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TORNADO'S VICTIMS

MOST OF THE DEAD ARE NEGROES.

350 DEAD; 1200 ARE INJURED

Greatest Havoc in Villages Where the Dwellings were of the Flimsiest Materials.

Atlanta, Ga., April 27.—The death list in the storm of Friday and Saturday, which swept over the South, will reach approximately 350, with practically full details from Southern and Eastern Georgia, where the wind, rain and lightning did its worst work Saturday and late Friday.

Another severe electrical storm hit Georgia Sunday, but so far as known there were no fatalities and but little property damage.

Reports are still coming in from Northern Alabama, parts of Mississippi and Louisiana, but the list of dead is not materially increased.

With probably 1200 persons injured, possibly half a hundred towns damaged, the story of ruin is told. The communities which suffered most were wooden-built villages, the majority of them with a comparatively small number of inhabitants. Wind caused the greatest havoc, and negro residents form the larger proportion of dead and injured. The totals are:

Killed, about 350; injured painfully or seriously, 1200; homeless, several thousand; towns reporting serious wreckage, 46; habitations and business houses practically complete ruins in these towns, about 2500.

Following is a list by States of the forty-six towns reporting more or less damage from the storm.

Louisiana — Lucerne, Kenmore, Richland, Amite, Essie, Pine, Angie, Franklinton, Sheridan, Avard, Eunice, Lamourie, Total, 12.

Mississippi — Giles Bend, Purvis, Church Hill, Lorman, Tillman, Melton, Baxterville, Braxton, Sunflower, Wanalak, Wingate, Columbus, Walls, Fairchild Creek, Quitmans Landing, McLaurin, McCallum, Winchester, Pine Ridge, Total, 19.

Georgia — Columbus, Chipley, La Grange, Harris, Griffin, McDonough, Locust Grove, Cedartown, Cave Springs, Total, 9.

Alabama — High Mound, Albertville, Hatton, Leesburg, Blountsville, Settlement, Total, 9.

The four members of the Rayburn family reported killed at Baxterville, Miss., were not killed, but were injured, two of them, Robert Rayburn and wife, seriously.

The following deaths of white persons have not been previously reported:

Melton, Miss.: Mr. Potts and wife.

Sudden Death of Packer.

Dallas: J. S. Armstrong died suddenly Sunday night of heart failure. Apparently enjoying good health and anticipating the transaction of some special business Monday, he had gone to the home of his son-in-law, Hugh Prather, in Highland Park addition, with the intention of getting to work early Monday morning. Without warning, he felt an affection of the heart and in about twenty minutes he passed away.

Mrs. S. J. Frink, aged 81 years, died Friday at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. E. E. King, pastor First Baptist Church, McKinney.

Would Make Train 115 Miles Long.

Dallas: There were 170,816 cars of freight handled in and out of Dallas during the last twelve months of time, or 3,516,375,500 pounds of freight. These figures were given out by the Dallas Commercial Club. John G. Hunter stated that the cash collection for freight handled by railroads in and out of Dallas during the last year amounted to twice as much as any city in Texas.

French-Canadian Village Buried.

Buckingham, Quebec: Half of the little French village of Notre Dame de Sallette, sixteen miles from here on the Lievre River, lies buried under a sliding mountain and at least thirty of its small population are known to have perished. Meager bits of news of the disaster come in by messengers from the physicians and other rescuers who were hurried forward when the first calls for aid came at early morning Sunday.

245 DEAD; OVER 400 HURT

Towns and Villages Over Wide District Swept.

Dallas, April 25. — Windstorms killed upward of two hundred people outside this State yesterday and in Texas great property loss, serious crop damage, with numbers of persons more or less seriously injured, were reported from points in northern, eastern, northeastern and central sections of the State, the greatest force of the wind appearing to have been felt at Mineola, Wood County, where damage upward of \$25,000 was done when the wind made havoc in the business part of the town and one woman in the country near by was seriously, probably fatally injured. Nineteen buildings were damaged near Daingerfield, Morris County, and seven hurt, a number of minor injuries and twelve buildings wrecked at Oak Grove, five miles west of De Kalb, Bowie County.

At Stagner, Wood County, four are dead, according to reports received at Big Sandy yesterday.

One dead, three not expected to survive until this morning, and between \$125,000 and \$150,000 damage, is the latest report from the storm that struck Deport, Lamar County. Sixty-two houses were destroyed or almost totally wrecked, including the Baptist Church, the Masonic Hall, the Presbyterian Church, the school house, the oil mill and all sheds and seed houses.

At Grand Saline, Van Zandt County, the tomato crop is reported ruined and other truck seriously damaged. In Oklahoma a dozen buildings were struck at Hugo, beating rain smashed trees and other vegetation and the crop damage can not be estimated. In Arkansas three are known to have been killed near DeQueen, in the southwestern part of the State, and many houses were blown away.

With over a hundred people dead and many more than that number injured, cyclones in portions of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama late yesterday left a trail of wreckage, the loss of which can not be properly estimated until after the work of caring for the injured and gathering and burying the bodies of the dead shall have been finished.

About thirty white persons and fifty negroes were killed by the tornado at Purvis, Miss.

New Orleans, La.: At midnight the dead in today's tornado was reliably estimated to be 149, with the number of injured placed at 400. Of the dead thirteen are known to be white, and it is a certainty that with the possible exception of half a dozen, all the others were negroes. These figures were gathered from fully half a hundred sources in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and while not absolutely accurate, nearly all bore such confirmation as could be furnished by obtaining a verification from two or more different sources.

Hot Springs Club Held Up.

Hot Springs, Ark.: Four masked men with leveled revolvers entered the club house of the Indiana Club Thursday, forced the occupants to line up and looted the place of a large amount of money. The occupants were then locked in the room and the robbers escaped. No definite statement concerning the amount of money taken can be secured, but it is estimated at between \$5000 and \$10,000.

State Bank Status.

Austin: The number of State banks and trust companies has increased until now there are 320 of these financial institutions in the State. During the recent financial stringency there was somewhat of a slack in the number of new companies chartered, but now new ones are being organized at a fairly rapid rate. These companies admirably withstood the money panic of last fall and winter.

Twenty-Eight Are Killed.

City of Mexico: Twenty-eight persons were killed and fifteen seriously injured at Garganta siding, eight kilometers west of Maltrata Friday afternoon in a collision between a special freight train and the second section of a special excursion train bearing Pilgrims from the Shrine of Guadalupe. The Pilgrims left the City of Mexico in the Morning Both engines, one passenger and two freight cars were totally destroyed.

LOCAL STORMS SWEEP

DOWNPOUR OF RAIN WITH HAIL AND WINDS.

DEPORT IS VERY HARD HIT

Many Places Have Cloudbursts. Three Deaths Mark Track of Storms.

Paris, Texas, April 24.—Twenty-five residences, practically the eastern half of Deport, a town twenty miles southeast of Paris, were destroyed by a hurricane about 6 o'clock yesterday evening, the cotton oil mill, the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches suffering a like fate.

W. R. Isbell, a druggist, was crushed to death in his residence when it collapsed, his wife and four children saving themselves by running to their stormhouse.

Others known to be injured, though not fatally, are Capt George I. Terrell and wife, G. G. Baughn, E. R. Sullivan, wife and son. All these have broken arms or legs and painful bruises.

The storm came up the valley from the southwest, cutting a path several hundred yards wide. It did not last long, and there was very little electricity. It swept away structures in its path as if they were houses of cards. The town is divided by a creek and the heavy rain made it overflow and retarded the work of helping the injured by those who escaped.

No business houses were destroyed, but several were badly damaged, only the edge of the storm reaching them. Among them are the Deport Chronicle, U. L. Jolly, editor; Cunningham's dry goods store, Shuman's blacksmith shop, Daniel's restaurant, the Cash Store and postoffice, W. I. Lawler proprietor and postmaster. These were blown from the blocks or the sides partially caved in. Damage to houses and stocks can not be estimated at present.

Fort Worth: Following a cloudburst and hail storm in the city proper and North Fort Worth yesterday afternoon the west fork of the Trinity soon escaped its banks west of the meadows between the court house and the North Fort Worth Cotton Belt crossing and within an hour the adjacent vicinity was again inundated.

Street car traffic on the North Fort Worth and Rosen Heights lines was at once crippled, and at 6 o'clock last night an expanse of water extended from the foot of the Main Street bridge northward a distance of a mile and equally as far east and west. At the pumping station on the West Fork measurements were taken hourly, and by 7 p. m. the water was only a few inches below the record established last Sunday.

During the downpour yesterday afternoon residents of the river bottoms began to at once move what few household effects had been rescued from the recent flood, but so rapid was the rise that but little could be removed. The result was that again several hundred unfortunates are without shelter and are dependent upon the Salvation Army and other local organizations.

Upon hearing that the water was again rising, the members of the Salvation Army corps established a second temporary eating house at the foot of the Main Street bridge and served warm meals to many who had been driven from their homes. Secretary Green of the United Charities has also opened a supply headquarters and mattresses, bedding, cooking utensils and food are being extended to the flood victims as rapidly as the latter report.

Clifton: Five or six people injured. No deaths reported. Roof of school building torn off and church demolished. Damage not estimated. Path of storm seventy-five yards wide, most of the loss being in what is known as Old Clifton.

Howe: A heavy rain and hail storm between this place and Van Alstyne occurred yesterday afternoon. The hailstones were unusually large. It is feared the loss will amount to a great deal as concerns crops that had attained a good growth. It is said that the hailstones killed lots of poultry and in a few instances young live stock.

Oak Grove, Red River County: Several houses destroyed and a number of people injured. No fatalities reported. All wires down.

KIRBY TROUBLES MAY END.

An Agreement Has Been Finally Made.

St. Louis, Mo., April 23.—John H. Kirby, millionaire president of the \$19,000,000 Kirby Lumber Company of Houston, Texas, left here Wednesday night for Houston, following conferences with St. Louis capitalists.

It is understood that when he reaches Houston an agreement, which he succeeded in getting in New York, to end the controversy between the Kirby Lumber Company and the \$30,000,000 Houston Oil Company will be presented to United States Circuit Judge Walter Burns at Houston, who will call a special term of court to consider and enter a decree dissolving the Federal receivership of both the Kirby Lumber Company and the Houston Oil Company.

The agreement reached by which the controversy between the two companies was ended establishes the Houston Oil Company's right to receive \$5 a thousand feet, log measure, in semi-annual installments, amounting to five-eighths of the semi-annual payments, stipulated in the original contract with the Kirby Lumber Company.

The Houston Oil Company's lien creditors will have preference, 6 per cent negotiable certificates of indebtedness to be issued to those who bear the oil company's floating debt, these certificates to be retired from the timber receipts after the retirement of the timber certificates.

Receipts from timber under the stumpage contract with the Kirby Lumber Company after retirement of the timber certificates and the payment of the floating debt certificates will be applied to the payment of dividends on preferred stock of the oil company, and to the retirement of that stock at 105.

Kirby says that his lumber company withdrew from the Southwestern Lumber Association in 1902, so that the Missouri Attorney General's anti-trust proceedings against that association does not apply to the Kirby Lumber Company.

Kendall County Sheriff Shot.

San Antonio: George Zoeller, sheriff and tax collector of Kendall County for fourteen years, was found shot in the head at the jail at Boerne Wednesday morning, dying five hours later without regaining consciousness. Early that morning, as was his custom, he went to the jail before breakfast. There was only one prisoner in the jail, and he was on the second floor. The prisoner heard a shot on the floor below about 7 o'clock. There was no way for him to communicate with the outside. About an hour later Mrs. Zoeller sent her son to the jail. He found his father lying on the floor, blood flowing from a wound in his head and unconscious. A pistol was found near by.

Late Premier Claimed by Death.

London: Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, former Premier of the British Empire, passed away Wednesday morning. The cause of his death was heart failure. The death of Sir Henry, after a lingering illness of more than two months, did not come as a surprise. Although the doctors' bulletins had not declared his condition critical, the fact was known, and the public had been expecting the announcement of his death during the last fortnight.

John O. Austin, 97 years old, a resident of Fannin County for sixty years, is dead.

Contract Let on Union Central.

Dallas: The construction of the Union Central Railroad from Palestine to Dallas, with an extension later to New Orleans, is now assured, declares W. J. Hogue, president of the Union Central Railway Company, with headquarters at Dallas. "Twenty miles of grading have already been let to a contractor," stated Mr. Hogue a few days since, "and we now have a total of 240 miles ready to commence on the grade."

Gas Strike at Mineral Wells.

Mineral Wells: The drillers who are boring a well on the Pat Gallagher place, six miles north of town, struck a strong flow of gas a depth of 280 feet. The pressure is very strong, and for a while after the strike there was a number of sharp explosions in the well sounding like dynamite blasts. A bucket was placed over the opening of the well and a whistle inserted, which could be heard for a mile.

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.

Shawnee, Ok. Elks are making an effort to build an Elk's Hall.

Four Italians were killed at Heber, Ark., Tuesday by a premature explosion of dynamite.

Very complete preparations are making for the Confederate reunion which takes place at Birmingham, Ala., June 9, 10 and 11.

William Lawler, aged 37 years, was drowned from the tugboat Charles Clark just outside the mouth of the Jetties at Galveston Wednesday morning.

The directors of the Oklahoma Iron Works of Tulsa have notified the Secretary of State of an increase in the capital stock of their company from \$25,000 to \$1000,000.

An unknown man, about thirty years old, registering as James Young, was found dead in bed at the Rock Island Hotel in McAlester, Ok. A morphine bottle was found under his pillow.

Newton Stafford, a bridegroom of a week, was accidentally shot by Alex Watkins, a 17-year-old boy, eight miles north of Muskogee, Ok., while Stafford was standing beside his young wife.

The train carrying the Oklahoma delegation to Denver will be detained so as to allow the delegates to visit Mr. Bryan's home at Lincoln, where they will be entertained by the celebrated Nebraskan.

Three persons were probably cremated and a fourth was probably fatally burned Friday in a fire which destroyed the home of David Wetherbee at Centerville, a village near Corey, Pa.

Reports from over the Wichita country show the damage done by Tuesday night's storm was extensive. The residence of George Messner was blown from its foundation and other houses damaged.

Henry Crockford, a small boy between ten and twelve years of age, was drowned Tuesday morning while in swimming with two other boys in White Rock Creek beneath the Orphans' Home road bridge near Dallas.

As the result of deliberations at the Cabinet session it was determined that Secretary Taft should go to Panama. He will sail April 30 on the cruiser Prairie. A detachment of marines also will be sent on the Prairie.

Grata Moie, one of the oldest members of the Osage tribe of Indians died of heart failure near Bird Creek, northeast of Pawhuskie, Ok. Grata Moie was a member of the Big Hill band and resided near Gray Horse.

In a contested will case tried in Sherman, wherein the will of Mrs. Mattie Hurd was attacked by the surviving husband to keep valuable property willed by his wife to Buckner Graphans' Home, the defendants won.

Mr. Smithson, agent for the Texas Central Railway Company at Comyn, was drowned in crossing the Leon River Wednesday morning. Comyn is two miles from the river, and he was on his way to DeLeon to assist in some repair work at that place.

Henri Boulanger, a prisoner on Ellis Island, New York, feigned toothache and while in the dentist's chair jumped up and ran out at a side door and made his escape.

The M. K. & T. railroad shops at Sedalia, Mo., employing over 500 men, were closed Friday night until May 1. No reason was given.

At a meeting held in Carlisle Saturday afternoon the Shipbuilding Employees' Federation decided to order a lockout in every shipbuilding yard in the United Kingdom.

Sheriff John Bird of Osage County, Ok., Friday night stopped a prize fight which was in progress at the opera house between two local featherweights.

The American fleet east anchor at Santa Barbara, Cal. Friday. Admiral Evans, who is much improved, will be with the fleet in a few days.

A wind storm at Memphis, Tenn., Sunday set the town into a panic. Street signs and awnings were wrecked and many flimsy structures destroyed. No fatalities are reported.

The fruit prospects in Oklahoma are said to be the best ever had at this time of year.

The Tulsa Boomers, 120 in number, Tulsa, Oklahoma's liveliest citizens are traveling north booming that city.

Ex-Governor Vardaman of Mississippi will be the chief orator on Mississippi day at the State Fair this year. The exact date is not yet determined.

The Senate bill making it a felony to conduct a bucket shop in New York has passed by a party vote of the Assembly. It goes to the Governor.

A rumor comes from London that two mail bags containing securities and other valuables aggregating \$500,000 were stolen in New York last month.

Captain Frank McCoy, military aide to President Roosevelt in Cuba, is investigating whether the conditions will warrant the withdrawal of American troops.

L. A. Coulter of Richmond, Va., is to be the new secretary of the Texas Y. M. C. A. He has accepted the position and will assume his duties on September 1.

It is generally understood that the Rock Island-Frisco railway combination in Oklahoma has yet 30 days in which to arrange for the dissolution of the combine.

Sherbie Becker's balloon—the largest in "captivity"—from which the mayor of Milwaukee will stump Wisconsin during his gubernatorial campaign has arrived.

Practically all the cotton mills in Fall River, Mass., have decided to adopt the policy of curtailing production in an effort to offset the adverse market conditions.

A horse belonging to John Wheeler, a grocery dealer of Terrell, became frightened by a parade in East Terrell and dropped dead while being driven by Roy James, a delivery driver.

The Texas Central railroad which was probably more damaged than any line in the State by high water, has laborers on each of its divisions repairing track and replacing bridges.

The attorney general has approved for registration \$250,000 of improvement bonds for drainage district No. 1 of Matagorda County. The bonds are twenty-forties, bearing 5 per cent.

Jacob Ashoff, a railroad engineer, shot and fatally wounded his wife at Bellaire, Ohio, and then killed himself. It is said Mrs. Ashoff slapped her husband's face. The shooting followed.

Jim and Tom Trimm, aged 15 and 22 years, were killed by lightning at their home at Annona Wednesday morning. They were standing at the window watching the rain when the bolt struck.

Charles Petterson, aged 50 years, fell from a second story awning at a rooming house in Galveston Saturday and died from the injuries in less than an hour. He never regained consciousness.

The city council approved Governor Magoon's proposition for paving and sewerage Havana, stipulating, however, that 75 per cent of the men to be employed on the work shall be Cubans. The cost will be \$15,000,000.

Winchelar Martinez, a well-dressed stranger, was run down in the Diaz yards, Eagle Pass, by cars being shoved around by the switch engine. A leg and arm were cut off and he died from his injuries.

Beginning Monday there was another layoff at the Santa Fe shops at Cleburne. Four of five hundred men will off until May 1. The company is suffering losses from the floods, and this is also curtailing shipments.

A committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, which has united in a demand upon Congress for the removal of the import duty on wood pulp and print paper, visited the capital Saturday in the interest of this project.

Walter D. Munson, president of the Munson Steamship line, died suddenly Friday. Heart disease was the cause of death. In addition to the Munson Steamship line, Mr. Munson was interested in the Atlantic and Mexican Gulf Steamship Company.

Rev. George R. Stuart, the evangelist, began a revival at the First Methodist Church at Fort Worth Sunday which is expected to continue for at least three weeks.

A light earthquake was felt at San Francisco early Saturday morning.

The steamer Philadelphia brought word that there were two cases of bubonic plague at Caracas, and that a large number of people were awaiting steamers at Porto Cabello in order to leave Venezuela.

A good acreage of cotton is being planted over the county and it is time for our ginners to get busy.

The frost Wednesday night did considerable damage to gardens on the low lands. We have not heard of any fruit being damaged.

Our public school closes a very prosperous and profitable session today. For the first time in the history of this institution diplomas will be granted to those who have completed the curriculum. Let us hope that this will occur often in the future.

William Jennings Bryan, the incomparable statesman, is the most ideal man of the age. Who is there that can say ought against him? Yet he is a marked victim of Hearst's hired slanders, and ere long these vultures will be plucking at the vitals of his good name.

Tomorrow settles the Bailey question for the present; and, whatever the result may be, let us abide by it. Let the victor be generous and not over exultant and the vanquished take his defeat like a philosopher. Let us all come together again and unite for the common good of our land and country.

Now that our public school is closing a most satisfactory and successful term, let us all pull together again for many more of such. Let us thank those faithful trustees and teachers whose fidelity to their trusts have brought success to this cherished institution. A good word to add for them will go far toward keeping this good work going.

Let us all hurry up and get on speaking terms again so we can tear at each other's eyes in the coming prohibition campaign.

The Bailey fight will be a love feast compared to it. Let the sons of Annas and the sons of Pilgrate gird their loins, for they have some thing "fur to do." In this fight spades will be called spades and old hats won't be called sky pieces—no, not by a darn sight.

SKELETON KEY A MYTH.

"There is nothing to the skeleton key idea we hear so much about," said an Indianapolis safe and lock expert. "Such a thing as a skeleton key that will unlock all locks does not exist. The locksmith is supposed to have such a key, and we have been made to swallow more than one robbery story told on the theory that there was such a thing as a skeleton key, which, by some magic trick of construction, would unlock all sizes and conditions of locks. The idea is all rot.

"For hotels the lock factories manufacture a series of locks for one floor, for instance, which can be unlocked by a master key. Of course, every lock on the floor has a separate key, and no one of these keys will unlock more than the door for which it was made. There is, in addition to this 'master key,' a key referred to as the 'grand master,' which will unlock any door on any floor of the hotel. But it is readily understood that all the locks in a particular hotel series are of similar construction, and the matter of furnishing a 'master' or 'grand master' key is comparatively simple."

STALLION NOTICE

My horse will make the season at my ranch, 15 miles northwest of Sterling City. He is Clyde-dale and Morgan. For further information, telephone or write, Oscar Ratliff, Sterling City, Tex.

TEAM SCARED AT AUTOMOBILE

Mr. Clifton, a freighter while coming with a load of goods from San Angelo met an automobile about a mile east of here and his team became frightened and wrecked his wagon. The auto driver was arrested next day on a complaint sworn out by Mr. Clifton. He gave bond and went on to Big Springs. We learn that the man will be prosecuted on a charge of disturbing the peace.

CHICKENS STOLEN

Jeff D. Ayres was the victim of a raid from chicken thieves last night. Several valuable fowls were taken. We hope to give more news of this affair soon. Somebody is going to have a hard luck story to tell about the heartlessness of our sheriff and county attorney one of these fine days. If this thing keeps up, an obituary notice may be looked for in these columns. It only remains for the parties to be caught in the act to bring it about.

Lord Rawton's Distinction.

Lord Rawton, who celebrated his 53d birthday recently, has earned fame in several directions. He owes his title, to which there is no heir, to the fact that he was Lord Beaconsfield's private secretary and also to the fact that he is a favorite with the queen. It is as the "noble lodging house keeper" that his lordship is now best known, however. He is the chief proprietor of three, if not four, of the great buildings about London where a single man can obtain a night's comfortable lodging for sixpence.

The Passion Play Paid Well.

Oberammergau has been casting up the accounts of this year's "Passion Play." There were forty-eight performances and 200,000 visitors, who paid \$500,000 for admission. The profits of the village from lodgers, the sale of trinkets and so forth were between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000.

TITLES TO ARCTIC LANDS.

Lands Hitherto Unknown Discovered and Named by Explorers.

The voyage of the Canadian government cruiser Arctic to the far north suggests for consideration the question of the ownership of some far northern lands. For many years explorers of various nationalities—British, American, Scandinavian and others—have ventured into the frozen wilderness lying between the Dominion of Canada and the north pole and have there discovered lands hitherto unknown and have named them and planted flags upon them. There has been much international rivalry in the work of elaborating the arctic map and of pushing on toward the pole.

But there has been little thought in the minds of the adventurers or in that of the public of the delimitation of international boundaries in the realms of paleocryatic ice and eternal snow. But now the Canadian government brings that thought to mind in the intimation that the dominion extends clear to the north pole and that all the lands which have been discovered and explored in those regions, no matter by whom, are under the British flag.

Academically the question is somewhat complicated and might form the subject of interminable argument. There are those who hold that discovery and exploration give title to new lands, while others insist that title is not perfected without actual occupation and permanent settlement. But how if the lands in question are not fit for or susceptible of settlement?

Still, It Probably Was a Hoax.

A Louisville grocer, who sleeps over his store, was startled late the other night by a mysterious rapping in the cellar. He knew there were some spirits there, but was incredulous as to others, and he suspected burglary. He telephoned for the police. Their investigation showed a plumber calmly at work. It seemed he had been ordered there two days before by the water company, on application of the grocer, and he explained that he had been unable to come in the daytime, and finding all the doors locked had quietly let himself into the cellar through the grating in the sidewalk. Which was the more disgusted, grocer or police, is not told, but it did not cost the policeman any cigars.

MORE ARTESIAN TALK

When it rains, we cease to talk about that artesian well. In fact when the ground is wet and there is plenty of water every where, we do not need it, but in peace is the time to prepare for war, so now while times are good, let us talk some more about it, you know it takes a lot of talk to get a good thing started, and when we are done talking, let us do it! If you once tap the rich treasures that are struggling with the forces of nature to reach us and help us to make the land team with pleuteous harvests, it means riches to you. There are few spots on this big round earth that God has placed the means of subsistence out of reach of man. Here in this beautiful Concho-land He has piled his treasures rich and deep to be governed by men who have the will to do it.

RUILD SMOKESTACK OF WOOD.

The Handy Men on Sea-Swept Freight or Invent a Queer Jury Rig.

A new wrinkle in steamship funnels but the harbor the other morning when the steamship Sir Richard Grenville came into port after a tussle with a giant wave, called a tidal wave by the skipper, Capt. Davy Jones. The funnel was a box built of scantling and lined with sheet iron.

The funnel the Sir Richard carried when she left Havana on June 21 with a cargo of pyrites was swept away on Sunday. The boat was then about 800 miles from Sandy Hook and going along smoothly in a sea that was not very rough. About three o'clock in the afternoon Capt. Jones says a wall of water that almost topped the funnel came aboard amidship on the port side. Most of the crew were below and luckily those on deck were forward. They hung on while the water rolled aft.

Over went the Sir Richard, almost turning turtle. She dropped her funnel into the sea. Flames shot from the funnel hole and soot was belched all over the decks.

"In a few minutes she looked like a collier," says Capt. Davy Jones. He called for Chief Engineer Leonard, who is a man of ideas. The fires were slackened and the carpenter's shop was overhauled. Enough heavy scantling was found to make a good-sized packing box. After having been nailed up it was strapped with hawsers, lined inside with sheet iron and fitted to the funnel hole. It was pretty hot work and several of the crew got scorched, but in an hour after the jury smokestack was finished it was doing business.

It wasn't a wonder as a smokestack, but it got Sir Richard into port. Capt. Jones looked over the job yesterday and seemed to think pretty well of himself and Engineer Leonard.

"How did we manage it?" he repeated. "I give it up, but we were up against it and it had to be done. I should say my engineer is a pretty capable man. I don't think any other craft ever came into the harbor with a chimney like that."—N. Y. Sun.

NOTICE

Dunn Bros., having turned back the Doran Wagon Yard are still doing business at their stables at the corner.

Good Looking Russians.

An Englishman in Russia says that "we may dislike Russia as we will, and perhaps must, but there is no denying that the men and women of Russia are good looking." The men are "tall and well built;" the "women, especially those of the upper classes, have a grace and fascination that is all their own." The writer adds: "I am tired of hearing English people say that this is all show, and that if I knew them better I should be greatly disappointed. Behind good looks and refined manners I have found the depth and sincerity of the Scotch combined with the wit and humor of the Irish."

WANTED

Immune cattle to pasture at 15 cents per head. E. J. Bedell, Konohassett.

WHO HAS IT?

I want at once a ranch between San Angelo and Amarillo in a solid body, not less than 50 per cent tillable, from \$4.00 to \$7.00 per acre, in exchange of from \$50,000.00 to \$200,000.00 worth of first class well improved, unimpaired black waxy farms and high grade business property; all in same community and owned by one man.

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Want reply from owners of land only. Address Box 166, Hillsboro, Tex.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce Brown F. Lee a candidate for representative of the 102nd. district, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce L. H. Brightman a candidate for the office of District Attorney of 51st. judicial district subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce E. H. Sparkman a candidate for the office of County 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.

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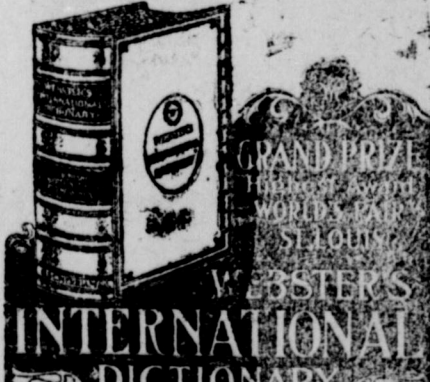
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It seems strange that man, who has the history of the world for some thousands of years to look back upon, should go into the air and say that one question or another is settled for all time because one election has gone a certain way.

Singular fatality seems to attend the operation of submarines, torpedo boats and torpedo-boat destroyers abroad.

King Alfonso has ordered a chicken incubator from an American company. Perhaps he is thinking of going into chicken-raising in case the revolutionists chase him from the throne.

ARE MAKING TOWN TO ORDER.

Prince Rupert Will Be the Greatest Model City Yet Built.

A Boston firm of landscape architects has been awarded the contract for making the general plans for the model city which the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad is to build in British Columbia as the Pacific terminus of the great new railroad system which is now being built across Canada.

The contract is one of the largest ever given for a similar undertaking, says the Village. As yet there is only a small settlement where it is intended a large and important commercial and manufacturing city will be built.

The area which is available for the site comprises between seven and eight square miles, although only a small part of this will be developed within the near future.

The railroad will cross from the mainland to Porpoise Island and then to Katen Island by means of bridges, the first of which will be about a quarter of a mile in length and the second some 200 feet long.

It is said to be the plan to have the shipping and wholesale business on the first level, which rises to 75 or 100 feet; the retail business and the public buildings on the second level, which is some 200 feet high, and forms a sort of ridge, and the residences still further back on a third level of about 100 feet elevation.

It is probable that Digby Island, just to the westward of Katen Island, will be developed for residences, a purpose for which it is admirably adapted.

Prince Rupert is situated within 53 miles of the southern extremity of Alaska and 551 miles north of Vancouver, at the very entrance to the salmon fishing grounds.

Only the Runner-Up. The best man thought he'd take a look around and see that everything was running as a fastidious bride would wish it, and up in the room where the presents were displayed, alone and unhappy-looking, he came upon a youth, seemingly ready, like the wedding guest of the English poet, to "beat his breast."

A Cure for His Trouble.

"Doctor," said the woman whose husband owed everybody in town, "John's in a very bad way. I've been trying to get him to come to see you, but he's so obstinate, you know, and so I've made up my mind to see you myself and ask whether you think you can do anything for him."

Highly Practical. "Your business college for young ladies seems to be all right."

Cause and Effect.

"Yes," said Mrs. Nexdor, "my daughter is very persevering in her piano-playing. Do you notice that she's improving?"

Helpful Hint.

Enpec—My wife threatened to leave me last week, but she changed her mind.

Big Jack

By T. S. STRIBLING

(Copyright.)

Big Jack was breaking pigs. He wore a pair of blue overalls and a white cloth cap, and nothing more. Noon, on a pile of pig iron, in the blistering summer sun, the thermometer a hundred in the shade, is the time and place for the elimination of clothes.

The colonel turned grimly, miserably, and walked slowly toward his home. In the road he left a dead man and a splash of blood-soaked mud; in the bushes, a little negro, his white eyes starting from his head, his stout little body shaking horribly, almost paralyzed with fear.

When Big Jack stepped from the elevator to the high platform, he saw Henry Ledbetter lounging against the iron railing, looking at the view beneath his house.

The mulatto looked up and saw Big Jack. "Come up here to help?" he called, genially. "De ol' lady kain't knock you out, kin she, Big Jack?"

The afternoon wore slowly away. When working on the platform, it was one of Big Jack's delights to run the steam crane that holds the huge bell in the mouth of the furnace.

The reward of one duty done is the power to fulfill another.—George Eliot.

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People who look for trouble never look in vain.

Habitual Constipation

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FIG SYRUP CO. ONLY SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS

day long in the oak grove by the negro quarters. He heard black men and women singing at work in the broad cotton fields; he saw Col. Marshall riding over the hills with his hounds, he ate wonderful dinners which fat black nannies served in the big dining-room, then came the banjo, the fiddle and the evening dance.

Then fell the change. The negroes were hushed, the old colonel rode among the laborers stroking his white mustache, brooding incessantly, gray with care. And the young mistah—even the little pickaninny somehow felt her aching remorse, she was so sad, so beautiful, so crushed. The little baby died soon after it was born.

"Mistah Grey is comin' 'Long de Big Road."

Presently a man rode down the long, dusty thoroughfare on a white horse; a wonderfully handsome man, with a bold, reckless face. He rode slowly, head bent, musing.

eyes; his strong little body quivered as it did when he saw a squirrel about to escape from his master. Then he heard a quick step down the Marshall lane. The colonel came into the open space at the mouth of the lane carrying a rifle.

"Irvin Grey!" called the colonel with a strange metallic sound in his deliberate words. "If you have a God, look to him now!"

The man on the horse looked up suddenly with an oath; the rifle rang out. The man clutched at the horn of the saddle, reeled, steadied himself. There was an omniscient click-click of the colonel's repeater.

He had just swallowed the last bite of the neighbor woman's lunch when the foreman approached him.

Big Jack stretched his mighty arms in a yawn and drew them slowly double. The great biceps balled and swelled till it was larger than the giant's black, bull-like neck.

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Ledbetter looked askance at his huge helper. Why had Big Jack stopped speaking? For two negroes to stop "speaking" is like two nations calling their ministers, tantamount to a declaration of war.

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That gives instant relief to eyes, irritated from dust, heat, sun or wind, 25c. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

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No Occasion for It. "My dear," said the old man to his only daughter on the morning of her wedding day, "I don't see how I am going to get along without you."

"Now, don't let that worry you, papa," replied the fair maid, as she adjusted her bridal veil. "George confessed to me last night that he hadn't enough money even to buy a second-hand stove, so instead of losing me it looks as if we were going to stay right with you."

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty.

Money to Burn. The big touring car had just whizzed by with a roar like a gigantic rocket, and Pat and Mike turned to watch it disappear in a cloud of dust.

Not "Just as Good"—It's the Best. One box of Hunt's Cure is unfailingly, unqualifiedly and absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of SKIN DISEASE.

The Oldest Professions. An old friend of the family had dropped in to see a young lawyer whose father was still paying his office rent.

The Entire Family. Grand Pop used it for Rheumatism, Dad for Cuts, Sprains and Bruises, Mammy for Burns, Scalds and Aches, Sis for Catarrh and Chills, I use it for everything, and it never disappoints any of us.

He Knew the Man. "Gaily seems happy to-night. He must have money."

Enjoyment of It. "A fool and his money are soon parted, my son."

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HOW TO TEST LINSEED OIL

There is nothing that will make paint go wrong on the house more quickly than poor oil. It is as bad in its way as adulterations in the white lead. Petroleum oil cheapeners may be detected by placing a drop of the oil on a black painted surface.

Adulteration in white lead can best be discovered by the use of a blow-pipe, which National Lead Company will send with instructions free to anyone interested in paint.

A Great Difference. Yeast—Isn't the baby like its mother?

Crimsonbeak—No, I don't think so. It don't talk yet.—Yonkers Statesman.



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FARMER AND PLANTER

The Cup That Never Falls.

The rust may kill the ripening wheat,
The chinch bugs eat the corn;
The sleet may leave the apple trees
Of buds and blossoms short;
A blizzard come along, and hush
The peach buds with his tail,
But there is always one great crop
That's never known to fail.

The frost may knock the oranges,
And squeeze the lemons dry;
And make the Rocky cantaloupes
All wither up and die;
Potatoes may be very small,
And very few in hill,
And yet there will be one big crop
That you can count on still.

Bananas may be black or green,
And never turn to gold;
With worms the chestnuts, prunes and plums
Be full as they can hold;
The peanuts all may peter out,
And pop-corn fall to shoot,
But one crop every year is sure
To come to flower and fruit.

The cholera may kill the hogs,
And all the chickens too;
The murrain take the cattle off
From gentle and from Jew;
The garden stuff may be done up
By cyclone, drouth or rain,
And yet there's one crop can't be hurt
By hail or hurricane.

Account for this prodigious fact
In any way you may;
It has been true in all the world
Since Adam's natal day;
It needs no syllogism fine
In logic of the schools,
To prove that one crop never fails—
The crop of blooming fools.

For folly is man's natural bent—
Did not Adam begin it?
But once in a year a wise man comes;
A fool is born each minute,
No matter then what seasons bring,
Or who the empire rules,
Until old Gabriel toots his horn,
There'll be a crop of fools.

Chanute, Kan. J. M. CABNESS.

THE SMALL FLOCK OF SHEEP.

A Missouri Flockmaster Tells Wherein They Pay.

For the man who urges that sheep do not pay the following by A. J. Grimes, a prominent sheepman of Missouri, may be some enlightenment:

A well fed flock of sheep is the most profitable property a farmer can own. The number of sheep has increased over three million in Great Britain in the last few years until now there are over three hundred sheep to every square mile. If sheep raising was looked upon as a primitive industry, suited only to barren and waste lands, why is it that in Great Britain the tenant looks on his sheep as the surest rent payer on land that is worth from \$300 to \$500 an acre?

The sheep business has passed the primitive stage. We can count on a well established and increasing demand for our mutton products. The people of the country, and in fact the consumers of all the American products, are demanding more mutton, and those who never ate the flesh of sheep before, once having tasted its fine flavor and discovered its nutritiousness, are becoming steady consumers of it, and not only is this the case, but when this best of all fresh meat is introduced, it stays and the demand for it increases. We have always advocated that any farmer in our State can keep a small flock with satisfactory success. Failure in the keeping of sheep invariably happens in having too large a flock to begin with, for if one is able to keep successfully a small flock, which any person with good judgment and good common sense may do, it is no reason that he can keep a thousand with the same success, for in all arts pertaining to agriculture there is no branch so difficult to become proficient in as the shepherd's art. This does not apply to sheep alone. Let any man overstock the capacity of his farm with hogs or cattle and disaster is sure to follow.

In my thirty years of experience in the sheep business I have always found that my sheep made me more profit for the feed consumed and the capital invested than any other stock. I have made 150 per cent profit on grade ewes raising early lambs for the Eastern market. The sheep is the 100 per cent animal, whether it is grazing on the rocks of the Ozarks or on the fertile fields of this great State of ours, and there is nothing that beautifies or excites the artistic eye or makes the farm more attractive and pleasant than a well cared for flock of sheep.

There is every encouragement for a progressive shepherd to start in the sheep business. If you have never had any experience in the business, let me warn you to go easy and buy a few ewes and figure on improving in the future. One of the principles of success is to raise each year lambs that are better individuals than their mothers. Have your ideal. You know the ones that answer to the accepted type and your ideal. Study your flock; you know the ones that raise the best lambs and shear the heaviest fleeces, and you learn to discard the coarse head, the heavy ear, the long leg, the cloudy wool and dark skin. Hold on to the one that conform to the nearest to your ideal, and the most essential and important part is good care. As some one has said, a wise shepherd feeds his lambs a month before he sees them and the foolish shepherd a month afterward.

I want to impress upon the minds of all that in all my experience the most essential and important thing to remember to make the sheep business profitable is care. Care will ward off disease; care will save feed; care will make fat, and fat will make more and better wool. Yes, and care will convince any man that the sheep is the 100 per cent profit animal. Now in conclusion, let me say that the aim of every farmer in our State should be to keep a small flock of sheep, and it can be shown by figures of the most truthful character, and that cannot lie or deceive, that this can be done in what is now wasted on thousands of Missouri farms, and the profit from the flock well cared for will be 100 per cent, if not more.

Dairy Dots.

Milk curdles because the casein in it clots or coagulates by the action of diluted acid present in it.

Sour milk germs give butter part of its flavor, but the entire flavor is made up of miscellaneous conditions.

The ripening of cream is the change produced in it owing to a growth of germs during its souring process.

The fat globules are arranged in groups and clumps, rather than being scattered evenly through the milk.

The fat globules in milk differ greatly in size. They average 1-5000 of an inch in diameter, and one drop of milk may contain 1,500,000 fat globules.

Fat globules in size with different breeds, being particularly large in Jerseys, the cream rising more quickly and completely than in other breeds.

In attempting first-class productions from the dairy, every precaution should be taken against dust, and the whole premises kept whitewashed and clean.

The ripening of cream may be compared to the change which takes place in grape juice when it turns into wine. Both changes are brought about by fermentation.

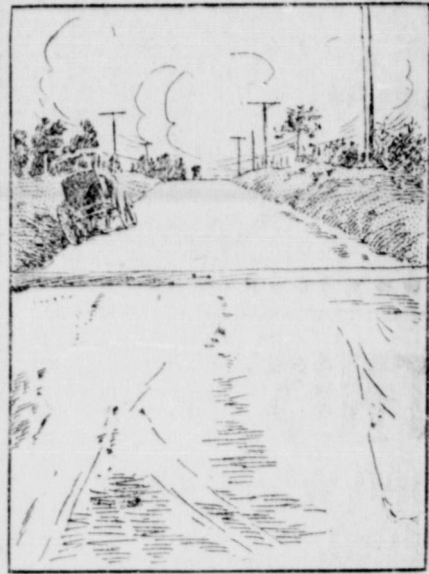
A good adviser is a good friend to have, but some talk very learnedly about things of which they have very little practical knowledge. Sometimes the most ignorant are the most confident.

ROAD AND FARM IMPROVEMENT

BEFORE AND AFTER DRAGGING.

An Object Lesson as to What a Little Work Will Do.

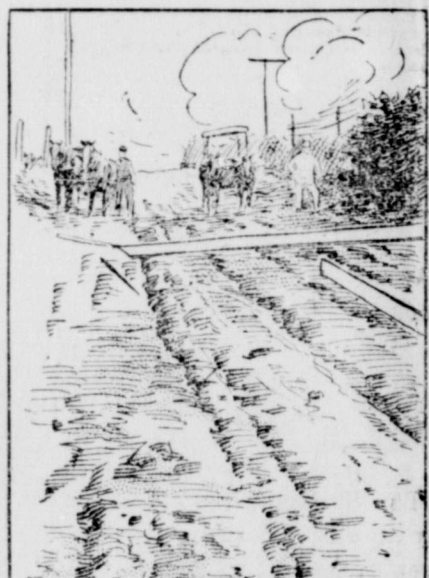
Bad road pictures are as a rule secured when the surface is muddy, but this one was snapped when the surface was hard and dry. It shows how long a stubborn clay will stay bad. On the day of the taking of this picture



A Stretch of Road That Has Been Dragged with Split-Log Drag.

The journey up or down the hill was dangerous to any vehicle in spite of the slowest and most careful driving.

On the other hand another picture shows a hill harder than that shown in first picture, so smooth that the lightest or the heaviest loaded vehicle could travel it in safety at any reasonable rate of speed. But more important than all else, the next rain will merely dampen the top of it; all but a very small proportion will run into



Ruts and Pockets in a Road Before Dragging.

the ditches and get away, and an hour's sun and wind will dry it.

No ruts are here to guide the rainfall to the bridge nor are there any depressions in which the water may be detained.

The hill shown in the first picture is not so well prepared for rain. The cluck holes and pockets on its face will fill with water and remain in that condition until the wet can evaporate. And should the rain be a quick, heavy dashing one it will rush down the center of the highway, cutting the ruts deeper and adding to the concavity of its already-out-of-shape cross-section.

You will be astonished, writes D. Ward King, in *Breeders' Gazette*, if you will give a rutted clay hill a close examination in a comparatively dry time. Select a day when a well-dragged road is dusty. Go to the deepest rut on the neglected hill; the ridges of the rut will be baked as hard as a brick; the bottom of the rut, the wheel-rut (provided it is a much traveled road) will be nearly as hard as polished glass and will be darkly iron-stained from the friction of the iron-bound locked wheels of the loaded wagons that rubbed their way down.

Now half way between the glassy polish and the brick-hard top, in the wall of the wheel-rut, insert the blade of a penknife. Without a chance putty-like clay can be found before the knife blade penetrates to the handle. Now stand back, look on the two hard surfaces at your feet, consider the moist marble in the palm of your hand and draw conclusions.

Resin Lime Mixture.

Five pounds resin, 1 pound concentrated lye, 1 pint fish oil, 5 gallons water. Prepare stock solution by melting the resin with the fish oil and one gallon of water in a kettle over a fire. Add the lye and about half the water and boil about one hour, or until the mixture will unite with the cold water. Then add slowly enough cold water to make a total of five gallons. When spraying, take one gallon of this solution and add three gallons of milk of lime, four ounces of Paris green and 16 gallons of water.

Try This.

Ever try baking powder cans to hold the grain near the coops for the little chicks? The close-fitting covers will keep the contents dry during sudden showers, and the grain safe from sparrows, etc., even if the cans should be upset. By filling the cans when the morning feed is given, they are ready to use for the several feeds during the rest of the day.

HARROW YOUR WHEAT.

The Benefit to Be Derived is Worth the Effort.

The custom of harrowing winter wheat and rye when they have been put in with a drill, as they should be, is becoming more and more prevalent every year. Many farmers are deterred from harrowing, partly because it is an innovation, a departure from their previous methods, and the conservatism of the farmer usually keeps him from adopting any method unless he is shown pretty clearly why it is a good one. Others are deterred because they think that harrowing will probably injure the wheat. Not having been accustomed to cultivate wheat, they are loath to do so. The object of this article is to show why farmers should harrow their wheat.

In many sections of the wheat country the crop is measured largely by the amount of available moisture. If the frost goes out and the spring rains come a crust is formed on top of the wheat fields. This crust gives the most favorable conditions for the evaporation of moisture. It is brought up by capillary action from far down in the soil, passes out without hindrance, and the result is that the wheat begins to show signs of drouth, often at the critical time when it is finishing up its work. Harrowing breaks up this crust; prevents the evaporation of moisture; stores it up, so to speak, for use when the wheat is heading out and forming its seed.

Furthermore, this crust covering the soil excludes the air. Wheat roots must have air as well as the leaves, although not so great an amount. This harrowing aerates the soil and gives much more thrifty growth than it would otherwise attain. Wheat needs harrowing in the spring of the year just as much as corn needs cultivating when a crust has formed over the field after a heavy rain.

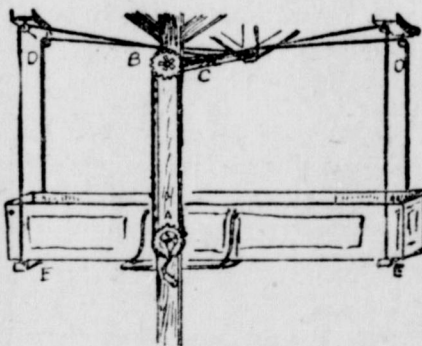
The third reason for harrowing wheat is to secure the proper depth of covering for your grass seed when sown on the wheat stubble, says Wallace's Farmer. If grass seeds are sown upon this hard crust, a portion of them will probably roll into the cracks and germinate, but on account of lack of aeration of the soil they will have a spindling growth. A large portion of them will lie on the surface of the ground or be insufficiently covered. Hence the way that will go farthest to insure a stand of clover seed is to give it covering by sowing it just before you harrow your wheat.

Don't be afraid of pulling out your wheat by harrowing if you harrow when the ground is in the right condition. We have harrowed wheat pretty severely the last few years, but have never injured it. An occasional stalk will be pulled out, but the rest will be cultivated and the final result is a thickening of the stand. One of the strongest arguments for drilling wheat is that drilled wheat can be harrowed with the minimum of danger and the maximum of profit.

THE BOY CAN DO IT.

Hoisting the Wagon Box in the Barn Made Easy.

Here is a device many farmers can make for hoisting their wagon box from the wagon. It is located in some convenient place in the barn. It consists of little more than a roller from an old binder, a large sprocket wheel



Wagon Box Hoist.

placed at the end of roller at top and a smaller sprocket wheel, lower down, to which the crank is attached.

The two sprocket wheels are connected with chain and rope drawn over the roller and carried down to both ends of the box, which are placed as illustrated. This device is particularly valuable, says Prairie Farmer, because any ordinary boy will have no trouble to load and unload a very heavy wagon box or wagon rack. Such a device as this has to be used in order to fully appreciate it.

A GRAIN BAG HOLDER.

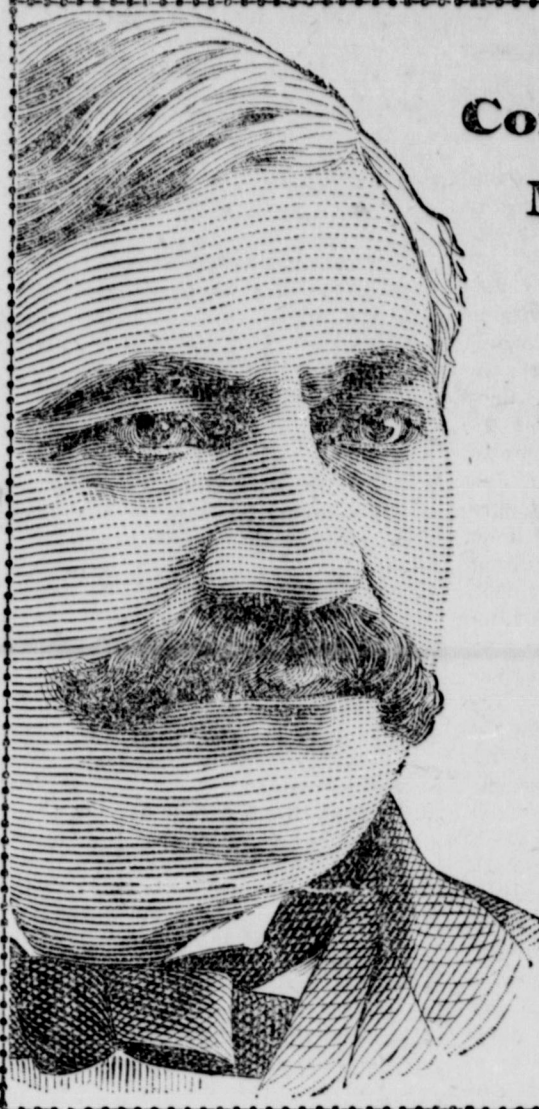
Device Easy to Make and a Great Convenience.

The upright is three and one-half feet long, and one inch thick and fifteen inches wide. The bottom plank is two feet long. The hopper is the right size to fit the bag. Hooks are screwed into the sides of the hopper or nails are driven in and filed sharp. The hooks must be just high enough so the weight of the bag will rest on the bottom board. If the hopper is too high the weight will tear the bag and if the hopper is too low you cannot fill the bag full.

The Jaded Appetite.

A jaded appetite is one of the accompaniments of spring. We get tired of salt pork, warm bread and canned goods, and long for fresh fish and something right out of the earth. Your cows have pretty much the same feeling, and the sooner you can get them a little green stuff the better they will like it.

HAD CATARRH THIRTY YEARS.



Congressman

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Relief

From

Catarrh.

CONGRESSMAN MEEKISON COMMENDS PE-RU-NA.

"I have used several bottles of Peruna and I feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head. I feel encouraged to believe that if I use it a short time longer I will be fully able to eradicate the disease of thirty years' standing."—David Meekison.

OTHER REMARKABLE CURES.

Mr. Jacob L. Davis, Galena, Stone county, Mo., writes: "I have been in bad health for thirty-seven years, and after taking twelve bottles of your Peruna I am cured." Mr. C. N. Peterson, 132 South Main St., Council Bluffs, Iowa, writes: "I cannot tell you how much good Peruna has done me. Constant confinement in my store began to tell on my health, and I felt that I was gradually breaking down. I tried several remedies, but obtained no permanent relief until I took Peruna. I felt better immediately, and five bottles restored me to complete health."

A SINCERE RECOMMENDATION.

Mr. D. C. Prosser, Bravo, Allegan Co., Mich., writes: "Two years ago I was badly afflicted with catarrh of the stomach. I had had a run of typhoid fever, was very debilitated. I could find nothing I could eat without causing distress and sour stomach. Finally I came to the conclusion that I had catarrh of the stomach and seeing Peruna advertised, began to take it. It helped me soon, and after taking three or four bottles I was entirely cured of stomach trouble, and can now eat anything."

Manufactured by Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Easy Victory for Pat.

An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotchman were one day arguing as to which of the three countries possessed the fastest trains.

Said the Englishman, "Well, I've been in one of our trains and the telegraph poles have been like a hedge."

"I've seen the milestones appear like tombstones," said the Scot.
"Be jabbers," said Pat, "I was one day in a train in my country and we passed a field of carrots, a field of turnips, a field of parsley, one of onions and then a pond of water, and we were going so fast that I thought it was broth!"

Where He Drew the Line.

A famous English barrister was upon one occasion called upon to defend a cook tried for murder, being accused of having poisoned his master. The barrister, after a most able and brilliant defense of the culprit, secured an acquittal. The cook, anxious to show his gratitude, said: "Tell me, sir, whatever can I do for you to reward you?" The triumphant counsel answered: "My good man do anything you can, but for God's sake, don't ever cook for me."

"Nails."

"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching, though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely afflicted and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch and less than one box cured me entirely."

J. M. WARD,
Index, Texas.

Thoughtless.

"Why doesn't Mrs. Flisby wear that pink dress with her red hair?"
"She probably bought the dress before she changed from a brunette."

Hicks' Capudine Cures Headache, Whether from colds, heat, stomach or nervous troubles. No Acetanilid or dangerous drugs. It's liquid and acts immediately. Trial bottle 5c. Regular size and 50c at all druggists.

Way to Judge a Man.

There are two good ways to judge a man—by what he doesn't pay and by what he doesn't say.

Garfield Tea is a natural laxative—it regulates the digestion, purifies the blood, cleanses the system, clears the complexion, brightens the eyes and brings the glow of splendid health!

If a man has brains back of his forehead he never has time to consult a beauty doctor.

There is Only One

"Bromo Quinine"

That is

Laxative Bromo Quinine

USED THE WORLD OVER TO CURE A COLIC IN ONE DAY.

Always remember the full name. Look for this signature on every box. 25c.

E. W. Groves



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in decorating the walls of your home, can be most surely effected by using

Alabastine

The Sanitary Wall Coating
The soft, velvety Alabastine tints produce the most artistic effects, and make the home lighter and brighter.

Sold by Paint, Drug, Hardware and General Stores in carefully sealed and properly labeled packages. See the package for white and blue packages for tints. See that the name "Alabastine" is on each package before it is opened either by yourself or the workman.

The Alabastine Company
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Eastern Office, 103 Water Street,
New York City.

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IN THE ROUGHEST WEATHER AND GUARANTEED ABSOLUTELY WATERPROOF



POMMEL SLICKERS \$3.50
This trade mark and the word TOWER on the buttons distinguish this high grade slicker from the just as good brands

A DEAD SHOT

For Johnson's Cream and equally sure remedy for hemorrhoids, piles, hemorrhoids, hemorrhoids, hemorrhoids. Write Hon. Frank Keil, president of the Wichita Mill & Elevator Company, Wichita Falls, Texas. Try it and you will say the same. Ask your dealer for directions or send us \$5.00 and we will ship you five gallons which will make fifty gallons of strong treating fluid. Don't put it off, get it now. A few dealers' agencies still open. Address Dept. D, Interstate Chemical Works, - Galveston.

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General Directory.

Distict Officers.
 Judge—J. W. Timmins.
 Attorney—L. B. Brightman
 Clerk—J. S. Cole.
 Court meets 4th Monday after first
 Monday in February and September.
County Officers.
 Judge—A. V. Patterson.
 Attorney—Pat Keilla.
 Clerk—J. S. Cole
 Sheriff—S. T. Wood.
 Treasurer—D. C. Burham
 Assessor—W. T. Brown.
 Inspector—W. T. Conger.
 Surveyor—W. F. Hillis
 Court meets first Monday in Febru-
 ry, May, August and November.

CHURCHES.

M. E. Church—Preaching every sec-
 ond and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and
 7:30 p. m., and fourth Sunday at 7:30 p. m.
 Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. every
 Sunday.
 Rev. S. J. Franks, Pastor.
 E. W. Foster, S. S. Supt.
 Baptist—Preaching every 1st, 3rd, 4th
 Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock a. m.
 and 7 p. m. Conference Saturday night
 before the 4th Sunday. Sunday school
 every Sunday at 9 o'clock p. m.
 Rev. Pastor.
 Prof. L. C. Durham, opt.
 Presbyterian—Preaching every 3rd
 Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock a. m.
 Rev. Black, Pastor.

STERLING CORNET BAND—W. C. Fisher
 director.

SOCIETIES.

Masonic—Sterling lodge No. 728, A.
 F. & A. M. meets Saturday nights on or
 before the full moon in each month.
 J. Carna, W. M.
 B. F. Brown, Secretary.
 Eastern Star—Meets Saturday P. M.
 8 o'clock on or before the full moon
 in each month.
 Mrs. W. L. Guter, W. M.
 B. F. Brown, Secretary.
County Commissioners.
 Com'r. 1st Dist. No. 1—A. Black.
 " " " 2—A. H. Allard
 " " " 3—D. D. Davis
 " " " 4—J. L. Glass
Judge Court.
 Court, Precinct No. 1, meets 3rd Sat-
 urday in each month. Malcolm Black, J. P.

LOCAL.

County Court next Monday.
 Oscar Rathiff is in the city
 today.
 Mrs. F. C. Sparkman has been
 very ill this week.
 High grade chocolate both in
 box and bulk. At Frank's
 John Williams of Konohas-
 sett is here today.
 Cause, kaffir corn and milo
 maize seed at Neal Reed's ranch.
 We have the best furnished
 Ice Cream Parlor in the city.
 Frank.
 We can give you the News-
 Record and St. Louis Semi-Week-
 ly Republic for \$1.50 cash.
 Miss Jennett Towers of Ballin-
 ger is visiting the family of her
 uncle, B. S. Cobb.
 Hunters:—All persons are
 forbidden to hunt on any lands
 owned or controlled by me.—
 W. L. Foster.
 Buy your supply of dry goods
 of Long Bros. & Co. while they
 can be had at prices that will
 suit you. The sale wont last
 long.

Jim Hodges of the Mulberry
 neighborhood is in town today.

John B. Ayres of Lacy Creek
 is in the city trading today.

Tom Reed has opened up a
 cold drink stand on the north
 side.

Miss Velma Dillard of Colorado
 came in yesterday on a visit to
 relatives here.

J. W. Schooler this week sold
 to L. C. Hodges 759 sheep at \$4.
 75 per head.

A fine horse belonging to J. W.
 Tweedle sickened and died Wed-
 nesday night.

All the latest whole and crush-
 ed nuts and fruits for your
 cream. At Frank's.

Four members of A. H. Allard
 's family are down with slow-
 fever.

O. H. Graham and Chas. Dgan
 are in San Angelo this week on
 business.

Clarence Sparkman is reported
 to be out punching cows this
 week.

A crowd of young our men
 spent Tuesday night on the river
 fishing.

Reece Houston and Tom Davis
 of the Lacy country are in town
 today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Crawford
 spent several days in San Ange-
 lo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Reed are in
 the city today to attend the grad-
 uating exercises.

Lowe and Mike Slaton and
 Ned Eppes made a trip this week
 to San Angelo.

Lem Latham and wife who have
 been at Post City for several
 months returned home today.

W. L. Foster went to his
 ranch near Cohooma Wednesday
 to shape up his ranch affairs.

Judge Sayle a prominent
 young attorney of Ballinger is
 here on legal business.

Steve White accompanied by
 Miss Ruth Walker of Konohas-
 sett are guests of the town today.

Col. McEntire is at the U
 ranch inspecting the stock and
 taking his annual spring outing.

Miss Pearl Latham who has
 been visiting in Snyder for several
 months returned home last
 Thursday.

Miss Maude Crain, one of the
 central phone operators at Colo-
 rado came in yesterday on a visit
 to her parents.

Will Williams arrived from
 Post City yesterday. He has
 been working there as a stone
 mason for several months.

As we go to press we learn
 that the members of A. H.
 Allard's family who are ill, are
 much improved today.

We learn a very interesting
 program will be rendered at the
 school house to night by the
 members of the school.

Walter Mann and Sid Mill
 spangh of Konohassett were in
 our city this week looking after
 business and other things.

T. P. Wethered of Milland is
 here closing up the C. W. Scud-
 dy ranch deal. Mr. Wethered
 informed us that he would make
 Sterling his head quarters in the
 future.

Verner Davis and Miss Lon-
 Lyles having completed their
 course of study will receive dip-
 lomas issued by the High School
 tonight. We extend to these
 worthy youngsters our heartiest
 congratulations on their success.

If you want bargains come
 while our sale is on—we will
 move the stock bought of J. I.
 Mabry to Ballinger in a few days.
 We are compelled to have
 money and will sell you goods at
 your own prices.
 Long Bros. & Co.

GRAHAM & SMITH
 Real Estate And Livestock Agents
 Any one wishing to sell their property will do well
 to list with our new hustling real estate firm. Ex-
 change of property a specialty. Office north side
 of square.

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 Z. L. POTTIS, Proprietor
 Best Hotel in Sterling
 Clean beds Good meals

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 BLACKSMITHING, WOOD WORK AND
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 ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

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 The Marlin Model '92, .32 caliber, mag. 32 shot and long
 range, also .24 shot and long range cartridges all in one rifle.
 These cartridges are satisfactory in every way but much lower
 in price than other .32's.
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 much more effective than a .22 caliber on such game as hawks, owls,
 foxes, woodchucks, squirrels, weasels, etc.
 Described in detail in our complete 135-page catalogue, mailed
 free for six cent postage.
 The Marlin Firearms Co.,
 42 Willow Street, New Haven, Conn.

Homer Murray and mother ac-
 companied by several Water Val-
 ley young people came up today
 to attend the High School grad-
 uating exercises.

Ben Clark of Lacy was in
 town today. He report his part
 of the country in splendid shape.
 He says the frost did but little
 damage in his section.

We learn the horse of J. W.
 Tweedle which died Wednesday
 night was poisoned from eating
 poisoned wheat which had been
 prepared for destroying prairie
 dogs. A mare belonging to Rev.
 Franks was also poisoned, but
 has about recovered.

Our sale has gone far beyond
 expectations and as so many
 seem not to be supplied with
 Spring and Summer goods we
 will hold our sale open one more
 week. If possible come in before
 May 1st, and get what you need
 at figures far below regular
 prices, after which time we will
 move the remaining part of the
 stock bought of J. I. Mabry to
 Ballinger Tex. to consolidate
 with another large stock recently
 purchased.
 Long Bros. & Co.

FEED CAKE OR MEAL
 There is no comparison in re-
 sults 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 low-
 est price. We will make it to
 your interest to do this.
 Colorado Oil & Cotton Co.,
 Colorado, Texas.

Notice to Trespassers
 Notice is hereby given, that any person,
 or persons who shall hunt, fish, out
 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 prose-
 cuted to the full extent of the law.
 Those driving stock down lane
 must keep in the lane until across Beal's
 creek.
 W. R. Felber
 By N. D. Thompson manager

Wanted:—to take in a bunch of
 stock to pasture.
 S. M. King.

NOTICE
 The Hillside school house near
 my ranch on Sterling Creek has
 been blown off its foundation, is
 without window lights, is unused
 and fast going to decay and in
 its present condition is worth-
 less: To those who contributed
 towards building it, or have
 any interest in the house, I wish
 to say that I am willing to take
 it and pay to the donors a reason-
 able sum for their share in the
 building—based of course on its
 present value. I would be pleas-
 ed to know your pleasure in this
 matter at an early date.
 W. L. Foster.

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 The Twice-a-Week Republic Now for
 50 Cents Per Year.
 The Twice a Week Republic, of St.
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 from \$1 per year to 50 cents. This is
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 States, and at the price of 50 cents per
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 page papers every week, 104 copies a
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 Your friends and neighbors will surely
 take advantage of this opportunity.
 Don't fail to tell them all about it.
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 That skilled raised stamp sad-
 dle I've been selling for \$62.50
 now \$55.00. My standard stock
 saddle always \$55.00 now \$50.00.
 A good line of mens and boys as
 well as side saddles, all of which
 I will cut in proportion, for the
 dough.
 R. B. Cummins.

NOTICE
 Any person hauling wood, fish-
 ing, hunting, or in any way tres-
 passing on any lands owned or
 controlled by me, will be prose-
 cuted.
 W. L. Foster.

W. H. Edleman, Pres., A. V. Patterson, Vice Pres., Emmet Westbrook, Cashier
FIRST STATE BANK
 OF STERLING CITY, TEXAS.
 SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT INSPECTION
 CAPITAL, \$10,000.
 We will appreciate your business.
 Accommodations cheerfully extended.

FROM THE RESTAURANT
 We are prepared to take care of our trade, and will appre-
 ciate your trade and give you the very best of attention
 while in our place. All the latest drinks and ice creams can
 be had.
 Ice cream parlor in the rear, and will try to make every
 thing pleasant for one and all.
 Come and see us and you will come again.
 Guaranteed by.
 SODA JERKER.
 FRANK.
 Sterling City.
WILLIAMS BROS

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 WILL AND TOM SAYELL, PROPRIETORS. PHONE 509, SAN ANGELO
 Leaves San Angelo every day, except Sunday, at 8:00 and ar-
 rives at Sterling at 4 p. m.
 Leaves Sterling at 7 a. m. every day, except Sunday, and ar-
 rives at San Angelo at 4 p. m.
 Will make the east bound evening train out of San Angelo,
 in case of sickness. Let us know evening before if you
 want to take the train.
 All express left at Doran Hotel

Dr. C. R. CARVER.
 General Practitioner with Surgery
 and Chronic diseases a specialty.
 Calls promptly answered day or
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 Fisher Bros' Drugstore. Phone 49
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 Dealers in
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 Carry in stock fine, complete
 line of Undertaker's Goods.

The Mensorial Parlor
 H. H. Hooker, Prop.
 HAIR CUTTING AND SHAVING
 IN MOST APPROVED STYLE

TRESPASS NOTICE.
 Any person hauling wood, fish-
 ing, hunting or in any way tres-
 passing on any lands owned or
 controlled by me, will be prose-
 cuted.
 R. W. Foster

JACK FOR SALE.
 Black mealy nose, 14 1-2 hands
 high standard measure, heavy
 boned, a good worker and a sure
 footer. See me for particulars.
 Ned Eppes

TRESPASS NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that any
 person who shall hunt, fish, out
 or haul wood, or otherwise tres-
 pass on any of the lands owned
 or controlled by me will be prose-
 cuted by the full extent of the
 law.
 A. F. Jones

POSTED.
 Our pasture is posted and all
 persons are hereby put upon
 legal notice that any one who
 shall hunt, cut or haul wood or
 otherwise trespass upon any of
 the lands owned or controlled
 by us will be prosecuted to the
 full extent of the law,
 10-26-01 Fisher Bros.

Notice to Hunters.—Posted.
 My pasture is posted accord-
 ing to the law made and provided
 in such cases and all persons are
 hereby warned and forbidden to
 hunt, fish, or otherwise trespass
 upon any of the enclosed lands
 owned or controlled by me, under
 pain of prosecution to the full
 extent of the law. J. T. Davis
 5-6-'02 tf

NOTICE—KEEP OUT.
 Notice is hereby given that any
 person who shall hunt, fish, out
 or haul wood or otherwise tres-
 passes on any of the lands owned
 or controlled by me will be prose-
 cuted by the full extent of the
 law.
 G. W. Allard,

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

TRESPASS NOTICE
 Any person hauling wood, fish-
 ing, hunting, or in any way tres-
 passing on any lands owned or
 controlled by us, will be Prose-
 cuted.
W. R. McENTIRE & SON.

WOMEN'S KIDNEYS.

Are the Source of Most of Women's Sickness.

Mrs. Rebecca Mock, 1795 E. Rich Street, Columbus, Ohio, writes: "I believe I would still be a victim of kidney troubles but for Doan's Kidney Pills, for when I started using them I was in constant pain with my back, and no other remedy had been of any use. The kidney secretions were irregular, and I was nervous and lacked energy. But Doan's Kidney Pills gave me prompt relief and continued use cured me."

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

ON THE GLAD HIGHWAY.



"Say, boss, you hasn't er dime in yer clothes, has yer?" "No, my man, I have not. But how did you guess it?"

How I Cured Sweeny and Fistula.

"I want to tell you how I saved one of our horses that had a fistula. We had the horse doctor out and he said it was so bad that he did not think he could cure it, and did not come again. Then we tried Sloan's Liniment and it cured it up nicely. "One day last spring I was plowing for a neighbor who had a horse with sweeny, and I told him about Sloan's Liniment and he had me get a bottle for him, and it cured his horse all right, and he goes off now like a colt. "We had a horse that had sweeny awfully bad and we thought it was never going to be any good, but we used Sloan's Liniment and it cured it up nicely. I told another neighbor about it and he said it was the best Liniment he ever used. "We are using Sloan's Sure Colic Cure and we think it is all right." A. D. Bruce, Aurelia, Ia.

A Dreadful Secret.

Wife—Have you any secrets you keep from me, dearest? Husband—None, darling. Wife—Then I am determined I will have none from you, either. Husband—Have you secrets, then? Wife—Only one, and I am resolved to make a clean breast of it. Husband (hoarsely)—Go on! Wife—For several days I have had a secret—a secret longed for a new dress, with hat to match, for my birthday. That fetched him.—Tattler.

Willing to Oblige.

The poor but nery young man was after the hand of the heiress. "Young man," roared her irate father, "never darken my door again." "All right, sir," replied the suitor, blandly, "I'll come around to-morrow and give it a coat of bright red paint. That will be much better than darkening it." And the next instant the poor but nery young man was being chased by a Scotch coachman, a French chauffeur and an English bulldog.

New Dinner Card Idea.

From Paris comes a decorated card-rack with a trail of artificial flowers that may be changed to suit the dinner colors and makes a pretty addition to the table. These racks are to hold a plain card upon which the guest's name is written and they may be used for a good many dinners, thus obviating the expense of the decorated dinner card every time one entertains.

BUILT RIGHT.

Brain and Nerves Restored by Grape-Nuts Food.

The number of persons whose ailments were such that no other food could be retained at all, is large and reports are on the increase. "For 12 years I suffered from dyspepsia, finding no food that did not distress me," writes a Wis. lady. "I was reduced from 145 to 90 lbs., gradually growing weaker until I could leave my bed only a short while at a time, and became unable to speak aloud. "Three years ago I was attracted by an article on Grape-Nuts and decided to try it. "My stomach was so weak I could not take cream, but I used Grape-Nuts with milk and lime water. It helped me from the first, building up my system in a manner most astonishing to the friends who had thought my recovery impossible. "Soon I was able to take Grape-Nuts and cream for breakfast, and lunch at night, with an egg and Grape-Nuts for dinner. "I am now able to eat fruit, meat and nearly all vegetables for dinner, but fondly continue Grape-Nuts for breakfast and supper. "At the time of beginning Grape-Nuts I could scarcely speak a sentence without changing words around or 'talking crooked' in some way, but my brain and nerves have become so strengthened that I no longer have that trouble." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Well-villie," in pgs.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias meets in Austin Tuesday.

County Judge Lively estimates the damage done to public property by the recent storm at \$15,000 to \$20,000.

By an overwhelming majority the people of El Paso Saturday voted to issue \$500,000 municipal improvement bonds.

Ben M. Richards, Fort Worth, shot and killed Guy M. Birdsall Saturday afternoon, he men had had a dispute over an account.

An issue of \$250,000 Matagorda County drainage bonds were approved Friday. These are drainage district bonds issued under the new drainage law.

Gustav Nelson, aged 54 years, a wharf watchman at Galveston, was found dead Monday morning at pier No. 38. He was seen alive Sunday night at 10 o'clock.

The secretary of the Southwestern Electric and Gas Association, mailed out Saturday notices pertaining to the fourth annual meeting of the association, which will be held at El Paso on May 7, 8 and 9.

Sherman County Club and other land owners west of Sherman have agreed to lease their holdings to the Red River Oil and Gas Company for the purpose of making tests in the vicinity of Sherman.

The city council of Lorraine has entered into a written contract with Higginbotham, Harris & Co., whereby the latter agrees for a period of one year to operate a water system for both public and private use.

The announcement for the Stamford Summer Normal has just been made, the term to begin Monday, June 22, and to close July 25, continuing six weeks. The normal will be held in the Collegiate Institute.

Auburn Head, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Head, living near Cleburne, while scratching matches, ignited his clothing, which were almost completely burned from his body. It is thought his life can be saved.

At San Angelo there was quite a sensation in the county court room Saturday resulting from a fight between Bud Moon and Martin Morris, parties in a civil suit. Judge Mays fined the men \$10 each for contempt, and when this was paid the trouble was at an end.

John McCarty, of Fort Worth, Tex., was shot and killed at Claremore, Ok., Saturday night and William Howell is held charged with the crime. The shooting took place at the Oxford hotel and no one seems to know anything about the events that led up to the tragedy.

The law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor on election day applies to primary elections with all its prohibitions, and the officers of primary elections shall not, on primary election day, partake of spirituous, vinous, malt or intoxicating liquors after the polls are open.—Terrell Election Law, Sec. 127.

A recent dispatch says all indications are that the shoot to be held under the auspices of the Dallas Gun club May 19, 20 and 21, at Lake Cliff Park, will be the greatest ever held in Texas, or the Southwest for that matter.

Fire broke out in the Farmers' Union warehouse at Lorraine causing a loss of about \$5,500. Thirty bales of cotton were destroyed belonging to different farmers of the community; no insurance.

Assistant Attorney General Walt-hall has advised the county attorney of Anderson county that the raffling of a suit of clothes is not a lottery scheme within the meaning of the statute prohibiting the operation of lotteries, but that it is a bona fide raffle.

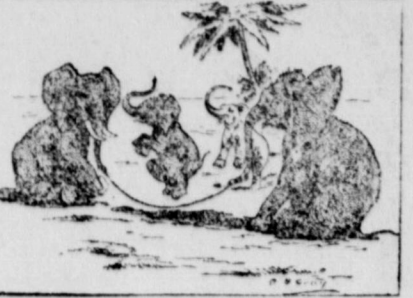
Ten barrels of sugar were stolen from a box car in the Houston and Texas Central yards in the southern part of Dallas some time Sunday night. The matter has been reported to the detective department.

Much disappointment is felt by the Texas members that the appropriation committee should have failed to provide for an item of \$370,000 in the sundry civil bill for the erection of barracks at Fort Crockett. An effort is being made to add this item.

While a northbound Brazos Valley passenger train was pulling into Waxahachie Tuesday night at a speed of about twelve miles an hour, C. O. Bohner, a fireman, fell from the cab and was severely injured.

The order to close the Santa Fe shops for a week have been posted. The order was effective Monday. The shops will open again on May 1. This will include all the shops and will affect perhaps over 500 men for a week.

SKIPPING IN THE JUNGLE.



"We Have Many Similar."

The following is an extract from a letter received from Mr. H. H. Meyers of Sturgart, Ark.: "You would greatly oblige me if you would introduce Hunt's Lightning Oil at Milledgeville, Ill., as I have many friends and relatives there, in whom I am much concerned, and I understand the Oil is not kept there. I can recommend it as the best medicine I ever had in my house. It cured me of a bad case of the Bloody Flux in less than one-half hour, and it cured my grand-daughter of a bad case of Cholera Morbus in a very short time."

THE GREAT MAN'S OCCUPATION.

Nothing Very Serious in His Mind Just at That Moment.

The multi-millionaire was being shaved. As he lay back in his chair, looking upward, his grave face gave the impression that he was in deep study.

"Ah," whispered one of the barber shop loiterers, "I'll wager a dollar against a toothpick that he is thinking about bear raids in Wall street."

"No," said another, "he is thinking about bear raids in Wall street."

"Bet he is pondering over the rebate system," echoed a third.

"I'll ask him."

Walking over to the chair, he said politely:

"Peg your pardon, sir, but to settle an argument, would you kindly tell us what mighty question you are studying over?"

The multi-millionaire turned his lathered face around and smiled. "I was just studying two flies doing handsprings on the ceiling," he chuckled, and the trio of guessers looked so sheepish they failed to hear "Next" when it was called to them.

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The Mean Man Again.

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Responsive.

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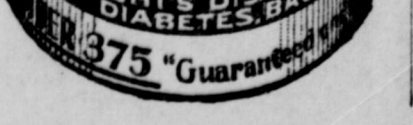
"Pardon me for the interruption," said a resolute looking spinster, "but I must go."

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