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A LOWER DEATH RATE

AMERICAN LIVES DRAWING NEARER TO SANITY.

NEGROES HAVE HEAVY RATE

Rate Nearly Down to Sixteen per Thousand Population, Against Recent Twenty-Five.

Washington, March 9.—The country's death rate, if the record of a part may be accepted as indicative of the whole, was 16.1 per 1000 of population in 1906. In 1905 it was 16.2, and the five-year average was 16.3, so that one may extract some comfort from these comparisons. It has not been many years since the average death rate was about 25 per 1000 of population, which suggests the marked progress that has been made in the art of rational living.

These facts are gathered from an advanced outline of the statistics of mortality soon to be issued by the Bureau of the Census. But fifteen States require registration of deaths, so that the statistics are based only upon the data gathered in these and in some seventy cities outside these States. The States requiring registration of deaths are California, Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Vermont.

The statistics give to South Dakota the distinction of either being the most healthful State or of being blessed with the most efficient doctors, for the death rate there is only 8.8 per 1000 of population, while Rhode Island and Pennsylvania are at the other end of the list, with a rate of 17.5. California's rate is 17.4, but that is due to the presence of so many who have gone there in the last stages of illness. The death rate of a sanitarium is always large.

For the first time these mortality statements make a comparative showing as between the death rate among white people and among negroes, and they disclose what common observation has long made apparent, that is, that negroes are more subject and vulnerable to disease than whites. For example, it was found that in the cities in which authentic data were gathered the death rate among whites during 1906 was 17.2, while among negroes it was 28.1, a difference of about sixty per cent. Consumption was the great scourge among negroes, as, for that matter, it is among the whites.

DESPERATE PENITENTARY DASH.

Three Deaths the Result of Attempt to Make Escape.

Deer Lodge, Mont., March 9.—Warden Frank Conley of the Montana State Penitentiary was dangerously wounded yesterday morning and Assistant Warden John Robinson was killed, when three life convicts, George Rock, W. H. Hayes, and another whose name is not given, made a dash for liberty.

Robinson's throat was cut from ear to ear and the jugular vein was severed. Conley's throat was gashed, and he was stabbed several times in the shoulder and groin before he was able to draw his revolver and shoot two of his assailants down.

Convicts Hayes and Rock were both shot down by Conley after the latter had been wounded. It is believed that the Warden will recover.

Congressman Meyer Dead.

New Orleans, La.: Congressman Adolph Meyer, formerly an Assistant Adjutant General in the Confederate Army, died at his residence here Sunday. Mr. Meyer had been too ill to attend Congress for several months. Heart failure was the cause of his death. He had served in Congress continuously since the fifty-second session, to which he was elected from the First District of Louisiana. Mr. Meyer was sixty-five years old.

Diamond Trust in Danger.

London: There is a probability that the diamond monopoly will be broken up through the non-renewal of the contract which expires this month between the Premier Diamond Mining Company and the diamond syndicate, which hitherto has taken the output of both the Premier and the Debeers Companies. In case the contract is not renewed it will be declared by the Premier Company against the Debeers.

LARGE EXPLOITATION ON TAPIS.

Cooke and Grayson Counties to Be Center of Activity.

Sherman, Tex., March 6.—For several months men of wide and practical experience in the development of oil, gas and coal deposits, as an instance of the faith that is in them that the middle river belt of Grayson, Cooke and Fannin Counties is an excellent field, have been quietly and successfully at work securing leases on lands.

From time to time capitalists from the North and East have visited this section and looked over the field at close range, and their own observations, backed up by the opinions of the expert engineers who have been in their employ, has resulted in definite action.

Last Monday at Wheeling, W. Va., a meeting of the principal parties interested was held and the Red River Oil and Gas Company was formally organized and Thursday a charter was granted to it under the laws of West Virginia. The capital stock is placed at \$100,000, and the object of the same is to develop oil and gas in certain North Texas lands already acquired and to be hereafter acquired. The officers are as follows: President, C. Ferguson of Hallidays Cove, W. Va., already largely interested in oil, gas and coal, as well as electric railways; Vice-President, W. H. Hoyt of Wellsburg, W. Va., prominent Eastern realty dealer, with an office in New York City; Secretary and Treasurer, B. D. Tillinghast of McDonald, Pa., manager of extensive machine shop interests.

Drills, etc., have already been ordered for shipment to Cooke County, where work will be commenced near Gainesville at once. Materials will also be purchased for use in the Fannin County fields. Inability to secure leases on a large tract of land a few miles west of Sherman, it is stated, prevents an announcement of when active steps toward the development of the Grayson field will begin, if begun at all.

It is also stated that, incidental to the visit of Messrs. Ross and Tillinghast to Texas, that the City Councils of Sherman, Gainesville, Bonham and Denison will be requested to grant franchises to the Red River Gas and Oil Company, permitting the laying of natural gas mains, pipes, etc., in the respective corporate limits.

Auto Record Smashed.

Ormond, Fla.: Two records were broken on Ormond Beach Friday. M. G. Bernin, in a sixty-horsepower French car, covered 100 miles in one hour, twelve minutes and fifty-six and one-fifth seconds, almost three minutes under the old record of one hour, fifteen minutes, fifty-six and one-fifth seconds, established on Ormond Beach in 1906 by Walter Clifford Earp. The French car performed consistently on every lap and was splendidly driven throughout.

State Is Growing All Right.

Austin: The vital statistics report of the Health Department for the month of January shows total death in the State 1395 and total births 4548. The report shows the mortality for communicable diseases to be 513, of which 234 are due to pneumonia, 138 to tuberculosis, 58 to typhoid fever, 55 to influenza, 15 to diphtheria and 3 to scarlet fever. Many counties have not reported.

The highest March wind which has struck Chicago in three years commenced early Friday from the southwest, and wrought much havoc in the downtown district.

Bralley to Be Nominated.

Austin: Dr. S. L. Hornbeak, superintendent of the State Institution for the Blind, will resign on September 5, 1908, instead of January 1, 1909, as first contemplated, to accept the Presidency of Trinity University at Waxahatchie. Governor Campbell will nominate F. M. Bralley, general agent of the Conference for Education in Texas, to succeed Dr. Hornbeak. The nomination is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

Interurban Project Promising.

Fort Worth: It is evidently the belief of a committeeman appointed by the Board of Trade to assist in promulgating the building of the Fort Worth and Mineral Wells Interurban line via Weatherford that there remains no further doubt as to the building of the line, and that within the next ten days announcement will be made of the successful bidder on the construction work. There will be no trouble in renewing bonus notes.

NEBRASKA FOR BRYAN

PLATFORM ACCORDING TO MR. BRYAN'S IDEAS.

CHEERED AS NEXT PRESIDENT

The Bad Corporations Must Be Destroyed; Good Ones Must Be Controlled.

Omaha, Neb., March 6.—Instructing their delegates to "vote as a unit" for the Presidential nomination of William J. Bryan at Denver next July, members of the Nebraska Democratic Convention yesterday made clear officially that his home State would support Bryan principles throughout the National Convention of the party. They followed this action by turning out en masse last night to cheer a platform which, admittedly reflects Bryan's views on National affairs, and to greet their leader with an outburst of cheering that brought a flush of pleasure to the countenance of the recipient. All the proceedings of the day were planned with an ascending scale of enthusiasm in view.

How well this worked out was evidenced by the scenes in the convention hall last night. Close on to 1000 delegates, hundreds of other active party members and thousands of private citizens hailed Mr. Bryan as "The Next President of the United States." Applause that quickly changed to cheers, then instantly turned into wild yells, greeted him when he appeared to begin the speech which would wind up the day. During his remarks this demonstration was renewed frequently, and at the end was repeated with renewed vigor.

Two significant points were noticed in Mr. Bryan's speech. In one he acknowledged his debt to the Populist party, and in the other he repudiated a criticism of his policies which Secretary Taft is reported to have uttered in a recent speech in Oklahoma.

"My creed is 'exterminate the private monopoly.' A legitimate corporation can be regulated, but a criminal corporation is beyond the reach of regulation," said Mr. Bryan. "Mr. Taft said I wished to annihilate business conditions, while he declared himself willing to regulate the great corporations. I accept this issue. And in reply I will call attention to the fact that the trusts have regulated the Republicans, not the Republicans the trusts."

Concerning the Populists, he said: "If any Democrat has any prejudices against a Populist, I would admonish him that a Populist who crosses the road to vote for a Democrat is not to be despised by a Democrat, who has merely to vote the ticket of his own party."

Sign Contract for Spurs.

Fort Worth: Announcement made from the Farmers' Union headquarters that the contract with the railroads by which agreement is made to build spur tracks to warehouses located within one hundred feet of the main lines, has been signed, and that work will now be resumed. The insurance clause has also been adjusted, whereby, when the railroad takes over the cotton the insurance will be withdrawn from the insurance company and transferred to the railroad, so the railroad may receive payment for the risk which it incurs.

Killed Himself With Shotgun.

Denison: While Adam Hornbeck and his wife and his wife's mother were eating at noon Thursday at their home, three miles north of Denison, they heard the report of a shotgun in another part of the house. They rushed to a room occupied by George Miller, father of Mrs. Hornbeck, and found him lying on the floor dead. A shotgun was found beside him. Both barrels had been fired. He was seventy years old.

Secretary Strauss to Visit Texas.

Washington, D. C.: Oscar Strauss, Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor, will visit Texas next fall to meet various Texas commercial bodies for a discussion of the best methods of extending the export trade from Texas. The Secretary announced his intention to Representative Gregg and Colonel Gresham when they extended to him an invitation from the Galveston Chamber of Commerce to visit Texas.

170 CHILDREN PERISH.

Suburban School House Burns and Children Jam the Door.

Cleveland, Ohio., March 5.—Death in one of its most terrible forms yesterday claimed between 160 and 170 school children of the North Collinwood School, in the village of Collinwood, an eastern suburb, when the school building, catching fire from a defective furnace in the basement, was gutted in half an hour.

The building being inadequately protected with fire escapes, the children were unable to make their way to the lower floors in time to escape the flames as they shot up from the basement and cut off egress. Starting about 9:30 o'clock in the basement from the overheated furnace, the fire gained tremendous headway before its presence was noticed.

The fire drill was inaugurated at once, and those in the rooms on the lower floors quickly moved out of the building. But when the panic-stricken little ones in the upper floors attempted to make their way to the stairway the jam of uncontrolled and fear-stricken children grew until but few were able to extricate themselves, and they perished almost in reach of safety.

At 10 o'clock last night 165 corpses were in the morgue at Collinwood, six children were still unaccounted for, and houses and the hospitals for two miles around contained a number of children, some fatally and many less seriously injured.

All of the victims were between the ages of six and seventeen years. The school contained between 310 and 320 pupils, and of this number only about eighty are known to have left the building unhurt.

It will be several days before the exact number of killed is known, because the ruins may still contain dead bodies, and the list of fatalities may be increased by a number of deaths among the children who are lying in the hospitals, hovering between life and death.

Killed Best Friend.

Houston: Mounted Police Officer J. H. Lee shot and fatally wounded his life-long friend, J. S. Simpson, police station turnkey, at George Voss' saloon Wednesday morning at 6:30. Self-defense is claimed, although the bartender and other witnesses say Simpson was unarmed. A misunderstanding and a row was the cause of the difficulty. Both parties had spent the night at a Mardi Gras ball.

Bronte Wants Railway.

San Angelo: Citizens of Bronte, thirty-five miles north of San Angelo, in Coke County, are anxious to have the Orient complete its track from this city to their town in time to move the next cotton crop, and will offer extra inducement to that end. The track is already laid for a portion of the distance, and this is what gives them the hope that the company can be induced to build there.

Pierce Appeal Heads Docket.

St. Louis, Mo.: Henry Clay Pierce's appeal from the decision of Federal Judge Adams here denying Pierce's application for a writ of habeas corpus following his arrest by Chief of Police Creecy, on papers from Governor Folk, granting the request for extradition made by the Governor of Texas, where Pierce is indicted on a charge of false swearing, has been specially assigned at the head of the tentative docket arranged for the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, to meet in St. Paul, Minn., on May 4.

Senator Bailey Buys Washington Lot.

Washington: The large building at the northeast corner of Sixteenth and Church Streets, Northwest, has been sold. It is understood that the purchaser is Senator Bailey of Texas, and that it is his purpose to erect there a house for his own use. The size of the lot lends itself effectively to carrying out a plan for a large residence. It has a frontage of 47½ feet on Sixteenth Street and extends back 100 feet.

U. S. Senator Proctor Dead.

Washington: United States Senator Redfield Proctor of Vermont died late Wednesday afternoon of the grip. Senator Proctor was seventy-seven years of age. He had been ill and confined to his room at the Champlain apartments in this city for about a week. His ailment was diagnosed as the grip, which later developed into pleurisy with pneumonia complications which affected the heart and which, in his enfeebled condition, proved too much for his powers of resistance.

THE WEEK'S EPITOME

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

The Katy shops at Denison reopened Monday after being shut down for one week. Until further orders, the time will be eight hours a day, six days a week.

Work started in the mines of the Amalgamated North Butte and Coalition companies at Butte, Mont., Monday. These mines give employment to 5500 men.

Senator W. O. Bradley of Kentucky in a statement declares himself to be unqualifiedly for Vice-President Fairbanks as the Republican nominee for President.

A Chilean naval officer has invented a torpedo tube which, after official trials with excellent results, the admiralty has ordered adopted aboard all torpedo boats.

Some fool, freak or fanatic has been sending letters to anti-saloon leaguers at San Antonio threatening all sorts of evil things if they do not desist from working for saloon abolition.

The commissioner's court of Hill county has ordered twelve four-horse grading machines for use by overseers. Three of the machines will be given to each commissioner's precinct.

The Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company of Delaware has been granted a permit to do business in Texas with capital of \$1,500,000. Dallas is to be headquarters. The filing fees amount to \$1619.

Thomas J. Callan, the man whom Gen. Custer sent for reinforcements when his command was entrapped by Indians on the Little Big Horn River in Montana, died at his home in Yonkers, N. Y., Sunday.

At the age of 105 years, Owen Priester, the oldest Confederate veteran in the South, died last night at Salkehatchie, S. C. His death was due to an accident received while he was occupied in raking straw.

Mme. Schumann-Heineke, the first woman singer of foreign birth of prominence to take out citizenship papers, appeared before Judge Ten Eyck in Newark, N. J., and became a citizen of the United States.

George Wilson, a negro, was electrocuted at the New Jersey State prison Tuesday for the murder in December last of Frederick Romer an undertaker of Orange, N. J., who was killed in his room at a hotel.

Col. Lewis Cass Carpenter, who represented South Carolina in congress just after the close of the civil war and well known as a newspaper man, died in Denver Saturday night from dropsy; aged 72 years.

The T. B. Simmons gin of Frederick, Ok., burned Friday night. Gin, boiler and ginhouse total loss, saved cotton and seed house, no cotton lost. Supposed to have caught from matches. Loss \$92,000, insurance about \$5,000.

For some time relations between China and Japan have been very strained. An apology for recent occurrences from China have apparently opened up a way for arranging an amicable adjustment of differences.

John Gary Evans was elected United States Senator Friday on the fourth ballot to succeed Senator Lattimore, deceased, of South Carolina.

A telegram received from Chihuahua, Mexico, says that the Banco de Minera, owned by Ambassador Creel, has been robbed of \$295,000 in Mexican money.

It is understood that the President has decided to appoint W. S. Rossiter of New York to be public printer, to succeed Charles S. Stallings of Massachusetts.

Poultry men in Johnson county claim that the shows held in Cleburne have greatly increased interest in both breeding and rearing poultry.

The Knickerbocker Trust Company which suspended business at the beginning of the financial panic in October, will resume business at noon Thursday, March 26.

The total disbursements of the State government and various institutions for the three months ending February 29, as shown by the treasury statement, aggregates \$3,820,784.

The big fine is working as a fine temperance inducer in Dallas.

The North Texas Beekeepers' Association will meet at Blossom April 1 and 2.

A row of frame buildings were burned in Bay City Sunday entailing a loss of some \$12,500.

All over Texas the public and private school houses are being examined with a view of improving safety in case of fire.

Cecil Kenser, a young man, was found in a dying condition Sunday morning in his bathroom in Dallas, where he resided.

Sheriff Jessie Farris of Cuero is making preparations to have the execution of John Brown, colored, on Friday, in private.

At the Jennings, La., oil field a boiler owned by the Ismerie Oil company exploded, seriously injuring two men slightly wounding several others.

Vice President and General Manager Pettibone will surrender the nineteen cars of the Union Tank Lime Company to the state's receiver for the property of the latter company.

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and Eleonore Caroline Louise, Princess of Reuss, were married in Coburg, Germany, Friday, and left immediately for Gera, the home of the Reuss family.

More than twenty car loads of seed potatoes have been sold in Pottawatomie county, Ok., points this season, according to the commission men of Shawnee. An extra good crop is promised.

B. F. Arthur of Union, S. C., one of the receivers appointed by Judge Pritchard for the dispensary funds, telegraphed to the governor his resignation. Gov. Ansel has accepted his resignation.

Hypodermic injections of a serum similar to that used in the treatment of diphtheria are being successfully employed in scarlet fever cases in New York City, according to doctors in hospitals on the East Side.

Milford Bass, 15 years old, living at Saratoga, was accidentally shot by his younger brother with a .38-caliber pistol. The bullet entered just below the right cheek bone and lodged under the scalp behind the left ear.

The Baptist Young People's Union and Sunday School Convention of Southwest Texas adjourned at San Antonio Saturday. Seguin was selected as the next meeting place on the first Thursday in March, 1909.

Dr. Thomas, the famous aeronaut, has signified his intention of coming to Dallas in the near future, and arrange for a balloon flight in an attempt to break the world's records, for length of flight and time in the air.

A special dispatch states that China has apologized to Japan for hauling down the Japanese flag when the steamer Tatsu Maru was seized. The dispatch further states that China later will reply to the Japanese government regarding the seizure of the steamer and its cargo.

Paul Torch, a Polish-German, was found dead in his bed on the Kirby farm near Dallas Saturday evening. Death was ascribed to natural causes.

The new scout cruiser, the Birmingham, made a trial run from Boston to Rockland Saturday at an average of 23½ knots without force.

The United States troops that have been in Goldfield for three months evacuated the camp and turned the responsibility of maintaining order in the Goldfield district over to the local police authorities and the Nevada state police.

Samuel Repregel, aged eighty-five years, who fought in the Mexican War under General Taylor, died at Oklahoma City Monday.

There is a general understanding among manufacturers of cotton goods to curtail the output to only enough goods to barely cover orders.

A permit to do business in Texas was granted by the state department to Newson & Company, book publishers of New York, capital stock \$50,000. The Texas headquarters are to be at Dallas.

Thomas B. Wannamaker, son of the merchant prince, John Wannamaker, died in London Monday, which point he had reached while traveling for his health.

George Miller a well known farmer of Denison, died at noon Thursday from the effects of gunshot wounds. He leaves a family.

It turns out that Senator Bailey has not bought a lot in Washington, but Mr. Jayne, his secretary, bought one as an investment, paying \$17,000 therefor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce E. H. Spurgeon a candidate for the office of Deputy Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce A. V. Patterson a candidate for the office of County Judge subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce J. F. Standifer candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sterling county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries.

We are authorized to announce G. G. Almsworth a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce J. L. Latham a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Harry Tweedle a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce N. L. Douglas a candidate for the office of county and district clerk subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Leonce B. Cole a candidate for the office of county and district clerk of Sterling county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce W. V. Churchill as a candidate for the office of county and district clerk subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce R. B. Cummins a candidate for the office of tax assessor subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce D. C. Durham a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce W. E. Allen a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce Ed L. Gilmore a candidate for the office of Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic primary

We are authorized to announce J. A. Jackson a candidate for the office of county treasurer subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce I. N. Allard a candidate for the office of county treasurer subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce A. A. Gamble a candidate for the office of Commissioner and Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce D. S. Smith a candidate for the office of Commissioner and Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce M. Black a candidate for the office of Commissioner and Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce S. M. King a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce D. D. Davis a candidate for offices of commissioner and justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 3, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Don't forget to encourage the Summer Normal. It will prove to be a mighty good thing for us.

Artesian water would be worth more to the county than a railroad, besides if we had it, we would get the railroad.

Now don't flare up and get mad when we say this county is in need of a jail, or some place to keep her prisoners, but it is the truth.

Teach your boy to regard the officers of the law as his friends and protectors instead of his enemies and you will rear a law abiding citizen.

They say brains make the hair slip. Those who call Congressman Smith, "bald headed Bob" may rest assured that they will never loose any hairs from that cause.

The Anarchist must go. He is the terror of the human race. He neither spares age, sex or condition. He is a viper and ought to be wiped from the face of the earth.

Mr. Cunningham is out campaigning against Congressman Smith, while Smith is at his post of duty at Washington. Cunningham's spiel at El Paso consisted mainly of abuse of his opponent, but you can't depend on fooling folks now a days with such rot.

With the Bailey, anti-Bailey prohibition and anti-prohibition factions fighting, scratching and slinging mud, one hardly knows which way to dodge. He will be a wise man who manages to keep cool and do and say pleasant things under the conditions

Wynne is farther behind in the race for attorney general than Looney was at the opening of his campaign.—Press—News.

Wynne's candidacy must be making the Press-News nervous; if not, why all this prate about Col. Wynne being so far behind in his race. The very sound of Dick Wynne's name throws the Davidson followers into a string of duck fits, and in order to keep their courage, they yell: "Dick Wynne is a way behind."

Query: Davidson says, Joe Bailey aided, abetted and encouraged the Waters Pierce Oil Co. to violate the laws of the State, thereby becoming an accomplice or accessory to the crime. Now if Mr. Davidson is not lying about it, why does he not institute a prosecution against him as he is bonded and sworn to do. Now is it not the God's truth, people, that our great (?) Atty. Gen'l is either lying about the senator or failing to do his duty as a public officer?

That bunch of political malcontents who met at Waco last week to imbibe a fresh dose of hashbeesh prepared after the formula of Populist Charlie, Billious Crawford, Enormous Graft Senter, Right Venomous Davidson, Geo. Whopper Riddle, Cullen Fido Thomas and other old wheybelled grafters will now be ready for their intended bolt at the state convention. These fellows intend to ruin or ruin, no matter what the consequences may be. If they fail of their their purpose at the convention, they are going to bolt and set up a little h-h-l of their own. See if they don't.

If your boy or girl receives punishment at school, don't get mad and raise a row about it. If you think the treatment was unjust, go to the teacher and have a heart-to-heart talk with him and nine times out of ten you will come away feeling that there are two sides to every question, and that children are just like grown people about stating their troubles.

Many of us can remember that when we got a licking at school, (and that was often) we got another when we got home if dad found it out, and we have not yet reached a point where we think dad was not wise in this matter.

If Joe Bailey is guilty of the things that we hear so much about, why in the Sam Hill don't they prosecute him? The matter has resolved itself into this proposition: The yarns we hear are either infernal lies incubated in the soot-pits of hades, or the Attorneys for the state from city attorneys to attorney general, Right Venomous Davidson are not worth a whoop in a West Texas badger fight, or they would have Mr. Bailey tangled in the courts in a jiffy. We know nothing of Col. Wynne's abilities as a lawyer except what we hear but God help us if he is as small in principle and abilities as B. Venomous Davidson.

Carden and his followers have the party headed down a dangerous lane, but there will be turn one of these days. Press-News Mr. Carden who is chairman of the State Democratic Committee has given offence to a lot of fellows who never voted a straight democratic ticket in their lives and who have licked the pots in every political campaign in Texas. These ducks seem to be pledged to raise all the h-h-l they can in the community in which they reside and be in constant rebellion against those in authority and against a majority of the party. The sooner these sore-heads get to Waco and establish a little hades of their own, the sooner peace and tranquility will reign in the camp.

Birds are the farmer's best friends. They hold in check vast swarms of insects that would otherwise destroy crops: Some times when the birds have worked for Mr farmer all the year and bugs and worms have become scarce, these little workers seek payment for their services by eating a few grains of maize or corn, there is a great rear made by mister farmer man and then he cusses the law that protects the bird as well as the bird himself. We advise the birds to keep right on, for this sort of folks are too short to pay for a box of cartridges and they don't know that when Mr bird becomes a pest he has no protection under the law.

I believe in God, the Angels, Heaven, Hell, Joe Bailey and Democracy. I am running the News-Record to suit my self. If you read what is published in this paper, you do so at a cost of \$1.25 a year, by gift, by loan, or barter. If you differ with me on any of the above named questions and think I am acrid in dealing with them, I shall not think you are a horse thief and a liar for doing so, but accord you the privilege of a free-born American citizen of thinking as you see proper. I may not be as "brainy" as some editors (I know I am not) but if you bought the editorial policy of this sheet, though you were a Rockefeller, the balance of your estate wouldn't buy a pair of britches for a lean nigger. Perhaps I should say "WE," but then being only one of us responsible for this article, "I" is better than "We."

Business Club Backs The Summer Normal.

The Business Club of Sterling City is pleased to learn that a Summer Normal is to be held here, and we, the members of the Club, assure the Committee on arrangements for the Normal that it has and will continue to have the hearty support and active cooperation of this Business Club.

By order of the Club, this 10th. day of March, 1908. Attest: Malcolm Black, secretary.

Carried To Penitentiary.

State convict transfer agent Brown came in Sunday last, and on Monday morning left with L. C. Ferguson and Chas. Corbell. The former will be carried to Huntsville, where he will be confined the rest of his life, and Corbell will be carried to the state convict farm in Hill Co., there to serve the state of Texas for four years. Ferguson was convicted of murdering Wm. Rhodes on December 27, 1907, while Corbell plead guilty in two cases of forgery and secured two years in each case.

Both of these men attribute their trouble and downfall to the whiskey demon, both of whom are positive in their declarations that if they had not been a slave to the drink habit they would to day be at home with their families and enjoying the freedom and friendship of a host of friends. What a sad and awful thought. We wonder if the people who vote to keep whiskey in their community or endorse the manufacture and sale of the vile demon will ever learn a lesson from thousands of just such statements and pictures of those of Corbell and Ferguson. Both of them are well advanced in age, and now are deprived of their liberty, all account of the drink habit. Their families have the sympathy of the News, but the saloon gets no words of commendation or praise from us, because we believe it to be the greatest enemy that the people had or ever will have.—West Texas News.

And yet these men lived in Colorado which is a strictly prohibition town. There is not a saloon in forty miles of Colorado and it is said the lid is on tight there. If the News is to be believed, prohibition so far as Ferguson and Corbell are concerned, did not prohibit.

But we are not willing to excuse crime and pack it off on some one else or make a scape-goat of mean whiskey as an excuse for their devilment, but we attribute their sin to the general enajidness of those men themselves. When a man resolves to do a crime he usually finds the means to do it. If he tanks up on whiskey before he does it, he knows full well that it will help to mitigate his sin for he is aware of the fact there are those who are ready to hold his whiskey and pistol responsible for the deed instead of himself. The saloon is a mighty mean thing and some of these day it will be with the things that were but while we are educating the generations against the saloon and intemperance let us not encourage crime by trying to pack the responsibility of it on the saloon when the man himself is alone responsible, but rather try to make him feel and see that he, and he alone is responsible for his crimes and should have no place in the sympathy of his fellow man. If a child falls in the creek through his wanton and careless conduct, we should not give him to understand that we blame the creek for the mischief but we should impress him that evil is ever present and that he alone was responsible for the misfortune.

IT'S FALSE

(Advertisement) There is a report being circulated over the county that S. T. Wood and J. S. Cole, and some of their strongest friends, made a trade with J. L. Latham, prior to the democratic primary in July, 1906, whereby J. L. Latham was to support and work for the election of said Wood and Cole in 1906; and for such support said Wood and Cole were to support the said J. L. Latham for sheriff in the primary in 1908. We, S. T. Wood, J. L. Latham and J. S. Cole, deny that any such trade was ever made by or for any one for us, and say that said report is false and without foundation.

S. T. Wood J. L. Latham J. S. Cole

Thoughts About Fools.

A fool is never aware that he is so. A man who meant to be unkind to the editor one day, called him a fool. Had this occurred when the victim of the unkind cut was young and self opinionated, the offender might have needed the services of a surgeon, but experience has taught him to view the matter in a new light and wonder if the fellow was not correct in view of the situation. If he was correct, we have no apology for being as God made us. It is a wise man who "suspects himself a fool at thirty—Knows it at forty," for in that case, wisdom will abide with him. But it is not the part of wisdom even if you know a man is a fool to remind him of the fact, for in nearly every case he will think you are a liar and your reputation for truth and veracity is ruined so far as the alleged fool is concerned.

B. ALLEN.

B. Allen has announced this week as a candidate for County Treasurer. Mr. Allen has been here for many years and is well known to the voters of the county. He is one of our good solid citizens who has the welfare of the county at heart. Honest, capable and firm of purpose, we commend him to the consideration of the voters of the Democratic primary.

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 50 cents you receive two big eight page papers every week, 264 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.

We are authorized to announce B. Allen a candidate for the office of county treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

False Alarm.

While up to their ears in mud at Carlsbad one morning last summer, some Americans were startled by a loud scream, relates the New York Sun. "Good American hugs, those," they remarked to each other. A second later came the cry, "Snakes!" Such a commotion as there was! The air reverberated with nearly every language you ever heard of—some that you hadn't. Suddenly the hubbub ceased. It was learned that an American woman bather had seen what she supposed was a snake wriggling in the mud around her, only to discover that it was her own switch.

Recovering French Treasure.

For many years a local legend in Frankfort-on-the-Main had it that a big treasure of gold lay buried in the Main river just beneath the big old bridge. On moonlight nights, it was said, one could see the gold glisten in the water. Recently the fact became patent that there must be a foundation for this old tradition, for skippers steadily fished up gold pieces from the river bed in the vicinity named. At last the Prussian government made a thorough investigation, and within a week one treasure at least was brought to light—about 1,500 French gold coins of the times from Louis XIV. to Louis XVIII, as well as of the first republic. This is evidently part of a French war treasure lost or buried there during the troublous Napoleonic period.

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 head's creek. W. R. Falker By N. D. Thompson manager

MARLIN REPEATING SHOT GUN. NEW MODEL No. 17

The Cheapest Good Gun Yet Made. It has a solid frame (not take down) and a straight grip stock. It is made of the best material in every detail, is extremely clean, simple and light—weighs only 7 1/2 pounds. The workmanship and finish are perfect. Several improvements in the operating parts make it the easiest, most reliable and best working gun in existence. Barrels are especially bored for smokeless powder as well as black, and so chambered that 2 3/4 inch or 2 5/8 inch shells may be used. The barrels are full choked and using 1 1/4 ounces of No. 8 chilled shot are guaranteed to target better than 325 pellets in a 30-inch circle at 40 yards. Two omissions of the take-down feature saves a number of pieces and enables us to offer the gun at a much lower price than any high-grade repeating shot gun has ever been regularly sold before. This model is up to the famous high Marlin standard in every respect. Ask your dealer to show you—or send 3 stamps for catalogue and Marlin Experience Book—full of good-luck gun stories. THE MARLIN FIRE ARMS COMPANY 42 Willow Street New Haven, Conn.

VERY OLD TREE.

In the island of Cos, in the Aegean sea, still totters a venerable plane tree, nearly 18 yards round and estimated to be over 2,000 years old. Close is a marble seat, from which Hippocrates is believed to have lectured on the healing art. The tree has spread its shade, according to Dean Farrar, over St. Luke and St. Paul. The arboreal relic is guarded day and night by the sultan's orders.

NOT A WISE PLAN.

"I think some of these life insurance directors should be sent to prison." "I don't; it isn't right that they should have a chance to contaminate the other prisoners."

PLEASURE ONLY.

It's a pleasure to make wishes—and that is about all the satisfaction the most of us get out of them.

1845 BAYLOR COLLEGE 1908 (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.

W. F. KELLIS.

STERLING CITY, TEXAS

When monarchs seek the simple life their subjects can well afford to follow their example.

Absence only makes Henry James fonder of America. That is why he stays in England all the time.

The hours we spend in wishing and craving for the impossible could be better spent in working for the attainable.

A man of intelligence, wealth and power who treats his subordinates with rudeness and insult is a natural coward.

People who show no kindness or mercy in wealth and power will certainly receive none when poverty comes to be their lot.

The man who doubts and the man who scoffs have this difference between them: The one uses his reason and the other his passion.

Possibly sleeping-car porters may become so wealthy that they will turn the tables and tip passengers who have made the jaunt unkindly.

Prof. Ross says the idle rich are more dangerous than the hoboes. It must be admitted, however, that they are less apt to hit you with a piece of gaspipe.

"Only people with a million or more can afford to have 'stuporous melancholia,'" says the Washington Herald. Well, it isn't exactly a disease that many of us crave.

If the learned professor of Harvard should speak politely to the laboring man would not the laboring man give the learned professor a seat? Let the learned professor try it.

They are talking of sending wireless messages around the world. For what purpose? So that a man can telegraph to himself instead of tying a string around his thumb when he wants to remember something?

King Menelik of Abyssinia claims to be the descendant of Solomon and the queen of Sheba, and certainly it is no violent wrench of facts to say he is a much better behaved old fellow than some of our distinguished senators.

We do not know that it will make any particular difference in the world's history whether Gladys is happy or not. Would some of her patriotic advisers guarantee happiness for her with an American husband whom they might pick out?

The Sheridan statue commission has approved and accepted the model of the statue of Gen. Philip Sheridan, which is to ornament Sheridan Circle, Twenty-second street and Massachusetts avenue, in Washington. The model is the design of Gutzon Borglum of New York.

The battleship Mississippi has been accepted by the government. It is in order now for somebody to discover that she was constructed along antiquated lines and that it would be preposterous to expect her to last more than one round in a battle with anything bigger than a rowboat.

Farmers in many parts of the country have been able, owing to the mild winter, to do a good deal of work, according to reports, but have found it difficult to get help in spite of the number of unemployed men in cities. Getting up at 4 o'clock a. m., and going out to feed the stock does not appeal even to the hungry men.

Orsa, in Sweden, has, in the course of a generation, sold \$5,550,000 worth of trees, and by means of judicious replanting has provided for a similar income every 30 or 40 years. In consequence of the development of this commercial wealth there are no taxes. Railways and telephones are free, and so are the schoolhouses, teaching, and many other things.

Now a movement has been started to compel women to take off their hats in church. The movement might as well be dropped at once before its advocates lose unnecessary sleep and grow thin through worry. If a woman is to take off her hat in church, what, she will naturally argue, is the good of her Easter millinery? The logical conclusion of this argument is too self-evident for formal statement.

Helen Keller's latest intimate and detailed account of her experiences and emotions in an existence where she is deprived of sight and hearing and restricted to the three other senses, is a remarkable paper in many respects. But is not more remarkable declares the Boston Herald, than her declaration that if a fairy bade her to choose between the sense of sight and touch she would not part with the warm and endearing contact of human hands. Those who possess both gifts of sight and hearing would perhaps ponder long before choosing.

King Menelik of Abyssinia has an embarrassing habit, when he wants to make himself agreeable to his fellow potentates of the earth, of sending them pet lions. He has just sent a couple to the pope, whose mild and gentle character is about the last that would willingly take up Abyssinia lions as playthings. The only way, however, not to displease the well-meaning dusky monarch is for the recipient to profess himself delighted at getting the very things he wanted in the line of domestic pets, and then ship them to the nearest zoo.

Gossip of Washington

What Is Going On at the National Capital.

Seeks Reelection Through Water Wagon



WASHINGTON. — Representative Ernest F. Acheson of Pennsylvania is trying to use the water wagon as a political juggernaut in his efforts to secure reelection to congress.

He will drive it through the ranks of his enemies and crush them ruthlessly beneath its wheels. He drives it every day. He nurses it. None but Acheson can grease its axles. None but Acheson can wield the powerful whip that urges its steeds to greater speed. And, be it said, Acheson has good reason to be forever on the job of managing the water wagon.

His opponent for the nomination is the grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is John Tener. Mr. Tener has not yet climbed up on the water wagon. Moreover, Mr. Tener is a Penrose man, and a relative of George T. Oliver, owner of the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times. Therefore, Tener is a foeman not to be despised.

But Acheson is busy on the water wagon. In rapid succession he has introduced bills prohibiting the sending of publications through the mails when they contain liquor advertisements, and taxing beer at the rate of one dollar per barrel. He figures out that the waterways improvements of the country should cost \$50,000,000 a year. He has also figured out that the brewers produce 52,000,000 barrels of beer a year. If his bill is enacted into law he will secure from beer an annual income of \$52,000,000.

But Mr. Acheson has done more with the water wagon. He has galloped it through his district in great shape, leaving behind him declarations for local option. He wants local option. Mr. Tener, the grand exalted ruler of the Elks, has not yet come out for local option. What will Mr. Tener do? Mr. Acheson is laughing and working the water wagon overtime.

All of which shows that Mr. Acheson is a politician of purest ray serene. He has been in congress many, many years. He is the only man the Quay crowd could not defeat for congress. He believes the Penrose crowd cannot defeat him.

He regards the water wagon as a fine political juggernaut, especially when Mr. Tener is his opponent for the nomination.

Information Bureau Run by Uncle Sam



If you want to know anything about anything you might send it to the United States bureau of standards. There are a lot of wise men on the government payroll who are hired to tell you all about it.

A celluloid collar and a set of false teeth were received last week by the bureau of standards to be tested. It was not a joke. The bureau promptly made tests and furnished the desired information to the anxious inquirers. In the case of the false teeth the sender wanted them tested for their ability to sustain pressure. There are certain standards to which even teeth must measure up. If the porcelain, or other substance of which the imitation teeth are made, will not sustain the pressure applied by the normal action of a pair of hungry jaws, then they are a cheat. The dentist who bought from the dental jobber wanted to know whether he had been cheated or whether he would be safe in fitting up his customers with that brand of porcelain.

The celluloid collar was tested for inflammability. All celluloid is more or less explosive, and many a serious accident has occurred by the ignition of a celluloid collar or cuff. Fundamentally, celluloid is the same as gun-cotton. But there are ways of treating it for commercial uses which will reduce this explosive quality, and the man who sent the collar wanted to be sure that it was not explosive.

The government tests all kinds of things. Lately a new machine has been installed for testing the durability of paper. Formerly the way to test paper's durability was for an expert to crumple it in his hand and rub it upon itself as a washerwoman does your handkerchief. But this machine does it scientifically. This is the way it operates:

The paper is clutched at opposite edges by clamps and the machine proceeds to fold it through the middle. Then the machine unfolds it and folds it on the same crease in the opposite direction. This operation is repeated with great rapidity until the paper breaks at the fold. A dial keeps track of the number of times the paper is folded before it breaks, and this number determines its durability.

And there are a lot of other interesting tests to which paper is subjected.

Perfidious Modistes Embarrass Matrons



WASHINGTON'S smartest circles were highly amused at a seriocomic incident at a dinner party a few nights ago in which the perfidy of dressmakers in general and French dressmakers in particular was illustrated under conditions most disconcerting to two matrons famous on two continents for their good clothes.

They were Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., who has just concluded a visit to Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, and Mrs. Perry Belmont, one of the New York hostesses recently established in Washington. The cause of their grievance was two magnificent white satin gowns, draped with silver tulle, each ordered direct from Paris, and each believed to be the only one of its kind in the United States. The ladies and their gowns met suddenly at Mrs. Belmont's.

Richard Townsend's and the shock to both was obvious to all their fellow guests.

That the humor of the situation failed to appeal to the beautifully gowned and much-bejeweled New Yorkers also was obvious to the friends of both, who declare that two white silver dinner gowns are now on their way to a confidential dealer in second-hand apparel.

Both Mrs. Belmont and young Mrs. Vanderbilt found the now discredited model most becoming, notwithstanding their marked difference in style and feature. If there was any advantage it undoubtedly was with Mrs. Belmont, whose slender girlish figure took on severe princess lines better than Mrs. Vanderbilt's increasing avoidpous.

Mrs. Belmont also had the advantage in the point of jewels, wearing a necklace, corsage ornaments and a tiara of large perfect pearls and many diamonds. Mrs. Vanderbilt wore few jewels and introduced a becoming touch of color by wearing a half wreath of pink roses.

New White House Entrance Discovered



At last the mystery of the apparent death of White House callers these days has been solved. So few statesmen have been dropping in to see the president for the last ten days or two weeks as to cause comment. It is now learned that the politicians are going to the White House in the usual numbers, but they come and go by secret passages, so as to escape the eyes of vigilant reporters and correspondents, thereby keeping rival politicians in the dark as to what is going on.

covered making his exit from a rear door of the White House. A big crowd of newspaper men wasted more than an hour waiting by the main entrance for his departure. He got away without saying a word.

It was next learned that friends of the secretary of war have lately been canvassing the hotels and whenever a southern Republican of prominence is encountered who may be able to control convention delegates arrangements are made to take him to call on the president.

These visitors have been taken to the east entrance of the White House and then by a subterranean passage through the woodshed or the kitchen, thence through the laundry and then into the office of the president. The newspapers are now making arrangements to station men by the east entrance to the White House with instructions to keep a strict lookout on all the private doors and windows.

JUDGING BY THE RESULTS.

Villager's Conversion Had Not Been of Great Avail.

"In our business we get many doubtful compliments," said Col. John F. Bishop, deputy surveyor of the port, the other day, "but I do not think I ever received a compliment such as my grandfather got down in my native state of Tennessee. My grandfather was a minister and I was a very small boy when we both strolled down the road one day. One of our fellow villagers came along toward us.

"Good morning," said the villager, who apparently had looked upon the cup. 'Ish con-ver—hic—ted, par-son,' he stammered with difficulty. 'An-t-wash-you—hic—that con—hic—converted—hic—me.'

"That must be so," replied my grandfather, 'for it's certain the Almighty had nothing to do with your conversion.'"—New York Evening Telegram.

THREE CURES OF ECZEMA.

Woman Tells of Her Brother's Terrible Suffering—Two Babies Also Cured—Cuticura Invaluable.

"My brother had eczema three different summers. Each summer it came out between his shoulders and down his back, and he said his suffering was terrible. When it came on the third summer, he bought a box of Cuticura Ointment and gave it a faithful trial. Soon he began to feel better and he cured himself entirely of eczema with Cuticura. A lady in Indiana heard of how my daughter, Mrs. Miller, had cured her little son of terrible eczema by the Cuticura Remedies. This lady's little one had the eczema so badly that they thought they would lose it. She used Cuticura Remedies and they cured her child entirely, and the disease never came back. Mrs. Sarah E. Lusk, Cold-water, Mich., Aug. 15 and Sept. 2, 1907."

MORE THAN LIKELY.



W. Willie—I see automobiles have been introduced in Borneo.

T. T. M.—What do you think will be the result?

W. Willie—An increase in the number of wild men.

What Did He Mean? For a number of years a bitter feud had existed between the Browns and Perkins, next door neighbors. The trouble had originated through the depredations of Brown's cat, and had grown so fixed an affair that neither party ever dreamt of "making up." One day, however, Brown sent his servant next door with a peace-making note for Mr. Perkins, which read:

"Mr. Brown sends his compliments to Mr. Perkins, and begs to say that his old cat died this morning." Perkins' written reply was bitter: "Mr. Perkins is sorry to hear of Mr. Brown's trouble, but he had not heard that Mrs. Brown was ill."—Harper's Weekly.

Perfectly Plain. With all the impartiality of the partisan, Prof. Price set forth the contentions of both political parties regarding the tariff.

At the close of his talk he was surrounded by the fair members of the Woman's Current Events club. "O Prof. Price," cooed the fairest, "thank you so much for your perfectly lovely talk! I understand all about the tariff now. It's just like a lover's comparisons—the free-traders are the other girls!"—Sunday Magazine.

THE DOCTOR'S GIFT.

Food Worth Its Weight in Gold.

We usually expect the doctor to put us on some kind of penance and give us bitter medicines.

A Penn. doctor brought a patient something entirely different and the results are truly interesting.

"Two years ago," writes this patient, "I was a frequent victim of acute indigestion and biliousness, being allowed to eat very few things. One day our family doctor brought me a small package, saying he had found something for me to eat, at last.

"He said it was a food called Grape-Nuts, and even as its golden color might suggest, it was worth its weight in gold. I was sick and tired, trying one thing after another to no avail, but at last consented to try this new food.

"Well! It surpassed my doctor's fondest anticipation and every day since then I have blessed the good doctor and the inventor of Grape-Nuts.

"I noticed improvement at once and in a month's time my former spells of indigestion had disappeared. In two months I felt like a new man. My brain was much clearer and keener, my body took on the vitality of youth, and this condition has continued."

"There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

OLD GENTLEMAN NOT PLEASED.

Letter's Inscription Certainly the Reverse of Flattering.

In the English club at Hongkong a white-haired old gentleman, who had come down from some northern port, was seated at dinner when he suddenly became very excited. He had been brought a letter by a solemn-faced Chinese butler, and he saw something on the outside of this letter which sent him downstairs two steps at a time to interview the hall porter. When he came back he told us what was the matter. The hall porter had inscribed in the envelope, in Chinese, for the information of the butler:

"This is for the old baboon with white fur."

Unfortunately for the hall porter, the old gentleman was a first-class scholar in the Chinese language.

SHOWN QUITE PLAINLY.



Magistrate—The evidence shows that you threw a flat iron and saw-pan at your husband.

Mrs. Bulligan—Shure, an be the look on 'im it shows as I hit 'im.

Chivalrous Man.

A father and mother, with six children, spent a holiday at the seaside. Immediately on arrival they set about looking for cheap lodgings.

At length they came to a notice of a "furnished room to let" and made inquiries.

"Oh, yes," said the landlady in answer to the father's question; "it's here the room is to let, but there's only one bed in it."

"Oh, that's all right," replied the father; "we're used to roughing it. The wife and bairns will sleep on the floor."—The Tatler.

Why so Far?

"Miss Martha," said a young girl to a crusty old friend of the family, "My chum, Sally Smethuret, is going to be married. She has taken an uptown flat."

"Did she," demanded Miss Martha, "have to go out of her own neighborhood to get him?"

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Women who are suffering from those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should not lose sight of these facts or doubt the ability of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore their health.

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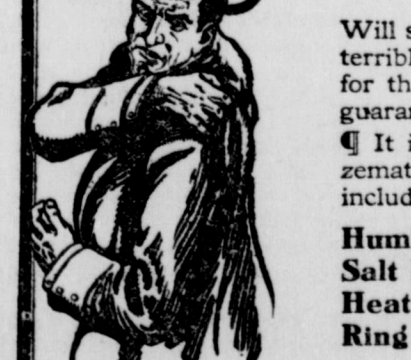
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Thwarting a Conspiracy

By Iva Haynes Gillmore

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He came swinging out of the Flatiron building into a piercing hurly-burly of sound and color and movement. He paused a moment to breathe the whipping briskness of the air, then started at a leisurely gait. Suddenly he clapped his hand, as if in tardy remembrance, to an inner pocket and drew out a letter. He had just inserted a vandal finger under the flap when his glance, playing casually ahead, caught on that, in the crowd, which impelled him to put the note back unopened into his pocket.

She was strolling uptown. There was the same appearance of uncertainty in her graceful, unhurrying gait that marked his own. She was dressed all in gray—gray broadcloth suit, gray shoes, a chinchilla turban with a saucy gray plume, a chinchilla scarf, crossed on her shoulders and falling to her waist, a huge heart-shaped wad of chinchilla, that was a muff, suspended from her neck by a silver chain.

A curious impulse caught him. It ran riot in his brain for a white-hot instant. It crystallized into a definite intention. He stopped at her side.

"I beg your pardon." His tone was pleasant and filled with an easy deference. "I'm sure that I've met you somewhere, haven't I? Will you let me walk up the avenue with you?"

The girl stared at him aghast. He was a tall fellow, his clean-shaven, fair skin browned and reddened by an unseasonable burn. Her stare lasted an instant. Then a haughty color flared into her face. It wiped out the look of aloofness in its expression and brought out the pride in it. "Certainly not!" she flung freely to him.

He resumed his hat equally. Her shocked profile darted past him. It paused halfway.

"Yes," she suddenly conceded, turning impetuously to him, "you may walk a little way with me. I would like to have a few minutes' conversation with you."

He placed himself at her side. She walked a few moments in silence. He waited.

He observed that her hair was soft and dusky. It broke primly from each side of the milky part, that protruded in front of her hat, fell to her ears, broke there into an incipient riot of curls, subsided into waves and retreated, entirely quelled, into a decorous plaited mass in her neck.

"Now," she began imperiously, turning on him with a suggestion of menace in her air, "will you kindly tell me why, out of all the women on Broadway, you selected me to approach in that insufferable way?"

He looked embarrassed. "Well—I—the fact is—I—"

"The fact is," she took it up heatedly, "that after looking me all over, you concluded that I was the kind of girl who would respond to such an overture."

Her face flashed indignantly up in his direction and then away. He saw that the light glinted through the transparent bridge of her disdainful little nose.

"I thought nothing of the kind," he asserted with equal spirit. "I'll tell you exactly why I spoke to you," he said simply. "I did not tell you when you first asked me because what happened to be the truth, in my case, is what men always say under these circumstances. I was afraid you would not believe it. You caught my eye at once, because you seemed such a mouse of a creature—that gray is so soft. Then—I have always liked women to part their hair in the middle. As you came nearer I had—I honestly had—a sudden conviction that I'd meet you somewhere, though I couldn't, of course, think where. I spoke to you on impulse. It was a queer business. I don't understand now why I did it. The moment the words were out of my mouth I knew, definitely, that I'd never see you before. I was sorry—over my honor. But I was first attracted to you, believe me, because you look—so girlish—so different. I think your new clothes are all right."

"Oh, I'm so glad. I should have felt uncomfortable all this evening if you hadn't said that. You see, my friend is the best-dressed girl I know."

They walked on in silence for a moment. "I think you had better leave me now," she smiled in spite of her

self; but she stopped. "Good by," she said inflexibly.

He lifted his hat resignedly. She nodded and walked on. In an instant quick footsteps overtook her. "I'm very sorry to trouble you again," he began, a statement that his dancing eyes made no effort to reinforce. "You dropped this handkerchief out of your muff."

She was shocked. "Did I? What a goose!" She flamed. "Of course you know I didn't do it on purpose."

"Of course. Do you mind if I follow you a little way, just for protection? You might lose your muff—or—or—" "I might east a shoe," she flashed. She looked ahead with a little maddening judicial air. "Well, all right, but you'll have to leave me soon for I'm almost there. It's somewhere in the Sixties, I think. You're not going to insist on going to dinner with me, are you?"

"I'm not sure yet."

She had been fumbling in her muff. She brought out a note, a crumpled creamy sheet.

He watched her curiously at first, then with a start. "By every sign and token of long-distance signaling—that's Bettina Thorpe's handwriting," he commented casually.

She stared. "Oh, I've got my credentials with me, too. There's no reason why this peace conference shouldn't get busy." He drew an unopened letter from his pocket and thrust it under her bewildered eyes.

"By Jove! I guess I'd better read that," he exclaimed. "How perfectly ridiculous!" Her breath came in gasps. "Why, I can't believe it—it's too silly!"

"Bettina ought to serve a can-opener with her stationery," he complained, tearing at the flap, "or a little dynamite. Ah!" He ran hungrily through the note and then burst into a roar. "I know who you are," he informed his companion, his face brightening with mischief. "You're Patricia Otis. Listen to this:

"Dear Duke: I've been phoning you like all possessed ever since I heard of your arrival, yesterday morning. But nobody knew where you were. Come to 33 Sixty-third street to dinner to-night with Bob and me. If it's a possible thing, to meet Fatsy Otis, who's being maid-of-honor next week, at the chief social event of the season. I've always told you you'd go crazy over her, and here's your chance. Hurriedly, BETTY."

He fanned the letter back into the envelope. "You see, I've simply got to go to dinner with you."

"Are you Duke Grayson?" "I am."

"Better never told me you were coming to-night. But then, of course, she knew I wouldn't be there. I have always refused to meet you."

"Same here!" he agreed brazenly. "She's determined to marry us, you know. That's why you looked so familiar. It's the pictures she showed me. I would never have suspected that you were good-looking from those things."

"Thank you. I'm not. It's these clothes I'm wearing. When you come to that—Bettina had any number of pictures of you in her room at Bertram hall. See here—I don't want to meet you. Oh, Betty's a schemer. You wait until I get alone with her! If I don't—I simply decline to meet you. She'll throw me at you in the most disgusting way—leaving us to tete-a-tetes and everything like that. She hates my settlement work, you know. Her heart is set on marrying me off. She says that if I married a man like you I'd be a different woman. Isn't it disgusting?"

"Nauseating," he agreed. "Why, I wouldn't marry the kind of man you are for anything in the world—you're too frivolous. I have an object in life."

He applauded her. "That's right. You stick to that—no matter how many times I ask you."

She turned back and her little teeth gnawed at her underlip. "Oh, sugar!" she burst out vexedly. She made an indeterminate movement forward and stopped. "I won't go to their dinner," she said with decision.

He had the look of one inspired. "I'll tell you what we'll do. You see how it is: here are two people conspiring against us—against your happiness and my liberty. Let's evade them by going off to dinner together. I'll call a hansom and we'll go down to the Waldorf. You can telephone Betty, so that she won't worry. There'll be nobody there to foist unwelcome gratuitous tete-a-tetes on us. That's the only way we can beat their game."

She looked at him, dumfounded, but somewhere in her expression surprise gave way to a kind of perplexed thoughtfulness that betokened that his scheme was being considered. This was broken and vanquished by a smile, mischievous, appreciative. The latter was reinforced by determination.

"I don't know what grandma would say," she said defiantly, "but, anyway, I'm going to do it. I'll tell Bettina that I've met you by accident, that we understand each other and her, and that we see right through all her plans. And if she has any idea of poking us into corners to fall in love with each other, she can just give it up, because we absolutely refuse to do it."

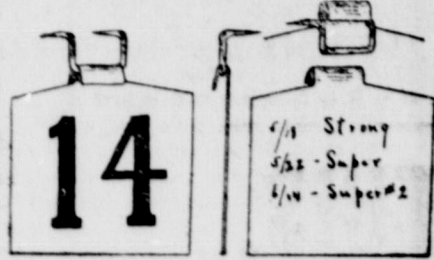
"That's the stuff." He raised an alert finger to the hansom that had assiduously trailed them up the avenue. "But six months later, when Bettina Bosworth received a certain inevitable announcement, she only smiled placidly. "I'd give a good deal to know whether she dropped that handkerchief on purpose," she said to Bob.

POULTRY AND BEES

HIVE NUMBERS.

Tin Tags and How They Are Fastened to the Hives.

It is well to have each hive with its number so a record can be kept of it. Many ways of applying such have been tried, but nothing has given me more satisfaction than the one pictured herewith. They are made of heavy tin, painted on both sides. On the front is the number, while the back is used for keeping records of the colony with a lead pencil, so they can be easily erased when necessary, and the surface used over again. As this side is protected against the



Hive Number Details.

wall of the hive it is not necessary to write so it cannot be erased.

Notice that a bent crate-staple is used instead of a straight one or a nail. It is done for the reason that the latter would soon be driven into the wall of the hive-bodies when these are handled, and the "numbers" could not be hung on them. With the bent staple, explains Bee Culture, this is quite overcome, for it acts like a spring, and will not go deeper into the wood. With this springlike pressure the tin number-plate is held firmly after it has been hooked in place. Such a staple is put on each end of all hive-bodies so that, no matter which end is placed forward, there will be such a staple on which to hang the number. It is not necessary to unhook the tin for making records on the back. Just stoop down beside the hive; lift up the lower end of the tin on its staple hinge, and examine the notes or add more. These will be upside down after the tin is turned up, and are readily read from the top.

POULTRY HOUSE FIXTURES.

Everything Should Be Movable So as to Render Cleaning Easy.

The fixtures in the poultry house should be fastened, but everything should be movable, because this greatly facilitates keeping things clean and in good shape. As a matter of fact, it is next to impossible to clean out and renovate a poultry house unless all interior fixtures and appliances are movable and can be carried outside the building. More than that, if the roosts and nests are attached to the walls, it is absolutely impossible to prevent lice and mites from spreading over the entire building and lodging in the cracks in the walls where they can scarcely be reached.

The best roosts are those that are all on the same level and not more than two feet from the ground, says the Epitomist. We have our perches only 18 inches above the ground for Plymouth Rock fowls. By having the perches all the same height, crowding for the highest positions is avoided, while by having them low it is easier for the birds to get on and off and injuries to the feet or bodies of the fowls in jumping or falling or getting pushed off are avoided.

CACKLES.

A small flock, well kept and cared for, will be more profitable than a larger one indifferently handled.

The poultry business is one of many phases, each of which requires individual study and local treatment.

A successful breeder says that energetic mediocrity is more prolific than indifferent brilliancy.

Try feeding dried alfalfa hay and clover, scalded, during the winter months, and watch the egg supply increase.

Don't overlook the fact that sunflower seed and millet are both food for chickens during the moulting period.

Pullets should be fed wheat and oats, and beef scraps, if the latter can be had. Also give them milk in any form.

Filth and vermin are the greatest obstacles to success in the poultry business. Keep the vermin away by cleanliness.

Don't sell off your best turkey hens. Save the best and procure a good tom and prepare to improve your flock each year.

A surplus rooster is an expensive ornament in the poultry yard. Eat or kill the surplus roosters before they eat double their value.

Give clean water and plenty of grit, feed a variety of cracked and whole grains, mostly in a dry state; keep birds out of the grass in rain or dew. It is too much to ask a bird to furnish enough blood for its own growth and that of a colony of lice. Rout the vermin and give the chickens a show. An old hen and her chickens should be turned out for a sun bath, a roll in the dust and some exercise as soon as weather is warm enough and chicks strong.

Don't wait for mites to appear before beginning to fight them. White-wash the house twice during the fall and kerosene the perches every week or two.

FORCING OR RETARDING.

Suggestions Offered by an Expert Poultryman Concerning Pullets.

James E. Rice, poultryman of the Cornell university experiment station, issued a bulletin relative to the possibilities of feeding early hatched pullets during the summer by retarded or forced feeding.

By retarding is meant the idea that feeding is necessary during the late summer to check the early tendency of laying, with the hope of getting a larger egg yield in the early winter.

By forced feeding is meant the giving of a rich stimulating mash to induce egg production.

Concerning the results of his work Mr. Rice has certain findings drawn from data which are submitted below:

1. Forced pullets made a better profit than retarded pullets.

2. Forced pullets ate less food per hen at less cost per hen than retarded pullets.

3. Forced pullets produced more eggs of a larger size, at less cost per dozen than retarded pullets.

4. Forced pullets produced more eggs during early winter than retarded pullets.

5. Forced pullets have better hatching results of eggs than retarded pullets.

6. Forced pullets made a better percentage of gain in weight than retarded pullets.

7. Forced pullets showed less broodiness than retarded pullets.

8. Forced pullets had less mortality than retarded pullets.

9. Forced pullets showed better vigor than retarded pullets.

10. Forced pullets showed the first mature molt earlier than retarded pullets.

11. Retarded pullets gave better fertility of eggs than forced pullets.

12. Hopper-fed dry mash gave better results in gain of weight, production of eggs, gain in weight of eggs, hatching power of eggs, days lost in molting, mortality, health and profit per hen, than wet mash.

13. Wet mash and grain fed pullets consumed slightly less food at less cost, and produced eggs at slightly less cost per dozen than dry mash and grain fed pullets.

14. Wet mash and grain fed pullets produced slightly larger eggs of slightly better fertility, and showed less broodiness than dry mash and grain fed pullets.

15. Dry mash and grain fed pullets laid eggs of good size at an earlier period than wet mash and grain fed pullets.

16. Hopper-fed pullets ate more than hand-fed pullets.

17. Pullets having whole grain ate more grit and shell than those having a proportion of ground grain.

18. Pullets fed on grain were more inclined to develop bad habits than those having a mash.

19. Earliest producers did not give as many eggs in early winter.

20. Early layers gained as rapidly in weight as those beginning later to lay.

21. Prolificacy made but slight difference in weight of hen and weight of egg.

22. The most prolific pullets did not always lay earliest.

LOCATING THE INCUBATOR.

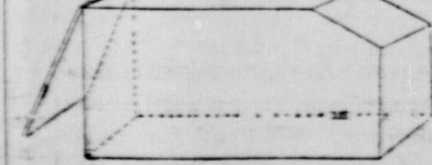
Room in Which There is No Stove is the Best Place.

With a standard make of machine, the location does not matter materially. The farmer cannot afford to have a specially constructed incubator cellar, nor is this necessary for one or two machines. Few farmers operate more than one or two machines at the most and with this small number as good results can be obtained in the dwelling house as any place, providing the farmer has room there for them which he usually has. We never liked the idea of having an incubator in a sleeping apartment, however, says the Epitomist, for the fumes and gases from the lamp as well as from the machine itself, are anything but healthful. A room in which there is no stove in operation makes a better incubator room than one that is heated, on account of the air being purer as a rule. A cellar makes an ideal location providing it is dry and well ventilated, but a musty cellar is a very poor place indeed for successful incubation.

COLONY HOUSES.

How Serviceable Ones Were Made Out of Piano Boxes.

We got some piano boxes for the houses, using the largest side for the bottom. We nailed up the top with



Plan of Box.

boards, hung a home-made door to bottom of box and our house was done. These houses, says Agricultural Epitomist, serve the purpose for growing chicks as well as those we used to buy already made. They require so little work and are much cheaper.

Raise Laying Strains.

In securing a good supply of eggs the inherent tendency of heavy laying is an important point. It is a tendency which goes in certain strains the same as in certain families of cattle, and without it no amount of skillful care and feeding will produce the best results.

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Do your best and be lucky.

A good farmer is one who understands his trade and works at it.

Put the brood sows by themselves when they begin to get pretty large.

Next season's work will go off smoother if you think out the tasks ahead.

Keep the barn clean, the cow clean, feed clean food and then see that the milker is clean.

Dairying is the one branch in which no man should engage who has not a real liking for cows.

The cows are entitled to as good care as that given the horse, and are just as appreciative of such treatment.

As far as is possible seeds and nursery stock should be produced in the localities where they are to be planted and grown.

The best breed for you is the one which will do best under the conditions your place affords, and which will find the readiest market.

Clean milk means more than the handling of the milk after it comes from the barn. All the care in the world cannot atone for carelessness by the milker.

The successful poultryman is the man who knows his flock so well as to be constantly weeding out the culls and drones, and marketing them to pay their overdue board bill.

Pure water on the farm. Have you got it? It may look clear and good, but are you sure the well is so located that it is not being contaminated by surface water or some other agency?

The soiled and dirty clothing worn about the farm during the day should not be worn when the milking is done. Have an extra suit of overalls which are used only for milking, and which are washed often.

Different crops require different degrees of moisture. The potato needs a great deal of water in its growth; oats, it is said, come next, then wheat, then corn, then sugar beets and old alfalfa, red clover, timothy and English rye grass follow in the order named.

Getting even with the automobilists: "Seems to me a man of your standing in the community ought to drive a better-looking horse," critically remarked the Cleveland Plain Dealer's funny man to the old farmer. "I won't trade him for the fastest roadster in the hull country," said Farmer Huckleberry. "That hoss knows just what to do when he meets an' topples over an' breaks up a dollar's worth o' buggy shaft an' mebbe 50 cents' worth of harness, an' I'll bet I've collected much as seven hundred dollars from the automobile owners. The old hoss is all right."

The National Corn Growers' association will work during the coming season for the encouraging of the improvement of corn by breeding, disseminating information regarding the best methods of soil culture and farm management for corn, encouraging the holding of a national corn exposition annually by stimulating interest in corn culture in undeveloped territory, unifying methods and standards of corn judging so far as possible, securing the adoption of uniform classification for corn exhibits and rules governing exhibits, encouraging the development and uses of corn products and opening up home and foreign markets through education regarding the use of Indian corn and corn products as food for man and beast.

Experimental farms of one acre each in every section of four of the western agricultural states is the plan which has been proposed by Congressman Scott of Kansas, chairman of the house committee on agriculture. His proposition involves the establishment of 100 experimental farms of one acre each in every county in four western agricultural states to give the farmers a practical demonstration of the best methods of growing different kinds of crops. It is proposed that the lands for this purpose be furnished by the farmers themselves and that they do the work of cultivation under the direction of the experts of the department of agriculture. No additional appropriation from congress will be required to test Mr. Scott's plan. It is explained, as the agricultural department now has the requisite number of experts to carry out the plan.

Rheumatism in fowls is caused by damp quarters.

See that the disc harrow is sharpened ready for use.

Save the waste on the farm and apply it to lifting the mortgage.

As a rule too little light is admitted to the cow stable. Put in some more windows.

Do not let the roots of the young nursery stock dry out. Heel in until ready to set out.

The low prices of some animals prevailing now offer a favorable opportunity of stocking up.

High-priced corn and low-priced hogs is a combination which has caused the farmers some concern.

Dragging the roads when they are the muddiest makes them the smoothest and hardest when they are dry.

The food troughs and drinking fountains should be kept clean and sweet. Foulness here may result in sick birds.

It is a good idea to keep track of the horse's teeth. Sometimes a little bit of attention will save lots of future trouble.

The farmer who watches the little things is the farmer who does the big things in the way of crops and stock raising.

If you are not breeding up, be sure that indifference and neglect is resulting in a lowering of the grade of your live stock.

To be sure a fool of a man can make a fool of a colt by injudicious handling, but ordinary petting never hurt a colt and never will.

Chickens will eat most anything, but whatever the food it should be good and wholesome. Moldy or rotten stuff should never be fed them.

More men fail in the poultry business through over-enthusiasm and attempting too much at the beginning than from any other one cause.

When a horse's teeth are defective and no longer have that grinding power which is necessary to the proper mastication of its food it is well to feed ground oats.

Some colts, of course, are more easily spoiled than others, but if he early gives indication of not having ordinary "horse" sense let the other fellow have him at his first offer.

A place for everything and everything in its place is a good motto for the farmer. How many minutes and even hours it would save sometimes when you are in need of some particular tool.

Some agricultural expert has discovered that a top dressing of manure will prevent evaporation of moisture from the soil to the extent of about a ton of water to the acre. Think of the value of such water to the crop during the growing season.

Here is one man's method of crow extinction which he claims is a grand success. In his 40-acre field he dug a pit and then covered it over so that its presence could not be detected. After entering this pit, he imitates the call of the crow until it attracts the birds. When within shooting distance he uses his gun. When he kills a number he fastens them about the blind in a natural position and their presence adds to the attractive powers of the deception. He has already killed more than a thousand of the birds, bringing him in a revenue in bounties of over \$100, and expects to kill as many more during the remainder of the winter.

"What man when building a house sitteth not down and counteth the cost thereof?" And what farmer is there who having a sowing and growing and harvesting season ahead of him sitteth not down and planneth out the work thereof? Oh, there are lots of them. The season is upon them before they have taken any thought as to what they are going to plant, where they are going to plant it, and how they are going to prepare and cultivate the ground, and the result is that it is a sort of blind farming which begins nowhere and ends dangerously near bankruptcy corner or next door to the poor house. What folly! The wise farmer sitteth himself down and considereth carefully the work of the coming season, he recalleth the mistakes of the past, and resolveth that he will do better next time. This is the reason he finds that farming pays. Try the plan.

Surely the bee is entitled to his title of busy if the figures of an industrious mathematician are correct. He says that to make one pound of clover honey, bees must deprive 62,000 clover blossoms of their nectar, and to do this requires 2,750,000 visits to the blossoms by the bees. In other words, one bee, to collect enough nectar to make one pound of honey, must go from hive to flower and back 2,750,000 times. Then when you think how far these bees sometimes fly in search of these clover fields, oftener than not one or two miles from the hive, you will begin to get a small idea of the number of miles one of the industrious little creatures must travel in order that you may have the pound of honey that gives them so much trouble.

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 " " 3—D. D. Davis
 " " 4—J. L. Glass
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LOCAL.

Fresh line of candies, pecans and goobers now at the restaurant.
 Baker's bread, pies and cakes at the restaurant.
 Hunters:—All persons are forbidden to hunt on any lands owned or controlled by me.—
 W. L. Foster.

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. Keilis.

For Rubber Shoes, Wool Blankets, and Underwear, See Mabry
 After March the 8th, we have decided to set aside our short order meals for the summer, on the account of being crowded, for room to operate our cold drink business through the summer, but will open again in the fall. Thanking each and every one for their past business.
 Williams Bros.

We can give you the News-Record and St. Louis Semi-Weekly Republic for \$1.50 cash.

Mrs. Sallie Bailey who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. E. L. Cilmore for several weeks, returned to her home in San Angelo Thursday.

U. L. Young left Thursday for Brownwood to visit relatives.

M. E. Gilmore and daughter, Miss Lula, after a short visit to relatives here, left for their home in Tshoka this week.

Frank Davis and wife, after a visit of several days to J. T. Davis left Wednesday for Fort Worth to take in the Fat Stock show before returning to their home in Waco.

A number of our business men have designated the first Saturday in each month as Trades Day. If you have any thing you want to trade, or want to buy, this is the day for your bargains. Remember, it is the first Saturday in each month. This is a good move and if kept up, will be a good thing.

A. A. Gamble has been ill with a gripe for several days past.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Churchill and Mrs. M. T. Sullivan spent several days visiting in San Angelo this week.

B. E. Clark was in the city yesterday on business.

W. E. Brownfield was on our streets Wednesday.

Ellis Sparkman is reported to be quite sick.

David, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glass has been very ill this week. As we go to press his condition is somewhat improved.

Postmaster Knight informs us that Will Savall will take charge of the mail line to San Angelo next week. Mr. Savall has the reputation of being an experienced man in business and we may expect improved mail and express service in the future.

Mrs. B. F. Roberts accompanied by her son, Master Murrell and daughter Miss Bennie Belle left last Monday for Tucumcari New Mex. to visit relatives.

Born.—On the 10th. to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sparkman, a boy. Mother and son doing well, and while Walter has been acting queer, and telling folks to get out of "dad's" way, Dr. Carver says he will come around all right in a few days.

The cold drizzling rain which prevailed Monday and Tuesday ended up with a white frost Wednesday morning with a considerable showing of ice in vessels of water exposed. The thermometer stood at 27 degrees above zero Wednesday morning. Fruit, while not entirely killed, is materially damaged.

Dr. Pennoek of San Angelo, this week bought two sections of land on the river 6 miles south east of town from J. H. Reed and H. G. Trotter at \$15.00 per acre.

Span of mules for sale, match browns, 14 1-2 hands high, coming 3 and 4. Price \$150. for span.
 B. B. Beakley, M. D.

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