it was that had thrown him. The water was so muddy and dirty that he did not see the weight; in fact, he was astonished by being jerked by the life-line and as soon as he overhauled his air pipe to prevent fouling it he tugged the signal to be hoisted. Up he went and it was with many sighs of relief that his big, round helmet was sighted at the surface. He climbed partly out of the water and rested on the gunwale of his punt while his helper unscrewed the helmet.

"What the deuce is the matter?" he asked as soon as his head was free.

His helper, pale and trembling all over, could scarcely tell him, but he finally managed to describe what he and the other workmen had thought.

"Humph!" replied Donovan: "Tell those fellows to be just a little more careful. Now put on that helmet and I'll go get that hammer."

In a few minutes he had a line fast to the hammer and it was hauled up.

Donovan doesn't take much stock in reports of diving deeper than 150 feet; that is for practical purposes. He declares that a man cannot stand such a depth for more than an hour, or possibly an hour and a half, and that after he comes up he must rest for at least twelve hours before going down again.

"Where it catches one is in the abdomen," he said. "The upper part of the body is protected by the ribs, the arms and limbs are comparatively solid, but the abdomen has no bones at all and there is where it hurts. I heard of a man who got \$10,000 for going down 204 feet, but he only lived seven days after. The strain ruptured his intestines. In deep water, 75 feet to 100 feet, that is our greatest danger. The only way to overcome it is by wearing heavy weights and taking plenty of air. The air offsets the pressure of the water and the weights hold us down. If, by chance, the air pressure should lessen, even a few pounds, our situation is critical."

"In the water it's pretty much like it is on land," he continued. "If a man is hunting for trouble he's pretty apt to find it. I have been diving for 18 years and I've been all along the coast, from Halifax to Florida, and I have never been attacked by anything except a conger eel. He was a big fellow, too; six or seven feet long and as big around as my thigh.

"It has been my experience that if a man keeps busy nothing will disturb him. The fish are afraid of him; sharks are, anyhow, and he has no trouble. With this eel, however, it was different. He came at me without my doing a thing to him. I was so scared that I could not even find my spear, which I generally carry, and he stuck his ugly head right up to the glass in my helmet.

Lakes and along the coast. A pickerel, too, is a nasty fish to arouse. He goes for you head first and when he strikes it's like being hit with a club. A mate of mine was hit on the thigh by a pickerel once and it was two days before he could use his limb. Where the fish struck was a black mark as large around as a stove plate.

"There's nothing about fish. If you are cut that are split and your knuckles or flesh shows through the fish will worry you by biting at the exposed parts. You can hardly drive them away, but the moment you take off your gloves and expose your whole hand they won't trouble you at all."

While there has been but little improvement in divers' equipment, the rubber suit, helmet or the pumps that send down the air, and the outfit of a decade ago is as up-to-date as the one made yesterday, yet the modern diver has a number of advantages over his contemporary of even a few years ago. The use of the telephone has been one of the improvements that comes in handy, but the greatest of all is the pneumatic tool.

## Insects That Work and Fight For Man

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are produced by small, dark-colored, four-winged insects, known as gall-flies, of which there are about 1,500 known species. These deposit their eggs in the tissues of the growing plant, causing the rapid growth of the plant cells, and a curious enlargement, which is called a gall. In this the larvae hatch, then feed upon the plant cells.

There is another class of insects friendly to man, possibly of still greater importance than those whose labors are directly productive. These are the parasitic or predaceous foes to insects, the operations of which are inimical to man's interests. Many scale insects on fruit trees work incalculable damage, and, at times, have threatened the very existence of important industries, such as orange growing and olive culture. The only effective check upon these scale insects is found in the introduction of their insect enemies, among the most active of which are various species of ladybird beetles native to China, Japan and Australia.

It is estimated that there are about 2,000 species of ladybird beetles, all of which are beneficial in their operations, destroying all species of plant lice and scale insects.

The worm that has worked such havoc in Western cornfields, the cabbage and the tomato worm, the Hessian fly, the army worm, the grasshopper pest, the Gypsy and brown-tail moths, and countless other pests that ravage farms, gardens, orchards and forests are partly controlled by parasitic and predaceous foes, which wage unceasing war against them, to the advantage of farmers, gardeners and fruit growers. Recognizing the vast economic importance of the insects that thus fight for man, the Bureau of Entomology has sent explorers throughout the world to search for and introduce beneficial insects. A similar work, on an even larger scale, is performed by the California State Insectary, maintained for the sole purpose of introducing, breeding and distributing the insect foes of insect pests. Nowhere else in the world is the breeding and distribution of beneficial insects carried on upon so large a scale, or with results so important.

hose, and besides, the pressure of the water greatly reduces the weight of the tool; so much so that in deep water it is necessary to weight it down so the diver can control it.

These pneumatic tools will do anything that can be done by hand. They will operate augers or drills and will also hammer, and are the greatest aid to the diver. They are used in all kinds of construction work.

While diving, as a trade, is followed by few, the United States Navy has a school for divers and encourages young men of exceptional physical stamina to take up the work. At this school the young men are taught how to take care of themselves in emergencies and, before they are graduated, they have been through many rough experiences, even though these experiences are carefully planned and executed.

Every naval ship of any size carries two or more divers and there is always use for them. They are sent over the side to inspect the hulls, scrape barnacles off, to adjust or connections or to make new ones, for a ship's house, can always be improved a little addition of something new.

## FACTS

Domestic exports from the United States for the year ending June 30 amount to more than \$2,000,000,000.

No receptacle has ever been made with sufficient strength to resist the bursting power of frozen water.

Between the hours of 9 and 10 in the morning more than 5,000 people enter the city of London every minute.

The actual area of Uncle Sam's farms was 838,592,000 acres in 1900 and 873,729,000 acres in 1910.

During the last census decade the population of this country increased 31 per cent.

At the beginning of the present year there were twenty-five irrigation projects under government patronage in the course of construction. Four have been finished in the meantime.

The yearly bill for preventive diseases in this country amounts to from \$2,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000. The damage from insects annually is estimated at \$1,049,000,000.

California, ranking second in the matter of activity in the development of water power, has 1,070 wheels generating 466,774 horsepower. There are several states with more wheels but less horsepower.

## ANNABEL LEE

(By Edgar Allen Poe).

This poem is said to have been written by Poe in commemoration of the death of his beloved wife, Virginia Clem:

It was many and many a year ago,  
In a kingdom by the sea,  
That a maiden there lived whom you  
may know  
By the name of Annabel Lee;  
And this maiden she lived with no other  
thought  
Than to love and be loved by me.

I was a child and she was a child,  
In this kingdom by the sea;  
But we loved with a love that was more  
than love—  
I and my Annabel Lee;  
With a love that the winged seraphs of  
heaven  
Coveted her and me.

And this was the reason that long ago,  
In this kingdom by the sea,  
A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling  
My beautiful Annabel Lee;  
So that her high-born kinsman came  
And bore her away from me,  
And shut her up in a Sepulchre,  
In her kingdom by the sea.

So all the night-tide I lie down by the side  
Of my darling, my darling, my life and  
my bride,  
In her kingdom there by the sea,  
In her tomb by the sounding sea.





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# MORGAN'S MEN

## STORIES OF THEIR EXPLOITS

As Told by C. W. GEERS, One of Morgan's Men



The whole command would have crossed the river miles above Buffington, but for the arrival of the gun-boats. General Morgan was in the middle of the river, and could have crossed, but came back to be with the bulk of his command, on the Ohio river, rather than desert them in their extremity. His negro boy, Box by name, was with Morgan in the middle of the river, when he decided to turn back and remain with the great majority of his men. "Box," said Morgan, "you had better turn back or you'll get drowned." "Ef dey catches you, Marse John, dey may parole you, but if dis nigger is cotched in a free state, he ain't a gwine ter get away while de war lasts." And he swam the river safely, though shelled by gun-boats.

We had now about 800 men, divided into two parts, 400 each. Major Webber had command of the first and Colonel Cluke of the second. In this shape we marched for six days and nights continuously, after the battle of Buffington Island, surrounded by Federals in overwhelming numbers, and exchanging shots with them all the time, many of our men having been replenished with ammunition captured at Buffington. During this time we would stop at houses along the road and find abundance of light bread and meat, evidently prepared for us. Milk and butter were also plentiful, but we always failed to find any one at home. On this ride from Buffington the writer rode a stallion that walked sideway, and no one could pass by the entire road. So he concluded to exchange him for another horse as soon as possible. He rode to a barn not a great distance from our line, and on entering, to his agreeable surprise, saw a horse that suited him exactly. He removed the saddle and bridle from the stallion, and just as he had saddled and was starting out with the fresh horse, an ear of corn grazed his head and struck the side of the barn with such force that nearly all the corn was knocked from the cob. Drawing his pistol in a flash the writer looked around, and there stood an old gray-headed man, pale and trembling, but looking at us defiantly. We pointed the pistol at his head and instead of dodging, he closed his eyes. But we did not fire on him. Surmising that he was crazy, we passed on and left him in possession of our stallion and his barn.

On the third day of our march from Buffington, General Morgan called a "council of war," to learn whether any officer had anything to suggest. We were present at this council. But no one seemed to have an intelligent suggestion to make, as our men were skirmishing with the Federals all the time. While this council was in session, however, bullets were flying about our heads like bees. A ball hit within an inch of General Morgan's head while he was politely listening to the opinion of one of his officers. Morgan laughed, and we moved back toward "Blannerhassett's Island." We quit the main road. We could tell the exact position of the enemy by the dust, and in the same way the enemy could determine exactly our position. The enemy was on four sides of us. That night, however, we halted by the side of a mountain, and held another council of war, having slipped in between the enemy and this mountain. The enemy was now on three sides of us. When we halted here, the enemy on our flank, front and rear, also halted. Evidently they thought we were going to surrender, for they did not press us. Neither did they fire upon our column. They built fires in their camps in front, rear and on our flank, and went into camp. About 10 o'clock that night Morgan formed his men, scented for a short distance the mountain, stole noiselessly and in

single file along its slope, and by midnight, we were out of the trap and pulling hard for safety. This was Morgan's plan, and it was executed to the letter.

We marched to the Muskingum river and drove the enemy from the point where we desired to cross. We crossed in safety, but the enemy had formed a trap for us. He had fallen back on all the roads, but had placed an ambush on each road much larger than our entire force. To pass along either road, therefore, was impossible. Hobson was in our rear and we could not retrace our steps. Every road was thoroughly guarded. Every hill was covered with Yankees. A council was held, but all looked to Morgan for guidance. He was equal to the occasion. "Follow me in single file," he said. We followed him through a narrow pass leading up a narrow spring branch, hundreds of feet below the tops of the hills, the perpendicular sides of which pressed closely on our horses, as we passed. And then we went up another, and another, in single file, at least a thousand feet, and reached the plain, leaving the enemy in our rear. Two of our men fell and were killed on this trip over the mountain.

Three of our men headed by S. F. McKee and others, in hunting a place for our column, were fired on by three hundred men in ambush, but were not hit. They fired back at them with their six-shooters and killed one and wounded four.

On the 26th of July we were attacked on all sides with artillery and musketry, and repulsed every charge made upon us. During this battle one of our regiments charged upon the enemy on our flank and rear, and pursued them nearly a mile. Returning they found their path blocked by hordes of Federals and militia, and after being repulsed several times, surrendered to overwhelming forces. They killed and wounded more of the Federals, however, than they had men in their ranks. This surrender reduced Morgan's force 250 men, part of them wounded but able to ride. A fresh swarm of the enemy gathered around this regiment. Company C of Duke's Old Regulars, led by Captain Ralph Sheldon, was ordered to charge a body of dismounted cavalry, which was behind a worn fence, firing at us with Spencer rifles and wounding some of our men. This company instantly dashed upon them, their horses breaking the fence, knocking off the top rails. With their pistols they drove the Yanks away from the fence, and it was noticed that they left about twenty dead and wounded upon the ground.

We then resumed our march, the Yankees in front riding along ahead of us, but not stopping to fight. It was on this day that we heard of the retreat of General Lee from Gettysburg, Pa., and of the fall of Vicksburg. We had witnessed evidences of great rejoicing in the eighteen or twenty towns through which we had passed, but did not know they were illuminations in honor of these sad events.

When we reached the extreme eastern part of Ohio, we were still surrounded and pursued by an increased number of the enemy, who were exchanging shots with us, but keeping well out of the way. Here we entered the district of a militia captain by the name of Burbeck, who commanded about 300 militia. They were riding along ahead of us, not choosing to stop and fight. General Morgan sent an "orderly" to Captain Burbeck, under flag of truce, requesting an interview with him. The captain consented immediately to meet him and hold a conference on such subjects as Morgan might choose to suggest. So Morgan rode forward and the captain came boldly back, and they greeted each other cordially, no one being immediately present with them except the orderly.

Morgan said to him, as they rode along together between the two commands, that of Burbeck's

and Morgan's. "I will engage to take nothing, disturb nothing, in your district and do no sort of damage, if you, on your part, will engage to guide and escort my men to the Pennsylvania line."

"Agreed," replied the captain and they wrung each other's hands.

After riding some distance and discussing the weather and other topics Morgan, looking around and seeing clouds of dust as far as the eyes could reach, and realizing that his surrender was ultimately inevitable, said, as the clouds of dust were moving swiftly to his front, and thinking it time to act: "Excuse me, Burbeck, but how would you like to receive my surrender yourself?" "It would afford me inexpressible pleasure to do so," replied the captain, looking inquiringly at Morgan. "But," replied Morgan, "perhaps you would not give me such terms as I wish." "General Morgan," replied he, "you write your own terms, and I will grant them."

Morgan replied: "Very well, then, it is a bargain." He wrote the terms. They were signed by the captain, and Morgan said: "I surrender to you." Officers and men were to be paroled, retaining their horses and side arms.

So we gave up our guns to Captain Burbeck, and soon the Federals from all sides were mingling with us, and shaking us by the hands.

We were all in fine humor, thinking that we were to be paroled and could return to our homes until we were exchanged.

But imagine our surprise when we heard that General Shackelford, who was second in command, and had charge of the pursuit, repudiated the terms of the surrender, and refused to recognize it, or return to us our arms, preferring to send us to prison. He had us in his power, and was displeased and chagrined at losing the honor of capturing us himself. Some of his officers who had been our prisoners, including Woolford, generously interested themselves in our behalf, to have the terms of the surrender carried out, but Shackelford, Hobson's second in command, would not listen to the suggestion, refusing utterly to permit the terms to be carried out.

The prisoners taken at Buffington, including Colonel Duke, had already been sent to Cincinnati and thence to Camp Chance, and finally to the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

A few of the men made their escape in spite of the vigilance of the guards to Virginia and back to Tennessee.

Among Shackelford's men were a number of Kentuckians, some of them from Lexington. They mingled among us and greeted us gleefully, shaking hands with the boys with whom they were acquainted. But the writer was not in the handshaking mood. He kept his hands in his pockets and declined to get playful with them. They laughed and joked and asked hundreds of questions. One of them was knocked down by a man named Miller, from Lexington. They carried Miller and his

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chum, Black, to Zanesville, and thence to Camp Morton. Ultimately they landed at Camp Douglass.

They put General Morgan in a passenger coach. At this time he still had his fine ivory-handle pistols. He hung them up in the coach, and a Yankee lieutenant came and took them down. General Morgan arose and remarking to the Yankee that they were fine pistols, took them out of his hands and replaced them on the hook above his seat. The Yankee replied that they were nice indeed, and walked off.

But General Ambrose Everett Burnside of Rhode Island, who had been whipped at Bull Run and at Fredericksburg, Va., under Pope, at the second battle of Bull Run, and at Antietam, and on the Rappahannock river, was in command of the department of Ohio. So thoroughly had he been whipped that his resignation had been solicited by Lincoln and accepted. But while we were in Ohio Lincoln sent him to that state to look after the Copperheads. He arrested C. L. Vallandigham for saying that he sympathized with the Southern people, and was sorry to hear that the Federals were destroying the crops and smashing pianos, organs and church furniture. Burnside was the meanest Yankee and the most craven poltroon in the army of the North. It was this man that ordered Morgan stripped of his arms. "I command," said he, "that this horse thief be placed in the penitentiary for life at Columbus and subjected to the same discipline that is accorded the others horse thieves."

Morgan and the officers taken with him were sent to Cincinnati, and thence to the penitentiary, as directed by Burnside, who commanded the "department of Ohio."

(Stories of Morgan's men will appear monthly in this publication.)

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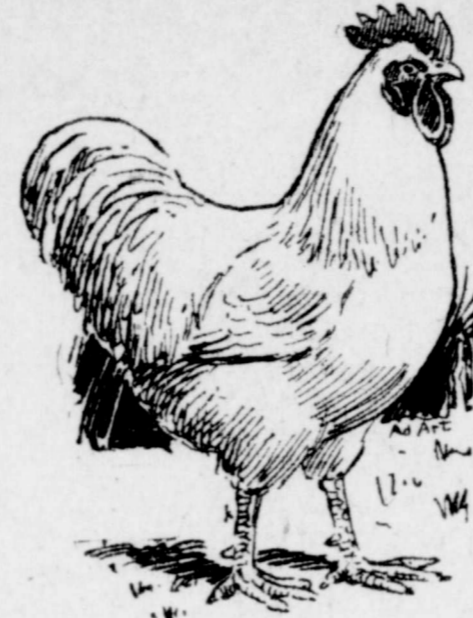
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### Grayson County Chickens Capture Show Prizes.

Grayson county poultry raisers who exhibited at the Southwestern Poultry Show in Dallas made a fine showing regarding winnings. To get a prize at this show is a great compliment, as this is the wind-up show of North Texas, and entries are there from many other states also.

### A Farm of 1,200 Fine Fowls.

An up-to-date poultry ranch has been located about two and a half miles out of Coleman, Texas, and will be known as the Acme poultry farm. Arrangements are being made to stock this farm with about 1,200 fine fowls. This is the largest enterprise of its kind in that section and promises to be one of the leading industries.

### A Big Poultry Show.

All indications are that the big poultry show, which will be held in connection with the National Feeders' & Breeders' Show, at Fort Worth, March 18-23, will be the largest exhibition of its kind ever held in the Southwest. A large and substantial building, accommodating 1,500 birds, has just been erected on the stock show grounds, and the show will be held under the auspices of the Fort Worth Poultry & Pigeon association.

### Poultry Exhibit Ends.

The four days' exhibit of the South Plains Poultry association's first annual show closed with a very successful meet, about 300 fowls being on exhibition. It added quite an impetus to the interest in raising registered poultry in the South Plains.

### The Old Hen's Value.

Almost \$700,000,000 annually is realized from the hen, equaling the combined value of potatoes and oats, and equal to the wheat crop of the United States.

### The Main Question.

The question of what the feeding rations should consist is not so important as the matter of making it a varied one, grain of some kind, meat of some kind, and green food of some kind, with lots of fresh water always, covers this point.

### Solve This Problem by Raising Chickens.

Sixty-cent butter in and around some of the chief centers of population has brought into existence a butter boycott inspired by "The Housewives' League and Federation of Women's Clubs." Boycotts may be temporarily effective, although there is always a strong probability of failure. But to boycott butter and consume toast, biscuit, rolls or hot cakes for breakfast is extremely heroic. The better way for all who can acquire a bit of land on which to establish a home is to keep a cow and some chickens. The growing economic value of enough land on which to raise a kitchen garden, a cow and a few

be given a trial in the Panhandle. In Randall county last year flax was successfully raised on a 200-acre tract of land and it is the opinion of Mr. Bainer that it could be a money-making crop throughout the Panhandle.

### Warning is Issued to Pecan Growers.

The pecan industry of Texas is an important one, the state realizing as much as \$2,000,000 annually from the crop of nuts produced. About 50 per cent of these comes from the native trees, but the better quality of pecans are on the increase by the top working of old trees to better kinds, and the planting of trees of the soft shell varieties. However, since the number of insect feeding birds has been greatly diminished, destructive insects are on the increase. Some of these are already doing a considerable amount of damage to the pecan, as well as other industries. How to cope with these serious pests is a problem that confronts the growers, not only of Texas, but of other states as well. Commissioner Kone of the Texas state department of agriculture, has received a large number of reports of pecan trees being damaged by the following two insects: Twig girdlers (oncidiers sp.) and the pecan weevil (balaninus caryae). He has printed information prepared by E. E. Scholl, entomologist of the department, on how to enlighten growers with regard to these pests and how to combat them.

The farmers of the Mineral Wells neighborhood report that the lands are in the best condition for plowing than for several years.

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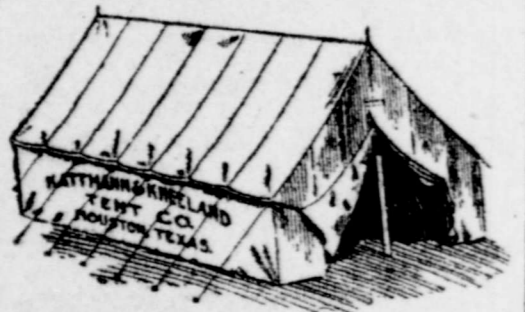
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## Children's Stories

### Jack's "Hardening" and Its Results.

Early in the fall, Jack Graham had expressed an earnest wish that he might live a life in the open, and get "hardened" as he expressed it. "We all live such abnormal lives," he had said to his mother. "Now, the savage lives a natural and a healthy life, for he stays close to nature."

In vain had Mrs. Graham tried to explain the difference in the organism of a savage and that of a civilized man. Jack only shook his head, declaring: "But it is civilized man that has brought about the weaknesses of the race. We should return to the natural method of living. That would cure all the ills man is heir to."

And Mrs. Graham only shook her head, saying: "My dear boy, if you should expose yourself to the privations which a savage has to suffer, you would die of the hardships before you were grown."

"Not I, mother mine," laughed Jack. "I'd use common sense in my style of living, you see. The savage has never learned to make provision for hard seasons. I should." And then Jack had gone whistling away, leaving his mother to smile over his new fad of "returning to nature."

But the subject was again brought up in the Graham household one evening just before the holiday season set in. Jack came bounding in from school, crying out: "Mother mine, we—Charlie Long, Harry Davis and I—are going to spend our two weeks' vacation out of doors—if you and dad will give your consent." This last was added with less of enthusiasm than the first statement had held.

"Come, dear, tell me all about your savage plan," laughed Mrs. Graham; and Mr. Graham put aside some writing he was engaged with, listening to what his only son (and the apple of his eye) had to say.

"All right, mother mine," said Jack. Then he began eagerly: "You know Mr. Long has a camp up in the hills. Well, there's a shack, a good-roofed shack—on the place, and a tent besides. It's my plan to let Charlie and Harry sleep in the shack and I'll take the tent. It's been my wish for a long time to get out and get hardened."

Mrs. Graham's face became serious, but she made no reply, only looking toward Mr. Graham, who spoke slowly and with good sense: "Son," he said, shaking his head in a serious way, "I'll never consent to your sleeping in a tent during this sort of weather. You are only flesh and blood, and couldn't stand the exposure to the weather, particularly such weather as you'd have in the hills. You don't stop to think what it means to leave a furnace heated house, well-plastered and warm, to go into a canvas shelter where nothing stands between you and the freezing temperature of January. No, I could not think of allowing you to behave so foolishly. But if you want to spend a part of your vacation at Mr. Long's camp, and promise to sleep in the shack—which I happen to know is a snug enough place when a fire is kept in the fireplace—I shall not object."

Jack showed his keen disappointment, but, of course, was obliged to accept the decision of his father. He knew his parents were always right where he was concerned, for he was the greatest factor in their life. He was glad, however, to be allowed to spend a half of his vacation in the out-of-doors, hunting and skating and tramping about the hills and valleys. So he said earnestly and gratefully: "Thank you, dad, for your consent, and your decision, too. Although I really and truly believe that sleeping in the tent for a week would harden me in fine shape."

The next day, Jack went merrily to his friends and told them that his parents had consented to his going to the camp for a week, but that he must share the cabin. "When shall we start?" asked Jack.

"January, I suppose," said his father. "You know we'll come over the winter and have great

doings at our house on that day—as big as on Christmas."

"So are we at our house," said Harry. "Lot of company coming from the country to stop over night. I'd not think of going away till after New Year. Gee! Such a turkey as we're to have."

"Yep, and it's to be repeated at my home, too," laughed Charlie. "So I reckon the day after is a good time for starting. You know there are two trains a day to Mountville. From that interesting berg of twenty-five souls, we go about two miles to the camp. And it's a good climb most of the way, too."

"That's the thing we want," replied Jack.

It was late in the afternoon on the 2d of January that the boys arrived, bags and baggage, at Mr. Long's camp in the hills. They had hired a one-horse cart and driver at Mountville, and had loaded all their camping things into the cart. They preferred walking the two miles, and told the driver to lead the way. This the great hulking fellow did with a good-natured grin. "Snow's deep, fellers," he had vouchsafed. But the three stalwart high school boys were glad of the news, and set out to wade almost knee-deep the two miles to the cabin which was set upon a gently sloping hill.

But after the first mile, the trio decided to allow the grinning driver to draw rein and "give them a lift," and the remainder of the way they sat upon their camping bundles and boxes, the strong horse doing his work nobly.

The driver was paid and allowed to return to the village with instructions to drop round at the end of the week.

"Well, and here we are, alone with the hills and the trees and the snow." And Jack drew in a deep, cold breath, shivering slightly as he spoke. At the moment, he had a sort of longing for the big comfortable living room at home, with its light and good cheer. And his stomach warned him that it was eating time, and his mind ran back to the town where he knew his parents were sitting down to a hot, well-cooked supper.

"Can't stand here to our knees in snow contemplating the weather," cried Harry. "Let's get into the shack and tote in our load." With this, he unlocked the door, pushed it open and entered. Charlie and Jack followed, and they met a silent and chilly welcome. How the rough boards of the floor did crack beneath their cold boots! The one window, comprising four small panes, was dirty and frosty, and the boys hurriedly lit a candle in order to see their way about.

"Hello, looks like a spook joint!" It was Harry who made this pleasant suggestion, and his hands were so numb that he could not unbutton his coat. "Say, have we anything to burn hereabouts?" he asked of Charlie, the host.

"Sure, right behind the shack is a pile of dry timber. And here is the ax. We'll take turns cutting wood. Who'll do the first fire-building?"

"I'm your man," said Jack. And he shouldered the ax and sought out the wood pile behind the cabin, while his two comrades unpacked the boxes and bundles of provisions and bedding. After a struggle, Jack managed to get the snow off a good-sized log, and began cutting away. But he soon found that a freezing blade and frozen timber do not go well together. He worked diligently for half an hour before he had enough wood to take into the cabin for the first fire. He very sensibly gathered up the chips—with a goodly amount of soft snow—and took them in with the wood. He found Charlie sitting on the bed in the corner, wrapped up like a cold Indian, a blanket completely enveloping him. "Hay, pard," he said as Jack entered, "Dad never told me that this place was colder than the North Pole. Gee! It's some temperature we get, my man." Then Charlie drew his nose inside the blanket and spoke not again till called to supper.

Jack threw the wood on the floor and set about fixing a fire.

Harry was setting the little pine table near to the window, preparatory to getting the evening meal. His hands were stiff from cold, and he let the tin plates and cups drop about in a rattling way.

"How's wood-cutting this kind of weather?" he asked of Jack. Jack put on a happy face and replied: "Fine. It'll be your turn tomorrow."

"Oh, I'm not hankering after it," said Harry. "Look at that host in the blanket—isn't he a kill-joy?"

But Jack had no time for joking. He was cold to the marrow, and devoted his attention to getting a fire in the small fireplace, which was half-full of last summer's ashes. Even after the fire decided to burn, the cabin would not get warm. The door was ill-fitting and the window let in more wind than light. The place was, as Jack said to himself, as cold as a tombstone.

But some of the chill of the air was taken off, and together Harry and Jack put a meal upon the table. It had been agreed that Charlie, the most delicate of the three huskies, should remain wrapped up against the cold till the place became comfortable. So he did not come out of his wrappings till Harry announced: "Come to grub, pals."

And such "grub!" The bread had frozen on the way up from Mountville. The canned pork and beans had not gotten hot through, and the eggs had also frozen and were scrambled in hard lumps. Jack and Harry tried to persuade themselves that everything was O. K. But Charlie made a wry face and said he'd have to take charge of the culinary department on the following day.

And on the following day, Charlie was left to his joy, for Harry and Jack went rabbit hunting. They turned in at the camp about three in the afternoon, hands, noses and feet all but frozen. But not one lonely rabbit had they managed to capture. "It's bacon and beans again tonight, is it?" asked Charlie, showing keen disappointment.

"Sure, and you ought to be glad to see us two rabbits back again in life, for the chances were hard against us. Though I'd freeze solid long before we turned the last quarter-mile for home."

As the three campers—(boys living close to nature)—sat about the cold and unappetizing supper, Charlie spoke first of what lay nearest the trio's hearts. "Say, pards," he began, "I was just thinking of the poor Indians. How they must have suffered during the winters, for their wigwams and teepees were not half so comfortable and spacious as our cabin. And a window they knew nothing of."

"Nor a floor," put in Harry. Jack said nothing, but tried to swallow a mouthful of cold beans.

"Say, kids, I'm tired of this hardening business," said Harry, braving his comrades' disapproval. But neither of his listeners had a word to say. Charlie smiled, and Jack thought of the fine hot supper at home. He knew his mother's habit of making hot biscuits for supper during cold weather. Ah, for the sight—the smell—the taste of one!

Then Harry began sneezing. "Taking cold, eh?" asked Charlie. But before the meal was over, all three boys sneezed repeatedly. Jack felt a chilly sensation up his back, and had no appetite. "I'm going to turn in, pards," he said, rising from the table. "I feel squeemish—when I smell those beans!" Then he got between the blankets, removing only his shoes.

The following morning was the coldest the boys had ever felt, and with one accord they agreed to leave camping equipments and walk to the village. They would not wait for their wagoner to come at the end of the week, and when they hove in sight of the railroad station, more dead than alive, Jack threw up his numb hands and cried out, "Hurrah! We'll be inside a civilized house within an hour." And his friends echoed in happy voices, "We will."

"Ah, mother, savagery may be all right for savages," said Jack, sitting beside his mother at the

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supper table, "but I guess you and dad have the right idea of living in this century. Gee! No more hardening for me. Another day of it would finish me for certain. To be hardy and strong, one must live up to date."

And Mrs. Graham smiled and asked, "What would have happened had you slept in the tent—close to nature?"

"I'd never have come back in animated form, mother mine," cried Jack, horror on his face at the mere mention of the tent. "Land o' love, I stood all the hardening process of the cabin I could. The tent would have sounded my death knell."

"Which all goes to show that boys don't always know just what is good for them," said Mr. Graham. And then he helped Jack to another hot tea biscuit and honey.

### Olives.

The olive in its wild state is a mere thorny shrub, but under cultivation it becomes a tree from twenty to forty feet high. The leaves are not unlike those of a willow; of a dark green color on the upper side, and whitish grey underneath. The flowers are small and white, the fruit greenish, never larger than a pigeon's egg, and generally of an oval shape; this fruit being produced in such profusion that an old olive becomes a valuable possession to its owner.

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### The Dog and the Monkeys.

Once upon a time a number of monkeys went to a great forest to pick up nuts. Their way led them past a woodman's house, near which lay a large dog, seemingly asleep. One day they met a fox, and asked him if the dog outside the woodman's house was really alive. "Because," they said, "it never seems to move."

The fox said: "I would advise you to let him alone, for you will dearly pay for your experiment."

But the monkeys would not listen to him. So the next time they were going to the forest to pick nuts, one of them went up to the dog and scratched his nose, which made him spring up immediately and run after the monkey and bite all those whom he could catch. After this they were always obliged to go to the forest by another way for fear of the dog.

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# Fashions and Household

### New Things Seen in the Shops of Paris.

The notched collar prevails with the mannish tailored suit for spring.

Coming in for spring are the fascinating little blazer jackets of striped flannel or serge with notched collars and natty pockets.

In spite of their long popularity, one-piece serge dresses are promised an even greater vogue for spring.

Leather belts, more on the girde type, are several inches wide at the back and curve slightly to the front.

The new colors for novelty cottons are white, cream color, old lace color, champagne, ficelle, and khaki.

At the present time there is a great tendency for white colors, cuffs, and revers on many of the outer garments.

Wide collarettes of chiffon or tulle are scalloped around the edge. They are used to trim the newest, smartest blouses.

One of the novelties of the spring coat is the back longer than the front, a harmonious feature with the cutaways front.

Lovely satins and cashmere and paisley designs are used for separate wraps. These are trimmed with bands of plain satin.

Lightweight serge is still popular, and cheviot in fancy weaves and stripes is one of the new fabrics for tailor mades.

While skirts remain narrow, there is no lack of variety in the novelty, and the arrangement of the gores, the new designs being extremely graceful and having unusual style.

The popular train is the extremely long pointed style, heavily weighted, or the panel attached at the waist in the back and left free from the hip down. This ends in a square train.

A type of ribbon that is thought well of for spring millinery is gossamer. This figured quite prominently during the fall, and the early spring models are already showing trimming of this ribbon.

This season considerable attention is being given to trimming the backs of coats. Some show loops, braid and buttons; others overlapping seams, and a few are made with the back exactly like the front.

Edge trimmings consisting of vines of green silk cord, studded with tiny colored chiffon roses and green ribbon leaves, will be one of the prominent trimming forms for evening dresses, particularly for the younger element.

Several handsome new plaids are being shown. One of these has a background of white tafeta with widely spaced, broad, horizontal bars of colored satin. A narrow stripe of the satin runs parallel to and a short distance from each edge. These plaids are effective.

There is an effort being made to revive the old-fashioned sandal, bound around the ankle with ribbon, in the manner approved of in 1820, but as few women care to do without heels, they are to be seen altered almost out of recognition with long, pointed toes and Louis heels.

"Now the best-dressed and most stylish women in Paris and other European capitals are American women in their American-made clothes," says a style expert. Many new designs have arrived. In making garments for women next season the straight-line mannish style will be abandoned for curves.

Surplice effects are used almost entirely in the draping of bodices this year, with the elbow length or even shorter sleeves cut on peasant lines, though it is not as high as was the empire line used last season. A pleated girde of soft messaline or self-material, set on above the waist-line, is a feature of many of the new gowns.—Harper's Bazar.

### Helpful Hints.

If the oven is generally so hot as to burn a cake on the bottom, put more than a single layer of paper in the bottom of the pan. Cream and eggs will beat much more quickly if they are



very cold. A pinch of salt, too, aids the process.

A delicious stuffing for roast pig or the boned fresh ham is made of celery and apples.

When next making chicken salad try adding a little of the jelled chicken stock to the mayonnaise dressing.

A little salt added to the water in the outer utensil of the double boiler will aid materially in the cooking.

Flower-pot stains may be removed from window sills with fine wood ashes.

It has been proved that milk will effectually extinguish the flames from gasoline, or any form of petroleum, since it forms an emulsion with the oil, whereas water only spreads it.

Wash six ounces of rice, add to it two quarts of boiling water, and three ounces of raisins, boil very gently for half an hour, then strain. This will be found a capital drink to give to children when there is any indication of diarrhoea.

### Household Economies.

Because of the present high cost of living this department will be devoted each month to printing suggestions on economies for the household. If you have an idea that will save someone time or money send it to Mrs. Joseph McNabb, Dept. B-21, Touraine Bldg., Fort Worth, Texas.

### Inexpensive Coffee Cake.

Mix into one cupful of risen bread dough one tablespoonful of melted butter, a teaspoonful of sugar, a quarter of a teaspoonful of pulverized cinnamon, a grating of nutmeg, one tablespoonful of beaten egg, one tablespoonful of chopped raisins. Mold with just enough flour to form into a sheet half an inch thick, lay in a greased pan, cover with a cloth and let rise double its bulk; then brush with milk and bake about twenty minutes in a moderate oven. The egg may be omitted. The remainder of the egg used in this recipe may be used for coffee or in some other cookery, which may need its addition when economy must be practiced.

### Peanut Butter.

The price of butter is a big expense in every household. Peanut butter is a fairly good substitute for dairy butter. Here is a late recipe:

Roast the nuts, shell and blow off the brown skins. When making it in large quantities, it will pay to have a bellows for this purpose, or put the peanuts on a large towel, cover them with another towel, rub gently and then blow off the skins. If you use salt, dust them lightly with it and grind at once. Pack the butter into glass jars or tumblers, cover them and keep in a cool place. This may be used plain or diluted with water.

### Nut Cream Pie.

Nuts can be substituted for meat, and in the South, where wild nuts are so plentiful and peanuts so cheap, can be used as a most nutritious and palatable food when properly prepared. This is a nut cream pie recipe:

In a double boiler cook one cupful of sweet milk with one cupful of white sugar. Thicken with one tablespoonful of flour and the yolks of three eggs; then add the juice of one lemon and one-half cupful of pecan or other nut meats, chopped finely. Bake crust as for lemon pie; when cooked fill with the nut custard, cover the top with a meringue and brown delicately.

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### Save the Crusts.

Mrs. S. tells us not to throw away a single crust of stale bread. A good way to use stale bread is to slice thin, butter one side, put into a pudding dish or pan a layer of buttered bread, sprinkle over with washed dried currants or stemmed raisins, and continue thus until the dish is full or the bread all used. Make a custard with two eggs well beaten, one and a half tablespoonfuls of sugar, and one pint or more of milk, according to amount of bread; and pour this over the bread, grate a little nutmeg over and put a few dots of butter over the top. Bake in a moderate oven until it looks done. If liked, make a meringue by beating to a froth the whites of five eggs, gradually adding and whipping in a cupful of fine white sugar, and spread over the top after it is done, while still hot, and set in the open oven until the meringue is delicately colored.

### Graham Rolls.

Too much white bread is eaten nowadays for the good of digestion. This is a simple recipe for Graham Rolls, and they make better for health than too many biscuits:

Sift two cupfuls each of graham and white flour with one teaspoonful of salt and three teaspoonfuls of baking powder; work in one rounding tablespoonful of shortening, and then add two tablespoonfuls of brown sugar; moisten with sufficient sweet milk to make a dough easily handled and roll out an inch thick. Cut into little rounds, and bake in a quick oven for thirty minutes.

### Cream Tomato Soup.

Place three pints of milk and one pint of cream in a stewpan on the stove. When boiling, add one can of tomatoes, strained, into which has been stirred one-half teaspoonful of soda. Just before removing from the fire stir in one cup of cracker crumbs; salt and pepper to taste. If cream is not used, add a lump of butter. Serve with toasted crackers.

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