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MONEY GETTING EASY

CASH RESERVES ARE PILING UP RAPIDLY.

DISCOUNT RATE GONE DOWN

Interest Rate Lower Than at Any Time Last Year—Calls for \$10,000,000 Unnoticed.

New York, Jan. 27.—The feature of the financial situation last week was the continued rush of funds back into reserve deposits. The returning flood of money to reserves was perceptible in the foreign money centers as well as here and was effective in forcing down the official discount rates of the Bank of England, the Bank of France and the Imperial Bank of Germany, and the open market rates in all markets. Notwithstanding this decline in the attraction for money abroad, the price has risen strongly toward the rate at which exports of gold would be profitable. The growing reduction of our own money market rate as been responsible for this action. Supplies have pressed upon the New York loan market with increasing urgency, carrying the call loan rate down to almost nominal figures and reducing the interest rates on time loans to figures lower than were employed at any time last year. The remaining issue of New York clearing house certificates has as a consequence been going into rapid retirement.

The rapid easing of the money market has not been affected by the notice of withdrawal of \$10,000,000 of government deposits from the New York banks, partly because of the large current deficit in the government revenues, but also by reason of the accumulation of funds being more rapid than the demand to take them up. This is made manifest by the heavy tide of bank notes going out of the circulation of the country, reflected in the redemption on the part of the banks to retire them by means of deposit of lawful money with the United States treasury.

Killeen Suffers from \$15,000 Fire.
Killeen: Sunday morning at 1 o'clock fire was discovered in the drug store of Spivey & Fly. The loss and damage are as follows: Spivey & Fly, drugs and jewelry, loss of stock \$5000, insurance \$3250; J. H. Best, racket store, loss of stock \$3700, insurance \$2300; M. F. Riley, shoe shop, in rear of racket store, total loss, \$2000, no insurance; W. A. Gilmore, saddles, harness and vehicles, damage to stock by water and removal about \$500; R. M. Cole & Son, furniture, damaged by water and removal, about \$1000. The two brick buildings coped by the fire were owned by R. M. Cole, and the loss was total, about \$4000, with no insurance. A brick building owned by Hon. Spencer Young was damaged at least \$200. Origin of fire unknown.

Baltimore Again Suffers.
Baltimore, Md.: Fire broke out a short time after midnight Thursday in the upper part of the building occupied by the firm of J. Register & Sons of Holliday and Saratoga streets. The first alarm was followed by a general one, calling out all the apparatus in the city. A high wind from the northwest spread the fire rapidly and the north walls of the building fell, killing three firemen and injuring at least ten, among them Chief George Horton.

The fire burned toward a number building in the rear, occupied by the E. B. Read & Sons Company caught fire and burned fiercely. Chief Horton's skull is said to have been fractured and he is injured internally. It is feared that he will die. While the damage can not yet be estimated it is thought to be the heaviest fire loss since the great fire of 1904.

Satin county voted dry Saturday by 909 majority. Sixty-five Missouri counties have voted dry recently.

Daring Mail Robbery.
New Orleans: Daring thieves robbed a fast mail wagon loaded with incoming mail which had just arrived from Cincinnati and other Northern points. The thieves are reported to have secured about \$5,000, but the postoffice authorities refuse to make any statement about the amount of the robbery. The driver and the clerk, neither of whom were hurt, were held by the police on suspicion. At least two out of the eleven mail sacks were rifled.

Col. M. W. Mann, an old-time resident of Dallas and prominent Grand Army veteran, died in that city last Sunday.

Col. Luke W. Finley, a well known lawyer and Confederate soldier, died in Memphis, Tenn., Sunday night, aged 75 years.

Two suicides, an accidental asphyxiation and an unsuccessful attempt at self-destruction occurred in Washington Friday.

Bob Smith, charged with the murder of Alex Brown, both negroes, was found guilty in the Dallas court, and sentenced to hang.

As a result of a runaway Dr. J. H. Curby, one of the leading physicians of Maypearl is confined to his room. He will probably recover.

Andrew Carnegie has announced that he would give \$200,000 to Berea College, at Berea, Ky., subject to the condition that the college raise a like amount.

The gunboat Paducah, ordered to Haiti on account of the revolutionary conditions on that island, sailed from New Orleans Saturday. The Paducah will first go to Cuba.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Development Company of Dallas has filed an amendment to its charter, changing its name to the Union Central Construction Company.

J. V. Smith who was for many years one of the best known saloon men in Waco, who was a Confederate veteran and wounded badly once or twice died last week, aged seventy years.

A one-story frame building, a part of the Catholic orphanage equipment in Oak Cliff, Dallas, burned Saturday morning, and it was with great difficulty that the main building was saved.

Joseph C. Bloch, senior member of the whiskey brokerage firm of Bloch Brothers, Louisville, Ky., shot and killed himself in his office. His friends say he had nervous prostration for some time.

The geology of the Llano country is to be made the subject of exhaustive study by the Geological Survey. Chief Hayes has promised that a large field party will be sent into Llano and Burnet Counties early in the spring.

The shipbuilding summary for the year 1907 compiled by the Shipping World shows the United States ranked second for the year in the total tonnage of ships constructed, only England having outstripped this country.

The Titus County Farmers' Union met Saturday at the court house here and resolved to hold their cotton until they received a minimum price of 15 cents per pound. There are now between 1000 and 1500 bales of cotton stored in the Farmers' Union warehouse.

A mail pouch containing 500 letters, deposited for delivery to a north-bound Kansas City Southern train, was stolen from the depot in Texarkana. Later the rifled pouch and looted letters were found in an empty baggage car in the Texas and Pacific coach sheds.

Five hundred pounds of dynamite in a box car at the mining town of Hocking, two miles from Alba, Iowa, exploded during a fire which started in the company's store Sunday and five men were injured and \$60,000 worth of property destroyed.

While coasting at Bridgeport, Ohio, Saturday night a sled containing a dozen young men crashed into a telephone pole, instantly killing George Matheny of Bridgeport and badly injuring three others.

J. H. Truett, ex-County Attorney of Grayson County, died at his home in Whitewright Saturday. He is survived by a wife and three small children. He was a brother of Rev. Geo. W. Truett, the noted Baptist preacher of Dallas.

Miss Anna Benjamin, a beautiful and highly educated woman, aged twenty years, died from a pistol shot in Denison Saturday. About five years ago her brother died under similar circumstances.

Information given out by the leading dealers of Dallas indicates that the wheat acreage of Texas for 1908 is twenty per cent less than that of 1907. However, the crop is in splendid condition, with prospects of a heavier yield per acre than last year.

HAITIANS PLOT NIPPED

MUNITIONS OF WAR ARE FOUND EN ROUTE.

PLENTY WELL MADE "QUEER"

Prompt Action of American Authorities Prevent Overthrow of Government.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Startling developments in the plot to overthrow the government of President Nord in Haiti have followed the investigations of the secret service agents in New York in connection with the arrest of Jose M. Giordani on the charge of counterfeiting Haitian money.

The officers say that has ascertained that the prisoner was the agent of a formidable conspiracy whose operations probably would have extended beyond the limits of Haiti into Santo Domingo and even into Cuba had the revolution in Haiti been a success and the agents in New York remained unmolested.

It was found among other things, the secret service operators declare, that certain persons in Haiti, mostly Frenchmen and Corsicans, and one of them a brother of Giordani, were designated in the papers found among Giordani's effects by numbers.

It was not long before it was discovered that Giordani had stored in a Brooklyn warehouse sixteen cases containing 2,000 Remington rifles in fine condition. Close watch was kept on these cases and on Jan. 4, by Giordani's direction, they were loaded on a truck and hauled to the Hamburg American Steamship pier, whence the steamer Graecia was to sail on Jan. 8 for Cape Haitian and other West Indian ports. The cases were marked "structural iron" and the fictitious name of C. Miriam & Co. was given as the consignee. Connaive, Haiti, was given as the destination but the shipper's name was withheld. There was subsequently added to the consignment twenty-three barrels marked "cement."

By that time the secret service men had secured enough evidence to warrant them in opening all the cases, boxes and barrels. The first contained the 2,000 Remington rifles, the barrels, the ammunition and the boxes, \$800,000 in counterfeit Haitian currency.

Shriners Lose Baggage.

Waco: Kansas City and St. Louis Shriners returning from the City of Mexico lost a large quantity of baggage, lodge paraphernalia, jewelry and Mexican coins Thursday morning, when a baggage car, also used as a commissary, was burned to the tracks, as the result of the explosion of a gasoline stove used in preparing coffee. The explosion occurred near Hewitt, where the car was cut out and in a few minutes was reduced to ashes.

Aged Couple Die Same Night.

Piano: M. L. Gee, 72 years of age, and Mrs. Alice Gee, his wife, 80 years of age, died Wednesday night. Mrs. Gee died and the death of Mr. Gee followed four hours later. The former died from stomach trouble and Mr. Gee's death was caused by pneumonia. Mr. Gee was a veteran Texan and for a number of years resided in Galveston. A son by his first marriage survives and is a theatrical manager in Boston, Mass.

The Passenger Earnings.

Austin: The railroad commission gave out a statement showing the passenger earnings for the Texas railroads for the first five months of the present fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1907, was \$11,610,594 against \$10,328,034 for the same roads of the corresponding period last year. This shows a net increase of the Texas lines for the five months named of \$1,282,560.

Cattlemen Elect Officers.

Denver, Colo.: H. A. Jastro of Bakersfield, Cal., was elected president of the National Live Stock Association at the closing session of its eleventh annual convention, succeeding Murdo McKenzie of Trinidad, Colo., who had served two terms. The first vice president is Murdo McKenzie; secretary, T. W. Tomlinson, Denver; treasurer, W. E. Hughes, Denver; general attorney, S. H. Cowan, Fort Worth.

THEY ARE OFF AGAIN.

The American Armada Puts Out from Rio de Janeiro.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 23.—To the booming of guns and the cheers of thousands on the accompanying pleasure craft, the American warships sailed from Rio de Janeiro yesterday afternoon, bound for Punta Arenas on the Magellan Strait. Ten days will bring the fleet almost midway on its 14,000-mile cruise to San Francisco and the ships and the men carried with them yesterday the God-speed and good wishes of the whole Brazilian nation.

Not an untoward incident had marred the visit of the Americans here. They were feasted and feted, both officers and men, during their sojourn in Rio de Janeiro, and half the populace turned out from early in the morning to give them a fitting farewell. As upon the arrival of the fleet, so upon its departure, the quays, the public buildings and the hills were crowded with thousands watching the warships until they had disappeared throughout the mouth of the bay into the open sea.

Played Too Realistic.

Paris: Arthur Douglas, colored, 23 years old, accidentally killed himself in a singular manner at the home of Dr. J. H. Miller on Kaufman street, where he was employed as cook. After dinner Dr. and Mrs. Miller left him in the dining room putting away the dishes. They left their two grandchildren, 4 and 6 years old, with him. In the short while the children ran into the house and told their grandparents that the negro was choking himself with a towel. It is thought that he intended to make the children think he was going to hang himself, for a joke, and that when the slipknot tightened he lost his presence of mind and fainted.

New Battleship Mississippi

Philadelphia, Pa.: The battleship Mississippi, constructed at the Cramp ship yards, arrived at the League Island navy yard Wednesday from the yard of the ship builders and was formerly turned over to the government. When the big battleship docked at the navy yard Captain John G. Frazier took command. No time will be lost in fitting the Mississippi for service. A draft of sailors will be brought here from orfolk navy yard.

Meningitis Serum Successful.

New Port, R. I.: Two naval apprentices received at the station are suffering from spinal meningitis. Both were hopeless cases. Medical Inspector H. E. Noberger determined to try the serum discovered by Dr. Simon Flexner of Rockefeller Institute and both men are expected to recover. One is F. E. Crawford of Charleston, Ill., and the other, R. B. Holloway of Tipton, Tenn.

Attempted to Destroy Factory.

Clarksville, Tenn.: An attempt was made to set fire and dynamite the loose tobacco factory of the Hayes-Sory Tobacco Company, the local representatives of Italian Regies and two negroes, Tony Allen and Walter Watkins, alias Frog Eye, were killed while trying to escape, by one of the night watchmen. One other negro escaped, but is thought to have been wounded. On the bodies of the two negroes considerable dynamite was found.

James W. Davis, the inventor of copper riveted clothing is dead at his home in San Francisco aged seventy-eight years.

Dan Cupid Catches Uncle Henry.

Washington: Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Maud Ashford and Henry Gassoway Davis, former United States Senator from West Virginia and Democratic candidate for vice president in 1904. Mr. Davis is 85 years old. The engagement had been announced and denied several times. Miss Ashford formerly a society reporter, consented to formally announce the fact.

The Stove Exploded

Roxton: From an explosion of a stove in the store of G. D. Terrell of this place Wednesday morning, four men were injured. G. D. Terrell was seriously hurt by a piece of the stove hitting him in the face. The other men, received painful wounds. The explosion was supposed to have been caused by dynamite cartridges being thrown into the stove with some straw and litter.

SOUNDS RATHER FISHY

CLAIMS AN ANARCHIST PLOT IS UNEARTHED.

PLAN TO BLOW UP ARMADA

Foreign Reds Said to Have Laid Plot to Destroy Vessels at Rio de Janeiro.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20.—The Brazilian police have discovered an anarchistic plot here having as its object the destruction of part of the American fleet now lying in the harbor. The conspiracy, while centering in Rio de Janeiro and Petropolis, has ramifications in Sao Paulo and Minas Geraes.

An individual named Jean Fedher, who resided in Petropolis, was the chief conspirator here, although it is understood that foreign anarchists are deeply involved in the plot. Fedher is believed to have fled to Sao Paulo, and police who know him have been sent to that place for the purpose of apprehending him.

As yet the people of Brazil are ignorant of the details of the plot to do injury to the visiting warships, though there has been some slight inkling of the matter. The impression which the exposure of this plot will create here will be a profound one, because it is the first anarchistic conspiracy that has even been known in Brazil.

The police of Sao Paulo have sent word that they are on the track of the malefactors, who, they declare, will not be able to come to Rio de Janeiro.

Aged Editor and Veteran Dead.

Atlanta, Ga.: Captain Varyl Pritchard Sisson, one of the oldest editors and publishers in the South, died at his home in Kirkwood, a suburb, Sunday, aged seventy years. Captain Sisson was a Confederate veteran, and served with distinction throughout the Civil War. He was connected with the Atlanta Intelligencer before the war, and with the Constitution for a number of years after its termination. He leaves a widow and daughters.

It Means Business.

Tecumseh, Ok.: Alfred, a prominent banker of Tecumseh, advocates the merger of Tecumseh, the county seat of Pottawatomie County, with Shawnee, six miles distant, in order to unite their efforts to secure the State Capital. A delegation of Tecumseh citizens has been selected to meet with the Shawnee Commercial Club to draw up the merger contract. The merged town would have a population of 14,000.

Harvester People Fined \$12,500.

Topeka, Kan.: Judge Dana, in the Shawnee County District Court here, has assessed a fine of \$12,500 against the International Harvester Company, which the Court found guilty on forty-three counts of violating the Kansas anti-trust law. The maximum fine is \$1000 a count and the minimum \$100. The company was given a stay of execution of sixty days to prepare a case for the Supreme Court. The criminal suit was filed a year ago.

School teachers are so scarce in Chicago that many of the classes in the public schools are turned over to the best pupils to manage, rather than dismiss the classes and turn the children into the streets.

John R. Walsh Found Guilty.

Chicago, Ill.: John R. Walsh, former President of the defunct Chicago National Bank, was Saturday found guilty of the misappropriation of the funds of that institution. The penalty under the law for the crime is imprisonment of not less than five years nor more than ten on each count. This does not permit the substitution of a fine for the prison term. He was convicted on fifty-four counts. New trial is sought.

Selected His Coffin and Shroud.

Topeka: John W. Martin, a retired merchant of this city, died at his residence in this city at 10 o'clock Saturday. He was seventy-two years old. About three years ago he had a local carpenter construct for him a coffin made according to his own ideas and had it stored away in the upper story of his residence. About two years ago he celebrated his golden wedding with his wife, who survives him.

IN A BLIZZARD'S EMBRACE.

The Eastern States Sport a Mantle of White.

New York, Jan. 25.—New York is digging itself out of a foot of snow so evenly divided that while exposed and infrequented spots like Coney Island were blown bare, the thoroughfares of the millions were left piled high with drifts that impeded the progress of man and beast and in the more open sections have tied up street car and vehicle traffic.

The snowstorm which swept into the town slowly Thursday night and continued until past noon yesterday, was the first of importance of the season. Much suffering has been occasioned, there has been the usual toll of death exacted, and the monetary damage must be estimated by the tens of thousands of dollars. Mercifully, the snow was accompanied by moderate temperature, and in the early stage it was welcomed by the honest part of the 25,000 unemployed men in the city. All who sought employment from Thursday at midnight on found it readily and at good wages. Even with all who would work employed, the streets in the outlying sections could not be kept open, however, and many a house-owner who had waded home after a day in the office was obliged to spend the evening in a more or less futile attempt to comply with the sidewalk cleaning ordinance.

Probably the most poignant distress was experienced by the several thousand tramps who, having ridden into town with the hard times, and who have since enjoyed the city's bounty, awoke yesterday to find themselves confronted with an unmistakable opportunity to work. Some rose to the occasion and others shifted their lodgings.

Newport, R. I.: With the wind blowing sixty-five and seventy miles an hour, a heavy fall of snow and the temperature continually falling, Newport is in the grasp of the first real blizzard of the winter, last night the conditions grew worse instead of better. Between two and one-half and three feet of snow had fallen up to 6 o'clock last night, and the storm continued with increasing violence. At that hour the temperature had dropped to eighteen degrees above zero.

A TUBERCULAR HERD.

Twenty-Four Head of Milk Cows Affected.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 25.—As a result of the recent crusade begun by the State Health Officer against impure foods, and in which a feature was introduced in the investigation of dairies to ascertain the condition of milk and cows that supplied it, an experiment was made at the stock yards at North Fort Worth.

One of the largest dairymen in the State, with a dairy located adjacent to Fort Worth, gave his consent to a test of his milk cows, and a number were brought to the stock yards for examination by the Bureau of Animal Industry inspectors. Of twenty-five cows slaughtered and examined, twenty-four were condemned for having tuberculosis, and two or four yearlings examined were condemned for the same reason.

Great Strike Is Averted.

Manchester, Eng.: There will be no lockout of the Manchester cotton operatives. Lengthy negotiations between the cotton mill workers and their employers resulted in the capitulation of the workers Friday evening. The employers insisted upon the acceptance of their terms, and these the men agreed to.

Contract Let for Big Dam.

Dallas: The Granite Manufacturing Company, with offices in the North Texas Building, has contracted for the construction of a big dam across the Colorado River at Marble Falls. The company has bought seven thousand barrels of cement from the Western States Cement Company and 500,000 pounds of Rogers shear bars. The dam is to be the biggest in the State. It will be over 13,000 feet long, and will be adaptable to a 36-foot rise. Its minimum capacity in horsepower will be 1500, and its maximum will be 15,000. It will afford power, as needed, to the city of Austin.

Emmaline Prather, a negro woman eighty-five years old, was burned to a crisp Friday at Waco. She was seated in front of a fireplace when discovered by her granddaughter. It is supposed her clothes took fire that way.

W. F. Keilig, Editor and Proprietor.

Entered Nov. 10, 1902, at the Sterling City postoffice as second class matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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As far as The News is concerned, it does not deny that it has some sympathy for the man who pays the taxes, the revenue-bearing animal that is now being chased as he was never chased before by those who demand for themselves more public money, as well as by every fool with a fad to finance.—Dallas News.

No one has ever doubted that The News has sympathy for the "revenue-bearing animal." Why does this great paper insist on reiterating a self-evident proposition?

Nine-tenths of the unhappy marriages are the result of green human calves being allowed to run at large in the society pastures without any yoke on them. They marry and have children before they do mustaches; they are fathers of twins before they are proprietors of two pair of pants, and the little girls they marry are old women before they are twenty years old. Occasionally one of these gosling marriages turns out all right, but it is a clear case of luck. If there was a law against young galoots sparking and marrying before they have cut all their eye teeth, we suppose the little cusses would evade it in some way, but there ought to be something against it. It is time enough for these bantams to think of finding a pullet when they have raised money enough to buy a bundle of laths to build a hen house, but they are afraid there is not going to be girls enough to go around, and then them being real spry get in their work, and before they are aware of the sanctity of the marriage relation they are bitched for life; and before they own a cook stove or a bedstead they have to get up in the night and go after the doctor, so frightened that they run themselves out of breath and abuse the doctor because he doesn't run, too, and when the doctor gets there, there is not enough linen in the house to wrap up a doll-baby.—Ex.

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E. W. Brown Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets

OLD "YALLER"

Democrats of the "yellow dog" variety are becoming beautifully less numerous in Texas.—San Angelo Press News.

Yes, that is so, and more the pity it is so. The "yaller dog" Democrat was a thoroughbred of a true royal strain who descended from such Democrats as Thos. Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Richard Coke and Jim Hogg. He was a most reliable animal, and when you had his friendship you could depend on him; and when he promised you that he would do a thing, he would do it; and when you heard his honest bark down at the forks of the creek on the morning of the election, you knew he had something up a tree.

When the seal wag, the carpet-bagger and the coon were eating up the substance of the land and adding insult to injury by scenting our sacred places with their nasty smell, the good old "yaller dog" Democrats got on their side-footed track and put them up a tree and kept them there.

Yes, it is alright to shie a brick at old "yaller," but I had rather consort with all the "yaller dog" Democrats in the Southland than to gang with a breed of mongrels who never had a home, who never knew a master and who have licked the pots in every political camp in christendom. Old "yaller" may have committed some errors of judgement in the past—and who has not—but of the heart, never! He has ever been faithful and true to the trail and left the rabbit and the skunk to the nose and tooth of the mongrel; and now, when the quarry has been run to earth and the capture has been made, it is easy for the mongrel to come in and show his teeth to old "yaller;" but that don't keep "yaller" from being a fine animal when you are looking for some thing on which to depend.

SWALLOWED A THORN

Last Saturday evening, Belton Ray, a lad about 17 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Ray, while using a mesquite thorn for tooth pick, accidentally swallowed it. Feeling a painful sensation, the lad, as well as the family, became alarmed and decided to take him to San Angelo for surgical aid. However, after sleeping off the effects of a sleeping potion administered by Dr. Brakley, the patient woke up next morning feeling alright, and at last account he was getting along splendidly and seemed none the worse for his frightful experience.

People often become unduly frightened over such accidents. When a little thought would tell them that there is little danger. The human digestive apparatus has a wonderful capacity to dispose of such things. We have in mind the case of a child who swallowed a copper cent, another a nail, another a tack, another a pin, another a fence staple and still another, who lives here in town, swallowed an iron bolt an inch and a quarter long, and in each case the parents suffered more than the child.

S. M. KING

In this issue we announce S. M. King a candidate for the office of Commissioner and Justice of the Peace of Precinct 3.

Mr. King is thoroughly competent, a man of fine judgement, honesty, obliging disposition, and firm of purpose. If the good people of "No. 3" elect him, we vouch they will have made no mistake.

Costly Surgery. Skilled surgery comes high. The New York Tribune tells of a millionaire in that city who lately had his leg cut off and sent a check for \$10,000 to pay for the operation. It crossed a bill from the physician for \$15,000 and the extra \$5000 was paid.

DRUNK AGAIN

Say, boys, I hear that you have been drinking booze and getting drunk lately. Fact is, I saw one of your number in this condition not long ago, and when he left the room in which he had been exhibiting himself, a hogpen would have been a parlor compared to it.

I do not know or care how nor where you got the booze, that is another story, for if you get low down enough to make a beast of yourself, you can always find someone who is low enough to let you have it—provided you have the price.

I don't doubt but that you think it smart and manly to steal out a bottle of booze and get beastly drunk, but I want to say that you are the only ones that think so, and you ought to let it alone.

I shall not give you my opinion of the man who let you have it, for it would not look well in print; but if anybody could get lower in the scale of humanity, it is the boy who buys it from him for the purpose of getting drunk, making a fool of himself, making his good mother weep in sorrow and his father look like he had lost his eternal salvation. Of course, if I were your father I would make you quit it, or I would be in jail for cruelty to my son. Everytime you get drunk I would sober you up with a baggy trace—so help God, I would do it if you ran away and they sent me to the penitentiary for it. But as it is, talk is all I can offer you, and let me tell you, good and strong, that you ought to eat it out right now, before you drag yourself and friends into disgraceful trouble. Quit it, boys, for God's sake quit it!

INTERESTED IN STERLING

The following letter was received by Tax Collector Wood last week:

Bennington, I. T. 1-24-1908.

Tax Collector, Sterling City. Dear Sir: You will please find enclosed check for six dollars for which you will send me tax receipt for lots 5 and 9 on west side of square, Sterling City; balance please for 1 yr. subscription to your paper, and for grubbing streets.

Tell your railroad committee to put me down for \$100 donation. Will do more if possible. Yours,

C. F. Pope.

If we had a few more who would take as much interest in Sterling and dig up in proportion as liberally as Mr. Pope, there would be something don't here pretty soon.

We thank you, Mr. Pope.

LIKES THE WEST

Rev. M. L. Lanford, who recently moved to Sterling City from Bangs to become pastor of the Baptist church, was in the city Monday and gave the Press-News a pleasant call. Rev. Lanford, like all others, is carried away with the west, and thinks particularly that Sterling City is the place. He says that he has not come west for the health of neither himself nor wife, but simply because he wanted to have a part in the development of this great country.—San Angelo Press-News.

Rapid Horseback Riding.

German papers relate that Captain Baron Holzing recently covered a distance of fifteen kilometers (nine and a quarter miles) on horseback in the twenty-five minutes. He was racing with a railway train from Graben to the neighborhood of Carlsruhe, and beat it by eight minutes. His horse had been especially trained for the ride, having been fed on a specially prepared food instead of oats for weeks. The ride was accomplished without extraordinary exertion and the horse was fit for more work at the finish.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Twice-a-Week Republic Now for 50 Cents Per Year.

The Twice a Week Republic, of St. Louis has reduced its subscription price from \$1 per year to 50 cents. This is one of the oldest and best semi-weekly newspapers published in the United States, and at the price of 50 cents per year no one can afford to be without it. For 20 cents you receive two big eight page papers every week, 104 copies a year, at less than one-half cent per copy. Your friends and neighbors will surely take advantage of this opportunity. Don't fail to tell them all about it. Send all orders to the Republic, St. Louis, Mo.

DSSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing between L. H. Brightman and Lee Upton of San Angelo, Tom Green Co. Texas, under the firm name of Brightman & Upton, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1907.

L. H. BRIGHTMAN, LEE UPTON.

142 High Grade Yearlings For Sale

Owing to failure of parties, the sale of my yearlings has fallen through and I have again placed them on the market. These cattle are high grade Durhams and Herefords, and will be two in the spring. They will go at a bargain.

L. C. Hodges, Sterling City

INDIVIDUALISM OF THE FARMER.

Farming is virtually the only great series of occupations that is unorganized, unsyndicated, unmonopolized, uncontrolled, except as it is dominated by natural laws of commerce and the arbitrary limitations imposed by organization in other business. In a time of extreme organization and subordination of the individual the farmer still retains his traditional individualism and economic separateness. His entire scheme of life rests on intrinsic earning by means of his own efforts. If the farmer steps outside his own realm he is met on the one side by organized capital and on the other by organized labor. He is confronted by fixed earnings. What he himself secures is a remainder left at the end of a year's business.—Century.

Costly City Government.

New statistics regarding the greatness of Greater New York have just been made public. A student of municipal machinery says it is costing every man, woman and child \$3.92 a year to keep things moving. The police department alone costs \$3.51 per citizen, while the average debt per head is \$73.21. On the other hand the per capita valuation of every resident is \$1,611.97.

FEED CAKE OR MEAL

There is no comparison in results in feeding cotton seed and cake or meal. Any experienced feeder will tell you that cake or meal is far ahead of raw cotton seed.

We will exchange cake, meal or hulls for cotton seed, or we will pay market price for seed and sell you our products at the very lowest price. We will make it to your interest to do this.

Colorado Oil & Cotton Co., Colorado, Texas.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that all persons having streets or alleys enclosed belonging to Sterling City shall open up the same. Done by the order of the Commissioners Court of Sterling Co. Tex. Sept. 23, 1907. S. T. Wood, Sheriff, Sterling Co. Texas.

Notice to Trespassers

Notice is hereby given, that any person or persons who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood, work or drive stock, or otherwise trespass upon any land owned or controlled by us, or either of us without our permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Those driving stock down lane must keep in the lane until across dealer's creek.

W. R. Felker By N. D. Thompson manager

STEVENS Rifles, Shotguns, Pistols. WHEN YOU SHOOT... Stevens Arms & Tool Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass., U. S. A.

KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS WITH Dr. King's New Discovery FOR CONSUMPTION, COUGHS and COLDS. Price 50c & \$1.00 Free Trial.

IN A TIGHT! Owing to our limited capital, we are compelled to adopt a cash basis. Mr. Gamble will call on all who owe us, and we would like for them to be ready to settle. It is necessary that drives us to this and not our own wish. We always carry a select stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries, and will appreciate your cash trade. For the best line of Preserves, Jams, Jellies, Cakes, Crackers, Candies, etc., see our new stock. Prices and Goods Guaranteed. GAMBLE & ANDERSON

1845 BAYLOR COLLEGE (FOR YOUNG WOMEN) Thorough scholarship, womanly culture, delightful and healthful location, full college course. Musical conservatory equal to the best in New England, New \$40,000.00 building in process of construction. Over \$200,000.00 in buildings and equipment. Teachers from best universities, colleges and conservatories in America and Europe. Write for catalogue pictorial. W. A. WILSON, D. D., President, Belton, Texas.

HOUSE WORK



Thousands of American women in our homes are daily sacrificing their lives to duty.

In order to keep the home neat and pretty, the children well dressed and tidy, women overdo. A female weakness or displacement is often brought on and they suffer in silence, drifting along from bad to worse, knowing well that they ought to have help to overcome the pains and aches which daily make life a burden. It is to these faithful women that

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND comes as a boon and a blessing, as it did to Mrs. F. Ellsworth, of Mayville, N. Y., and to Mrs. W. P. Boyd, of Beaver Falls, Pa., who say:

"I was not able to do my own work, owing to the female trouble from which I suffered. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound helped me wonderfully, and I am so well that I can do as big a day's work as I ever did. I wish every sick woman would try it."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

Collecting in New Hampshire. A New Hampshire man tells of a tight-fisted man of affairs in a town of that state, who until recently had never been observed to take an interest in church matters. Suddenly, however, he became a regular attendant at divine service, greatly to the astonishment of his fellow townsmen.

"What do you think of the case of old Ketchum?" said one of the business men of the place to a friend. "Is it true that he has got religion?"

"Well, hardly," replied the other. "The fact is, it's entirely a matter of business with him. I am in a position to know that about a year ago he loaned the pastor \$50, which the latter was unable to pay. So there remained nothing for Ketchum but to take it out in pew rent."—Sunday Magazine.

Don't Delay

The season of coughs and colds is not yet past—they will be prevalent for some months to come. Do not neglect or experiment with them. Use the safe and sure remedy—Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals the soreness and stops the cough.

In the Language.

"Some one has said that a kiss is the language of love," remarked the young man in the parlor scene. "Well," rejoined the fair maid on the far end of the sofa, "why don't you get busy and say something?"

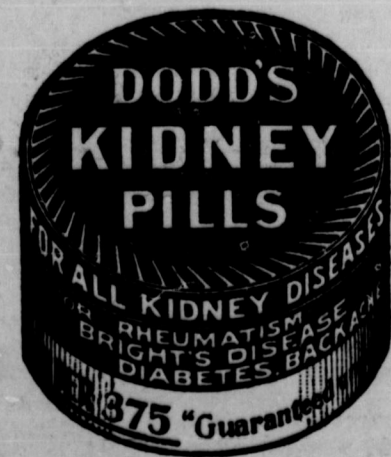
It Cures While You Walk.

Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for hot, swelling, callous, and swollen, aching feet. Sold by all Druggists, Price 25c. Don't accept any substitute. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

What a man thinks he knows about women a woman knows he doesn't know.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of Dr. W. G. QUININE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

By doing duty we learn to do it.—K. B. Pusey.



DR. J. C. PINKHAM'S CAPUDINE CURES COLDS AND GRIPPE It removes the cause, soothes the nerves and relieves the aches and feverishness. Cures all headaches and neuralgia also. No bad effects. 10c, 25c and 50c bottles. (S. G. G. 21)

MADE INTO STABLE

HUMBLE PURPOSE SERVED BY MAUSOLEUM OF TYRANT.

Curious Memorial of the Ruin Soano Lopez Brought on Paraguay—Country Being Brought Back Slowly to Prosperity.

A curious memorial of the tyrant Soano Lopez, who wasted and depopulated Paraguay between 1862 and 1870, stands in the city of Asuncion, the capital of the republic. It is the large and imposing mausoleum that he built for the ultimate housing of his body. But it was never used for that purpose. When Lopez was overtaken and killed as he was fleeing his enemies did not care to give him a decent burial.

Dr. Valentín, the German geographer, who has just written a book on Paraguay, says that it puzzled the people to decide what to do with the mausoleum. It was finally turned into a stable and is still serving that humble but useful purpose.

Grass is growing upon the lofty cupola and weeds protrude from every crevice in the walls. It is a monument to the ruin Lopez brought upon his country and himself.

Lopez has often been called the Nero of the nineteenth century, but some historians say that he was worse than Nero. Dr. Baez, the historian of Paraguay, says that the tyranny of Lopez was the most barbarous that history records. The only excuse ever made for him is that he was insane.

He was president of Paraguay and intended to make himself king. He provoked and waged a five years' war with the united countries of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. He had a crown made in Paris to be ready for the coronation just as soon as he could declare himself king of more than half of South America. His idea was to build up a great kingdom, not by developing its resources, but by founding a military despotism.

He became a despot wholly unrestrained by law. All his countrymen who opposed him were shot or imprisoned. He had his own mother and one of his sisters publicly flogged in the street. Another sister was kept a prisoner in chains.

Every boy and man who could carry a gun was impressed into the army, and as the end drew near he compelled many hundreds of women to fight in the ranks. The whole country was in ruins when a bullet ended his life. In 1861 Paraguay had a population of over 1,000,000. There were only about 200,000 human beings in the country in 1872. The land was nothing but a waste.

It had been completely stripped of cattle, horses, sheep and goats, not a plantation was in cultivation, and there was no money to buy seed, for Lopez, and the woman Lynch, whom he had brought with him from Paris the year before he became president, had shipped all the remaining gold and silver to England for a rainy day. Paraguay has recovered slowly from this experience. She now has a population of 500,000, immigrants are coming in growing numbers, and agriculture and commerce are advancing every year.

Cost of Mine Timbers.

The cost of every ton of anthracite is increased eight cents by the expense of the mine timbers. To supply these timbers, says the Vegetarian Magazine, requires each year the product of approximately 150,000 acres of forest.

Timber is used for cross ties for tram roads in the main haulage ways, as wooden rollers and as props. A set of gangway timber consists of two legs, commonly nine or ten feet long and about 13 inches in diameter, and a collar six or seven feet long. These sets are placed on an average at intervals of five feet; one gangway frequently contains 1,000 sets, and ten gangways to a colliery is not an unusual number.

The average life of the timber is hardly above two years. Forty-five per cent. of the timbers are destroyed by decay, while breakage, wear and insects destroy the remainder. By peeling the timbers and properly seasoning them and especially by giving them a treatment in oils or chemical salts, their length of service is materially increased.

Relics of a Great Composer.

Among life's largest ironies is the fate that often befalls the manuscript of a genius. Of no one is this truer than of Beethoven. When this greatest of composers was alive he was incessantly in financial difficulty. After his death all his manuscript were sold at auction—over 200 of them there were—yet they brought hardly \$500. This would be at the rate of about two dollars and a half apiece. The other day the manuscript of his G major sonata for violin and piano, written in R 2, was sold by a man in Leipzig to a man in Florence for 42,500 marks, or \$10,200.

What the Little Workers Do.

The bee, humble worker as he is, yet last year paid the interest on the national debt of the United States, \$24,310,326, and had a surplus remaining of nearly \$700,000. This is almost as much as the \$28,000,000 which was the value of raw cane sugar produced in the country. Yet beside the farmyard chicken the bee sinks into insignificance. Poultry products this year are worth \$600,000,000, more than any crop in the country except corn.

WORN OUT WOMEN

Will Find Encouragement in Mrs. Merritt's Advice.

Mrs. W. L. Merritt, 207 S. First Ave., Anoka, Minn., says: "Last winter I began to suffer with my kidneys. I had pains in my back and hips and felt all worn out. Dizzy spells bothered me and the kidney secretions were irregular. The first box of Doan's Kidney Pills brought decided relief. I am sure they would do the same for any other woman suffering as I did."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

A LITTLE DOMESTIC JAR.



She—You (shriek) brute, before we married (shriek), (shriek) you said mamma could come and see us as often (shriek) as she pleased. He (meekly)—Yes, dear; but she has ceased to please.

CUTICURA CURED FOUR

Southern Woman Suffered with Itching, Burning Rash—Three Little Babies Had Skin Troubles.

"My baby had a running sore on his neck and nothing that I did for it took effect until I used Cuticura. My face was nearly full of better or some similar skin disease. It would itch and burn so that I could hardly stand it. Two cakes of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment cured me. Two years after it broke out on my hands and wrist. Sometimes I would go nearly crazy for it itched so badly. I went back to my old stand-by, that had never failed me—one set of Cuticura Remedies did the work. One set also cured my uncle's baby whose head was a cake of sores, and another baby who was in the same fix. Mrs. Lillie Wilcher, 770 Eleventh St., Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 16, 1907."

What Becomes of the Coke?

A teacher was explaining to her class the various ways in which gas is obtained.

"Much of the gas we use is extracted from coal," she said, "and after the gas has been taken out, the coal becomes coke. In some parts of this country gas is obtained by boring deep holes in the ground and such gas is called natural gas."

"Does the natural gas come from the fires down in the bad place?" inquired a boy eagerly. "If it does, what does Satan do with all the coke he has left?"

It is needless to say that the teacher did not answer the question.—Illustrated Magazine.

An Object Lesson.

"Miranda," said the mistress, "you are a good cook, and I just know that you are too good for us to keep. Some man will come along one of these days and induce you to marry him."

"O, no, mum," answered Miranda, fervently. "I've lived with you and your 'usbud too long to want ever to get married."

There are two conclusions to be drawn from the reply of the faithful servant; one is that she was loyal to her employers, the other is as it may be.

Moravian Barley and Speltz, two great cereals, makes growing and fattening hogs and cattle possible in Dak. Mont., Ida., Colo., yes, everywhere, and add to above Salzer's Billion Dollar Grass, the 12 ton Hay wonder Tonsine, which produces 80 tons of green fodder per acre. Emperor William Out prodigy, etc., and other rare farm seeds that offer. JUST CUT THIS OUT AND RETURN IT with 10c in stamps for packing, etc., to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get their big catalog and lots of farm seed samples. K. & W.

Scared Into It.

It was announced on the ice. "But how on earth," said the girl in the white skating suit, "did you get him to propose, dear?"

The girl in sables smiled slightly. "Oh, easily enough," she retorted. "I told him that you were crazy about him and reminded him that it was leap year."

"It Knocks the Itch"

It may not cure all your ills, but it does cure one of the worst. It cures any form of itch ever known—no matter what it is called, where the sensation is "itch," it knocks it. Eczema, Ringworm and all the rest are relieved at once and cured by one box. It's guaranteed, and its name is Hunt's Cure.

Not for Murphy.

Mr. Murphy—Oh want to buy a pair of gloves. Clerk—Here's something I believe will just suit you. It's a suede glove. Mr. Murphy—Niver, begorra! Oh want Irish gloves. Swade gloves, indeed!—Kansas City Times.

By the way, are you acquainted with any man who flatters his wife?

ONE WIFE IN HARD TIMES.

Financial Reasons Made Him Disbelieve in Polygamy.

S. P. Orth, assistant United States district attorney, was the government representative at a naturalization hearing over in Toledo the other day.

The applicant for papers, a German, who ran mostly to mustache, had answered all of the questions that had been put to him satisfactorily. "And do you believe in the principles of polygamy?" asked the judge, in ponderous tones.

"Sure," says the German, for the word sounded as if it was something that he ought to be in favor of. Like as not it was something about the constitution.

"Do you know what 'polygamy' means?" thundered the judge.

The applicant confessed that the word was a new one on him.

"Well, I'll make it plain to you," said the court, sternly. "Can you get along with one wife?"

"Shure," replied the applicant, earnestly; "one's a plenty, the way prices are."—Toledo Blade.

Makes Pain Go Away.

Are you one of the ones who pay in toll For your right of way through this life?

If so you will find Hunt's Lightning Oil A friend which will aid in the strife.

To those who earn their own way by their own labor, accidents occur with painful frequency. Burns, bruises, cuts and sprains are not strangers to the man who wears corns on his hands. A better remedy for these troubles does not exist than Hunt's Lightning Oil.

The Ruling Passion.

Mammy Liza has lived with the "family" long enough to acquire words and expressions, which, used at second hand, are sometimes fatal to the family gravity. Recently a member of the little circle had occasion to call for the horse and surrey from the livery stable. After waiting a long while the order was repeated, with no immediate result. Mammy, having heard the conversation, and knowing the impatience of her mistress, expressed herself thus:

"Huh! Dey's jes' no use countin' on dem livery stable folks, dey's so dilittante."

Neatly Put.

Homer Folks, the secretary of the State Charity Aid society of New York, referred in a recent address to the awkwardness that charity workers feel in making public appeals for funds.

"And few charity workers," Mr. Folks added, "can carry off that awkwardness with the neatness of the colored preacher who reminded his congregation that:

"'Brudren, Ah kain't preach byah an' board in heb'n.'"

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars (reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

WALTON, KINZAS & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Galen, Jr., Quits the Job.

"How long have you been here?" asked a physician, when his little office boy announced his intention of resigning his job.

"Six months," replied the boy. "And you don't like the doctor business?"

"Naw, it's no good. I'm mighty sorry I learned it."

Not "Just as Good"—It's the Best

One box of Hunt's Cure is unfailing, unqualifiedly, and absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of Skin Disease. It is particularly active in promptly relieving and permanently curing all forms of itching known.

Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm and all similar troubles are relieved by one application; cured by one box.

Sad Memories.

The commuter handed the brake-man a five-cent cigar.

"Say, George," he said, "why does the engine always let off such a heart-rending howl just as we pass Long Oak?"

George shook his head sadly. "Ah," said he, "it was here that the engineer, poor fellow, first met his wife."

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the

Signature of *Dr. J. C. Pinkham* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Better Qualifications.

"Yes," said the political boss, "we'll have to give Crookley this nomination."

"But," protested the unsophisticated one, "why not Goodley? He's better able to fill the office."

"Perhaps, but Crookley is better able to get it."

OVER NINE MILLION (9,200,000) SOLD THIS YEAR. Sales Lewis' Single Binder cigars for year 1907 more than..... 9,200,000 Sales for 1906..... 8,500,000 Gain..... 700,000 Quality brings the business.

This is the law of benefits between men: The one ought to forget at once what he has given; the other ought never to forget what he has received.—Seneca.

COMPLAINTS MANY AND VARIED.

Complete Harmony Had to Obtain in Organizations.

"All clubs," said the secretary, "keep complaint books, and some of the complaints set down in them are funny. In our book yesterday a member complained that the hot water was always cold, and moreover, there never was any."

"A novelist last week had the nerve to complain that his last new novel hadn't been added to the club library. "Young swells sometimes complain about the club wines and cigarettes and cigars in order to introduce brands that they are touting for on the sly."

"Sometimes anonymous scandal soils the complaint book's pages. Thus, last year, appeared this entry about a very popular member:

"Maj. Hawkins is flirting with too many of our wives. By the way, he still owes that tenner—he knows to whom."

The Original.

"Darling, you are the only woman I ever loved!" the manly young fellow avowed in accents of soul-reaching ardor.

The fair young girl looked into his face with her big child-like eyes overbrimming with trust and confidence. "I guess," she murmured, dreamily, "that is the way Ananias began when he was courting Sapphira."

Cheered.

A maiden who lived in Siberia, "Where all is so frigid and drear, I felt sad, met a bear And when hugged said: "I swear It does my heart good to be near."—Houston Post.

The Cause of Many

Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and a cure is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. If you are feeling badly you can make no mistake by taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is sold by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful new discovery and a book that tells all about it, both sent free by mail. Address, Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

"SUPERBA"

The New Syringe
A perfect cleanser, and mode of self-treatment for all vaginal, uterine and ovarian troubles. If you are a sufferer from organic troubles, such as catarrh, falling and displacement, irregularity or suppression, blotches upon the face, you should not be without a SUPERBA. With it you can treat yourself as skillfully as any physician and CURE YOURSELF AT HOME.

Send for booklet explaining all about the Superba and the Superba Special Treatment. Address, SUPERBA CO., Room 212, Oxford Bldg., Box 86, 315 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill. B. M. SEALY, TEXAS.

SPOT CASH

FOR SOLDIERS AND HEIRS
All federal soldiers and widows who served 90 days between 1861 and 1865 and who homesteaded less than 160 acres before June 22, 1872, are entitled to additional homestead rights which they may now claim. If you are a soldier, widow or heir, you may now claim your rights. Write for full particulars to the U. S. Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D. C. for further particulars.

READERS of this paper desiring to buy any thing advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, refusing all substitutes or imitations.

ECZEMA CURE FREE
If EX-ZEMA-CO does not cure any form of Eczema, it is your money back. No trouble, instant relief. Write for free sample or send 5c in coin or stamps to large bottles. EX-ZEMA-CO, Dept. L, 1361 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY. Gives quick relief and cures worst cases. Book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment FREE. DR. H. H. GREEN'S SON, Box H, ATLANTA, GA.

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WATSON C. CALMAN, Patent Attorney, 1100 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Free. Terms low. Highest ref.

Get Rich in South Texas

Truck and Fruit Farms of From 10 Acres to 640 Acres and Two Town Lots, for \$210. Payable \$10 per Month Without Interest.

Read What a Disinterested Expert Says of Dr. Chas. F. Simmons 95,000 Acre Ranch Now on the Market.

Orange, Cal., March 1, 1907.

Dr. C. F. Simmons, San Antonio, Texas: Dear Sir—Yours at hand. I would like to have called at the office when I came back, but it was Sunday and I took the train for home. We have irrigated here at least ten times a year and continually work the orchards, but I don't think this would be necessary on your land in South Texas, at least not so much of it, because the red clay will hold moisture and will give the fruit a better flavor.

Orange orchards in this country are worth from \$500 to \$1,000, and walnuts from \$200 to \$500 per acre. I think south of San Antonio to the Gulf is a better country than from Los Angeles, Cal., to San Diego, Cal., because the soil is better, there is more water, and the climate is just as good so far as I could see and hear by talking to old settlers, and the land is so cheap that every workman should have a home.

I am sure that in the near future South Texas will be a prosperous fruit growing country and will be as valuable as Southern California, and the man who will lose money in South Texas is the man that does not get in on this cheap land of yours before it is all gone. A man that has lived in Southern California as long as I have can see the future of South Texas. Respectfully A. J. WILSON.

Never before has there been such an opportunity to secure a home in a delightful location for so little money and on such easy terms. For literature and name of nearest Agent, write

DR. CHAS. F. SIMMONS, 215 Alamo Plaza, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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Sure cure and positive preventive, no matter how honest any eye are infected or exposed. Liquid given on the tongue, acts on the blood and glands, expels the poisonous germs from the body. Cures distemper in dogs and sheep and cholera in poultry. Largest selling live-stock remedy. Cures La Grippe among human beings and in a like manner. See and file a bottle. Send for a bottle. Catarrhal Fever. It shows to your druggist, who will give it for you. Free Booklet, "Distemper, Cholera and Cures." Special agents wanted.
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W. F. KELLIS.

STERLING CITY, TEXAS

Take your cold home and try a few of the old reliable remedies on it.

Now that Oregon has planted 12,000 prune trees, she ought to set out some strawberry plants, besides.

There'll be no holy war in India, that's certain, while the flat of Kit-chener's sword is in sight.

Castro seems to be losing his grip. He let that fleet go by without threatening it with a garden hose.

Latin America will be glad to look Alfonso over, but it wishes to warn him he'll waste his time by showing goods.

We are now sending radium to the Philippines. Could generosity to our colonial possessions be more marked than this?

That Pittsburg minister who refused the coin because of the inscription it lacked probably will have to stay in a class by himself.

A Dayton physician, sentenced to the penitentiary, was refused admittance by the warden. A proper rebuke to one who tries to butt in.

Now that Mr. Luther Burbank has succeeded in evolving a cactus fruit that is nearly seedless, we wish that he would set to work upon the fig.

A Paris editor declares that the American is "a flirt, a hypocrite and a goose, but has a very fine back." Turned her back on him, evidently.

Richmond Pearson Hobson is going to take a hand at straightening out the naval tangle. Perhaps he can persuade everyone to kiss and make up.

That Pittsburg pastor who wouldn't take gold coins because the motto "In God We Trust" was not on them wouldn't make much of a success in the grocery business, we fear.

At a cursory glance there is no good reason apparent on the surface why the members of the United States life-saving service should not be entitled to pensions the same as some others.

If walking from New York to Chicago cures the man of the liquor habit he can recommend it to his friends, but he will never be able to put up his new discovery in bottles and sell it to sufferers at \$1 a bottle.

The New York Times indulges in merriment at the expense of the lady who locked up bank checks for safety instead of depositing them. Still, she might have done worse by depositing them in the bank and hoarding the cash. That is a masculine foolishness, more particularly.

With railroad passes abolished, it is not believed that the Republican or the Democratic national conventions next year will be largely attended by outsiders. Hitherto fully 20,000 auditors other than delegates and alternates have turned up at national conventions, to the grief and anger of the doorkeepers, but to the substantial joy of hotel men and barkeepers.

One night, says a writer in the Ladies' Home Journal, when the duchess of Roxburghe was entertaining King Edward at dinner, the bishop of London, who was present, omitted to say grace. The duchess suddenly remembered in some alarm, but his majesty soothed her feelings. Turning to her with a genial smile, he said: "Your Grace is sufficient."

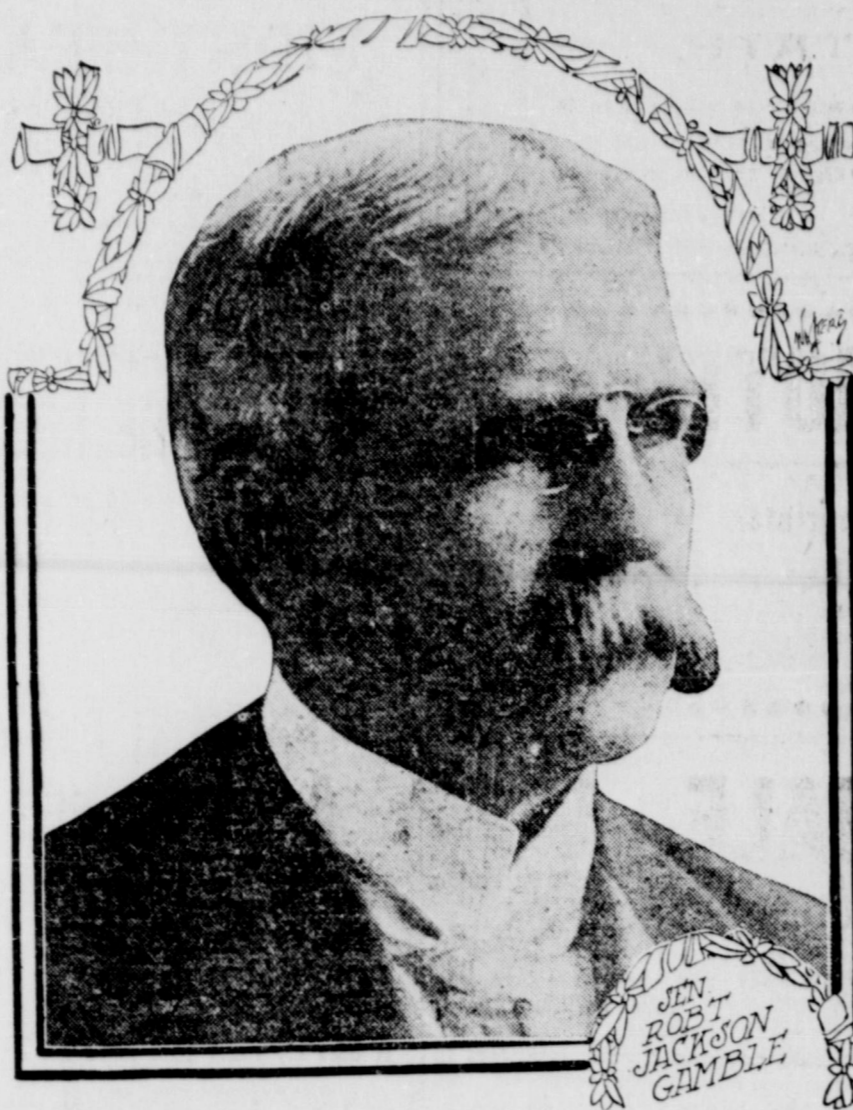
Two interesting facts have been disclosed already by the investigation of Pullman car rates at St. Paul. One is that when upper berths have to be used, agents are instructed to allot them to persons of light weight, and to assign the heavyweight passengers to lower berths. The other is that the Pullman company pays its porters \$25 a month, leaving them to collect the rest of their wages in tips.

The wine merchant turned a switch and a strong electric current shot through the cask of wine. "That is this autumn's wine," he said, "and it is sweet, harsh, rough—in a word, a nasty new wine. Well, in a few days it will be smooth and fragrant; in a few days it will be eight years old. We age wine by electricity now. Wonderful thing, electricity, isn't it? It grows fruit, it rejuvenates people, and now, by jingo, it ages wine."

Chicago justice may become as famous as that dispensed in New Jersey if the courts continue in their present course. A Chicago judge not long ago sentenced a man to talk to his wife for half an hour every day for a month, and another man was ordered to give a box of candy and a bouquet of flowers to his wife once a week for four weeks. The object was to restore harmony to unhappy homes, and according to latest reports, it was successful.

With the ancient Greeks the hat was simply an appurtenance of the traveler. The free citizen preferred to go bareheaded and only put on his broad-brimmed petasus for protection against the sun when on a long journey. Indeed, the uncovered head was part of his dignity, for the slaves and workmen wore always a kind of pointed skull cap, the pilus, which therefore stood for a badge of servitude. Much the same scorn of habitually covering the head prevailed among the Romans. In England the hood was not given up until early in the fifteenth century.

SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR



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Senator Robert Jackson Gamble has served his state in the upper house of congress since 1901, having been elected to succeed R. F. Pettigrew. His home is at Yankton, where before going to Washington he had a successful law practice and was prominent in state politics. He was a member of the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-sixth congresses.

PLAN WAR ON RATS

CRUSADE TO EXTERMINATE THE PESTS STARTED IN ENGLAND.

Damage of More Than \$50,000,000 a Year Caused by Rodents—Spread of Epidemics and Plagues Traced to Vermin.

London.—An effort is to be made at last to deal with the plague of rats in England on a serious and comprehensive basis. A meeting is to be held for this purpose, with the object of establishing a society for the extermination of rats and other vermin, to

which the support of Lord Avebury, Sir Lauder Brunton, Sir J. Crichton-Browne, and Sir Harry Johnston has been promised.

It is estimated that in Great Britain the damage done in one year by rats exceeds \$50,000,000. At the docks, where they have come to be regarded as a terrible though ineradicable evil, they have been known to consume whole carcasses of bullocks, and scarcely a ship comes into dock which is not overrun with them.

They have been known to destroy whole crops of corn, and innumerable fowls and pheasants have been killed

and destroyed. Butchers', bakers', grocers' shops, granaries, and factories—there is scarcely a house or store in the country that does not suffer some loss from their depredations.

But the chief danger is in the hygienic aspect of the rats. Trichinosis has been traced to the rats, who infect the pigs, and subsequently the people who eat pork. The rapid rise of epidemics and plagues has also been traced to these rodents.

Many attempts have been made to solve the problem of extermination, the difficulty of which can be appreciated from the fact that they multiply at the rate of 800 a year from one pair. The rat catcher has been abandoned in some docks for poison and cats, but though these have been found to keep down the numbers and lessen the damage, they can do little toward exterminating the pest.

An experiment has been tried in Denmark of setting a price of about a penny on the head of each rat brought in, and by this means more than 100,000 rats were destroyed. The cost of the experiment was about \$3,650, and it is reckoned that the rats could have done \$195,000 worth of damage.

To organize some scheme on these lines and, if possible, to get government aid, will be the aim of the society if it is constituted. It is estimated that rat skins in large quantities would have a considerable commercial value.

In the report of the port of London sanitary committee, issued to the court of common council, the total destruction of rats for four weeks of November is given as 4,756.

The manager of the London and India Docks Company said that their bill for ratcatchers and food for a large staff of cats was a matter of thousands of dollars every year, and they still received complaints of damage in the sheds and warehouses.

"I do not believe we shall ever be able to exterminate them," said he; "at the most we shall be able to limit the numbers and the damage. Take Tilbury docks, for instance, with its acres of marsh land in the vicinity. As soon as the rats fall in find enough to eat outside they will come into the docks and search for it there."

The dock proprietors of the country and steamship companies spend large sums to clear their ships of rats.

"The damage done among the cargo in the closed hold during a long voyage, if the rats become numerous, or among stores of grain," said a dock official, "it is quite impossible to estimate. Sometimes a whole bale of cloth or cotton will be ruined by their gnawing at the ends."

Though the docks are the happy hunting ground of rats, many warehouses and old buildings in London are plagued with them.

SMOOTH AND FRUGAL RURALITE.

Baits Automobiles with Calif, and Collects \$500 with Gun.

New York.—Aaron Banks, a Pinebrook (N. J.) farmer, near whose home many automobiles passed, stationed his two sons, James and Jethro, in a clump of bushes at the roadside with a four-weeks-old calf; across the highway the calf's mother was tethered in full view. He told his two sons to turn the calf loose at the moment an automobile approached.

Banks, with a double-barreled shotgun, hid himself further down the road. James was the lookout, the calf struggling to reach its bawling mother nearly pulled Jethro's arms from their sockets. Finally James yelled: "Here comes one coming like the dickens; let 'er loose!"

Jethro dropped the rope and the calf rushed toward its mooing ma.

The trap was timed to the fraction of a second; the chauffeur had not time to avoid a collision, the big car hurling the calf in the air; it fell lifeless.

The chauffeur halted, only to learn if the car had been hurt. Banks stepped from behind the tree and covered the two men and two women in the car with his shotgun.

"That was a Guernsey calf; none better bred in the state," yelled Banks in affected fury.

"You killed it; hand over \$500 or I shoot!"

He got the \$500.

When the automobilists had passed on Banks called his boys with the remark:

"Well, kids, we'll skin the calf and eat it ourselves. I intended selling it to the butcher for five dollars if I hadn't thought of this scheme."

BOY HAS WIRELESS LIGHT.

Projects Waves Around House and Incandescents Result.

Spencer, Mass.—Harry M. Grout, an 18-year-old schoolboy, says he has discovered the secret of transmitting electrical waves through the air without the aid of wires. He has been studying electricity for five years and already has become an expert operator with the wireless.

He now lights a dozen incandescent bulbs in different rooms in his house by merely pressing a small lever in his room and projecting the electric waves. There are no connecting wires between these different lights and the machines which he operates. Each light is merely connected with a small battery of his own.

Just how the electric power which the hundred odd batteries in the operating room produce is made to travel through the air young Grout as yet refuses to disclose.

CHUM OF THE PRESIDENT



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Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor Lawrence O. Murray is one of the government commission recently sent by the president to Goldfield, Nev., to investigate the strike of gold miners there. Before entering the government service, in 1904, Mr. Murray was connected with a prominent Chicago financial institution. He is an intimate friend of the president.

FINDS MICHIGAN DIVORCE VOID

New York Court of Appeals Decides a Complicated Suit.

New York.—The court of appeals has decided, in a somewhat complicated suit, that a decree of divorce given in Michigan when one party is a resident of New York and is served only by publication, is not legal in New York state. The case, it is said, will go up to the United States supreme court.

Silas Olmstead, who lived in Tarrytown, died and left an estate of \$8,000, to be divided between his two sons or their "lawful heirs." One of the sons, Benjamin F. Olmstead, married in 1850 Mary Jane Olmstead and by her had four children. In 1870 Olmstead went to New Jersey, his wife remaining in New York. In 1874, without obtaining a divorce, he went through a marriage ceremony with Sarah Louise Welch. Two sons were born to her. Later they went to Mich-

igan, where Olmstead secured a divorce from his New York wife by default, the summons having been served by publication.

All the principals died and the four New York children began a suit to have the two Michigan children excluded from participation in the estate on the ground they were not "lawful issue." The amount at stake is only \$4,000.

Skater Sets Lake Afire.

Worcester, Mass.—By striking a stone near a large crack in the ice while skating on the Spencer mill pond, young Alfred Chagnon caused the spark to fly and set fire to the icy pond.

The spark ignited the gas which the pond is charged as the result of refuse from the plant of the Worcester County Gas company. The sparks was followed by a sheet of flame which extended all over the ice.

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURE

HARVESTING CORN.

Jerking and Storing Ears Unhusked Is Good Plan.

Jerking the ears and storing them unhusked is a method of harvesting employed in some sections, especially in the South, where the argument usually given in its favor is that if the husks are on the ears they are more protected from the grain weevil, writes C. P. Hartley, in a recent bulletin. The destruction of corn by this insect is one of the drawbacks to more extensive corn culture in the South, and it is hoped that tests will be made having as their object the determination of practical methods whereby large quantities of corn can be kept free from destruction by this grain weevil. As soon as the corn becomes dry enough to crib, weevils are frequently found working under the husks on the kernels of the ears, sometimes to the number of twenty or more to the ear. It is a question worthy of careful experimentation to determine whether the corn is more seriously injured by transferring the weevil with the unhusked ears to the crib than would result were the corn husked in the field, causing the weevils to drop to the ground and thereby leaving most of them in the field.

The total amount of work required to jerk the corn and afterward husk it is considerably greater than that required to husk it directly from the standing stalk, and the quantity of forage obtained by gathering the husks is not sufficient to pay for the extra work. Much better forage could be obtained more cheaply by other methods. If the husks are sold advantageously for mattress making it is well to perform the two operations of jerking the ears and afterward husking them in a manner that will furnish husks of good quality. The proportion of husk varies greatly among the different kinds of corn, but it is sufficient to say that it requires fully one-half more room to store the ears unhusked than husked.

Save All the Manure Possible.

Keep the stable lot well littered with leaves and straw for the stock's sake and for the land's sake. A load of manure in the stable is worth more to the farmer than a sack of fertilizer at the factory. There is a great deal more in stable manure than mere plant food. It contains myriads of bacteria that in some way unknown to the average farmer break down and liberate plant food in the soil, which make it of far more value than commercial fertilizer containing an equal amount of plant food. Save all the manure possible. If it does not lessen the fertilizer bill it will increase the crop production. On days when neither plowing nor other work can be done, if they are convenient to the field, it will pay to haul rotted leaves and throw directly on the land. The fertilizing value will justify the hauling and the organic matter added to the soil will also be helpful.

Rotation for Peanuts.

It may not always be wise to follow a legume crop immediately by another legume crop like the peanut, but the cowpea should have a place in every rotation in the peanut section. Why not adopt something like this? Oats, with a moderate dressing of fertilizer, followed after harvest with cowpeas. Mow these for hay, and in September sow crimson clover on the stubble after discing it lightly. During the winter haul out and spread broadcast all the manure you can make on this clover. Plow it all under in the early spring and plant corn. Work this thoroughly and cut it off at the ground and cure in shocks and sow the land to rye. Turn under the green rye in early spring and prepare the land for peanuts, working in at the preparation of the land a light dressing of lime. Then use a liberal dressing of acid phosphate and potash on the peanuts.—W. F. Massey.

Bigger Crops at Less Expense.

January is the month of good resolutions, the first one of which should be a determination to do better farming in 1908 than we did in 1907—to make better crops and to make them at less expense.

Says Mr. Cyril G. Hopkins in Farm Science: "The soil has two distinct functions to perform in crop production. First, the soil must furnish a home for the plant, where the roots can penetrate the earth upon which the plant must stand. Second, the soil must furnish plant food, or nourishment, for the growth, development and maturing of the plant."

With these two principles in view we can easily understand the importance of good plowing so as to produce the best possible home in which the plant is to grow and develop if we are to have satisfactory crops.

Oats and Canada Peas.

Do not overlook putting in a good supply of spring oats, if fall oats were not already sowed. Those who have good land can sow Canada field peas with the oats. The peas should be put in, two bushels per acre, three or four inches deep, and afterwards put in the oats at the rate of one and a half bushels per acre. Where they succeed this will make a quantity of very fine hay which will be relished by the stock and make glad the hearts of those who would otherwise have to pay \$25 a ton.

SHEEP ON EVERY FARM.

Few Section of Any Country Can Equal South for This Industry.

The section of country with which the writer is most familiar is that part of the eastern shore of Maryland, where it seems that everything raised on the farm does well, and where the land is susceptible to a very high state of cultivation. But the pre-eminence of all its products are its fine sheep and geese. The latter, which are grown by the thousands, when fattened, will weigh all the way from twenty to twenty-five pounds each, besides yielding one pound of feathers to the goose. There are nine counties in this section in Maryland besides two counties in Virginia, and with the state of Delaware form a peninsula, with the Chesapeake Bay on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other.

Few sections of any country can equal this for sheep growing, where good pastures prevail, and the way the farmers take advantage of their opportunity is an object lesson for other sections of the South where conditions are just as good.

It is not an unusual thing for a farmer to own a flock of twenty-five to fifty ewes that will average 150 to 200 pounds in carcass, and ten to fifteen pounds wool to the fleece, with a crop of lambs from 100 to 150 per cent to the ewe, worth from \$4 to \$6 each.

This was brought about thirty years or more ago by the introduction of imported Cotswold and Southdown rams, which were crossed on native ewes until the present high standard has been attained. It is true that "high grades" are often used as sires, but there is always some one who keeps up the standard by furnishing his neighbors with pure-bred rams.

The present high standard of sheep raising was introduced by some leading spirits many years ago, and hence we grow these fine flocks, which thrive only in small flocks of twenty-five to fifty head.

Our farmers are getting educated to look to their best interest, and instead of allowing rams to run with the flock all the time and have their lambs drop any time from Jan 1 to April 1 and lose 25 per cent of them, they breed late, so the lambs drop about April 1 and save nearly all of them. In the latter case we castrate the ram lambs, which sell in the early fall for as much as ewe lambs, which usually bring from \$5 to \$6 each. They are a valuable perquisite to the tenant and an income to the owner when he runs the farm himself.

The use of clover and other grasses and proper cultivation will put almost any section of the South in a position to grow sheep that can not be surpassed by any country in the world. And everybody should have them, too. Help to furnish the market with lambs, wool and mutton.

Sheep raising, while an invaluable adjunct, can not be made a specialty, however, as is done in the West, on account of diseases that result from keeping large flocks together.

There have been thousands of common Western ewes brought with us and crossed with one improved ram, with the result in two or three years of attaining the same high standard in the flock.

When the ram lambs are made wethers and kept until eighteen months old, they can be made to weigh 250 pounds, with the flavor and succulence of the Cotswold, which the world can not beat.

In traveling over the different section of this country the writer a few weeks was more than agreeably surprised at the improvement attained. What is now an accomplished fact in a general way far exceeds his ideal of what might have been possible to realize 20 years ago. Every farmer keeps flocks to correspond with his acres, but one seldom sees more than fifty together, as they generate disease from grazing on the same pasture continuously, and unless moved from one field to another, they seem to get sick, and many die.

Too much fat' one might suppose, could be lessened by keeping larger flocks, but such is not the case, because when crowded they generate disease from inhaling impurities from their own voidings. This can be remedied only by removing them to fresh pastures once every two weeks, which allows the grass to become more healthful.—E. C. Legg in Southern Agriculturist.

How is Your Alfalfa Coming On?

The exceedingly dry fall prevented many from getting a stand of alfalfa. Where there is a stand and it is desirable to top-dress with manure now is the time to do so. Where there is no stand and it is desired to resow with alfalfa now is the time to apply stable manure and cut in with a disc harrow. It is better to make all preparation a month or two before time to sow the seed.

Loud, abusive talk to stock accomplishes about the same result that such talk would to persons. It makes matters worse, not better. Stock have nerves and are influenced by the passion of their keepers. A man who can not control his temper can not expect well to control stock.

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 ry, May, August and November.

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 Com'r. 1st—A. Black.
 " 2—A. H. Allard.
 " 3—D. D. Davis.
 " 4—J. L. Glass.
Justice Court.
 Court, Precinct No. 1, meets 3rd Saturday in each month. Malcolm Black, J. P.

LOCAL.

Fresh line of candies, pecans and goobers now at the restaurant.
 Baker's bread, pies and cakes at the restaurant.
 If you want Xmas eggs, feed International Poultry Food. For sale at Fisher Bros.
 Hunters:—All persons are forbidden to hunt on any lands owned or controlled by me.
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 Want to trade your home for one in east or north Texas? We have all kinds of trade propositions. See us. Rasbury & Eppes.
 I have full and complete maps and field notes made by the state surveyor and approved by the land office now on file. Those wishing information concerning these surveys or a survey made of the same, can have it done by calling on.
 W. F. Keils.
 If its a well you want drilled. You can make a trade with Ned Eppes.
 Say! how about that fire insurance on your home? See us now.
 Rasbury & Eppes.

Miss Alma Crain is visiting at the Cushing ranch.

J. T. Davis left Monday for Waco to visit relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. F. K. Turney, of Robert Lee, visited here Tuesday.

J. W. Kirkpatrick was in town Saturday from his ranch near Iolanthe.

J. T. and Dee Davis returned from Crockett county last Friday from Crockett county.

Miss Itasca Standifer, who has been visiting at San Angelo, returned home last Sunday.

The Methodist church house was moved to the corner of Sixth avenue and Church street this week.

Oscar Wilson, of the northern part of the county, was transacting business in our town Saturday.

W. R. Barton was in from his Glascock county ranch last Saturday and reported stock in fine shape.

Mrs. W. T. Mann and son, Bartlett, left this week for Post City, where they will reside in the future.

H. T. Rodgers sold a section of land to R. T. Martin last week for \$6.50 per acre. The deal was made through A. A. Gamble.

W. F. Keils was at Colorado this week finishing up the map and field notes of the line between Mitchell and Sterling counties.

J. S. Johnson was in from his ranch last Saturday, and reported conditions good in his part of the county.

While here, Mr. Johnson paid the News-Record office a pleasant as well as a substantial call.

(From last week)
 Miss Beannie Allard visited relatives in town this week.

Mrs. Wilh Edwards, of Sterling creek, visited relatives in town this week.

Miss Itasca Standifer is visiting in San Angelo.

H. T. Rodgers, of Miles, is here on business.

The Jury of View to lay out the Sterling Creek road was out this week viewing out the route.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Crawford returned from San Angelo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glass are detained in North Carolina on account of their little boy being down with an attack of measles.

Sheriff Wood is having the water tank in the public square repaired and put in shape for the tree planting which the Commissioners Court is going to have done soon.

Messrs Klingman, Hall and Weekley, of Brownwood, are here on business.

R. A. Ferguson came in last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Dunn left Tuesday for Corona, N. M., to visit Mrs. Dunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Colbough. They will remain away about three months, during which time Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sparkman will occupy their residence.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. McEntire, at Dallas, on the 14th, inst., a boy. We congratulate the happy couple on the happy event.

It is reported that the mother and son are doing splendidly, while the father, who has been quite "batty," is now considered harmless and will soon recover.

The Jury of View, which viewed out the new route on the Big Springs and Sterling City road last week, adopted a route parallel to the right-of-way of the W. T. & N. Ry. survey from the Keils farm to the Glascock county line near Konobasset.

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RELIQS OF THE INDIAN.
 Quier Old Dugout Canoe Unearthed in New York City by Street Diggers.
 The old Indian dugout canoe which was brought to light in Cherry street by a party of electric light excavators belongs to our ancient history as much as the remarkable ship found in Lake Bolsena belongs to that of Rome, or as the viking vessel unearthed in Norway belongs to Scandinavian antiquity, declares the New York Mail. Long dugouts of Indian model were not much affected by the white inhabitants here after the passing of the red man. However, this old canoe is a less precious relic than it would be if similar craft were not still manufactured and navigated by Indians on our northwest coast. Indeed, the Atlantic coast Indians never made such magnificent boats as the perfect specimen which now hangs in the museum of natural history in this city.

NOTICE
 Any person hauling wood, fishing, hunting, or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by me, will be prosecuted.
 W. L. Foster.

MARRIED
 On the 22nd, inst., Mr Willis A. Jones to Miss Beatrice Feindt. The ceremony took place at Watervalley, Judge Hanson officiating.

Licensed to Wed
 Clerk Cole issued license today for the marriage of A. B. Stiles, of Scurry county, to Mrs. S. A. Stiles, of Sterling.

EARLY AND LATE CITIES.
 There are early cities and late cities. Vienna is in bed by 11—though, oddly, a Wiener cafe in Germany is a cafe that is open all night long. Madrid never goes to bed at all. To this writer in New York a waiter averred at the breakfast table, that the latest supper he had served was eight a. m. But what will happen if the closing hour in London is placed at 11? It is a sum that may be worked out on your fingers. The play that ends at ten must begin soon after six. And there comes the backward shove of meals. We must eat our dinner at five (if theater and supper are still to be taken), and thus return to the fashion that was out of date when Tom Brown was at Oxford—the fashion that the late king of Denmark loved. Supper will be over and almost forgotten by 11. Then nothing will be left but bed. And the shift of hours may bring us back to the early rising of our forefathers, when Pepys thought nothing of being afoot by four in the morning.—London Chronicle.

Violets on Her Flowers.
 The Duchess of Arcos, wife of the Spanish minister, has introduced a new idea in the use of violets. When her handsome turnout drew up at her door in Washington one day last week it was noticed that her fine horses wore little bunches of the fragrant spring flowers, caught by lavender ribbons and perched coquettishly on each side of the blinds. The effect is said to have been very pretty, especially viewed with the duchess behind, clad in a symphony of purples and carrying an immense cluster of violets, miff style. Several ladies have taken up the style, and now it is a familiar sight to note horses with nosegays of lilacs, hyacinths or other spring buds.

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 Our pasture is posted and all persons are hereby put upon legal notice that any one who shall hunt, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespass upon any of the lands owned or controlled by us will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
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 My pasture is posted according to the law made and provided in such cases and all persons are hereby warned and forbidden to hunt, fish, or otherwise trespass upon any of the enclosed lands owned or controlled by me, under pain of prosecution to the full extent of the law. J. T. Davis
 5-4-'02

NOTICE—KEEP OUT.
 Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespass upon any of the lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted by the full extent of the law.
 G. W. Allard.

Posted.
 I have posted my pasture according to the laws made and provided in such cases, and all persons are hereby warned and put upon notice that any person who shall hunt, cut and haul wood or otherwise, trespass upon any enclosed land owned or controlled by me, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law
 J. S. Johnson.

TRESSPASS NOTICE
 Any person hauling wood, fishing, hunting, or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by us, will be Prosecuted.
 W. E. McENTIE & SON

FROM ALL OVER TEXAS

Henry Morgan's store at Melissa burned Thursday night. Loss on building \$25,000, insurance \$12,000; on stock, loss \$4500, insurance \$3500.

The intimation has come from Governor Campbell that he will not call a special session of the Legislature to enact a 2-cent fare law or for other purposes.

It is thought by many that the recent freeze destroyed the boll weevil, and that little damage will be done by them in North Texas this year.

The Northern Texas Traction Company of Fort Worth has paid \$2102 taxes on gross receipts on its total receipts for the quarter ending December 31, of \$280,356.

Ed Shouts, who was present with Governor Sul Ross when he defeated the famous Comanche Chief Peter Nonca, at the battle of Antelope Hills, died last week in Oklahoma.

W. M. House, a prominent citizen of Waurika, fell dead in the Rock Island depot Sunday morning. He had been subject to hemorrhage of the lungs, but was apparently better.

Mrs. Pete Lynn, one of the first settlers of Denison, died Tuesday morning at the age of seventy years. She built the first brick house in the city and operated the first brick yard.

A pardon has been granted Len and George Gribble and B. F. Hector, who, several months ago, set a dog on a man, Legon Carlin, who was passing through the country east of Waco.

Little Diddle Vickers, six years of age, burned to death at her parents' home near Paris Thursday. Her clothes caught from the fire while her mother was doing the family washing.

William Sweeney entered a plea of guilty in the Ellis County Court for a failure to pay his poll tax or work on the county road. A fine of \$3 was imposed. The costs added made a total of \$37.00.

Vera Daniel, an eighteen year old girl student in the state normal at Denton, died of grippe on a Katy train Wednesday morning twelve miles north of Fort Worth while on her way home at Wylie.

The new town of Cement, three miles west of Dallas, which has grown up to some 500 or 600 inhabitants within the past few months, has asked permission to incorporate as a separate school district.

Some time in February, and on a day to be named later, the cornerstone of the splendid new A. & M. dormitory now under course of construction on the college campus will be laid. The ceremony will be under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity.

The dead body of George H. Ryan was found in the elevator room of the Oriental Hotel, Dallas, Tuesday morning. Deceased was a mailman, and an overturned can indicated that he had come in to deliver the morning milk when the accident causing his death happened.

A double elopement to Fort Worth ended in one marriage, when Martin Miller and Miss Maude Taylor were married. Nellie Gaines, aged seventeen, postponed her wedding, and her fiancé, Tom Turner, is a disappointed lover. All four were from Hamilton.

The Hill County Poultry and Pet Stock Association exhibit opened Monday with entries from all over the State. About 500 choice birds of all kinds were on exhibit, which lasted three days.

It is announced that the General Managers' Association of Texas railroads and the Texas Farmers' Union have closed a contract for the construction of spur tracks to 220 Union cotton warehouses in Texas. The cost will be \$3,000,000.

It is estimated that the loss by individual Shriners in the burning of their baggage car near Waco a few days since, containing their effects in the way of clothing, jewelry, curios, etc., will reach \$25,000.

The commissioner of agriculture has given out a statement containing a list of the nurseries in Texas. The list shows a total of 234, which is a decrease of twelve from last year and a decrease of six for the previous year.

Okeene, Ok., is building the biggest gyp mill in the state. The plant will be 214 feet long by 80 feet wide. It will be up-to-date and so constructed as to eliminate the annoying dust common to most plants.

Former United States Senator Geo. Peabody Wetmore of Rhode Island was re-elected Tuesday.

Lee Carroll, a negro, was killed at Pendletonville by a freight train. He was one of the work gang stationed between Temple and Pendletonville.

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Instant relief for that awful itch! The itch gone the moment the soothing liquid is applied to the skin! That is what oil of wintergreen, mixed with thymol, glycerine and other mild ingredients, will do for any skin sufferer.

Try a free sample of this oil as compounded in D. D. D. Prescription. We urge it and recommend it, and surely would not recommend it and offer it to our regular patrons if we did not know what D. D. D. Prescription will do for skin sufferers.

Write to the D. D. D. Co., 112 Michigan St., Dept. 96, Chicago, for a free sample of the wonderful soothing liquid, enclosing only 10c to pay for postage and packing. Now don't fail to try this wonderful soothing refreshing liquid.

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There was a young man of Slough, Who was singing "The Mistletoe Bough;" When his uncle said: "Fred, As the young lady is dead, Why on earth make this terrible row?"

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What Hubby Missed.

"I was telephoning the other night," said the girl, "and a voice crossed mine, a whispering voice. I couldn't help wondering what the game was. 'What are you whispering for?' I asked. 'Hush,' she said, still in the whisper. 'I'm trying to talk under my breath. I don't want my husband to hear. Please get off the wire. Won't you?' 'I got off the wire, but I couldn't sleep very well that night for wondering what it was she didn't want her husband to hear.'

Second-Hand Goods.

"I don't think it is so nice to have a truthful child," said she. "Not so truthful a child as my neighbor has across the hall. The other morning I missed my paper that is left at my door. I knocked and asked her if she had seen it. She said no, but her small son, aged five, ran to the table and got it and brought it to me. 'Here,' he said, 'mamma took it to read it, but you can have it. She is through with it now.'

Object Lesson.

"Johnny," said Mrs. Blobs, severely, "I am going to punish you. Please open the windows." "What for?" asked Johnny, beginning to cry.

"I heard our next door neighbor say I had no authority over my children, and I want her to hear you getting a spanking. Now, come here, sir!"

CUBS' FOOD

They Thrive on Grape-Nuts.

Healthy babies don't cry and the well-nourished baby that is fed on Grape-Nuts is never a crying baby. Many babies who cannot take any other food relish the perfect food, Grape-Nuts, and get well.

"My little baby was given up by three doctors who said that the condensed milk on which I fed her had ruined the child's stomach. One of the doctors told me that the only thing to do would be to try Grape-Nuts, so I got some and prepared it as follows: I soaked 1 1/2 tablespoonfuls in one pint of cold water for half an hour, then I strained off the liquid and mixed 12 teaspoonfuls of this strained Grape-Nuts juice with six teaspoonfuls of rich milk, put in a pinch of salt and a little sugar, warmed it and gave it to baby every two hours.

"In this simple, easy way I saved baby's life and have built her up to a strong healthy child, rosy and laughing. The food must certainly be perfect to have such a wonderful effect as this. I can truthfully say I think it is the best food in the world to raise delicate babies on, and is also a delicious healthful food for grown-ups as we have discovered in our family."

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Real Estate "Agents" Go After Men with Land for Sale and Reap Rich Harvest.

A smooth scheme for separating farmers from their money has been worked with much success in South Dakota. An oily grafter calls on a farmer and makes a bid for his land. The figures are absurdly low at first, but by degrees are raised as high as \$60 an acre, and the farmer consents. Then the visitor explains that he is only an agent, but that he can sell the land at the price named if the owner will agree to pay for advertising at the rate of fifty cents an acre. The "agent" promises orally that the advertising money will not be payable until the land is sold, but this stipulation is not contained in a contract that the farmer signs.

In a few days he receives a copy of an ad and not over-courteous demand for money. It is said that twenty-two agriculturists were caught with this bait in Brown County and that one of them gave up \$320. Others declare hotly that they will not pay but they will make a fight in the courts.

Try It on the Piano.

There was a young chap in Des Moines Who ordered a T bone sirloin. Said the waiter: "Not so, Sir, unless you can show A sufficient amount of des coins."

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

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Commissioner Smith vs. The Standard Oil Co.

From the Railway World, January 3, 1908.

Mr. Herbert Knox Smith, whose zeal in the cause of economic reform has been in no wise abated by the panic which he and his kind did so much to bring on, is out with an answer to President Moffett, of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. The publication of this answer, it is officially given out, was delayed several weeks, "for business reasons," because it was not deemed advisable to further excite the public mind, which was profoundly disturbed by the crisis. Now that the storm clouds have rolled by, however, the Commissioner rushes again into the fray.

Our readers remember that the chief points in the defence of the Standard Oil Company, as presented by President Moffett, were (1) that the date of six cents on oil from Whiting to East St. Louis has been issued to the Standard Oil Company as the lawful rate by employees of the Alton, (2) that the 18-cent rate on file with the Interstate Commerce Commission was a class and not a commodity rate, never being intended to apply to oil, (3) that oil was shipped in large quantities between Whiting and East St. Louis over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois at 6 1/2 cents per hundred pounds, which has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission as the lawful rate, and (4) that the 18-cent rate on oil was entirely out of proportion to lawful rates on other commodities between these points of a similar character, and of greater value, such, for example, as lincseed oil, the lawful rate on which was eight cents. President Moffett also stated that thousands of tons of freight had been sent by other shippers between these points under substantially the same conditions as governed the shipments of the Standard Oil Company.

This defence of the Standard Oil Company was widely quoted and has undoubtedly exerted a powerful influence upon the public mind. Naturally the Administration, which has staked the success of its campaign against the "trusts" upon the result of its attack upon this company, endeavors to offset this influence, and hence the new deliverance of Commissioner Smith.

We need hardly to point out that his rebuttal argument is extremely weak, although as strong, no doubt, as the circumstances would warrant. He answers the points made by President Moffett substantially as follows: (1) The Standard Oil Company had a traffic department, and should have known that the six-cent rate had not been filed, (2) no answer, (3) the Chicago & Eastern Illinois rate was a secret rate because it read, not from Whiting, but from Dolton, which is described as "a village of about 1,500 population just outside of Chicago. Its only claim to note is that it has been for many years the point of origin for this and similar secret rates." The Commissioner admits in describing this rate that there was a note attached stating that the rate could also be used from Whiting.

The press has quite generally hailed this statement of the Commissioner of Corporations as a conclusive refutation of what is evidently recognized as the strongest rebuttal argument advanced by the Standard.

In fact, it is as weak and inconclusive as the remainder of his argument. The lines of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois do not run into

Chicago. They terminate at Dolton, from which point entrance is made over the Belt Line. Whiting, where the oil freight originates, is not on the lines of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, which receives its Whiting freight from the Belt Line at Dolton. The former practice, now discontinued, in filing tariffs was to make them read from a point on the line of the filing road, and it was also general to state on the same sheet, that the tariff would apply to other points, e. g., Whiting. The Chicago & Eastern Illinois followed this practice in filing its rate from Dolton, and making a note on the sheet that it is applied to Whiting. This was in 1895 when this method of filing tariffs was in common use.

Now let us see in what way the intending shipper of oil could be misled and deceived by the fact that the Chicago & Eastern Illinois had not filed a rate reading from Whiting. Commissioner Smith contends that "concealment is the only motive for such a circuitous arrangement," i. e., that this method of filing the rate was intended to mislead intending competitors of the Standard Oil Company. Suppose such a prospective oil refiner had applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for the rate from Chicago to East St. Louis over the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, he would have been informed that the only rate filed with the commission by this company was 6 1/2 cents from Dolton, and he would have been further informed, if indeed he did not know this already, that this rate applied throughout Chicago territory. So that whether he wished to locate his plant at Whiting, or anywhere else about Chicago, under an arrangement of long standing, and which applies to all the industrial towns in the neighborhood of Chicago, he could have his freight delivered over the Belt Line to the Chicago & Eastern Illinois at Dolton and transported to East St. Louis at a rate of 6 1/2 cents. Where then is the concealment which the Commissioner of Corporations makes so much of? Any rate from Dolton on the Eastern Illinois or Chappell on the Alton, or Harvey on the Illinois Central, or Blue Island on the Rock Island, applies throughout Chicago territory to shippers from any other point in the district. So far from the Eastern Illinois filing its rate from Dolton in order to deceive the shipper, it is the Commissioner of Corporations who either betrays his gross ignorance of transportation customs in Chicago territory or relies on the public ignorance of these customs to deceive the public too apt to accept unquestioningly every statement made by a Government official as necessarily true, although, as in the present instance, a careful examination shows these statements to be false.

The final point made by President Moffett that other commodities of a character similar to oil were carried at much lower rates than 18 cents, the Commissioner of Corporations discusses only with the remark that "the reasonableness" of this rate is not in question. The question is whether this rate constituted a discrimination as against other shippers of oil, and he also makes much of the failure of President Moffett to produce before the grand jury evidence of the alleged illegal acts of which the Standard Oil official said that other

large shippers in the territory had been guilty. Considering the fact that these shippers included the packers and elevator men of Chicago the action of the grand jury in calling upon President Moffett to furnish evidence of their wrong-doing may be interpreted as a demand for an elaboration of the obvious; but the fact that a rate-book containing these freight rates for other shippers was offered in evidence during the trial and ruled out by Judge Landis, was kept out of sight. President Moffett would not, of course, accept the invitation of the grand jury although he might have been pardoned if he had referred them to various official investigations by the Interstate Commerce Commission and other departments of the Government.

We come back, therefore, to the conclusion of the whole matter, which is that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana was fined an amount equal to seven or eight times the value of its entire property, because its traffic department did not verify the statement of the Alton rate clerk, that the six-cent commodity rate on oil had been properly filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission. There is no evidence, and none was introduced at the trial, that any shipper of oil from Chicago territory had been interfered with by the 18-cent rate nor that the failure of the Alton to file its six-cent rate had resulted in any discrimination against any independent shipper,—we must take this on the word of the Commissioner of Corporations and of Judge Landis. Neither is it denied even by Mr. Smith that the "independent" shipper of oil, whom he pictures as being driven out of business by this discrimination of the Alton, could have shipped all the oil he desired to ship from Whiting via Dolton over the lines of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois to East St. Louis. In short, President Moffett's defence is still good, and we predict will be so declared by the higher court.

The Standard Oil Company has been charged with all manner of crimes and misdemeanors. Beginning with the famous Rice of Marietta, passing down to that apostle of popular liberties, Henry Demarest Lloyd, with his Wealth Against the Commonwealth, descending by easy stages to Miss Tarbell's offensive personalities, we finally reach the nether depths of unfair and baseless misrepresentation in the report of the Commissioner of Corporations. The Standard has been charged with every form of commercial piracy and with most of the crimes on the corporation calendar. After long years of strenuous attack, under the leadership of the President of the United States, the corporation is at last dragged to the bar of justice to answer for its misdoings. The whole strength of the Government is directed against it, and at last, we are told, the Standard Oil Company is to pay the penalty of its crimes, and it is finally convicted of having failed to verify the statement of a rate clerk and is forthwith fined a prodigious sum, measured by the car. Under the old criminal law, the theft of property worth more than a shilling was punishable by death. Under the interpretation of the Interstate Commerce Law by Theodore Roosevelt and Judge Kenesaw Landis, a technical error of a traffic official is made the excuse for the confiscation of a vast amount of property.

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