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## 89.84 MILES AN HOUR FOR 5 HOURS

Indianapolis, May 31.—Ralph De Palma won the fifth annual 500-mile international sweepstakes on the Indianapolis motor speedway here today in the remarkable time of 5 hours and 33 minutes 55 1/2 seconds. The victor's average speed of 89.84 miles an hour broke the record for the race, established in 1914 by Rene Thomas, 6 hours 3 minutes 45.9 seconds.

Dario Resta, who finished second, contested every mile with the winner and the battle of these two pilots was the feature of the contest. Resta finished only four minutes behind De Palma, in 5 hours 37 seconds 34.94 seconds.

Gil Anderson was third, 5 hours 42 minutes 27.57 seconds. Out of twenty-three cars that started eleven finished of which ten received prize money.

That De Palma's victory was a popular one was shown by the demonstration by the thousands of spectators who burst open the doors of his garage and fought to shake his hand. De Palma's first words were praise for the mechanic who rode by his side during the long grind.

De Palma drove a consistent race, never back of fourth place. He finally wrested the lead from Resta in the 335th mile, when Resta skidded into the retaining wall and was forced to make a tire change as a result. After that De Palma never was headed.

De Palma's machine ran perfectly until the beginning of the 500th mile when it showed signs of faltering. Spectators feared the car would fall him and he be robbed of the victory as in 1912 when with but two miles to go his machine broke down.

"The jinx is broken," he exclaimed when he was hailed as victor today.

This year's race was the first held here in which no person was injured. The track was ideal for high speed, as it was chilly and tires lasted much longer than usual on a brick course. The winner made two stops for tires and fuel. Speedway officials said tonight that the record would probably stand for years.

Ten drivers divide the \$50,000 prize money, of which De Palma's share is \$20,000.

### In Contest to Win Piano

To those who have not already promised their votes from the Anchor Mercantile Co., I will appreciate same if you will cast them for Miss Dixie Duncan who I am sure you will find is deserving to win this prize piano.

A Friend.

## SHIPS CAR GOOD HOGS TO FT. WORTH

Messrs. Bond and Edwards shipped 68 head of maize fattened hogs to the Fort Worth market Tuesday which were expected to fill but top the market for such stock. According to hog authority this shipment was probably the best one ever made from this place.

In the same shipment Messrs. Bond and Edwards and T. E. Collins each had a car of cattle. The stock was accompanied by Jeff Henry.

Paint up with Sherwin-Williams house paint. At rock bottom prices. Behrens McMillen.

### Jitney Turns Turtle

J. D. Gaither and his father, B. C. Gaither both of this city escaped from an overturned two passenger Ford automobile Wednesday afternoon little the worse from their experience other than a small cut the former received on his arm from a broken glass.

Mr. Gaither endeavored to turn out of the road to miss hitting a cow not noticing a ditch which was hidden by high weeds. As soon as the wheels struck the ditch the car upturned with the above result.

## TAKES BONDS TO AUSTIN IN PERSON

Thos. A. Johnson cashier of the F. & M. bank left Saturday night for Austin, taking with him the returns and records of the recent school bond election.

Mr. Johnson expected to have the bonds approved by the attorney general's department Monday but found when he arrived in the Capitol City that Decoration Day was being observed and his mission was delayed one day. Prospective purchasers of the bonds have already been secured and it is expected that sale of same will be made within a short time after they are approved by the Attorney General.

Upon Mr. Johnson's return Wednesday afternoon he stated that with one minor change the entire lot of papers in connection with the work of issuing the bonds was accepted by the Assistant Attorney General, which correction could easily be made by the school board and the bonds returned to Austin before May 10th, at which time the Secretary of State and Comptroller promised purchase of the Merkel Bonds on behalf of the state. Mr. Johnson also stated that the Comptroller seemed anxious to procure the Merkel bonds and insisted that they be returned as quickly as possible that the state might have the opportunity of buying them. With this assurance, work on the new school building at Merkel ought to be progressing within the next three or four weeks.

## TRENT TO HAVE AN OLD FASHION MEET

The city of Trent, just six miles west of Merkel and wide awake to many things is supporting a wide awake commercial club and the wide awake commercial club is preparing to have a wide awake "Old Fashioned Basket Picnic."

The purpose of the picnic is to draw Taylor county people to the county's most western town for a gala day. Speaking, contests and ball games will be events of the day for the amusement of those who attend. The promoters of the picnic are looking forward to a very successful day and extend an invitation to the citizenship of the country to come with well filled baskets for the occasion.

### Card of Thanks

As we do not have command of language to fully express our thank we take this method as best we can do, to thank our friends who so willingly and tenderly assisted us in our greatest troubles and saddest sorrows during the sickness and death of our wife and mother.

W. H. Gilliam and Family.

Cake Flour at Bob Martin Gro. Co.

## MORRIS RE-ELECTED AT HEAD OF THE CITY SCHOOLS FOR ENSUING YEAR

**Entire High School Faculty has been Elected to Their Positions and Grammar School Position will be Announced later**

Superintendent H. M. Morris for the past year at the head of the Merkel Public Schools has been elected to the same position for the next term. He has accepted the position and is making plans now for a more complete year's work in 1916.

In addition to the election of Mr. Morris, the other high school positions have been filled according to reports reaching us. Mr. M. E. Witt has again been elected to the position of Principal while Miss Nellie Lankford of Port Lavaca and Miss Ruby Payne of Abilene have been elected to fill the other high school positions. The exact number of teachers to be employed has not yet been fully ascertained from the fact that the school expects to employ a lesser number of teachers for the coming term than were employed during the past year. This supposition is based on the fact that with the new school building fewer teachers will be needed to do the work.

### NOODLE

Health of our community is very good at this writing.

Clayton Goode returned to Denton Saturday after a short stay with home folks.

Wm. Eoff and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker.

Misses Stella Goode and Pauline Green were guests of Misses Maude and Minnie Ferguson of Merkel last Friday night.

Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Horn of Abilene spent Saturday and Sunday in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cook moved to Stith Monday where Mr. Cook will take charge of a blacksmith shop.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hayhurst of Wichita Falls are visiting the latter's father, B. N. Wheeler and family.

Rev. Horn of Abilene preached at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Misses Lettys and Beulah Jones of Shiloh attended services here Sunday night.

Jno. Winter of Shiloh spent Sunday with his brother, Wm. Winter and family.

Miss Ruth Thompson of Sinclair spent the past week with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Thompson of Sinclair.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp motored to this place Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill of Golan Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eason of Roby are visiting their son E. L. Eason and family of this place.

**HOGS WANTED.** Bond & Edwards

### Leaves for San Francisco

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Pitt left Tuesday afternoon for San Francisco. They will be away about about six weeks and will visit in Los Angeles, San Diego, El Paso and other points before returning home.

### Chicken At Good Prices

We will pay 18 cents per pound for broilers and nine and one-half cents per pound for good hens. We want your chickens. Ash Bros. Produce Co.

Coon's Sanitary Bread at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

### SALT BRANCH

Sunday School and singing were well attended Sunday.

Prof. B. B. Edmiaston of Waco was visiting relatives in this community this week.

W. L. Barker and family were in Abilene Saturday.

There was singing at the Salt Branch Thursday night. Prof. B. B. Edmiaston of Waco sang for us.

A. R. Jones and wife are reported very sick at this writing. W. C. Lee is reported very sick.

The Salt Branch first team defeated Tye Saturday. The score was nine to ten. The second team played Stith Saturday afternoon. The score was 10 to 11 in favor of Stith.

Manly and Joe Stone and Roy Shook of Merkel spent Sunday with friends and relatives in this community.

There will be church at Salt Branch next Sunday morning. Everybody come.

Grain cutting and cotton chopping is all the go these days.

Several from this community attended the school exhibition at Warren Friday night.

Several from this community attended prayer meeting at Mulberry Wednesday night.

**HOGS WANTED.** Bond & Edwards.

### BLAIR

The reapers are running full time now. Harvesting the wheat and oats. The late grain has been damaged some for want of rain.

Miss Sallie Hall and mother attended the closing exercises of Merkel School Monday night.

Miss Iva Mae Tittle is spending the week with her grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Campbell.

Miss Nora Cox of Buffalo Gap visited her cousin, Miss Altha Chambliss, the past week returning home Sunday.

Granpa Sherman has gone to Arlington to visit his son Clifford Arthur Clark and Earnest Moore were in Merkel Monday night attending the school exercises.

**HOGS WANTED.** Bond & Edwards.

Why put off papering that old dingy room when Wall paper is so cheap. All new patterns at Behrens McMillen.

Men's genuine Palm Beach Suits only \$5.75 at J. A. Duckett's. Why pay more?

### Raises Large Onion

Our good friend L. W. Pribble is making a success of onion farming if one specimen is any evidence of what his entire harvest will be.

One onion from Mr. Pribbles garden measures 15 inches in circumference and weighs one and one quarter pounds. It is on display in the Mail Office.

Minor Burns, the motorcycle delivery boy from the Anchor likes to ride. Let him bring you something to eat from our place.

## SCHOOL EXERCISES ARE COMPLETED

The music recital at the Methodist Church Thursday evening of this week marked the last of closing exercises of the Merkel Schools.

On Friday night of last week the High School play "The White Lie" was commendably done and the audience witnessing it, overflowed the Cozy Theater in their attempt to get seats. On Sunday evening Rev. J. P. Hunt of Abilene delivered the Baccalaureate sermon in an eloquent, entertaining and forceful manner at the Methodist church. On Monday night the Graduating exercises were held at the Methodist Church, Dr. O. H. Cooper of Abilene delivering the graduating address. The following night the Alumni Association met in annual session at the Methodist Church to receive the 15, Class and honor them and faculty during the evening. On this occasion Rev. C. W. Hearon of Abilene spoke, clearly outlining the necessity for continual advancement of every person and admonishing those to whom his remarks were directed, not to be satisfied with their meager station in life but to attempt to improve their surroundings at all times. Marked applause of appreciation followed the closing remarks of Rev. Hearon's address.

June 19th, is the time E. L. Rogers gives a sewing machine away free. No game of chance just come in any day and get your ticket. It's free.

## BOTH LEGS BROKEN BY MOVING WHEEL

Brown, the nine year old son of F. F. Cox of this place missed his footing Sunday afternoon while standing on the rear axle of a moving buggy and as a result he is suffering from two broken legs.

A jolt probably caused the boy to slip and both feet passed into the spokes of the revolving wheel and before the vehicle could be brought to a stop the bones of both legs had been snapped into just below the knees. The injured boy is resting well according to reports.

### Pigs for Sale

A few full blood Duroc Jersey pigs, six weeks old, male or female. Will furnish pedigree and you can register if you like. \$5 if taken at once. J. T. Warren.

### New Oats For Sale

New bundle oats, well headed and clean, at three cents per bundle for the next few days only, if taken in the field. Phone or see J. A. Woodard, Rt 1

Try a sack of Light Loaf flour. A guarantee to be as good as you ever used. W. F. Hamblen.

## SIX ARE KILLED WHEN AUTO WRECKS

Dallas, May 31.—Six persons were killed and fourteen others were more or less seriously injured when an inward-bound truck carrying a load of picnickers plunged from an embankment on the Orphans' Home road last night. The party was composed of members of the Mozart Choral Club.

The dead: Faith Culp, 13 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Culp, 201 Collet avenue.

Frances Payne, 20 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Payne, 4611 Harry avenue.

Phoebe Ballinger, 4 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ballinger, Munger place.

Robert Irving Corpening Jr., 11 years old, 4925 Reiger avenue.

Roscoe Hamilton, 24 years old, 4715 Reiger avenue.

Alex McKay, 27 years old, Tenth street, Oak Cliff.

The injured: D. F. Parker, 4415 Live Oak street; ankle broken.

J. O. Humphries, slightly injured.

Tyson Payne, slightly injured. Mrs. J. E. Ballinger, slightly injured.

L. A. Elmore, driver of the truck; slightly injured.

Maurice Peterman, slightly injured.

Lauretta Petterman, slightly injured.

Miss Blanche Gamble, shoulder broken.

Yancy Lewis Jr., slightly injured.

Mrs. R. S. Hamilton, 4715 East Side avenue, seriously injured.

Miss Earl Henry, hip broken.

W. C. Hornbeck, Sunset Hill, seriously burned by gasoline.

A. V. Mannan, slightly injured.

Mrs. Leta Moon, 1310 North Peak, fractured shoulder.

### Cheap Groceries.

Pay cash for your groceries and keep out of the hole. Buy them and see if I can't save you money.

Best Flour in town.....\$3.90

Good Flour..... 3.70

Meal..... 80c

25 pounds Sugar.....\$1.65

10 pounds Lard..... 95c

10 pounds Cottoleone.....\$1.30

Binder Twine..... 10c

Come and get them while they last. 1414 Walter Clark.

### TO ABILENE DAILY

Abilene Auto Service Car leaves Merkel for Abilene every morning at 9 o'clock until further notice is given. Fare from here 50 cents. Car leaves from front of Grimes Drug Store each morning.

## WEIR BROS. WIN AT SAPULPA MEET

Charlie and Geo. Weir returned to Merkel last week from Sapulpa, Oklahoma, where they attended an annual roping contest on May 21 and 22nd.

Out of the two days contest the Weir Bros. were first each day. On the first day Geo. Weir was first with the time of 34 seconds while Chas. Weir took first the following day with a time of 25 seconds, second time going to Geo. Weir at 30 seconds flat. The premiums taken by the Merkel ropers amounted to about \$300.00.

Coon's Sanitary Bread at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

**WE CAN FILL YOUR NEEDS**

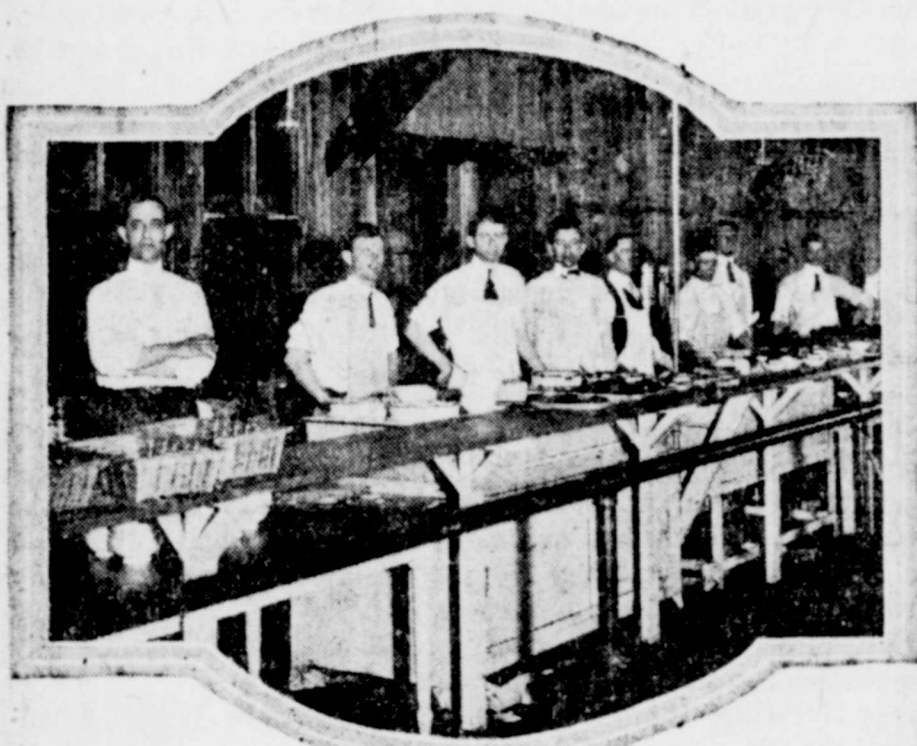
**SAFETY FOR YOUR SAVINGS**

**PLENTY OF MONEY TO LOAN**

**ON APPROVED SECURITY**

**Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas**

**THE CHEAPEST EATING-HOUSE IN TEXAS**



Here's a line of boys who are working their way through the University of Texas, by cleaning up tables and serving in the University Cafeteria. Manager Veazey, at the extreme left, is not a student.

Fully sixty per cent of the student body of this great educational institution is either in whole or in part self-supporting, thus emphasizing the dependence of the poor student upon state-supported institutions of higher education. Meals here average but twelve cents each, and many students get their board here on the University campus for \$8.00 per month, the average is about \$11.00 per month. Rooms in University Hall nearby are obtained at from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per month, although there are not sufficient rooms to supply the demand at these prices. Not a cent is made by the management of the cafeteria—when it is discovered that a surplus is accumulating, the price of food is cut down. Here is actually board at cost. Besides furnishing cheap meals to over four hundred students per day, a half a dozen or more students are enabled to earn their board cleaning up tables, and otherwise serving the management.

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS IDEALLY LOCATED**

By popular election in September, 1881, the University of Texas was located in Austin. The wisdom of this selection becomes increasingly apparent as the years go on. Three regions typical of a vast extent of the state lie contiguous to Austin: (1) the picturesque hills of the Edwards Plateau to the west, a typical ranching country; (2) the rolling prairie to the north and east, a sample of the great blackland cotton belt of Texas; (3) to the south the Colorado river bottom, a region of large plantations, reminiscent of the earliest settlements of Texas, when colonists sought the rich bottom lands, and similar to the very productive sections on the Brazos, the Trinity, and other smaller rivers. It is particularly fitting that the State University, the head of the public school system of the state, where thousands of students, rich and poor, from every portion of the state come early for instruction, should be located in a section that sums up in itself such a vast extent of the commonwealth which it serves.

Lake Austin from the craggy side of Mt. Bonnell.



The above photograph was taken a few miles above the University boat-house on Lake Austin, where the magnificent lake, thirty-five miles long, and over a mile wide in places, invites the hardy young Texans to wholesome outdoor sports when the drill of class and laboratory instruction for the week is ended.

**INBREEDING IN EDUCATION**

"In round numbers," says a special writer for the San Antonio Express, in a recent issue of that paper, "2,500 students obtain instruction yearly within the walls of the University of Texas. Above 1,000 students go out into the state yearly, a portion with a full university course to their credit, the remainder having done one, two, or three years work in the institution.

"This leaven of advanced education being mixed and absorbed by the state each year makes incalculably for progress. There is danger of inbreeding in education, just as there is danger of inbreeding in people or in cattle.

"Suppose, for a moment, a state without higher institutions of learning to carry on the work begun in the common schools. Is it not clear that education would thus be reduced to narrow limits? The high school graduate becomes a teacher in the lower grades, and is eventually promoted to the higher grades and on to the high school. The high school then becomes officered and taught by its own graduates who have received no further training. There is no introduction of new thought, no widening of the horizon of knowledge or of methods, no new inspiration, or new ideals, and the machine's original impetus is overcome gradually by natural friction until the thing barely moves at all. It dies down like an unaided pendulum. You have inbreeding in education—with all the deformities and weaknesses incident to inbreeding in the animal world.

"The higher educational institution of a state," continues this writer, "are the natural intermediaries between the common schools and the vast world of ideas and inspiration developed by the best thought and the highest paid talent in all the great educational institutions of Christendom. For example, a new and improved method of teaching modern languages is developed in some foreign country. It is the business of the higher educational institutions of a state to secure an exponent of this method direct from Germany for its faculty. This teacher teaches his students in the new method, they, in turn, go out as teachers in the state spreading the new method, and pretty soon it has permeated the whole educational system of the state. This is merely an example. It may not be a new method, but a new and original thought, or a new store of knowledge that is communicated in the same way. The point is that the higher educational institution maintains touch with the world of ideas and transmits new and advanced methods and fresh knowledge throughout all of its dependent institutions. It is as important to the vast school system of the state as the switchboard is to the telephone exchange. It is 'central' for the communication of new ideas, new methods, fresh knowledge, vaster inspiration."

**Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's**

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

**GRAIN WANTED**

CAR LOAD OR SMALL LOTS

To the Grain Growers of the Merkel Country:

I am the oldest grain buyer in the city and know that I have some of the best accounts in the State. You will always find me in the market for all kinds of grain and with the best prices out. Don't fail to see me before selling.

**J. D. GAITHER**  
GRAIN DEALER



**IN SEASON**

or Out Of Season; Good Season or Bad Season: Hot or Cold, Wet or Dry we are here to serve you and we are here to stay.

And every sale we make, regardless of Season, from the smallest to the largest, is backed up by our Unqualified Guarantee of Absolute Satisfaction.

Goods Seasonable - Prices Reasonable.

**E. L. ROGERS**  
GROCERY

**Sewing Machine Free**

You do not have to buy something to compete for this \$25.00 **DROP HEAD MACHINE.**

Just call at our store and get a free ticket to this offer.

Machine will be given away Saturday, June 19, at 3 o'clock to the one holding the lucky ticket.

Call and get a **FREE TICKET**, ladies, and be at our store on the winning day.

**E. L. ROGERS, Grocer**



**MEN'S LINEN**

unless properly starched shows very conspicuously. We have thoroughly mastered this difficult branch in all its details. One's linen owes its dressy effect more to its finish than to its quality. Society gives polish to people—we to linen. Our work is seen only to be praised, is hard to equal and impossible to excel. To get full wear from anything it must be washed properly. Rates moderate.

**SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY**  
M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel.  
Phone No. 133

Daily Thought.  
The words we speak and the things we do today may seem to be lost, but in the great final revealing the small-est of them will appear.—Lowell.

**CHEER UP**

That Tired Grouchy Feeling Means a Lazy Liver.

LIV-VER-LAX will clear you out, and make you feel fine and dandy again. It is just as effective as calomel, but has none of its well known disagreeable after effects.

LIV-VER-LAX eliminates poisons, cleanses the system, and relieves constipation in a thorough but pleasant manner. A little taken regularly, means consistent health and no doctor bills.

**GUARANTEE.** Every bottle bearing the likeness of L. K. Grigsby, is guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money will be returned. For sale here in 50c and \$1 size bottles at Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store. adv

**Get Rid of Your Rheumatism.**

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You can do it if you apply Chamberlain's Liniment. W. A. Lockhard, Homer City, N. Y., writes, "Last spring I suffered from rheumatism with terrible pains in my arms and shoulders. I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and the first application relieved me. By using the bottle of it I was entirely cured." For sale by all dealers. adv

**What It Spells.**

W-o-r-k spells genius, says an exchange. It also spells honesty if it is done right.

**Daily Thought.**

There's a place and means for every man alive.—Shakespeare.

**Stomach Troubles**

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Misses Jinkens and Payne motored to Winters Tuesday.

Better get one of those 20 cent brooms at J. A. Duckette's.

Miss Mabel Collins visited Mrs. J. C. Jackson in Abilene Monday.

Good binder twine at good prices at C P Stevens' store.

Miss Mina Cox of Abilene is here visiting her cousin, Miss Zora West.

Phone Bob Martin Gro. Co. for Cake Flour.

Miss Zella Stanley of Nubia visited relatives here the past week.

Twilight pie peaches in gallon cans at G. M. Sharp's.

Mrs. Lake Renfro is in Putnam is visiting her sister Mrs. W. M. Lehnhauser.

The business J. A. Duckett is getting proves The price is the thing.

Mrs. W. W. Easton of Rotan is here visiting her sister Mrs. Jno. Wheeler.

Good binder twine at good prices at C P Stevens' store.

Miss Gail McCarty of Sweetwater visited friends here the first of the week.

Robin Red Breast meal at G. M. Sharp's.

Miss Itha Bird of Maine is here visiting her brother, W. T. Bird and family.

If Light Loaf flour is not what we recommend will cheerfully refund your money.

W. F. Hamblet.

Miss Beulah Overshiner, formerly a school teacher of this place has returned to her home at View.

Miss Zelma Fletcher has returned to her home at Greenville.

Try a sack of seymour Best flour from G. M. Sharp's Grocery.

Mrs. Andy Hunter and daughter, Mrs. Roy Cox were visiting friends here Saturday.

Don't miss those work shirts at J. A. Duckett's for 25 cents.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. C. D. Mims and Miss Ruth Mims motored to Abilene Saturday.

Logan and Black berries at G. M. Sharp's.

Miss Lillie Tunnell of Garden Valley is the guest of Miss Sophia Howard this week.

Try a sack of Cake Flour from the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Mrs. J. B. Warren and daughter, Irene are at home from Waco where they visited relatives.

You are losing money if you are not trading with J. A. Duckette's.

Miss May Allyn of Eskota visited her brother F. E. Allyn and wife the past week.

Mrs. Treat of Eskota visited her daughter Mrs. F. E. Allyn, Jr., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown of Abilene were guests of their grandson, Clayton Brown and wife, for a few days last week.

**DRIVE TO THE RIGHT, PLEASE on FIRESTONE** non skid tires. None better made. Sold only by G. F. West Co.

Miss Arrie Barrett of Anson, who taught in high school of this place the past year, has returned to her home.

Mrs. H. L. Vaughan of Elsmore, Calif., left Wednesday for her home after spending several weeks here with her sisters Misses Olive and Dora Garoutte.



**The Telephone Saved a Life**

When one of our men was badly injured by the threshing machine we telephoned the doctor, who told us how to patch the man up. The doctor then started for our place in a hurry. When he arrived the man was pretty weak, and without the doctor's advice the results might have proved serious. Thanks to the telephone, the man pulled through.

Every farm should have Bell Telephone connection.

Write our nearest Manager for information  
The Southwestern  
Telegraph &  
Telephone Company



Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts left Tuesday evening to visit their daughter, Mrs. George Heink, at Pasadena, Calif. They expect to be away for a month touring California.

**Advertised Letters**

Hardy, J. D.  
Parker, J. T.  
Albarado, Juan.  
Serrano, Jesus.  
Sent away June 12.  
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office June 12, 1915.  
H. C. Williams, P. M.  
Merkel, Texas

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Mrs. Ernest Kelly and Mrs. J. S. Bond visited in Baird Sunday.

Miss Gail McCarty of Sweetwater was in the city Sunday visiting friends.

G. M. Sharp sells Seymours Best flour. Try a sack, it's good.

Master Harry Merritt is in Abilene visiting his friend W. J. Cunningham on South First St.

Miss Josie Graves of Gatesville is here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. G. Sadler.

Misses Dorothy and Virgie Duckett are visiting Mrs. W. H. Young of Snyder.

Miss Elinor Daniels of Sweetwater visited here Sunday the guest of her mother, Mrs. Emma Daniele.

Miss Jessie Sutphen who has been teaching in the school at San Angelo has returned to her home here.

Have you seen those \$1.00 Overalls for 75c at J. A. Duckett's? The price is the thing.

Miss Eunice Bullock has returned to her home in Eastland county after spending the winter here with her uncle.

Miss Gertrude Thornton who has been here visiting friends left Wednesday for Sweetwater to visit relatives.

Good binder twine at good prices at C P Stevens' store.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Magness of Dallas have returned to Merkel. They have rooms at the Daniel's home on Locust Street.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. E. Bullock and little daughters, Alva and Hazel were in Winters visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. Shell the past week.

Ladies' silk hose 25 cents at J. A. Duckette. The Price is The Thing.

Miss Lillian McLendon, who taught here the past year, left Saturday to visit her father's sister at Bradshaw, later on she will return to her home at Mart.

Miss Beulah Overshiner of Valley View and Miss Barrett of Anson who have been connected with the Merkel schools have returned to their respective homes.

**HCGS WANTED.** Bonds & Edwards.

S. N., R. E. and Walter Keith of Stephenville, passed through Merkel Tuesday on their way to Durango, Calif. While here they visited their old friend J. P. Sharp a former representative citizen of Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Magness formerly of Dallas returned to Merkel the first of the week and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Magness being on the road most of the time, they will take light rooms at the J. W. Daniel residence.

Misses Dota and Olivia Garoutte were among those who attended the High School play at the Cozy Theatre on Friday night of last week and were free to express their opinion of the play as being excellent in every respect.

E. C. Crutchfield of Hawley and Worth Smith of Anson have been in Merkel this week as guests of the Merkel Baseball team. Mr. Crutchfield is a pitcher of much repute and has a host of admirers in Merkel, much the same as his companion Smith to whom he pitches.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodroof who have been in Bellview, Hillsboro, Fort Worth and Dallas during the past few weeks returned home Wednesday of this week. Having spent the previous night north of Abilene in their Mitchell automobile. Incidentally Mr. Woodroof got stuck out in the Davis pasture some place and was forced to wait until day to get his machine out of the mud-dle.

No. 7481

**Statement of Condition**  
**Farmers & Merchants**  
**NATIONAL BANK**

of Merkel

Close of Business Saturday  
May 1st, 1915

**RESOURCES**

Loans .....	\$100,743.56
Overdrafts .....	NONE
U. S. Bonds—Par .....	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank .....	1,500.00
Five per cent Redemption Fund .....	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures .....	3,600.00
Real Estate .....	6,500.00
<b>CASH AND SIGHT EXCHANGE .....</b>	<b>131,450.01</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$254,356.07</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital .....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits—Net .....	32,870.29
Circulation .....	6,250.00
Bills Payable .....	NONE
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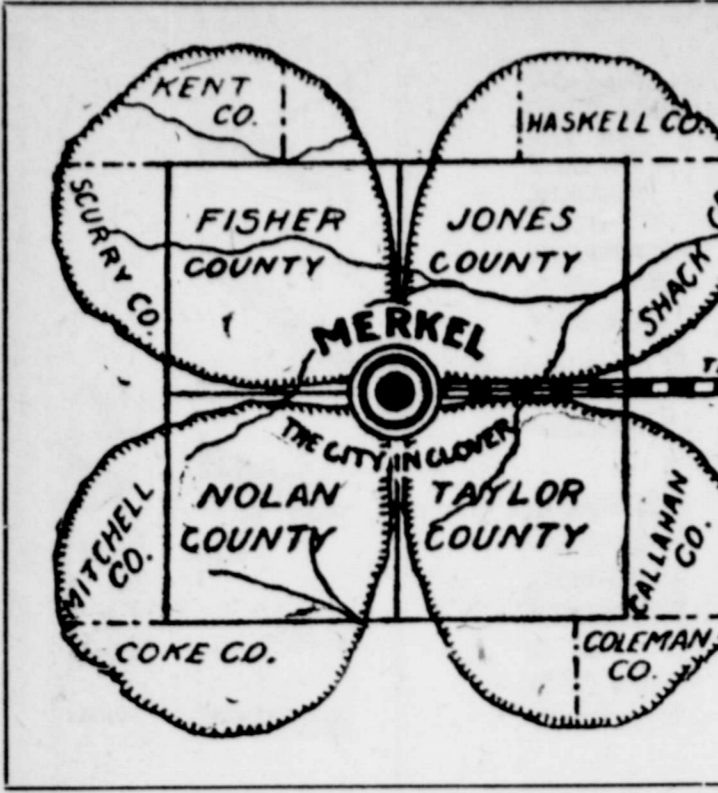
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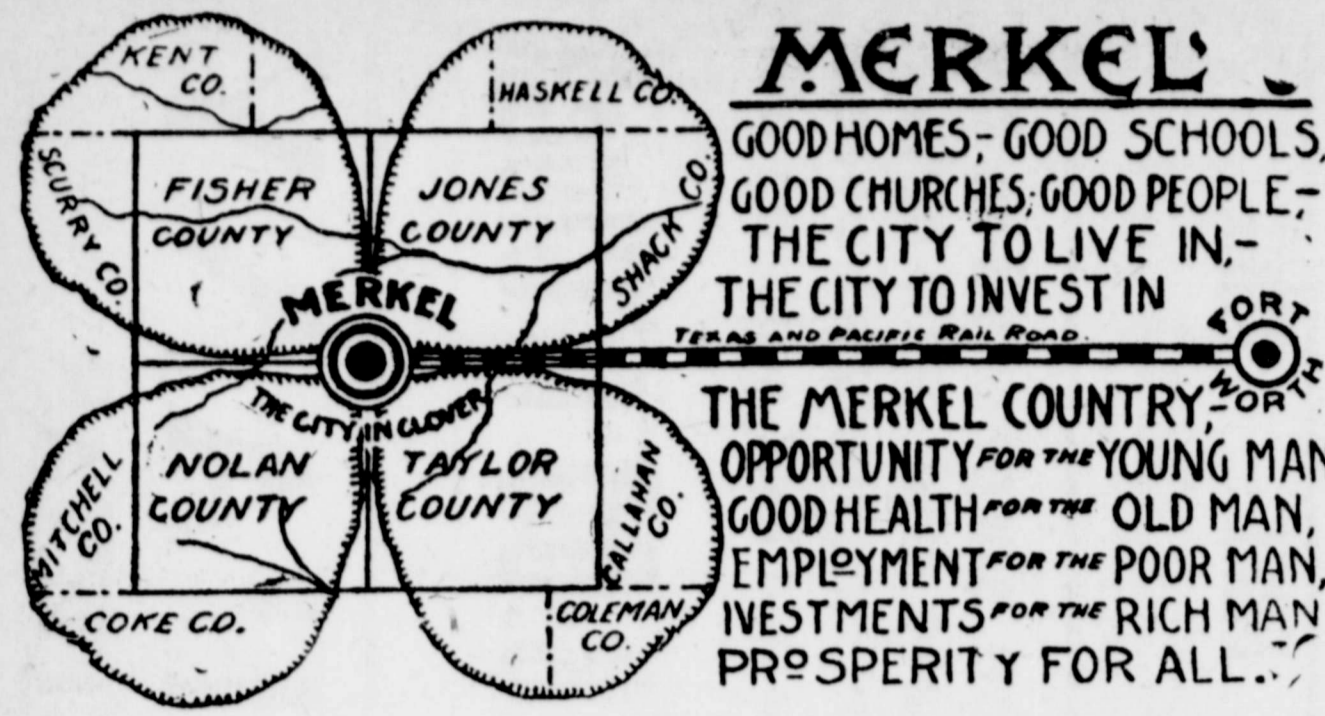
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"ZUDORA" or "THE TWENTY MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY" --- 8th Installment, Read It

SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orphan at an early age. Her father is killed in a gold mine. Zudora and the fortune from the mine, which grows to be worth \$1,000,000, are left in the guardianship of Frank Keene, Zudora's mother's brother. Zudora, giving promise of great beauty, reaches the age of eighteen. The uncle, who has set himself up as a Hindu mystic and is known as Hassam Ali, decides that Zudora must die before she can have a chance to come into possession of her money, so that it may be left to him, the next of kin. Hassam Ali sees an obstacle to his scheme in the person of John Storm, a young lawyer, for whom Zudora has taken a fancy, and he commands the girl to put the man out of her mind. Zudora insists that if she cannot marry Storm she will marry no one.

she was as courageous as a lion. But she did not care to court death when the greatest happiness in the world was within arm's reach. She stopped suddenly before a window and pressed her hot forehead against the cool pane. Over the great city hung that almost lurid haze—the million lamps thrown against the sky. Suddenly all hesitance left her; her resolution was formed. She walked quickly to her writing desk and sat down to write. She would accept John Storm's plea. She would go to him the very next day. Let her uncle become furious. Was not her lover more to her than this strange man who was all that remained of kith or kin, who followed strange customs, performed extraordinary feats at one time and the veriest humbugs at another? She would run away on the morrow and marry John Storm. And to propose



"Sleep!" she heard vaguely. "Sleep!"

vide against any weakening in this resolve she would write him at once to this effect. Downstairs the bell rang. Amed shuffled to the door. A very beautiful woman entered. "I should like to see your master, Hassam Ali," she said quietly. "Have you an appointment?" asked the servant, bowing. "One sees him at night only by appointment." "I believe he will see me," she replied, with a singular smile. "Announce Mme. Du Roy." "Yes, madame." The servant returned directly. "Follow me, madame. The master will receive you." "I thought so." Hassam Ali stood by his crystal as she entered. At a sign the servant took himself off. "I was not expecting you, madame," said Hassam Ali, but he smiled as he spoke.

Zudora would have vanished from the face of the earth. Curious, isn't it, how these things dovetail? The loss of an envelope in Singapore may be the cause of the ultimate death of a man in Chicago. Mills had had dreams of this boy becoming a great orator, eventually a statesman, just as an ordinary father would have dreamed over the career of a real son. Mills had one day bragged about the boy's prowess in this direction and foolishly entered the boy in an oratorical contest. Then he started out to hunt for some one to coach the boy and finally came to the door of a Chinaman! Yes, for a price Wu Chang would make an orator of the boy for one night. This was all Mills desired to ease his vanity. The price was rather stiff, but he agreed.

Wu Chang brought the boy under the spell of hypnotism and put a brilliant speech on the boy's tongue. All that was necessary now was the presence of Wu Chang at the contest. Unfortunately for Chang, this night was close to a far more lucrative and dangerous mission. You cannot throw two stones with two hands. Zudora had written Storm, and everything was prepared for her flight. From a crack in the door Hassam Ali's man watched her curiously as she packed her belongings, just enough of clothes to see her on her journey's end. Storm was to meet her with an auto. She was to leave her room by way of a stout rope.

The Hindu servant returned to his master to report that the messiahship was getting ready to run away. And Hassam Ali set his scenes immediately. Wu Chang was ushered in half an hour later, and he very quietly changed costumes with the Hindu. "Remember," warned Hassam Ali, "if she sees you or notices anything wrong she will escape." "Trust me," smiled the Chinaman. It was growing dark by now. A street light sputtered several times and then blazed brilliantly. Zudora heard the rumble of her lover's automobile and pulled up the window without making a sound. She gave the whistle agreed upon, and Storm and his chauffeur managed to get the rope up to her. She fastened it securely to the foot of the bed. Not for a moment did she feel any regret. She had for her uncle a certain fondness, but due to his general coldness, it had never developed into real love. The only thing she really did regret leaving behind was the carrier pigeon. It was too late now.

lover dashed from the house, to be informed by his excited chauffeur that a Chinaman and Zudora had entered a taxi which had stood opposite and had been driven away. "Which way?" "Straight ahead!" "Come on then! And drive like the devil! Did you get the license number?" "Too dark to see, but there was a crack in the tail lamp." It was a wild goose chase, for they never came within sight of a red lamp with a crack in it. But there was one thing that John Storm knew—if caught in the way of harm befell his sweetheart he would kill Hassam Ali with his bare hands.

"Suppose we go down to Chinatown and make a try?" suggested the chauffeur. A good idea! By dint of inquiry they learned that a Chinaman and a woman had been seen entering Wu Chang's tea shop. Storm waited for over an hour, and as no one came out he concluded that this was a case for professional detectives, and he straightway sought their aid. Together they went over the records of Chinatown, but Wu Chang was not a tong man. There had never been any opium smuggling. He was one of the few Chinamen down in that crime-infested hole who stood clean upon the police records. Still, they were willing to make a thorough investigation.

Hassam Ali, still disguised as Chang, entered the supposed tea merchant's house and found Mme. Du Roy waiting for him. The woman at first thought him to be Chang himself until he explained. "Can you bring her out of the trance?" she asked. "That's the easiest part of it. But there's no need. She must remain in this condition until long after you are out at sea. I don't care if she never comes out of it." "You're a strange kind of uncle," mused the woman, wondering what was behind this unnatural attitude of the man. "That's my business," said Hassam Ali gruffly. "Now, find me a room for the girl. I am not going to trust to luck." "There is a walled room. The method of getting in and out of it is secret."

"I rather believe you can trust me with the secret," said Hassam Ali grimly. "Follow me, then." Zudora had to be led. She was physically capable as ever, but her mind was temporarily blank. Once in the walled room, she sat down placidly, after the manner of persons hypnotized, and stared at her hands. It was all Hassam Ali could do to resist the desire to bring her out of the trance and tell her what was going to happen, but his bump of caution was abnormal. She might escape somewhere along the route, and that would wind up the affairs of a certain mystic who for a commission advised old ladies when and how to invest their fortunes, a commission which, by the way, usually consisted of at least half of the sums invested. The real Wu Chang in the meanwhile left the house of Hassam Ali at what might be called the psychological moment. Ten minutes later the house was under the espionage of a plain clothes man. Mr. Chang, affable tea merchant, was driven to one of the uptown hotels he sometimes frequented. He wanted an auto. Besides, this hotel was quite near the hall where the adopted son of Mills was to make his brilliant speech that same night. It was a delightful thing to make money with right and left hand. But, as has already been said, you cannot throw two stones with two hands and hit any given target.

that hall, you may be sure, especially among the judges. From the audience there came occasionally a ripple of applause. The sweat began to form upon Wu Chang's forehead. Two such exploits in one day were terribly enervating. When the affair was over the stiffened figure of the Chinaman relaxed. He found some difficulty, too, in opening his thin, tapering bands, which had been tightly clinched under the concentration of his will. "Are you satisfied?" he whispered rather weakly to Mills, who sat next to him. "I am, and I will keep to the letter of my bargain."

"And never brag again about your son's oratorical powers. I doubt if I could hold him again." Mills flushed, but for all that he was mightily glad to be high and dry on shore. He would send the boy on a long tour. People would forget. Chang entered Mills' automobile, and a plain clothes man recognized his face and immediately warned Storm and the other officers to watch Chang's house. Chang ordinarily would have kept away from his home, but he was weak and tired and wanted—nay, needed—the solace of his poppy pipe.

Arriving home he at once conferred with Hassam Ali and was glad to learn that Zudora had been confined to the walled room. At dawn Mme. Du Roy would convey her to the ship that was to sail for Cherbourg. From there they would drop down to Marseilles and sail for Hongkong. Zudora Trainor would never be heard of again. "I think that before I smoke I will see the young lady," said Chang, smiling. Hassam Ali smiled too. In his mind's eye he was counting up the enormous pyramids of gold coin. He would build himself a palace close to Paris, and no prince in Hindustan would rival him in luxury. Yet luxury would require the spending of these pyramids, and straightway his enthusiasm grew cold and died.

"I hear automobiles," he said suddenly and with apprehension. Chang placed a hand to his ear. "And they are stopping in front! I will take care of the girl and see that you play the part of Wu Chang well. This is a critical moment. It may be the police. Speak softly and kotow as often as they ask questions. Your makeup in this light will fool them." "No; you remain and let me go to Zudora!" "Fool! I am master here. Do as I say!" With that Wu Chang ran toward the alcove behind which was Zudora's prison. Hassam Ali swallowed with difficulty. He was courageous only when he was sure of results. Mme. Du Roy had already vanished. He was alone. He roused his will and subdued his shaking knees. A bold front for a few moments, and the difficulties would be surmounted. The bell began to ring violently, and immediately after there followed a furious hammering—Storm, furious with anger and fear. "That won't do any good, Mr. Storm," advised one of the detectives. "There'll be better hammering than that presently—that is, if Chang has had a hand in this abduction." "But they may be hurting her!" "That'll make the hammering all the better," grimly. "Ha, some one at the door! Old Chang himself, I should say!" The door opened, and what looked like the bland face of a cultivated Chinaman peered out at them from the half opened door. "Gentlemen, what is this?" "It means, Mr. Chang, that we will have to search your house. Orders." "And for what?" "This gentleman here," and the detective indicated Storm, "claims that you abducted a young lady this evening and that she is here."

The girl's mind was now free, however well her body was bound. So he left her for the night. At dawn she would be on the high seas. The sooner the better, so far as he was concerned. When that liner drew out of her slip Hassam Ali would place in his hands 1,000 shining disks of gold. But the answer to a telephone call at dawn dismayed Wu Chang. The liner would not sail until 4 in the afternoon. Ships do not always sail on scheduled time.

As for Storm, he did not take his clothes off at all, and he was something of a wreck when he ate a meager breakfast. He had heard Zudora call for help as plainly as if he had seen her. He thought and thought and finally, recalling certain curious features in Wu Chang's house, fell upon what he believed to be the true solution. A secret room behind that alcove, from whence the voice had come! From whence the voice had come! He seized the telephone and routed out half a dozen grumbling detectives. Storm was a coming power; a turn of the wheel might lift him to the position of district attorney, and the detectives wanted to be on the right side of him in that event.

There was a bit of bluff in his declaration that he had been mysteriously apprised of the fact that there was a hidden room in Wu Chang's house and that Zudora was there. The detectives were still skeptical. To return to Zudora. She was still as Chang had left her—bound, gagged, helpless. There was only one bit of consolation—her mind was her own. Through a small, high window—outwardly giving the appearance of belonging to the next house—the sun poured in brightly and warmly. She gazed about eagerly, endeavoring vainly to find something sharp upon which she could saw her bonds. The room

had been and evidently still was a kind of seclusion for Wu Chang when he desired to pursue his modes of culture. There was a table, upon which stood a reader's magnifying glass attached to a frame. Quickly Zudora calculated the rays of the sun as the inspiration came to her. She was quite oblivious to the sudden sounds coming faintly through the wall. If she could but reach that table! Fortunately she was not bound to the chair. She rose slowly and took short little jumps, balancing herself nicely. If she stumbled and fell herself liberty. It took three minutes to reach the table. With her elbow she hitched the glass so that the sun fell full upon it. Instantly the book beneath emitted a bit of smoke. Zudora turned about so that this burning ray became focused upon the hempen cords. She felt the smart and sting of flame upon her wrists. But that was nothing. The ray was shriveling the rope; she could smell it! She strained suddenly at her wrists—and was free!



Zudora Heard the Rumble of Her Lover's Automobile.

determined that these dreams should become realities just as soon as she had accomplished the twenty tasks imposed upon her by her uncle. She longed with all her heart to go to John Storm, but her word to her uncle was like a barrier of stone. But tonight life had suddenly developed a new angle. She was in love; she was young; she had a right to be happy. And she was fighting a battle between loyalty to her word and the urgings of her heart. Besides, it was quite possible that the very next case might be the last. Several times so far she had escaped death by a hair, that in itself did not deter her, for



She Felt the Smart and Sting of Flame Upon Her Wrists.

Wu Chang's to be forced to listen to the oratorical spoutings of green young intellects. But a Chinaman will tarry until the reaper comes if there is gold at the end. When the boy finally came forward, blinking and frightened, old Mills for a moment thought Wu Chang had betrayed him. But all at once the boy seemed to straighten up, and presently he began to speak. The voice was unpleasant and monotonous. No hypnotism in the world could change that. There were some surprised people in



A Fine Bit of Warfare Ensued.

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## COUNTY ATTORNEY GIVES AN OPINION

The following letter from H. Rob Keeble, county attorney of Taylor county, deals with his position in regard to slot machines and other machines as are violations of the law.

Abilene, Texas.

Merkel Mail,  
Merkel, Texas:

It has come to my knowledge that many of the merchants in the County are operating slot machines, punch boards and other devices in violation of our gaming laws. I have given repeated warning through the press and otherwise in this connection. I shall warn no more but proceed to prosecute all cases that come to my knowledge. I trust that none of our good merchants will permit a smooth-tongued salesman to persuade them into investing money in these devices. There is no law against bona fide voting contests (although they often become a nuisance to the community). All devices into which an element of chance in the distribution of the prizes enters, are a violation of our lottery and raffle laws and will not be tolerated. If you have any doubt as to the legality of any particular scheme, take the trouble to submit it to the county attorney and he will take the trouble to give you an opinion on it.

H. ROB KEEBLE,  
County Attorney.

## YOUNG LADY HURT BY KICKING HORSE

Miss Amy Gunn narrowly escaped a serious if not fatal injury Sunday when a horse she was driving suddenly kicked and struck her immediately above and between the eyes with its hoof.

The accident happened on Kent street near the Ash home and parties nearby seeing the stricken young lady, rushed to her aid to find her unconscious. She was taken to her mother's home here where medical aid was administered and she is now recovering from the effects of injury.

### Alumni Entertains.

The Alumni Association held their annual business meeting at the Methodist Church Tuesday evening. New officers elected: Miss Eva Williams, President; John Moore, Secretary. Following the closing of the business meeting and the address delivered by Rev. Hearon of Abilene the student body repaired to the home of T. A. Johnson where committees had arranged for the entertainment of the faculty and senior class. An enjoyable evening was spent by those present at the Johnson home.

### A LAND BARGAIN

Three hundred acres good Merkel country farm land, 150 in cultivation and 150 in pasture land. Will exchange for smaller place. Above mentioned land has good three room house and is well watered. See H. L. Easterwood at Merkel Mail office.

The Wilson hose supporter for children, sizes 2 to 14 for 20 cents the pair at the S-Bar Store

E. V. White Jr., of Denton is here visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin. From here he will go to Roscoe to visit other relatives.

## UNITED STATES MAY BE FORCED INTO WAR WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS

**Attitude of President Wilson toward the Mexican Situation Seems Firm. Says Mexico Factions Must Unite in Common Government.**

Washington, June 2.—In a statement to the American people today President Wilson served notice on the factional leaders of Mexico that, unless within "a very short time" they unite to set up a government the world can recognize, the United States "will be constrained to decide what means should be employed by the United States in order to help Mexico save herself and save her people."

Signalizing a change from a "watchful waiting" policy which has guided relations with Mexico for more than two years, the President's statement was regarded everywhere in official and diplomatic quarters as notice of a new and vigorous policy to restore peace below the Rio Grande.

Everywhere it was interpreted as a warning that the patience of the United States was exhausted. What step the President is prepared to take if his warning goes unheeded, is not disclosed in the statement. In high official quarters, nevertheless, no doubt existed that he was ready to proceed with friendly intervention.

## BASEBALL HERE ALSO ELSEWHERE

Monday afternoon Merkel took the initial end of one to three score with a "Paid Team" in the city of Abilene. For Abilene Upchurch was pitted against Crutchfield and while the sanctimoniously named individual had his game won behind him he decidedly had rings pitched around him by Senior Crutchfield, ditto Crawford the Abilene against Smith who grabbed the pill for the locals. In all ten Abilene men slapped at the air, chopped and fought at the horsehide in every way in their vain attempt to lay it away but ten of them could do no more than hit to the catcher, via the Crutchfield route. Upchurch slipped the goose egg on the Merkel score board five times during the contest and was hit more freely than the local's crippled named artist.

A costly error by Merkel let in the two scores for Abilene that caused the game to stop at the end of the usual nine innings.

Today the locals are in Big Springs, playing the ball tossers of that city a three game series while nine men from Cisco will be here Friday and Saturday of next week to liven things up around that three hundred and sixty foot course.

## COUNTY INSTITUTE BE HELD SATURDAY

The County Institute of the Farmers' Co-Operative Demonstration work will be held at the Abilene Chamber of Commerce on Saturday June 5, at 1:00 p. m.

A good crowd of Taylor county farmers are expected to attend the institute. The following interesting program has been announced by President Fred Cockrell:

Feeling Between Business Man and Farmer—Sam Cannon, W. A. Minter.

The Growth of the Hog Industry—C. O. Forbus.

The Dairy Industry in Taylor County—J. F. Handy.

The Use of Silage—S. A. Pitzer, E. H. Eddleman, Cul Forbus.

Growing Demands for Silos—Fred Vandebark.

Election of delegates to the State Institute to be held in Austin, July 27, 28, and 29, 1915.

We are entitled to ten delegates.

Crop Conditions in Taylor County—I. B. Duck.

Signed: Fred Cockrell, President County Institute; K. K. Fuller, Secretary County Institute.—Abilene Reporter.

## ARCHITECTS ARE BUSY ON PLANS

Several architects representing Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene and Sweetwater firms have been in Merkel this week with hopes of being given the work of drawing plans for the new high school building.

A representative of the Dallas firm spent most of Thursday over his chart table getting plans ready for presentation to the school board and exhibited a number of his drawings at the Farmers State Bank to give an idea of the appearance of such buildings as the Merkel school board might select.

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## TESTING TEXAS ROAD MATERIALS, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BUREAU OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGY

Millions of dollars per year are voted for road building in Texas, and increasing millions will be voted as the state becomes wealthier and more populous. The proper spending of this money is an enormous problem. The University of Texas is contributing to the solution by training young men in engineering and the installation of a first-class roads material testing laboratory, where over a thousand samples of Texas roads material have been tested in the last few months and recommendations made concerning each sample.



Above is a scene in the roads testing laboratory, at the University of Texas, in Austin, where the Bureau of Economic Geology is testing various stones and gravels which are found in Texas, with a view to determining their suitability for road construction. The United States Office of Public Roads maintains such a laboratory in Washington, but the University laboratory is as complete an establishment of its kind as can be found in the country. The director of this laboratory hopes to be able to test, analyze, catalogue every material of use in road-building in the state, and publish results of all such investigations for free distribution. County road engineers, commissioners, owners of gravel pits or limestone quarries, or indeed, any one interested in having tests made of available road material can secure a report upon the same by sending samples to the University Bureau of Economic Geology.

## KNOW THY COUNTRY

### I—Introductory

"Know America" is a slogan that should ring out from every school room, office, farm and shop in this nation. No man can aspire to a higher honor than to become a capable citizen, and no one can merit so distinguished a title until he is well informed of the resources, possibilities and achievements of our country.

This is a commercial age and civilization is bearing its most golden fruit in America. We are noted for our industrial achievements as Egypt was noted for her pyramids; Jerusalem for her religion; Greece for her art; Phoenicia for her fleets; Chaldea for her astronomy and Rome for her laws. Likewise we have men who will go down in the world's history as powerful products of their age. For, standing at the source of every gigantic movement that sways civilization is a great man. The greatest minds travel in the greatest direction and the commercial geniuses of this age would have been the sculptors, poets, philosophers, architects, and artists of earlier civilizations.

As Michael Angelo took a rock and with a chisel hewed it into the image of an angel that ever beckons mankind upward and onward, Hill took the desert of the Northwest and with bands of steel made it blossom like a rose, dotted the valleys with happy homes and built cities in waste places.

As Gutenberg took blocks of wood and whittled them into an alphabet and made a printing press that flashed education across the continent like a ray of light upon a new born world, McCormick took

a bar of iron and bent it into a reaper and with one sweep of his magic mind broke the shackles that enslaved labor of generations yet unborn, and gave mankind freedom from drudgery, and lifted the human race into a higher zone of life.

As Nelson organized the English navy and made England mistress of the sea, enabling the British Isles to plant her flag upon every continent washed by the ocean's waves, and to make footstools of the Islands of every water, Morgan organized a banking system that has made America master of the world's finances, brought Kings to our cashier's windows, the nations of the earth to our discount desks and placed under the industries of this nation a financial system as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar.

There is no study quite so interesting as progress; no sound so magic as the roar of industry and no sight so inspiring as civilization in action. A full realization of America's part in the great events of the world past, present and future will thrill every human heart with pride, patriotism and faith in Republican institutions.

Through the courtesy of the Agricultural and Commercial Press Service, the readers of this paper will be permitted to study America; her agricultural, manufacturing and mineral development, mercantile, banking and transportation systems which are the wonder of the world. The first article of the series will deal with transportation and will appear at an early date.

## MANUAL TRAINING AT STATE UNIVERSITY



The great handicap which bars progress in vocational education in Texas today is lack of properly trained teachers. The University of Texas is doing a great work in turning out hundreds of highly trained teachers each year who take their life positions in the public schools.

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## LONDON AIR RAID CAUSES 4 DEATHS

London, June 1, 5:01 p. m.—Ninety bombs were dropped in the raid on London last night by Zeppelin airships.

No public building was damaged. This information was given out officially today.

Four persons were killed and a few were injured.

The statement adds that the ninety bombs caused a number of fires, of which only three were large enough to require the services of fire engines. It is also said one infant, one boy, one man and one woman were killed and another woman probably fatally injured. A few other private citizens were seriously injured.

According to the German official statement today, the raid was [in reprisal for the recent bombardment by allied aviators of Ludwigsafen.

The raid on the metropolitan area last night has brought recrudescence of the anti-German demonstrations of the mob.

The feeling against Germans is acute. Crowds have attacked shops and special constables have had to be called out to deal with the people.

The rioters have pulled down the barricades from shops which had been boarded up since the previous disorders and what furniture and goods remained has been looted.

## 12 AMERICANS REPORTED DEAD

Galveston, June 2.—Captain Oscar Lane of the oil tanker Winnifred, arriving here from Tampico last night, is credited with the report that ten or twelve Americans have been killed by Mexicans near Tampico in last few days.

He received such reports just before leaving Tampico and it is stated that they are founded on facts.

It is impossible to confirm the statement, credited to Lane as the Winnifred in now sailing to in the Houston ship canal.

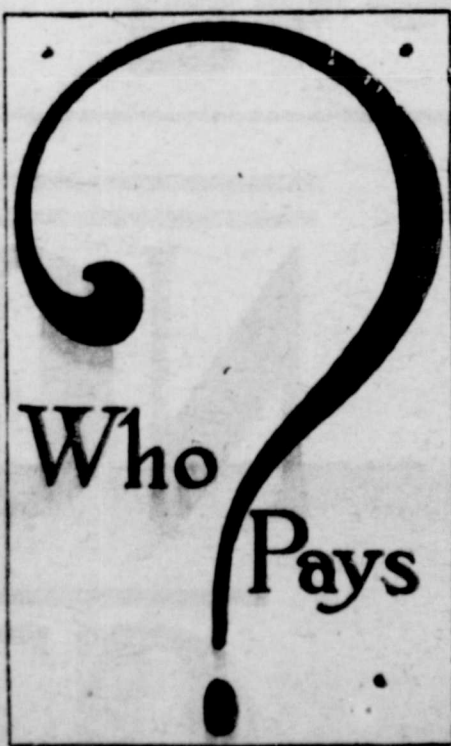
## LIGHT COMPANY TO BEGIN WORK SOON

The Abilene Light & Power Co., who have an option on the Merkel Electric Co., for their plant at this place have begun work getting material ready for the erection of the transmission line to Merkel.

Surveyors are at work this week on the proposed line and some material has already been received at Merkel for the new firm. As yet the deal has not been consummated between the Abilene Company and the Merkel Electric Co., but from the fact that the out of town promoters are making preparations for construction work seems evident of their intentions to purchase the Merkel Plant before their option on same expires.

### Purchases Buick Touring Car

Messrs H. M. Warren and Fred Guitar went to Dallas Friday of last week and returned home Sunday, making the return trip overland in a new Buick 25 touring car purchased by the latter through the local agent Mr. Warren.



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## TAINED POLITICS

By Peter Radford.

This country is suffering more from tainted politics than from any other malady at the present time. There is scarcely a campaign speech made, a platform demand written or a measure enacted into law that does not carry the taint of personal gain of some politician or political faction thereof.

There is more "blue sky" in campaign promises of many politicians running for office than was ever contained in the prospectuses of the boldest promoters of chimerical business schemes. There are more secret combinations formed by politicians in the name of "My Country" than were ever formed under any and all other aliases. There are more political rebates hidden in the phrase "Be it enacted" than were ever concealed under any and all other disguises.

The inordinate thirst for political power and unrestrained passion for mastery has caused more distress in this nation than the greed for gold, and it ought to be regulated by law. No business combination ever pursued their competitors as relentlessly or visited more heartless cruelty upon their customers than a political party that seeks to make junk of an industry, or cripple a business for party success, through tariff measures, political supervision and oftentimes destructive legislation. Many political platforms are as alluring to the voter as the story of the rainbow with its pot of gold and their consummation about as far-fetched. Self-gain is the first law in politics. There are many men in office today who, if they could not shake plums off the tree of American liberty or cut a melon taken from Uncle Sam's commissary, would have less desire to serve the public.

The country is surfeited with patriots, who will bare their breast to bullets in defense of their country, but there are few men in public life who will bare their breast to voters or run the gauntlet of party disfavor in defense of agriculture or industry. No representative of the people, who will permit personal prejudice to de throne justice, party success to disfranchise reason or the rancor of a political campaign to influence judgment can render capable service.

The preservation of our prosperity depends upon wisdom, courage and honesty in government, and the American voter should seek these attributes as implicitly as the Wise Men followed the Star of Bethlehem and they will often be found to rest over the stable; the plow or the staff of the Shepherd. The surest cure for tainted politics and machine rule is fresh air and sunshine and these important elements are most abundant upon the farm, and when farmers, bankers and merchants are elected to membership in legislative bodies, much of the trouble in government will disappear.

## WATERED SECURITIES

By Peter Radford.

Much has been said and more written about the evils of watered stock in big business concerns and the farmers of this nation believe that every dollar written into the life of any business organization, should be able to say "I know that my Redeemer liveth," but farming is the biggest business on earth, and there is more water in its financial transaction than that of any other industry. There is as much water in a farmer's note drawing eight or ten per cent interest when other lines of industry secure money for four or five per cent per annum, as there is in a business paying a reasonable compensation upon the face value of securities representing an investment of only fifty cents on the dollar. The only difference is, the water is in the interest rate in one instance and in the securities in the other.

The promoter oftentimes takes chances and his success is contingent upon the development of the property involved but the usurer, as a rule, takes no chances and his success cripples the property involved. There may be industries that cry louder but none that suffer more severely from financial immorality in both law and custom than that of agriculture.

The farmers of America today are paying \$200,000,000 per annum in usury on real estate and chattel loans, and this interest capitalized at five per cent, represents \$4,000,000,000 of fictitious values which the farmer is paying interest on. This sum of money is almost equal to the annual value of crops produced in the United States.

The earning power of the farmer's note based upon his interest rate very nearly divides like the earth's surface—three-fourths water and one-fourth land. The largest body of water that floats upon the financial hemisphere now rests upon the farms and its waves are dashing and its billows are rolling against seven million homes threatening ruin and disaster to the prosperity of the nation. Will our public servants who understand how to drain the liquid off industrial properties turn the faucet and let the water off the farms?

It is an admitted economic fact that there can be no permanent prosperity without a permanent agriculture.

Agriculture is recognized as the greatest of all industries and a prosperous, progressive and enlightened agricultural population is the surest safeguard of civilization.

## THE PENALTY OF CARELESSNESS

By S. W. English,  
Fire Prevention Expert.

Every time you hear the cry of "Fire!" you can be almost absolutely safe in thinking that someone has been careless. Fires don't happen. They are the inevitable result of combinations of preventable things. When analyzed to the last equation it will be found that carelessness is the root whence spring nearly all fires.

What a penalty industry pays to carelessness! Fire is the great destroyer. The wealth of a generation can be wiped out in but a brief hour. Why not fight fires before they start? Why not so conduct your habits and so keep your premises that when the fire demon wants to offer your savings as a sacrifice he will pass you by, just as those of Egypt of old were passed over when the sign they had been told to place over their doors, were seen?

Too often when those who are responsible from fire cry out they are the victims of bad luck, they are but paying the natural penalty for their own carelessness.

If you want to keep down your fire insurance rates, wage eternal warfare against those things that ever breed fires.

## RURAL SCHOOL TERM SHOULD BE EXTENDED

By P. P. Claxton,  
U. S. Commissioner of Education.

In most States school days for country children are fewer than for city children. The average length of school term in cities of the United States is one hundred and eighty-five days; in rural communities one hundred and thirty-eight days, a difference of forty-seven days. In some States the difference is much greater than this average. In many counties the average length of the rural school term is less than one hundred days, and in some districts it is less. On the other hand, in the States of California, New York and Connecticut, the country schools are in session one hundred and eighty days in a year, and in several other States almost as long. The country schools of Rhode Island are in session one hundred and ninety days in a year.

If all children are to have an equal opportunity for education we must even up the school-terms of the country and give to all country children at least as many days as are now given to city children. One hundred and eighty-five days of schooling a year for all children will not be too much. There are countries in which the schools, both for city and country, are in session from two hundred and twenty to two hundred and fifty days or more in the year. American children need as much education as those of any other country, and this applies to the rural as well as urban districts.

## AN AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL

By T. N. Carver,  
Professor of Economics, Harvard University.

Every city has its chamber of commerce or its Board of Trade. The purpose of such an organization is to study economic and business opportunities of the city and promote enterprises which will help to build the city. Does any one know of every rural neighborhood ought not have a similar organization?

In Germany they already have such organizations. They are generally called the "landwirtschaftsrath" or agricultural council. Some students of the problem of rural organization are strongly of the opinion that such an agricultural council is necessary before much can be done for the bettering of rural credit or the marketing of farm produce. There is no object, for example, in having more capital in a farming neighborhood unless the farmers know without any guess-work just how to use that capital so as to increase the production and the profit of their farms. If all the leading farmers of a neighborhood would lay their heads together and talk over the situation and study the opportunities for new investment, they would be less likely to make mistakes than if they work secretly, as separate individuals.

## CIVILIZATION'S GREATEST TRAGEDY

Extract from article by W. D. Lewis, president Texas Farmers' Union, opposing woman's suffrage:

"We are willing to join in every effort to elevate woman but will assist in none to drag her down. The descent of womanhood is the most awful tragedy in civilization. As she sinks she may, like the setting sun, tint the horizon with the rays of her departing glory. She may tenderly kiss the mountain tops of her achievement farewell; she may, like the sinking sun, allure the populace with her beauty as she disappears for the night but when she steps downward, the earth is as certain to tremble and plunge into darkness as death is to follow life."

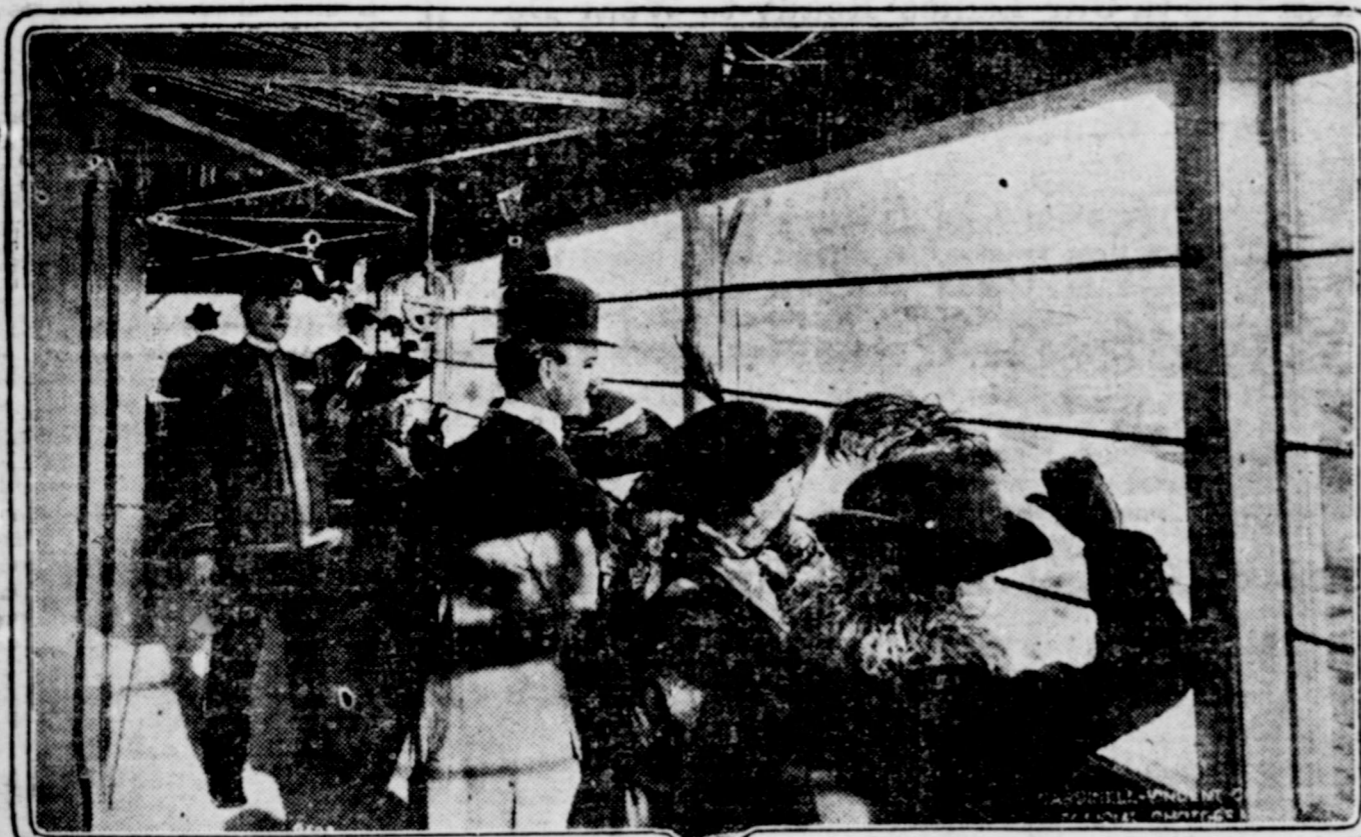
# Of Course You Are Going to See the Exposition

## The World in Epitome Shown by Displays in the Vast Exhibit Palaces at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

Today the great Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco is being widely exploited throughout the world by the millions of sight-seers who have visited the exposition since its opening on February 20th last as the most beautiful, comprehensive and interesting universal exposition that the world has ever known. The wonderful exhibit palaces house the treasures of the earth, while the grounds, planted to millions of rare bulbs, are a gorgeous mass of color and fragrance. To the visitor entering the gates for the first time, either by night or day, the scene is certain to hold the newcomer spellbound, as the vast panorama unfolds bit by bit before the gaze and the eye wanders from one beauty spot to another in an endless chain of amazing surprises. Entering the main gate at Scott street, for instance, the visitor sees the great Fountain of Energy directly before him; its giant sprays sparkling and flashing in the light of the warm California sun by day or assuming the appearance of masses of flowing flames by night under the powerful beams of the great batteries of searchlights trained upon this work of art. As the spell is lifted the eye falls upon the Tower of Jewels, the great center piece of the exposition, and again attention is arrested until the eye has conquered the dizzy heights of this gem-studded tower, every cornice and figure sending forth its share of dazzling lights.

The world's advance in all branches of art, science and industry is amazingly portrayed in the exhibits. Among the electrical exhibits, for example, is the Audion amplifier, invented by Lee De Forest. Through this invention the visitor in the Liberal Arts palace is enabled to converse over the long distance telephone with his relatives at the farthest section of the Atlantic coast and may hear the voice of the speaker in greater volume than was actually given into the transmitting telephone. The intensity of the sound is increased by passing through heat waves. Today it is possible for an orator in New York city to address through the telephone a large audience at San Francisco the sound being increased so that it is of power great enough to fill a large hall. This single advance in the development of the telephone is paralleled in hundreds of other lines. The railroads have made low round trip rates and ample and reasonable accommodations are to be had in San Francisco and the adjoining cities.

## THE WONDERFUL AEROSCOPE, HIGHER THAN THE FERRIS WHEEL, GIVES VISITORS MARVELOUS VIEW OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST EXPOSITION



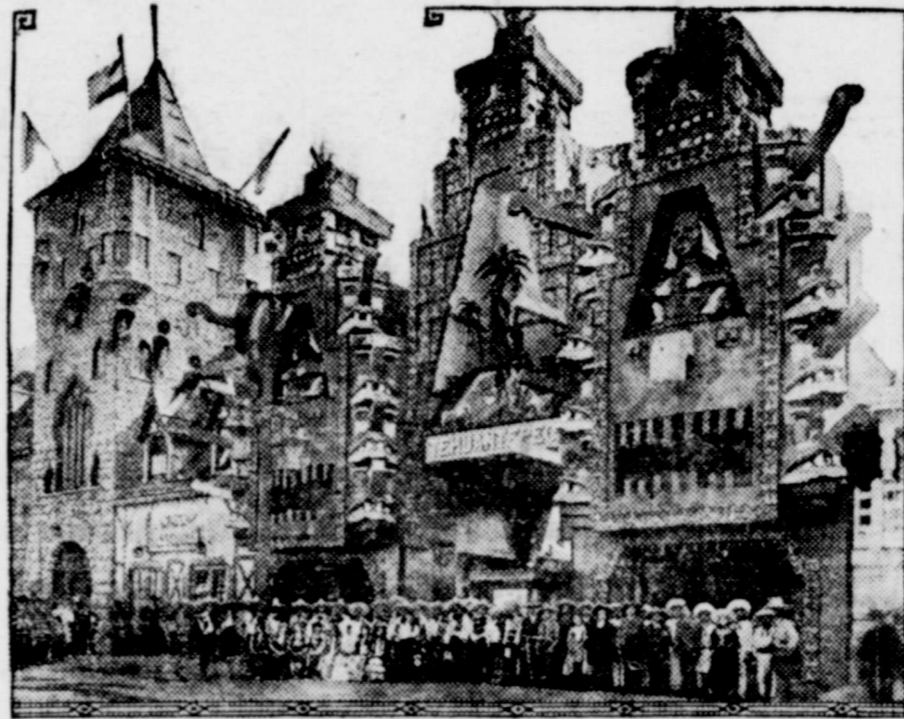
VISITORS ON THE AEROSCOPE 265 FEET ABOVE THE EARTH



THE GIANT FRAME OF THE AEROSCOPE AS IT APPEARED UNDER CONSTRUCTION

For the seeker of amusement there is opportunity a-plenty in the unique mechanical achievement, the Aeroscope, on "The Zone," at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The Aeroscope resembles a giant crane of a novel and intricate design, its steel construction recalling that of the Bascule bridge. At the extremity of the long arm of the crane is a two-story car with a seating capacity for 100 persons and standing room for 20 more. At the short end of the crane is a giant mass of concrete, which serves as a counter-balance for the long arm of the crane. Beneath the car are two great water tanks, which take on water or discharge it as passengers enter or leave the car, thus always preserving the balance to a nicety. When, for example, a man weighing 160 pounds enters the car an amount of water of equal weight is released from the tank, and when the passenger departs 160 pounds of water are automatically discharged into the tank below the car. The car ascends without perceptible motion, and perfect safety and a jarless ride of ten minutes is assured to passengers while enjoying this trip of 265 feet into the clouds, or four feet higher than the Ferris wheel. Two motors control the ascent and descent in conjunction with the counter-balance of the huge car, and when it reaches its extreme height it begins to swing slowly around on the wheels at its base, giving a magnificent view of the exposition, of San Francisco bay and of the city of San Francisco.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS OF 10,000 YEARS AGO SHOWN IN THE TEHUANTEPEC VILLAGE AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION



The Tehuantepec village on the Zone at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition is a bit of the oldest civilization of the world brought to San Francisco from the country of the Aztec ruins in Central America. Beautiful carpet weaving is shown, together with onyx cutting, clay and wax modeling, ancient dancing and singing, pottery making and coloring and other arts characteristic of the people. A typical garden is open to the visitor in the concession in which is to be seen the landscape art of this people.

## Some Marvelous Exhibits at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition

### Exhibits in Agricultural Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Show Caterpillar Gaining Favor Over Lug-wheeler Tractors in Farm Machinery.

An observer in the Agriculture Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco cannot help noticing, in the display of agricultural power machinery, the almost complete supersession of the new design of power tractor, known as the caterpillar, over the cumbersome, unstable, high-wheeled engine of a few years ago. There are few of the old models on exhibition, while the caterpillar principle has been applied to almost every type of engine for agricultural purposes.

The caterpillar proper is a heavy sheet metal chain, varying in width from ten inches to two feet according to the weight of the engine, which passes around two heavy sprocket wheels like a belt. These wheels revolving, pass the chain about them, the lower part moving backward, with the weight of the engine resting on the broad surface of the chain between the two sprockets.

An engine of this type can be operated on ground soft enough to mire an ordinary farm wagon.

### Duplicate of the Roosevelt African Shotgun.

A duplicate of the shotgun which Col. Theodore Roosevelt took with him on his African trip, a gun constructed expressly for him by an American armorer, is on display at the manufacturer's exhibit in the Manufacturers' Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco. The gun cost its illustrious owner \$360, and its beautiful design, graceful lines and wonderful inlay work would justify the expenditure to any lover of fine pieces. The stock is elaborately hand carved, the barrels and lock are hand engraved, and the lock is inlaid with a hunting scene in gold. The barrels are of the finest Krupp steel. Before starting on the trip the ex-president wrote to the makers: "I really think it is the most beautiful gun I have ever seen. I am almost ashamed to take it to Africa and subject it to the rough treatment it will receive."

The left barrel is choked and the right open. It is cored to shoot either buckshot or a single ball.

In a group in this Palace are displays by four of the world's greatest manufacturers of sporting arms, which form an exhibit which attracts hundreds of sportsmen. Each display is in charge of a firearms expert.

### Pearl Culture a New Industry.

Among the interesting exhibits of the Japanese in the Manufacturers' Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition is a demonstration of the methods and results of pearl cultivation in the far East. The displays of this cultivated product, showing hundreds of pearls which until pearl culture was placed on a commercial basis a few years ago would have been the possessions of royalty, will delight any lover of beautiful gems, and the methods of production will prove interesting to any observer. Though pearl culture has become a thriving industry in Japan, attempts to reproduce it in other parts of the world have yielded but meager results.

The successful method of propagation was evolved by the Japanese scientist Kokichi Mikimoto, who discovered a species of oyster which produced the pearl on the surface of the shell. Though the finding of the oysters and inserting the nuclei, then waiting for the pearl to grow to a commercial size may seem a simple process, the fact that it has not reduced the price of the gems, even to that of the most expensive imitations, shows that it is beset with many difficulties.

### Daniel Webster's Plow at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

One of the most valuable exhibits commercially, in the Agricultural Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, is an ancient plow displayed in the Massachusetts exhibit, and forming a striking contrast to the highly-complex modern machinery displayed on the acreage of floor about it.

The plow owes its distinction to the circumstance that a hundred years ago Daniel Webster's youthful hands guided it along the furrows of his father's farm near Marshfield, Mass. It was drawn by a yoke of oxen and if the future peer of American orators and statesmen could turn an acre of sod a day he had to work from daylight to dark.

### Radium Used to Promote Plant Growth.

Some of the remarkable properties of radium are being demonstrated by an exhibitor in the Liberal Arts building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, in connection with a new invention making possible the radiofying of water for medicinal purposes.

Demonstrating the power of this mineral promoting metabolism a number of young plants, some existing with and some without the aid of radium, are shown. Those in the radioactive soils are seen to be growing much more rapidly than those in common soil, and to have a more healthy appearance.

This inventor has found a process of impregnating terra cotta bricks with radium-bearing minerals, and these small bricks placed in water are said to give it remarkable curative properties. The porous bricks last almost indefinitely, losing only half their potency, it is estimated, in 1,800 years. Since the discovery of this mineral it has been found that many celebrated waters, as Carlsbad and Baden Baden, owe their health-giving properties to radium. The inventor claims that his process produces in ordinary waters the qualities of these famous springs.

The radium ore used in the manufacture of radioactive terra cotta is known as carnotite, a formation found mainly in Colorado and Utah, and now producing three-fourths of the world's radium. The European mineral, known as pitchblende, from which the famous European springs are impregnated, is also displayed.

### Most Rapid Photographs Ever Taken.

The most remarkable set of speed photographs ever taken are a part of the war department's exhibit in Machinery Hall at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco. They are pictures of a shell from a 12-inch coast defense gun in flight, the set including the various phases of the flight beginning just as the great projectile pokes its nose out of the muzzle of the gun.

The pictures were taken with a lens having an exposure period of one five-thousandth of a second, this being the fastest shutter ever manufactured. The exposure at the proper time in the flight of the projectile was made by breaking an electric circuit in a wire stretched across the trajectory at the desired point and connecting with the shutter.

One picture shows the shell half-way out of the muzzle before any smoke and gas has escaped. Another was taken when the shell was two feet from the muzzle but hidden by a heavy ring of smoke. A third shows the shell in flight a hundred feet from the muzzle. The photographs are so perfect and the exposure so rapid that scarcely any blur is perceptible. They were taken at Fortress Monroe, Va., under the direction of Capt. F. J. Behl of the coast artillery corps and head of the department of enlisted specialists at the Coast Artillery school at Fortress Monroe.

### NATIVE LIFE OF THE FAR PACIFIC.



The photograph shows the belle of the interesting Samoan village at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco. The structures in this village, comprising the native thatched huts of the Samoan, or as they were formerly called, the Navigator islands, were brought intact from the native villages and are absolutely faithful in all their features. There are many native families living in the village who for the edification of visitors perform the aquatic feats in which the islanders excel, and dance the rhythmic native dances. The life of the people of the Pacific ocean is wonderfully illustrated at the Exposition, and of all the races none are more interesting than the Samoans who exhibit many traces of Aryan descent. No Exposition visitor should fail to see these unique tribespeople.

### UNCLE SAM SHOWN ON THE ZONE.



This photograph shows a unique figure of Uncle Sam on the Zone, the great amusement section at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco.

### THIS IS "MR. SOA KUM."



Visitors to the Zone at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition find much to amuse them by a visit to "Soa Kum" and hundreds of other interesting concessions which line the Zone's broad avenue for a mile. In "Soa Kum" one tries to hit all kinds of heads for all kinds of prizes.

# Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall's Exposition Message to the Nation

The Vice-President of the United States, after spending five days at the great Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, indited the following message to the people of the nation containing his appreciation of the great fair:

"The steps of my life seem to have been marked by national expositions. My young manhood began with the Centennial, maturity was marked by the Columbian and Louisiana Purchase, and now the sunset years bring me to this marvel of the Republic upon the shores of the sunset seas. So often have I thought I saw the Pillars of Hercules inscribed with their 'ne plus ultra' that I hesitate to say that I have reached them. But they who build this Panama-Pacific International Exposition were so wise in adopting all the good features and avoiding those which marred the preceding ones, that to me it seems as near perfection as the mind and hand of man have ever wrought.

"Whoever can, even at a sacrifice of something which for the moment appears necessary, should come to see a real work of art never equaled, seen by a mirage. If there be anyone in America with a thirst for knowledge and for beauty and a longing for a liberal education, such an one can here obtain it.

"This is the University of the world. It has a chair fully endowed to meet the wants and needs of each. The eye, the ear, the mind, the heart, the soul, each may have its horizon here enlarged. I came to bear a message; I remain to become a student; I leave the feet of this Gamaliel of all expositions with regret.

THOMAS R. MARSHALL.

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Ladies' 25.00 silk crepe Dresses, for quick action 17.95
Ladies' 3.75 crepe de chine waist 2.85
Ladies' 3.50 crepe de chine waist 2.85
Ladies' 3.50 wash silk waist 2.85

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Ladies' 3.00 Black Satin Colonial Pumps, Kidney heel, for quick action 2.39
Ladies' 3.50 Tan Calf Pumps, for quick action 2.49
Ladies' 2.50 Tan Button Oxfords, for quick action 1.98
Ladies' 3.50 Dull Kid Colonial Pump, new Kidney heel, for quick action 2.49
Ladies' 3.00 Patent Kid, Low Heel Pump, for quick action 2.49
Ladies' 3.50 Satin Colonial Pump, for quick action 2.85
Ladies' 4.00 Patent Leather Colonial Pump, new Kidney Heel, for quick action \$3.49

Ladies' White Oxfords and Pumps

Ladies' \$3.50 White Buck English Walker, rubber soles, for quick action \$2.98
Ladies' \$3.00 White Canvas Button Oxfords, low and high heels, for quick action \$1.98
Ladies' \$1.75 White Canvas Pumps, low heel, for quick action 1.49
Ladies' 2.00 White Canvas Colonial Pump, for quick action 1.69
Ladies' 1.75 White Canvas Pump, for quick action 1.49

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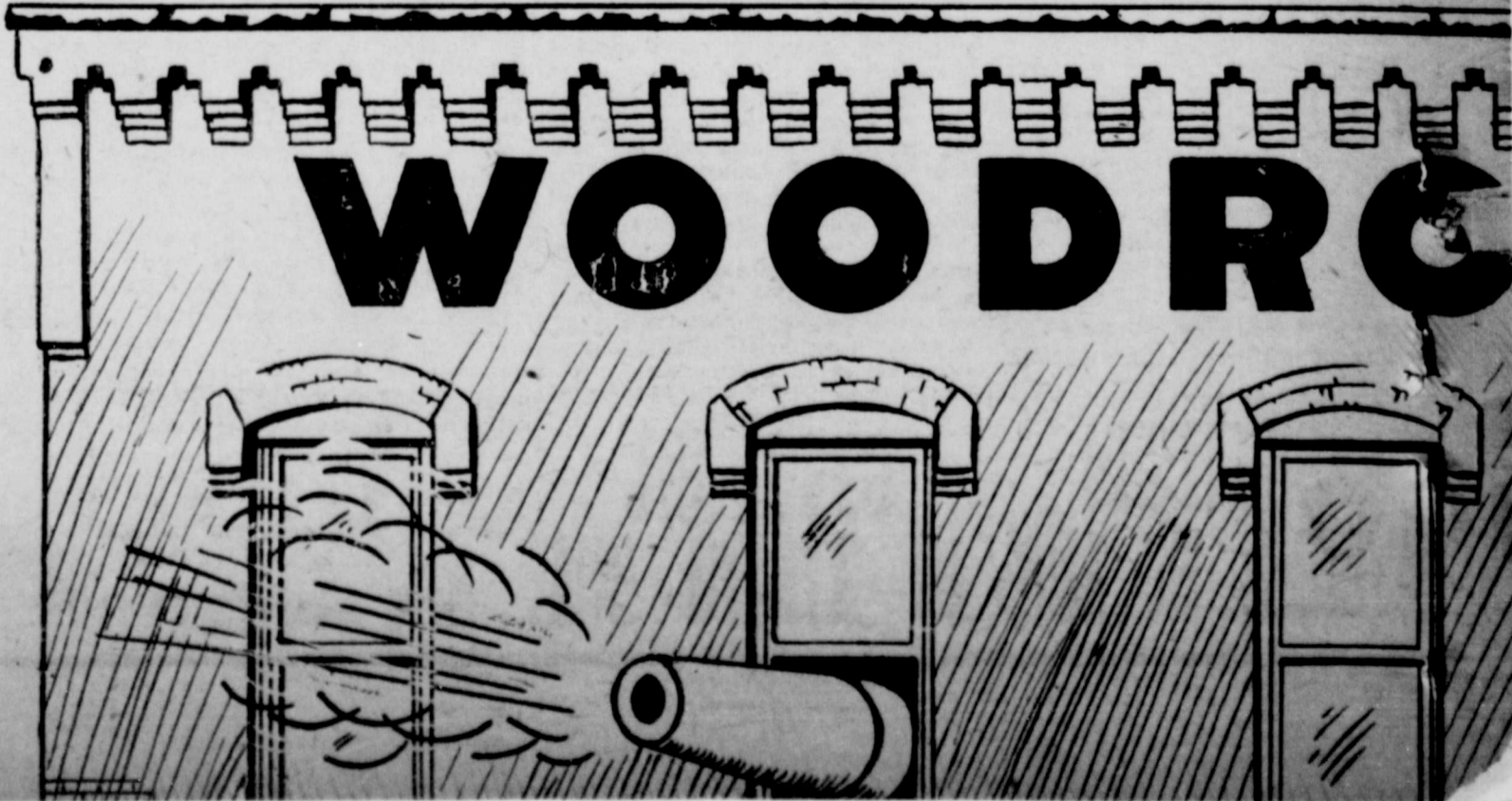
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Mr. Morris deserves great credit for the success and growth of the class. His advice and council has always been like that of a father and we feel sure that he has made impressions upon each member of the class that will remain with them throughout life and cause the better self to predominate. The class will miss Mr. Morris during his two months vacation but I trust that the class will hold together and grow under the one who will take the vacated place. Press Reporter.

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If the rubber tire conquers the street traffic its next struggle is with the railroads of the country, and then the greatest battle between economic forces ever fought out on the face of this earth is on, for iron is the undisputed master in transportation, and is fortified behind billions of dollars, and millions of men.

Stephenson applied the steel tire to an iron rail in 1814, but it was 1869 before the golden spike was driven at Promontory Point, which bound the country together with bands of steel. It took the iron tire fifty-five years to creep from ocean to ocean, but the rubber tire while warm from the creative mind of the inventive genius sped across the continent like an arrow shot from the bow of Ulysses. The roadbed was already prepared and therein lies the power of the rubber tire over that of iron, for government builds and maintains the public highway.

But iron is a stubborn metal and it has mastered every wheel that turns; has fought battles with every element above and beneath the earth and has never tasted the wormwood of defeat, and when rubber hurls its full force against this monarch of the Mineral Kingdom, it may rebound to the factory stunned beyond recovery.

The rubber tire first made its appearance on the bicycle, but it proved a frivolous servant and was dismissed for incompetency. It has always been too much inclined to revel in luxury to be taken seriously as a utility machine and its reputation is not one to inspire confidence in heavy traffic performance.

But to those who care to waft into dreamland, it is enchanting to note that there will be a marvelous difference between a rubber and an iron age. The rubber tire will scatter the cities throughout the valleys for with transportation at every man's door, why a city? It will traverse the continent with a net work of Macadam highways as beautiful as the boulevard built by Napoleon. It will paralyze the law making bodies of this nation for how could the legislatures run without the railroads to operate on?

## FEDERAL INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

By Peter Radford.

The recent investigation of the United States Commission of Industrial Relations brought together the extremes of society and has given the public an opportunity to view the representatives of distinct classes, side by side, and to study their views in parallel columns.

Capital and labor have always been glaring at each other over gulfs of misunderstanding and if the Federal Industrial Commission attempts to bridge the chasm, it will render the public a distinct service.

The farmer has been sitting on the fence watching capital and labor fight for many years and incidentally furnishing the sinews of war and it is quite gratifying to find them talking with, instead of about, each other. When honest men smile and look into each other's souls, it always makes the world better and far more satisfactory to the farmer, who in the end, bears the burden of conflict, than resolutions, speeches or pamphlets containing charges and counter-charges.

The love for justice makes the whole world kin. Understanding is an arbiter far more powerful than the mandates of government, for there is no authority quite so commanding as an honest conscience; there is no decree quite so binding as that of the Supreme Court of Common Sense and no sheriff can keep the peace quite so perfect as Understanding.

We suppose the time will never come when capital and labor will not be occasionally blinded by the lightning flashes of avarice or frightened by the thunder peals of discontent. But Understanding is a Prince of Peace that ever holds out the olive branch to men who want to do right. A man's income is always a sacred thing for in it are the hope, ambition and opportunity of himself, and family, but there is nothing in a human heart quite so divine as Justice and Understanding is its handmaiden.

## DESTINY OF NATIONS DEPENDS UPON CONTENTED HOMES.

By W. D. Lewis.

President Texas Farmers' Union. Why is woman dissatisfied? Why does she grow restless under the crown of womanhood? Why is she weary of the God-given jewel of motherhood? Is it not a sufficient political achievement for woman that future rulers nurse at her breast, laugh in her arms and kneel at her feet? Can ambition lead to more glorious heights than to sing lullabies to the world's greatest geniuses, chant melodies to master minds and rock the cradle of human destiny?

God pity our country when the hand-shake of the politician is more gratifying to woman's heart than the patter of children's feet.

## Woman is Ruler Over All.

Why does woman chafe under restraint of sex? Why revile the hand of nature? Why discard the skirts that civilization has clung to since the beginning of time? Why lay aside this hallowed garment that has wiped the tears of sorrow from the face of childhood? In its sacred embrace every generation has hidden its face in shame; clinging to its motherly folds, tottering children have learned to play hide and seek and from youth learned to reverence and respect womanhood. Can man think of his mother without this consecrated garment?

Why this inordinate thirst for power? Is not woman all powerful? Man cannot enter this world without her consent, he cannot remain in peace without her blessing and unless she sheds tears of regret over his departure, he has lived in vain. Why this longing for civic power when God has made her ruler over all? Why crave authority when man bows down and worships her? Man has given woman his heart, his name and his money. What more does she want?

Can man find it in his heart to look with pride upon the statement that his honorable mother-in-law was one of the most powerful political bosses in the country, that his distinguished grandmother was one of the ablest filibusters in the Senate and that his mother was a noted warrior and her name a terror to the enemy? Whether are we drifting and where will we land?

## God Save Us From a Hen-Pecked Nation.

I follow the plow for a living and my views may have in them the smell of the soil; my hair is turning white under the frost of many winters and perhaps I am a little old-fashioned, but I believe there is more moral influence in the dress of woman than in all the statute books of the land. As an agency for morality, I wouldn't give my good old mother's homemade gowns for all the suffragette's constitutions and by-laws in the world. As a power for purifying society, I wouldn't give one prayer of my saintly mother for all the women's votes in Christendom. As an agency for good government, I wouldn't give the plea of a mother's heart for righteousness for all the cathos of office in the land.

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## A DIVINE COVENANT.

God Almighty gave Eve to Adam with the pledge that she would be his helpmeet and with this order of companionship, civilization has towered to its greatest heights. In this relationship, God has blessed woman and man has honored her and after four thousand years of progress, she now proposes to provoke God to decay man by asking for suffrage, thereby by amending an agreement to which she was not a party.

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If the rubber tire conquers the street traffic its next struggle is with the railroads of the country, and then the greatest battle between economic forces ever fought out on the face of this earth is on, for iron is the undisputed master in transportation, and is fortified behind billions of dollars, and millions of men.

Stephenson applied the steel tire to an iron rail in 1814, but it was 1869 before the golden spike was driven at Promontory Point, which bound the country together with bands of steel. It took the iron tire fifty-five years to creep from ocean to ocean, but the rubber tire while warm from the creative mind of the inventive genius sped across the continent like an arrow shot from the bow of Ulysses.

But iron is a stubborn metal and it has mastered every wheel that turns; has fought battles with every element above and beneath the earth and has never tasted the wormwood of defeat, and when rubber hurls its full force against this monarch of the Mineral Kingdom, it may rebound to the factory stunned beyond recovery.

The rubber tire first made its appearance on the bicycle, but it proved a frivolous servant and was dismissed for incompetency. It has always been too much inclined to revel in luxury to be taken seriously as a utility machine and its reputation is not one to inspire confidence in heavy traffic performance.

But to those who care to waft into dreamland, it is enchanting to note that there will be a marvelous difference between a rubber and an iron age. The rubber tire will scatter the cities throughout the valleys for with transportation at every man's door, why a city? It will traverse the continent with a net work of Macadam highways as beautiful as the boulevard built by Napoleon.

FEDERAL INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

By Peter Radford.

The recent investigation of the United States Commission of Industrial Relations brought together the extremes of society and has given the public an opportunity to view the representatives of distinct classes, side by side, and to study their views in parallel columns.

Capital and labor have always been glaring at each other over gulfs of misunderstanding and if the Federal Industrial Commission attempts to bridge the chasm, it will render the public a distinct service.

The farmer has been sitting on the fence watching capital and labor fight for many years and incidentally furnishing the sinews of war and it is quite gratifying to find them talking with, instead of about, each other. When honest men smile and look into each other's souls, it always makes the world better and far more satisfactory to the farmer, who in the end, bears the burden of conflict, than resolutions, speeches or pamphlets containing charges and counter-charges.

The love for justice makes the whole world kin. Understanding is an arbiter far more powerful than the mandates of government, for there is no authority quite so commanding as an honest conscience; there is no decree quite so binding as that of the Supreme Court of Common Sense and no sheriff can keep the peace quite so perfect as Understanding.

We suppose the time will never come when capital and labor will not be occasionally blinded by the lightning flashes of avarice or frightened by the thunder peals of discontent. But Understanding is a Prince of Peace that ever holds out the olive branch to men who want to do right. A man's income is always a sacred thing for in it are the hope, ambition and opportunity of himself, and family, but there is nothing in a human heart quite so divine as Justice and Understanding is its handmaiden.

DESTINY OF NATIONS DEPENDS UPON CONTENTED HOMES.

By W. D. Lewis.

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Why is woman dissatisfied? Why does she grow restless under the crown of womanhood? Why is she weary of the God-given jewel of motherhood? Is it not a sufficient political achievement for woman that future rulers nurse at her breast, laugh in her arms and kneel at her feet? Can ambition leap to more glorious heights than to sing lullabies to the world's greatest geniuses, chant melodies to master minds and rock the cradle of human destiny?

God pity our country when the hand-shake of the politician is more gratifying to woman's heart than the patting of children's feet.

Woman is Ruler Over All.

Why does woman chafe under restraint of sex? Why revile the hand of nature? Why discard the skirts that civilization has clung to since the beginning of time? Why lay aside this hallowed garment that has wiped the tears of sorrow from the face of childhood? In its sacred embrace every generation has hidden its face in shame; clinging to its motherly folds, tottering children have learned to play hide and seek and from its youth learned to reverence and respect womanhood. Can man think of his mother without this consecrated garment?

Why this inordinate thirst for power? Is not woman all powerful? Men cannot enter this world without her consent, he cannot remain in peace without her blessing and unless she sheds tears of regret over his departure, he has lived in vain. Why this longing for civic power when God has made her ruler over all? Why crave authority when man bows down and worships her? Man has given woman his heart, his name and his money. What more does she want?

Can man find it in his heart to look with pride upon the statement that his honorable mother-in-law was one of the most powerful political bosses in the country, that his distinguished grandmother was one of the ablest filibusters in the Senate or that his mother was a noted warrior and her name a terror to the enemy? Whither are we drifting and where will we land?

God Save Us From a Hen-Pecked Nation.

I follow the plow for a living and my views may have in them the smell of the soil; my hair is turning white under the frost of many winters and perhaps I am a little old-fashioned, but I believe there is more moral influence in the dress of woman than in all the statute books of the land. As an agency for morality, I wouldn't give my good old mother's homemade gowns for all the suffragette's constitutions and by-laws in the world.

There is more power in the smile of woman than in an act of congress. There are greater possibilities for good government in her family of laughing children than in the cabinet of the president of the United States.

The destiny of this nation lies in the home and not in the legislative halls. The hearthstone and the family Bible will ever remain the source of our inspiration and the Acts of the Apostles will ever shine brighter than the acts of Congress.

This country is law-mad. Why add to a statute book, already groaning under its own weight, the hysterical cry of woman? If we never had a chance to vote again in a lifetime and did not pass another law in twenty-five years, we could survive the ordeal, but without home, civilization would wither and die.

God save these United States from becoming a hen-pecked nation; help us keep sissies out of Congress and forbid that women become step-fathers to government, is the prayer of the farmers of this country.

A DIVINE COVENANT.

God Almighty gave Eve to Adam with the pledge that she would be his helpmeet and with this order of companionship, civilization has towered to its greatest heights. In this relationship, God has blessed woman and man has honored her and after four thousand years of progress, she now proposes to provoke God to decey man by asking for suffrage, thereby by amending an agreement to which she was not a party.

Woman, remember that the Israelite scorned a divine covenant, and as a result wandered forty years in the wilderness without God. Likewise man should remember that it is a dangerous thing to debase woman by law. Rome tried lowering woman's standard and an outraged civilization tore the clothes off the backs of the human race and turned them out to roam in the world naked and unashamed.