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## A HOTEL HOLOCAUST

### GUESTS DIE IN FIRE IN A FORT, WAYNE HOTEL.

## THE REGISTER DESTROYED

### Names of Some Will Never Be Known. Old Fire Trap Burned Like Tinder.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 4.—Ten known dead, many missing and thirteen seriously injured is the result of a fire that destroyed the new Avenue Hotel, Fort Wayne's principal hotel, at an early hour Sunday. Chief of Police Auckenbruch said yesterday afternoon he believed twenty bodies were still in the ruins. The interior of the building is a smoldering heap of ruins, and how many dead there are concealed by the debris can only be conjectured. The hotel register was consumed by the fire, and there are no accurate means of determining who is missing.

The fire was discovered at 3:30 o'clock in the morning in the elevator shaft by Night Clerk Ralph Pipkins. He rushed to the upper floors, alarmed the guests until the flames which had spread with appalling rapidity drove him back. His efforts, however, saved many lives. The hotel was erected half a century ago and the woodwork was dry as tinder. It burned like matchwood, and within a few minutes from the time the fire was discovered, the whole interior of the hotel was a mass of flames that filled the corridors and rooms with suffocating clouds of smoke and laid fiery barriers across all means of escape, save by the windows.

### GETTING READY TO ADJOURN.

#### The Boys are Trying to Get Back Home.

Washington, May 4.—The date of the probable adjournment of congress, recently predicted for May 16, has now been set by political prognosticators for May 23, while some shrewd congressional habitués put it into the last week of the month. Certainly there seems work enough to last until the end of the month.

To date only two of the fourteen general appropriation bills have become laws—the Indian and urgent deficiency bills. Five other important measures have not yet been passed by the senate, viz: The postoffice, agricultural, sundry civil, military academy and the general deficiency appropriation bills. The last three have not even passed the house.

### Shreveport Negro Runs Amuck.

Shreveport, La.: After a trifling dispute Sunday Charles McDaniels, a negro, shot and killed George Mayfield, another negro, and was later shot to death by a posse. After killing Mayfield McDaniels, armed with a shotgun and revolver, snapped the revolver at his sister, tried to shoot into a passenger train and snapped the weapon several times in an unsuccessful attempt to shoot members of the officers' party.

### Boosters Land a Factory.

Tulsa, Ok.—The first practical result of the Tulsa Boosters was received Saturday when the Commercial Club secured a factory for the manufacturing of oil and gas well packers. Spang & Co., of Butler, Pa., is the concern coming here. On a site along the Missouri, Kansas & Texas a large brick building will be built at once. Twenty-five skilled workmen will be employed.

### Found His Mother Dead.

Braman, Ok.: Mrs. Ellen Hand, mother of W. M. Hand, who lives two and one-half miles south of town, was found dead in her bed. Mr. Hand had been over to Salt Fork and when he returned home he heard his baby daughter, who was sleeping with her grandmother, making a noise and went into the room to see what was the matter. He called to his mother and then discovered she was dead.

### Express Robbers Confess.

Laredo: It is learned here that through the activity of the police of the City of Mexico the two robbers of the \$63,000 from the Wells-Fargo Express are in jail and both men have confessed. When first arrested both men denied having anything to do with the affair, but after several days' confinement incommunicado they broke down and confessed. The money was found by the police.

## ON THE CENTURY LINE.

### A Dallas County Great-Grandmother Gone to Rest.

Dallas, May 2.—Mrs. Lucinda Neely, aged 99 years and eight months, died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Miles Hopkins, about one mile south of Oak Cliff.

Few women in the United States enjoyed the same distinction as Mrs. Neely. She enjoyed every minute of her long life, in spite of the fact that she came of pioneer parents and endured the hardships and trials of the frontier life herself. She was probably the oldest Confederate mother in the South, and was revered and respected by every old soldier in Dallas County. She was the mother of four sons, two of whom fought and died wearing the gray, leaving only one offspring who returned home from the war alive. He is ex-County Commissioner George Neely, well known in county politics, and a grandfather himself.

### Mistaken for Burglar.

Kaufman: Bud Duncan, one of the most prominent farmers of Kaufman County, was shot and seriously injured Wednesday night at his home near Daugherty. Mr. Duncan had left home to be gone for the night and got Henry Pursfull, stay with his family for the night. Late in the night Mr. Duncan returned home and Mr. Pursfull heard him at the barn, and, thinking he was a burglar, fired at him with a shotgun, the lead taking effect in Mr. Duncan's face.

### Meets Horrible Death by Cars.

Nacogdoches: Hosea Ryan, aged 19 years, was accidentally killed Friday while coupling cars on the Hayward Lumber Company's tram at Hampton Front. The cars were loaded with logs, and as the young man stepped between the cars to couple them his head was caught between the ends of two logs, crushing his skull. He fell dead across the rails and both legs and his right arm were severed from his body.

### Talaquah Boy Wields Ax.

Talaquah, Ok.: While Fireman Gilmore of the electric light plant was away from home some one attempted to break into the house. Mrs. Gilmore warned the would-be intruder. Still persisting in trying to break in, her little son, a boy of twelve years, seized an ax and attacked the man, who was severely injured. It is stated that there is no hope for the man's recovery.

### Heir Last Seen in Waco.

Boston, Mass.: A fortune of nearly half a million dollars, which was left to a Harvard student, William S. Whitwell, who strangely disappeared from his studies five years ago, and later from Waco, Texas, where he had been traced, was begun in the Probate Court in behalf of two brothers, who seek to divide the estate, believing the missing heir dead. Cutler Whitwell of California and Sturgis Whitwell of Arizona are the brothers.

### Johnson Bureau Busy.

Washington: Frank Lynch, treasurer of the Democratic committee of Minnesota, chief mogul of headquarters in Chicago of the Presidential candidacy of Governor Johnson of Minnesota, has selected Eastern representatives who will have charge of a press bureau in Washington. It will be the chief duty of this press bureau to make a Johnson impression on the Southern States, most of which have not yet held their conventions.

### A \$63,000 Haul.

Laredo, Tex.: The Wells Fargo Express Company has reported to the authorities of Torreon, Mexico, the loss of \$63,000 in Mexican currency, which they claim was taken from a through safe on their City of Mexico train. The money was consigned to one of the banks of Chihuahua. So far two arrests have been made in Torreon, although it is not believed by the officials that the men who were arrested in Torreon have the money.

### Two Hangings in Palmetto State.

Columbia, S. C.: Ned and Tad Toland, two young negroes, who murdered Mrs. Paul Elison, an aged white woman at Cayce, Lexington County, two months ago, were hanged at the Lexington jail Friday. Gaddy Graham, a negro aged about 35 years, was hanged at Darlington for the murder of Furman Moody, a white man, the manager of a plantation in Darlington County, on November 18, 1907.

## THE MATSUHIMA SINKS

### FATAL EXPLOSION ON JAPANESE TRAINING SHIP.

## A SMALL NUMBER IS SAVED

### Only 58 Cadets Out of 300 Rescued. Cause of the Explosion Is Unknown.

Tokio, May 1.—Admiral Yoshimatsu, commander of the training squadron, reports that an explosion occurred in the stock magazine of the cruiser Matsuhima at 4:08 yesterday morning while anchored at Makang, a harbor on the Pescadore Islands.

The Matsuhima immediately sank, until only the bridge was visible. Efforts at rescue by boats from the cruisers Hayashidate and Itsukushima continued until 9 a. m., saving the lives of 141 men, including some officers.

The majority of the officers were saved, and at the time of the Admiral's report the cadets numbered 58 out of a complement of 300.

The sons of Baron Chinda, Vice-Minister of the Foreign Office and of Prince Oyama, Field Marshal, among the cadets who, it is feared, are lost; also Captains Yoshimori and Yashiro.

The cause of the explosion is unknown.

### Knox County Weather Pranks.

Gore: Something seemed to be wrong with the weather in this section Tuesday night. At 9 p. m. it was a nice, sweet, peaceful night—a near midsummer night. Then came change No. 1. A rift of clouds blew over from the northwest and we had a heavy wind storm. The wind blew with terrific force until about 2 a. m.—about four hours. Then came change No. 2. The wind calmed down and a slow, steady rain set in, which lasted four hours. Then change No. 3, a regular snow storm, set in, and for about an hour, it snowed as hard as it did any time last winter. Then the weather man seemed to get control again and the sun came out and everything looked lovely once more. Nothing seemed to be damaged by the sudden changes.

### Col. Gary Dead in Washington.

Washington: Col. Thomas A. Gary, for many years a citizen of Galveston, died in this city Wednesday night. Col. Gary was born in Virginia, and was 74 years old. When a boy he removed with his parents to Talladega County, Alabama, where he received his early education. Later he removed to Plantersville, Texas, and engaged in the mercantile business. At the outbreak of the war he entered the Confederate Army, attaining the rank of Colonel.

After the war Col. Gary established the firm of Gary & Oliphant, cotton brokers, at Galveston. In 1876 he was elected President of the Galveston Cotton Exchange. He came to Washington in 1894 and retired from business in 1897.

### Up to Rooseveltian Standard.

Dallas: Dr. C. D. Roberts of Cedar Hill reports to the county clerk's office that Mrs. Frank Nelson gave birth on April 29th to her sixteenth child. April 29th was Mrs. Nelson's birthday, also. Dr. Roberts' report is that Mrs. Nelson is thirty-eight years of age and has been married twice. She has three children from her first marriage and thirteen from her second.

### Pythians Select San Antonio.

Austin: The thirty-fifth annual convocation of the Grand Lodge, Texas Knights of Pythias, closed Thursday. It was said to have been conspicuous in the history of such conventions from its marked success. The lodge was treated most hospitably here, and the delegates felt grateful for their cordial entertainment and expectant of similar courtesy in San Antonio, which will be their hostess next.

### French Detachment Massacred

Paris: A dispatch has been received here from Dagana, West Africa, saying that a detachment of troops consisting of thirty-one native infantry and three European officers, was ambushed by natives, while on a march to Nouakshoott. Every man in the detachment with the exception of one officer was massacred. Dagana is a French trading post and military station in Senegambia.

## TEXAS NEEDS RAILWAYS.

### Yoakum Takes Optimistic View of the Situation.

St. Louis, Mo., April 30. — B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the executive board of the Rock Island-Frisco Railway Systems, delivered a notable address before the St. Louis Traffic Club Wednesday night on "The Relations of the Railroads to the Public." The speaker began his railroad career in Texas, and at the present time he is at the head of several great systems that almost make a network of steel over the great Lone Star State. Mr. Yoakum is one railroad magnate who believes that the American people are willing to treat the great corporations fairly when they gain the true situation.

The pertinent points of his address were: "There has never been a time in the history of our country when the masses so well understood the relations of the railroads to the public."

"The State of Missouri requires more railroads to hasten its advancement. The new State of Oklahoma has only one-half of its territory supplied. The State of Arkansas—the resources of which are abundant—has been slow in the construction of railroads, and therefore backward in the development of its rich, undeveloped resources, while Texas needs, and needs badly, 19,000 miles of new road to encourage its proper expansion. And so it goes, from the Great Lakes to the Northwest, and from the Mississippi River through the Middle West to the Pacific Slope."

Forty-five per cent of the total railway mileage of this country is serving sixty-nine per cent of the total area. To put it another way: East of the Mississippi there are less than five thousand acres for every mile of railroad, while west there are over thirteen thousand acres for every mile of railroad. And if the territory west of the Mississippi, which furnishes the foreign countries with bread and meat, were as well supplied with railroads as that portion east of the river, it would have more than double its present mileage to aid its development."

"Every fair-minded man must admit that the underlying principles of the policies laid down by the present administration are sound, but in the methods of their application they have been hurtful."

"We must look for a successor to President Roosevelt who shall be a big, broad-minded man."

### Owner of Texas Ranch Fights Duel.

St. Louis, Mo.: Dr. C. F. Simmons, a prominent man of St. Louis, fought a bloodless duel with Norman H. Chamberlain on the main street of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Wednesday night. Chamberlain until recently was employed in Dr. Simmons' real estate office at the Springs. When the men met on Broadway one ran behind a telegraph pole and the other behind a tree. Simmons fired five shots and Chamberlain fired three.

### Passing of Prominent Preacher.

New York: Rev. Morgan Dix, D. D., rector of Trinity Church, died Wednesday night at the rectory of Trinity in West Twenty-Fifth Street. He had been ill only since Friday, when he contracted a cold, and although he had not left the rectory thereafter, had been confined to his bed but two days with an attack of asthma. Dr. Dix was 80 years old. Heart failure caused by the asthmatic attack and his great age was the immediate cause of his death.

### Pennsylvania for Knox.

Harrisburg, Pa.: The Republican State Convention met here to name one candidate for Judge of the Superior Court, four delegates-at-large and four alternates to the National Convention at Chicago and thirty-four Presidential electors. The convention adopted resolutions instructing the delegation to vote for Philander C. Knox, the favorite son of Pennsylvania, for the Presidential nomination.

### Well Known Confederate Dead.

New Orleans, La.: Judge Ernest Miltenberger, who was one of the two Confederate Commissioners who appeared before Napoleon III in behalf of the Southern States, died here Wednesday, aged 74 years. The other Commissioner was to obtain French aid if possible, for the Confederacy. He had an audience with the Emperor, but Lee's surrender cut short his mission.

## CULBERSON IS HEARD

### TEXAN CONTENDING FOR SHIPPERS' INTERESTS.

## FIGHTS FOR THE SHIPPERS

### Culberson and Elkins Are Drawn into Conflict. Will Continue to Object.

Washington, April 29.—Unless a resolution is passed within two days suspending its operation, the commodity clause of the railroad rate law will go into effect Friday. Such a resolution was held up in the Senate yesterday by Senator Culberson, who declared that he would continue to object to the measure for relief to the railroads until at least a program had been adopted for the relief of the shipper.

An attempt will be made to take up the resolution today, and unless it is passed before Friday the railroads which have anticipated its passage will be in trouble.

The commodity clause resolution is designed to suspend the provision of the act requiring railroads to separate themselves from other business.

The sharp interchange between Senator Culberson and Senator Elkins, Chairman of the committee, came yesterday when Senator Elkins offered an amendment to his resolution. This was a suggestion from the Department of Justice intended to permit the bringing of a suit to test the law, about the constitutionality of which there has been some question. The resolution extends the time to be given to the railroads for compliance with the act until January 1, 1910.

### Could Not Control Parachute.

Fort Worth: Prof. McCormick, an aeronaut engaged to make daily balloon ascensions at a local amusement park, is unconscious at the Medical College Hospital with evidently but little chance for his recovery. While soaring at a height of 2000 feet Tuesday night McCormick disengaged the parachute from his balloon, but in so doing a hook attached to the latter caught in the canvas of the parachute, tearing a large hole. The umbrella-shaped affair careened and tossed to such an extent that McCormick could with difficulty retain his hold on the trapeze. He landed heavily on a pile of rock, but no bones were broken. The injuries received are of an internal nature and may prove fatal.

### Three Sherman Prisoners Break.

Sherman: Grayson County's three most noted prisoners broke jail Monday morning and are now at large. They are: Ed Gash, convicted for robbery and assault to murder in Grayson and Tarrant Counties; Harry Fairless, convicted of introducing stolen property and assisting prisoners to escape, and Bob Trammell, convicted of horse theft. Other charges are also pending against each of them.

### Ghastly Revenge of Negro.

Little Rock, Ark.: What was probably the most ghastly and uncanny murder in the history of Saline County occurred two miles west of Hensley late Tuesday afternoon, when Alex Brunson, a negro, killed Fred Alford, another negro, by chopping off his head with an ax. After severing Alford's head from his body, Brunson placed the head on a block and hacked it into four pieces.

### For Good Roads in Williamson.

Taylor: A twenty-horsepower Reeves traction engine, half a dozen dump wagons and other road-building machinery have been received here by the County Commissioners for road work in this precinct. This shipment is only part of an order recently placed by the Commissioners Court for the improvement of the roads in the eastern portion of Williamson County. A rock crusher and other material is expected soon.

### Held Up for \$18,000.

Bluefields, W. Va.: Four armed men held up the guards who were conveying \$18,000 from Welch to Gary, W. Va., to pay off the employees of the United States Coal and Coke Company, a subsidiary company of the United States Steel Corporation. The money had been shipped by the McDowell County National Bank. There is no clew to the robbers, but a sheriff's posse is scouring the surrounding country.

## ONLY TWO BATTLESHIPS.

### President's Beligerent Ideas Again Smashed.

Washington, April 28.—By an overwhelming vote President Roosevelt's four battleship program failed in the Senate just as it did in the House. The amendment for four battleships was introduced by Senator Piles and the fight for its adoption was led by Senator Beveridge.

Twenty-three votes were cast for the increased program, the number being largely made up of recently-elected Senators. Fifty Senators voted to support the House and the recommendation of the Senate Naval Committee in favor of building only two battleships. The debate on the battleship amendment lasted three days, to the exclusion of all other matters. It was begun by Senator Beveridge with an eloquent appeal for the support of the President and a suggestion that a larger navy might be needed for war. Members of the committee upbraided the Indiana Senator for this veiled hint of war with another country, and sought to make him admit that he meant Japan. At times the discussion came near being acrimonious, especially sharp exchanges occurring between Senators Aldrich and Beveridge. The former's residence to Mr. Beveridge excited Senator Smith of Michigan to protest against the Senate chamber being "made a slaughter house for the young Senator from Indiana."

It was developed by Senator Allison during the debate that there is a well-defined understanding among the Senate leaders for the authorization of two battleships each year until the American navy is regarded as sufficient to meet any demands that may be made upon it.

### Bad Wreck on the Frisco.

Paris: The Frisco passenger train due to arrive here at 9:30 a. m. Monday went into a ditch near Stanley, Ok., at 7 o'clock that morning. The sleeper and two coaches completely left the rails after the front part of the train had passed. It is impossible to furnish a list of the injured, which is swelled to twenty-five by late reports, and two are reported as dead since the wreck occurred.

### Childress Death Sentence Commuted.

Austin: Governor Campbell has commuted the death sentence of W. E. Childress of Fort Worth to five years' imprisonment. Childress was sentenced to hang for an alleged criminal assault upon a child, the date of execution being set for May 1. Much influence was brought to bear in Childress' behalf and his determination to give further consideration to his application may result in further action in the defendant's behalf.

### Crying Child Reveals Mother's Death.

Paris: Mrs. J. Y. Hoge, wife of Office Deputy Sheriff Hoge, was found dead Monday afternoon in the back yard of her home on North Main Street. She and the youngest child, three years old, were at home alone. A neighbor was attracted by the child crying and went to investigate and found that the mother was dead. She had been troubled with neuralgia, and it is thought that it struck her heart.

By unanimous consent the House Tuesday authorized the President to direct the Secretary of War to furnish tents, provisions and supplies and render such other aid as he may deem necessary to the storm sufferers in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

### Stampeded the Congregation.

Pittsburg: Sunday while services were being held at the negro Methodist Church here, a panic was caused by a limb falling on the roof of the building from an adjacent tree. As the building had previously been declared unsafe, the congregation thought the house was falling and took flight, many of the negroes jumping through the windows to the ground and sustaining injuries from broken glass and falls.

### For Return of Cotton Tax.

Washington: Reasons why Congress should return to nine Southern States an amount aggregating \$60,000,000 alleged to have been illegally collected during the Civil War as a cotton tax, were set forth to the House Monday in a speech by Representative Spight of Mississippi. The speech was based on a memorial of the Mississippi Legislature urging this action, and to carry out which Mr. Spight has introduced the bill.



**WOMEN'S KIDNEYS.**

Are the Source of Most of Women's Sickness.

Mrs. Rebecca Mook, 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 Sweeney 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 sweeney, 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 sweeney 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 by a new dress, with hat to match, for my birthday.

That fetched him.—Tatler.

**Willing to Oblige.**

The poor but nervy 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 nervy 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 Wellville," in pkgs.

**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 Wait-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.

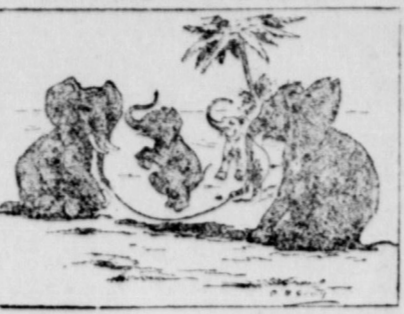
Ten barrels of sugar were stolen from a box car in the Houston and Texas Central yards in the southern part of Dallas some time Sunday night. The matter has been reported to the detective department.

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 Stuttgart, 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:

"Beg 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 handstands on the ceiling," he chuckled, and the trio of guessers looked so sheepish they failed to hear "Next" when it was called to them.

**BABY'S ITCHING HUMOR.**

Nothing Would Help Him—Mother Almost in Despair—Owes Quick Cure to Cuticura.

"Several months ago, my little boy began to break out with itching sores. I doctored him, but as soon as I got them healed up in one place they would break out in another. I was almost in despair. I could not get anything that would help him. Then I began to use Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment, and after using them three times, the sores commenced to heal. He is now well, and not a scar is left on his body. They have never returned nor left him with bad blood, as one would think. Cuticura Remedies are the best I have ever tried, and I shall highly recommend them to any one who is suffering likewise. Mrs. William Geeding, 102 Washington St., Attica, Ind., July 22, 1907."

**The Mean Man Again.**

"Come on, son," said the old farmer, after the daybreak breakfast, "and we'll get out in the fields and start plowing."

"But I can't plow to-day," protested the youngster. "I have chills. Why, dad, I am shaking all over."

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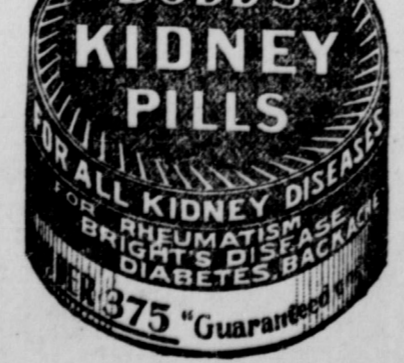
"Pardon me for the interruption," said a resolute looking spinster, "but I must go."

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## A HOTEL HOLOCAUST

### BUESTS DIE IN FIRE IN A FORT, WAYNE HOTEL.

### THE REGISTER DESTROYED

Names of Some Will Never Be Known. Old Fire Trap Burned Like Tinder.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 4.—Ten known dead, many missing and thirteen seriously injured is the result of a fire that destroyed the new Avenue Hotel, Fort Wayne's principal hotel, at an early hour Sunday. Chief of Police Auckenbruch said yesterday afternoon he believed twenty bodies were still in the ruins. The interior of the building is a smouldering heap of ruins, and how many dead there are concealed by the debris can only be conjectured. The hotel register was consumed by the fire, and there are no accurate means of determining who is missing.

The fire was discovered at 3:30 o'clock in the morning in the elevator shaft by Night Clerk Ralph Pipkins. He rushed to the upper floors, alarmed the guests until the flames which had spread with appalling rapidity drove him back. His efforts, however, saved many lives. The hotel was erected half a century ago and the woodwork was dry as tinder. It burned like matchwood, and within a few minutes from the time the fire was discovered, the whole interior of the hotel was a mass of flames that filled the corridors and rooms with suffocating clouds of smoke and laid fire barriers across all means of escape, save by the windows.

### GETTING READY TO ADJOURN.

#### The Boys are Trying to Get Back Home.

Washington, May 4.—The date of the probable adjournment of congress, recently predicted for May 16, has now been set by political prognosticators for May 23, while some shrewd congressional habitués put it into the last week of the month. Certainly there seems work enough to last until the end of the month.

To date only two of the fourteen general appropriation bills have become laws—the Indian and urgent deficiency bills. Five other important measures have not yet been passed by the senate, viz: The postoffice, agricultural, sundry civil, military academy and the general deficiency appropriation bills. The last three have not even passed the house.

### Shreveport Negro Runs Amuck.

Shreveport, La.: After a trifling dispute Sunday Charles McDaniels, a negro, shot and killed George Mayfield, another negro, and was later shot to death by a posse. After killing Mayfield McDaniels, armed with a shotgun and revolver, snapped the revolver at his sister, tried to shove into a passenger train and snapped the weapon several times in an unsuccessful attempt to shoot members of the officers' party.

### Boosters Land a Factory.

Tulsa, Ok.—The first practical result of the Tulsa Boosters was received Saturday when the Commercial Club secured a factory for the manufacturing of oil and gas well packers. Spang & Co., of Butler, Pa., is the concern coming here. On a site along the Missouri, Kansas & Texas a large brick building will be built at once. Twenty-five skilled workmen will be employed.

### Found His Mother Dead.

Braman, Ok.: Mrs. Ellen Hand, mother of W. M. Hand, who lives two and one-half miles south of town, was found dead in her bed. Mr. Hand had been over to Salt Fork and when he returned home he heard his baby daughter, who was sleeping with her grandmother, making a noise and went into the room to see what was the matter. He called to his mother and then discovered she was dead.

### Express Robbers Confess.

Laredo: It is learned here that through the activity of the police of the City of Mexico the two robbers of the \$63,000 from the Wells-Fargo Express are in jail and both men have confessed. When first arrested both men denied having anything to do with the affair, but after several days' confinement incommunicado they broke down and confessed. The money was found by the police.

## ON THE CENTURY LINE.

### A Dallas County Great-Grandmother Gone to Rest.

Dallas, May 2.—Mrs. Lucinda Neely, aged 99 years and eight months, died yesterday morning at 6 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Miles Hopkins, about one mile south of Oak Cliff.

Few women in the United States enjoyed the same distinction as Mrs. Neely. She enjoyed every minute of her long life, in spite of the fact that she came of pioneer parents and endured the hardships and trials of the frontier life herself. She was probably the oldest Confederate mother in the South, and was revered and respected by every old soldier in Dallas County. She was the mother of four sons, two of whom fought and died wearing the gray, leaving only one offspring who returned home from the war alive. He is ex-County Commissioner George Neely, well known in county politics, and a grandfather himself.

### Mistaken for Burglar.

Kaufman: Bud Duncan, one of the most prominent farmers of Kaufman County, was shot and seriously injured Wednesday night at his home near Daugherty. Mr. Duncan had left home to be gone for the night and got Henry Pursfull, stay with his family for the night. Late in the night Mr. Duncan returned home and Mr. Pursfull heard him at the barn, and, thinking he was a burglar, fired at him with a shotgun, the lead taking effect in Mr. Duncan's face.

### Meets Horrible Death by Cars.

Nacogdoches: Hosea Ryan, aged 19 years, was accidentally killed Friday while coupling cars on the Hayward Lumber Company's tram at Hampton Front. The cars were loaded with logs, and as the young man stepped between the cars to couple them his head was caught between the ends of two logs, crushing his skull. He fell dead across the rails and both legs and his right arm were severed from his body.

### Talaquah Boy Wields Ax.

Talaquah, Ok.: While Fireman Gilmore of the electric light plant was away from home some one attempted to break into the house. Mrs. Gilmore warned the would-be intruder. Still persisting in trying to break in, her little son, a boy of twelve years, seized an ax and attacked the man, who was severely injured. It is stated that there is no hope for the man's recovery.

### Heir Last Seen in Waco.

Boston, Mass.: A fortune of nearly half a million dollars, which was left to a Harvard student, William S. Whitwell, who strangely disappeared from his studies five years ago, and later from Waco, Texas, where he had been traced, was begun in the Probate Court in behalf of two brothers, who seek to divide the estate, believing the missing heir dead. Cutler Whitwell of California and Sturgis Whitwell of Arizona are the brothers.

### Johnson Bureau Busy.

Washington: Frank Lynch, treasurer of the Democratic committee of Minnesota, chief mogul of headquarters in Chicago of the Presidential candidacy of Governor Johnson of Minnesota, has selected Eastern representatives who will have charge of a press bureau in Washington. It will be the chief duty of this press bureau to make a Johnson impression on the Southern States, most of which have not yet held their conventions.

### A \$63,000 Haul.

Laredo, Tex.: The Wells Fargo Express Company has reported to the authorities of Torreon, Mexico, the loss of \$63,000 in Mexican currency, which they claim was taken from a through safe on their City of Mexico train. The money was consigned to one of the banks of Chihuahua. So far two arrests have been made in Torreon, although it is not believed by the officials that the men who were arrested in Torreon have the money.

### Two Hangings in Palmetto State.

Columbia, S. C.: Ned and Tad Toland, two young negroes, who murdered Mrs. Paul Ellison, an aged white woman at Cayce, Lexington County, two months ago, were hanged at the Lexington jail Friday. Gaddy Graham, a negro aged about 35 years, was hanged at Darlington for the murder of Furman Moody, a white man, the manager of a plantation in Darlington County, on November 18, 1907.

## THE MATSUHIMA SINKS

### FATAL EXPLOSION ON JAPANESE TRAINING SHIP.

### A SMALL NUMBER IS SAVED

Only 58 Cadets Out of 300 Rescued. Cause of the Explosion Is Unknown.

Tokio, May 1.—Admiral Yoshimatsu, commander of the training squadron, reports that an explosion occurred in the stock magazine of the cruiser Matsuhima at 4:08 yesterday morning while anchored at Makang, a harbor on the Pescadore Islands.

The Matsuhima immediately sank, until only the bridge was visible. Efforts at rescue by boats from the cruisers Hayashidate and Itsukushima continued until 9 a. m., saving the lives of 141 men, including some officers.

The majority of the officers were saved, and at the time of the Admiral's report the cadets numbered 58 out of a complement of 300.

The sons of Baron Chinda, Vice-Minister of the Foreign Office and of Prince Oyama, Field Marshal, among the cadets who, it is feared, are lost; also Captains Yoshimori and Yashiro. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

### Knox County Weather Pranks.

Goree: Something seemed to be wrong with the weather in this section Tuesday night. At 9 p. m. it was a nice, sweet, peaceful night—a near midsummer night. Then came change No. 1. A rift of clouds blew over from the northwest and we had a heavy wind storm. The wind blew with terrific force until about 2 a. m.—about four hours. Then came change No. 2. The wind calmed down and a slow, steady rain set in, which lasted four hours. Then change No. 3, a regular snow storm, set in, and for about an hour, it snowed as hard as it did any time last winter. Then the weather man seemed to get control again and the sun came out and everything looked lovely once more. Nothing seemed to be damaged by the sudden changes.

### Col. Gary Dead in Washington.

Washington: Col. Thomas A. Gary, for many years a citizen of Galveston, died in this city Wednesday night. Col. Gary was born in Virginia, and was 74 years old. When a boy he removed with his parents to Talladega County, Alabama, where he received his early education. Later he removed to Plantersville, Texas, and engaged in the mercantile business. At the outbreak of the war he entered the Confederate Army, attaining the rank of Colonel.

After the war Col. Gary established the firm of Gary & Oliphant, cotton brokers, at Galveston. In 1876 he was elected President of the Galveston Cotton Exchange. He came to Washington in 1894 and retired from business in 1897.

### Up to Roosevelt Standard.

Dallas: Dr. C. D. Roberts of Cedar Hill reports to the county clerk's office that Mrs. Frank Nelson gave birth on April 29th to her sixteenth child. April 29th was Mrs. Nelson's birthday, also. Dr. Roberts' report is that Mrs. Nelson is thirty-eight years of age and has been married twice. She has three children from her first marriage and thirteen from her second.

### Pythians Select San Antonio.

Austin: The thirty-fifth annual convocation of the Grand Lodge, Texas Knights of Pythias, closed Thursday. It was said to have been conspicuous in the history of such conventions from its marked success. The lodge was treated most hospitably here, and the delegates felt grateful for their cordial entertainment and expectant of similar courtesy in San Antonio, which will be their hosts next.

### French Detachment Massacred

Paris: A dispatch has been received here from Dagana, West Africa, saying that a detachment of troops consisting of thirty-one native infantry and three European officers, was ambushed by natives, while on a march to Nouakchott. Every man in the detachment with the exception of one officer was massacred. Dagana is a French trading post and military station in Senegambia.

## TEXAS NEEDS RAILROADS.

### Yoakum Takes Optimistic View of the Situation.

St. Louis, Mo., April 30. — B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the executive board of the Rock Island-Frisco Railway Systems, delivered a notable address before the St. Louis Traffic Club Wednesday night on "The Relations of the Railroads to the Public." The speaker began his railroad career in Texas, and at the present time he is at the head of several great systems that almost make a network of steel over the great Lone Star State. Mr. Yoakum is one railroad magnate who believes that the American people are willing to treat the great corporations fairly when they gain the true situation.

The pertinent points of his address were:

"There has never been a time in the history of our country when the masses so well understood the relations of the railroads to the public." "The State of Missouri requires more railroads to hasten its advancement. The new State of Oklahoma has only one-half of its territory supplied. The State of Arkansas—the resources of which are abundant—has been slow in the construction of railroads, and therefore backward in the development of its rich, undeveloped resources, while Texas needs, and needs badly, 10,000 miles of new road to encourage its proper expansion. And so it goes, from the Great Lakes to the Northwest, and from the Mississippi River through the Middle West to the Pacific Slope."

Forty-five per cent of the total railway mileage of this country is serving sixty-nine per cent of the total area. To put it another way: East of the Mississippi there are less than five thousand acres for every mile of railroad, while west there are over thirteen thousand acres for every mile of railroad. And if the territory west of the Mississippi, which furnishes this country, and to a great extent foreign countries with bread and meat, were as well supplied with railroads as that portion east of the river, it would have more than double its present mileage to aid its development."

"Every fair-minded man must admit that the underlying principles of the policies laid down by the present administration are sound, but in the methods of their application they have been hurtful." "We must look for a successor to President Roosevelt who shall be a big, broad-minded man."

### Owner of Texas Ranch Fights Duel.

St. Louis, Mo.: Dr. C. F. Simmons, a prominent man of St. Louis, fought a bloodless duel with Norman H. Chamberlain on the main street of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Wednesday night. Chamberlain until recently was employed in Dr. Simmons' real estate office at the Springs. When the men met on Broadway one ran behind a telegraph pole and the other behind a tree. Simmons fired five shots and Chamberlain fired three.

### Passing of Prominent Preacher.

New York: Rev. Morgan Dix, D. D. rector of Trinity Church, died Wednesday night at the rectory of Trinity in West Twenty-Fifth Street. He had been ill only since Friday, when he contracted a cold, and although he had not left the rectory thereafter, had been confined to his bed but two days with an attack of asthma. Dr. Dix was 80 years old. Heart failure caused by the asthmatic attack and his great age was the immediate cause of his death.

### Pennsylvania for Knox.

Harrisburg, Pa.: The Republican State Convention met here to name one candidate for Judge of the Superior Court, four delegates-at-large and four alternates to the National Convention at Chicago and thirty-four Presidential electors. The convention adopted resolutions instructing the delegation to vote for Philander C. Knox, the favorite son of Pennsylvania, for the Presidential nomination.

### Well Known Confederate Dead.

New Orleans, La.: Judge Ernest Miltenberger, who was one of the two Confederate Commissioners who appeared before Napoleon III in behalf of the Southern States, died here Wednesday, aged 74 years. The other Commissioner was to obtain French aid if possible, for the Confederacy. He had an audience with the Emperor, but Lee's surrender cut short his mission.

## CULBERSON IS HEARD

### TEXAN CONTENDING FOR SHIPPERS' INTERESTS.

### FIGHTS FOR THE SHIPPERS

Culberson and Elkins Are Drawn into Conflict. Will Continue to Object.

Washington, April 29.—Unless a resolution is passed within two days suspending its operation, the commodity clause of the railroad rate law will go into effect Friday. Such a resolution was held up in the Senate yesterday by Senator Culberson, who declared that he would continue to object to the measure for relief to the railroads until at least a program had been adopted for the relief of the shippers.

An attempt will be made to take up the resolution today, and unless it is passed before Friday the railroads which have anticipated its passage will be in trouble. The commodity clause resolution is designed to suspend the provision of the act requiring railroads to separate themselves from other business.

The sharp interchange between Senator Culberson and Senator Elkins, Chairman of the committee, came yesterday when Senator Elkins offered an amendment to his resolution. This was a suggestion from the Department of Justice intended to permit the bringing of a suit to test the law, about the constitutionality of which there has been some question. The resolution extends the time to be given to the railroads for compliance with the act until January 1, 1910.

### Could Not Control Parachute.

Fort Worth: Prof. McCormick, an aeronaut engaged to make daily balloon ascensions at a local amusement park, is unconscious at the Medical College Hospital with evidently but little chance for his recovery. While soaring at a height of 2000 feet Tuesday night McCormick disengaged the parachute from his balloon, but in so doing a hook attached to the latter caught in the canvas of the parachute, tearing a large hole. The umbrella-shaped affair careened and tossed to such an extent that McCormick could with difficulty retain his hold on the trapeze. He landed heavily on a pile of rock, but no bones were broken. The injuries received are of an internal nature and may prove fatal.

### Three Sherman Prisoners Break.

Sherman: Grayson County's three most noted prisoners broke jail Monday morning and are now at large. They are: Ed Gash, convicted for robbery and assault to murder in Grayson and Tarrant Counties; Harry Fairless, convicted of introducing stolen property and assisting prisoners to escape, and Bob Trammell, convicted of horse theft. Other charges are also pending against each of them.

### Ghastly Revenge of Negro.

Little Rock, Ark.: What was probably the most ghastly and uncanny murder in the history of Saline County occurred two miles west of Hensley late Tuesday afternoon, when Alex Brunson, a negro, killed Fred Alford, another negro, by chopping off his head with an ax. After severing Alford's head from his body, Brunson placed the head on a block and hacked it into four pieces.

### For Good Roads in Williamson.

Taylor: A twenty-horsepower Reeves traction engine, half a dozen dump wagons and other road-building machinery have been received here by the County Commissioners for road work in this precinct. This shipment is only part of an order recently placed by the Commissioners Court for the improvement of the roads in the eastern portion of Williamson County. A rock crusher and other material is expected soon.

### Held Up for \$18,000.

Bluefields, W. Va.: Four armed men held up the guards who were conveying \$18,000 from Welch to Gary, W. Va., to pay off the employees of the United States Coal and Coke Company, a subsidiary company of the United States Steel Corporation. The money had been shipped by the McDowell County National Bank. There is no clew to the robbers, but a sheriff's posse is scouring the surrounding country.

## ONLY TWO BATTLESHIPS.

### President's Belligerent Ideas Again Smashed.

Washington, April 28.—By an overwhelming vote President Roosevelt's four battleship program failed in the Senate just as it did in the House. The amendment for four battleships was introduced by Senator Piles and the fight for its adoption was led by Senator Beveridge.

Twenty-three votes were cast for the increased program, the number being largely made up of recently-elected Senators. Fifty Senators voted to support the House and the recommendation of the Senate Naval Committee in favor of building only two battleships. The debate on the battleship amendment lasted three days, to the exclusion of all other matters. It was begun by Senator Beveridge with an eloquent appeal for the support of the President and a suggestion that a larger navy might be needed for war. Members of the committee upbraided the Indiana Senator for this veiled hint of war with another country, and sought to make him admit that he meant Japan. At times the discussion came near being acrimonious, especially sharp exchanges occurring between Senators Aldrich and Beveridge. The former's residence to Mr. Beveridge excited Senator Smith of Michigan to protest against the Senate chamber being "made a slaughter house for the young Senator from Indiana."

It was developed by Senator Allison during the debate that there is a well-defined understanding among the Senate leaders for the authorization of two battleships each year until the American navy is regarded as sufficient to meet any demands that may be made upon it.

### Bad Wreck on the Frisco.

Paris: The Frisco passenger train due to arrive here at 9:30 a. m. Monday went into a ditch near Stanley, Ok., at 7 o'clock that morning. The sleeper and two coaches completely left the rails after the front part of the train had passed. It is impossible to furnish a list of the injured, which is swelled to twenty-five by late reports, and two are reported as dead since the wreck occurred.

### Childress Death Sentence Commuted.

Austin: Governor Campbell has commuted the death sentence of W. E. Childress of Fort Worth to five years' imprisonment. Childress was sentenced to hang for an alleged criminal assault upon a child, the date of execution being set for May 1. Much influence was brought to bear in Childress' behalf and his determination to give further consideration to his application may result in further acting in the defendant's behalf.

### Crying Child Reveals Mother's Death.

Paris: Mrs. J. Y. Hoge, wife of Office Deputy Sheriff Hoge, was found dead Monday afternoon in the back yard of her home on North Main Street. She and the youngest child, three years old, were at home alone. A neighbor was attracted by the child crying and went to investigate and found that the mother was dead. She had been troubled with neuralgia, and it is thought that it struck her heart.

By unanimous consent the House Tuesday authorized the President to direct the Secretary of War to furnish tents, provisions and supplies and render such other aid as he may deem necessary to the storm sufferers in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

### Stampeded the Congregation.

Pittsburg: Sunday while services were being held at the negro Methodist Church here, a panic was caused by a limb falling on the roof of the building from an adjacent tree. As the building had previously been declared unsafe, the congregation thought the house was falling and took flight, many of the negroes jumping through the windows to the ground and sustaining injuries from broken glass and falls.

### For Return of Cotton Tax.

Washington: Reasons why Congress should return to nine Southern States an amount aggregating \$60,000,000 alleged to have been illegally collected during the Civil War as a cotton tax, were set forth to the House Monday in a speech by Representative Spight of Mississippi. The speech was based on a memorial of the Mississippi Legislature urging this action, and to carry out which Mr. Spight has introduced the bill.



Goodby Mister Johnson, Goodby.

Bailey has "quieted Texas parties."

In this county last Saturday the primaries gave Bailey 57 and Johnson 105. The Sterling City box 31 for Bailey and 23 for Johnson.

The frost Wednesday night did considerable damage to young cotton. This is quite late for Jack Frost to be loafing around. Wish he would go on.

Mr. Bryan has now over two-thirds of the delegates of the different states instructed for him. Out of a possible 1008 votes, 876 have been declared for him.

With hardly an exception, the ex-populists of Sterling voted for the Waco ticket. If they voted over the state as they voted here, the Waco ticket had but few old line democratic supporters.

We have a nice vocabulary of epithets, pet names and campaign tales that we would like to sell to those who contemplate taking a hand on either side of the coming prohibition campaign, yarns made to fit either side and epithets that are warranted to take the hide off every crack.

DENTAL NOTICE.

Dr. R. A. Lindley the dentist will be in Sterling City about June 1st., wait for and see him before having your teeth fixed, all work guaranteed.

GIVE US A REST

Some of our exchanges are taking up a great deal of space in explaining how it happened. Is it possible these darn fools can't see that it was a lack of votes?

Why don't they give us a rest? They know the political pond is covered with dead ducks and their feathers are all over the gulf.

Why will they still persist in afflicting the people with their state anti-Bailey rot when every sensible man knows that the thing is over? Shut up, please, and give us a rest! Let us talk steers, crops, and such things for awhile.

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

S. M. King.

NOTICE

Dunn Bros. having turned back the Duran Wagon Yard are still doing business at their stalls at the corner.

WANTED

Immune cattle to pasture at 15 cents per head.

E. J. Bedell, Konchassett.

STALLION NOTICE

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

A Song Saved Their Lives.

Three men in a boat on the Allegheny river, near Pittsburg, fell into the water the other night, and not being able to swim, were in danger of drowning. But a companion on the shore began lustily to sing "The Moonlight on the Lake" to encourage them. And although there was no moonlight and no lake in sight, they were so anxious to join in the chorus that they forgot they couldn't swim and kept up until they were rescued.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

The public school closed last Friday night with a splendid program. The Auditorium of the school building was crowded even to standing room when the exercises began. Our boys and girls covered themselves with glory in rendering their parts in such superb manner.

The graduation paper read by Miss Lona Lyles was a masterpiece and a fitting espousal of her finished labors in this school. Verner Davis made a speech that many an orator of distinction would have been proud of.

He impressed those who heard him with the idea that if he kept on he would be heard from in the days to come. After reading her paper and making his speech, Miss Lona Lyles and Mr. Verner Davis were presented their diplomas by W. F. Kellis who spoke in praise of the school, its management and its boys and girls.

When the diplomas had been presented, the graduates were presented with many beautiful flowers that befitted the occasion by their friends, who congratulated them most heartily.

Prof. J. G. McMillan, Prof. E. H. Sparkman, Miss Bettie Lou Deau and Mrs. Alice Foster merit the eternal gratitude of the children, and parents of this community for their unselfish, honest and earnest devotion to their duty as teachers and the able manner in which they have conducted this school. There are few schools in Texas that have been blessed with as fine a faculty as we have had for the past year.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE

J. P. Sewell delivered a prohibition lecture at the court house to a respectable audience of ladies and gentlemen on Monday night.

After the lecture a county organization was perfected and C. R. Carver was made county chairman and W. V. Churchill secretary. At the close of the organization a voluntary contribution to the state prohibition fund was called for and \$61.00 was secured.

BAILEY WINS A COMPLETE VICTORY HE SWEEPS THE STATE.

After one of the most bitter and fiercely fought political campaigns that was ever known in the annals of this republic, Senator Bailey won a decided victory over his enemies by at least 35,000 majority. Out of the 16 congressional districts in Texas, he carried 13 while Cope Johnson carried 3. In spite of the most irresistible elements—90 per cent of the newspapers, Mr. Bailey goes to Denver as a delegate to the National Convention and back to the senate with the fresh stamp of the approval of his people.

In spite of Cyclone Davis and his boasted 10500 expopulists to cast into the balance, Cope Johnson and his co-conspirators against the organized democracy have been buried face downward.

Last Saturday was a red letter day for grand old Texas. For the third time our junior senator has been tried as by fire and came forth like pure gold.

COUNTY COURT

County Court met last Monday and disposed of the docket as follows:

STATE DOCKET

State vs R. A. Ferguson—carrying a pistol, Deft. plead guilty and was fined \$100.

State vs J. T. Davis carrying a pistol, Deft. plead guilty and was fined \$100.

State vs R. A. Ferguson—aggravated assault, plea of guilty and Deft. fined \$50.

State vs J. T. Davis—aggravated assault, trial by jury, verdict of simple assault and fined \$5.

CIVIL DOCKET

Dunree vs Sterling Realty Co. verdict for plaintiff.

Trammell et al vs Mann et al continued.

Jackson & Hicks vs Tweedle—verdict for plaintiff.

T. C. Wynn, C. E. Dubois and W. A. Wright of San Angelo and Jeff D. Ayres, Pat Kellis and W. F. Kellis of Sterling were the attorneys attendant upon the court.

LET US HAVE PEACE

The election is over and the incidents of the campaign are now a matter of history. In the heat of the fight many of us forgot the Golden Rule and have been unjust to those who held adverse views to that of our own. Let us make up again, forgive the past and work for the common good of our land and country.

If the result of the election is a mess of crow to you, why, take it like a good democrat and make up your mind to bow to the will of the majority like a man. Cal-tivate the spirit of give and take.

If you were on the Bailey side, don't crow too loud in the hearing of your anti-Bailey neighbors, for it takes a man of nerve to respect the vanquished decently.

We know that it is hard to restrain one's self in the moment of victory, but it is far better to do your "hollering" where the defeated cannot hear you—On the other hand, if you were an anti-Bailey man do not be so small enough to say that the Bailey people were unjust, unfair and corrupt, for in that event you may be reflecting on your relations.

In other words "let us have peace."

Don't get the idea that because your side did not win that the country will go to the dogs—wags for if you did not know who was in office, you could never tell the difference by the price of bacon and britches.

EXECUTION SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS: COUNTY OF STERLING In the District Court of Sterling County, Texas; M. Z. House Plaintiff, VS C. Wynn and T. B. Waldrip—Defendants,

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued by the District Court of Sterling County, Texas, on a judgement rendered in said court on the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1908, in favor of the said M. Z. House, and against the said C. Wynn and T. B. Waldrip, No. 179 on the docket of said court, I did, on the second day of May, A. D. 1908, at 9 o'clock, a. m. levy upon the following described tracts or parcels of land situated in Sterling County, Texas, and belonging to the said C. Wynn, to-wit: all that certain tracts or parcels of land known as the south one-half of section No. 36, Block "W" surveyed by virtue of certificate No. 2-1563, issued by the Texas and Pacific Ry. Co. containing 320 acres of land; and on the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1908, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right title and interest of the said C. Wynn in and to the above described real estate.

Dated at Sterling City, this 5th day of May, A. D. 1908.

S. T. Wood, Sheriff of Sterling Co. Tex.

Died:—On Saturday, May 2nd, at the M. E. Parsonage, Mrs. Tabitha Scott, aged 86 years.

The remains was taken to San Angelo where it was prepared for interment by the San Angelo Furniture Co., from whence it was shipped to Gatesville for burial. Dec eased came to Texas in an early day; she was twice married. Our pastor, Rev. S. J. Franks is her son by her first husband who died at Gatesville.

Her second husband Mr Scott survives her and has his home at Millersview and was with her when she died.

To Brother Franks we extend sincere sympathy in the loss of a loving mother.

NOW THAT IT HAS RAINED

You will need more Farming Tools. Some had faith and have bought part of their plows. They are now ready to go to work. It is not too late, however, and We have the Goods, and

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 primaries.

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 primaries.

We are authorized to announce E. H. Sparkman a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

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 primaries.

We are authorized to announce J. S. Johnston a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce G. G. Ainsworth 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 primaries.

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. R. 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.

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W. F. KELLIS.

STERLING CITY, - TEXAS

The Mountain Feuds.

The feuds and assassinations which for ten years have made Breathitt county, Kentucky, the most infamous spot in the United States have lately attracted new attention because of the tragic death of the man to whom, more than to anyone else, the reign of terror was due. It would be hard to find, even in a Greek play, a more dramatic ending to a career of abhorrent crime. The man who had become both a political and a financial king of his mountain realm; who had debauched the civil life of his state as well as that of his county, and who had no one knows how many assassinations to his discredit, was finally shot down in cold blood, in his own store, by the son whom he had allowed to grow up in untaught, unrestrained drunken viciousness. Nothing stranger exists in the civilization of the United States than the feuds of which that which has just ended is typical. The actors are of the purest American blood, the most unimpaired lineage, of any people in the country. They are forceful, proud and independent, and possessed of more than ordinary natural ability; but they have lived in isolation, cut off from the learning of the schools and almost everything else which spells progress. Covariant intermarriages have intensified natural traits and raised the sense of family solidarity to a height that has rarely existed elsewhere except among the Scottish clans in the days of the border warfare. It has been the family or the friend against the world, with the Colt or the Winchester as the court of last resort. The end of these feuds, remarks the Youth's Companion, is undoubtedly in sight, if it has not already been reached. Even before this latest murder, public indignation, like a tide, had been rising slowly and irresistibly in Kentucky. It had already sent to the penitentiary for life two of the most notorious of the assassins, and had driven others from the state. The partricial bullet may have been only anticipatory.

Mr. Valerian Gribayedoff, who died recently in Paris, was called "the father of newspaper illustration." The practice of illustrating news articles was, of course, common to many weekly papers long before Mr. Gribayedoff reached New York in the early '80s; but it was he who first saw and mastered the difficulty of making illustrations for the dailies, and his work gave an enormous impetus to what may be called the graphic reporting of news. Through no fault of the distinguished Russian artist, his innovation also gave impetus, if not origin, to a new kind of "faking"—the "illustration" drawn from telegraphic reports, which, as the New York Nation remarks, might as well be drawn from the imagination. Many of the so-called newspaper "artists" of the day might profitably study the faithful work and the admirable skill which Mr. Gribayedoff put into his drawings.

The anti-vivisection agitation is spreading. It is a practice so particularly liable to abuse that the lay public, inspired by the progressive humanity of the age, demands more than mere denials of cruelty and indifference to suffering to convince them that it is exercised under all possible humane restraints. An international mass-meeting is to be held in Paris to demand the necessary legislation in the case. In this country the crusade has been vigorously taken up, and the interests of science itself requires that it should be completely and convincingly cleared of the charge of unnecessary brutality in experiments on living animals.

At the end of December, 1907, the state of New South Wales, Australia, had a population of 1,571,300, being an increase of 40,330 for the year, the largest since 1885, the last year of the previous extensive assisted immigration scheme. The excess of immigration over emigration was 14,500, which is the largest for 16 years, and 5,500 more than in 1906.

A French scientist protests against the common idea that a microbe is necessarily a thing of evil, and says that while there are many bad microbes, the vast majority of them are good and useful. The same may be said about men. Perhaps, in the general scheme of things, man is but a microbe himself.

As a recent meeting of the New Jersey Federation of Women's clubs one of the speakers referred to servant girls as "animals." An investigation would probably reveal the fact that the speaker has recently been forced to do her own housework.

A Georgia woman has been deserted by her fourth husband because he didn't like her cooking. A woman with her experience ought to have been able to pick out a man who was able to hire a cook.

The Baby

By Owen Oliver

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When the baby was three weeks old they said that Omi could come down-stairs for an hour or two in the afternoon. So I went home early and carried her down. She laughed so much that I had to laugh, too.

"Why!" she said. "Here's my old laughing Jimmy come back again! I thought I'd lost him."

I hadn't been laughing very much lately; and I had my reasons; but I didn't want to talk about them. So I pretended to be out of breath, and carried her to the armchair and tucked her up in a rug, and made her lie against the pillows. Then I fetched



"Why Have You Given Up Laughing, Jimmy?"

another chair, and sat beside her, and tried to change the subject.

"It's nice to have you down again, Omi," I told her.

"Yes—Why have you given up laughing, Jimmy?"

"So you've noticed," I said slowly. I could see that it was no use trying to put her off. It never is.

"Of course!" She nodded. "What is it?"

"Another bad habit!" I explained. "You see, I got into rather a way of worrying—before. I wouldn't let you see that I worried, but—"

Omi looked up at me and smiled.

"I saw, Jimmy," she stated.

"Yes, I suppose you did. I thought, if I pretended to be cheerful, it would cheer you up a bit."

"It did." Omi held out her hand, and I squeezed it. "And I thought it would cheer you up a bit, if I pretended that I didn't see! Aren't we dreadful pretenders, Jimmy?"

She laughed again. She didn't seem to have altered a bit.

"I don't seem to be a success as a pretender," I owned. "You always see through me."

"Yes. So you may as well tell me at once. What is it?"

"I don't know—"

"Jimmy!" She shook her head at me. "You do."

"I don't know how to put it, I mean."

"No," she contradicted, "you mean that you don't know how to avoid 'putting it.' It's no use bothering about that, because I'm going to make you tell me the truth. And now you can do it!"

"Well," I said, "it's like this: You see, you weren't just an ordinary wife, Omi. You were a—a sort of chum, too. We liked the same things and the same people, and making fun of everything, and going out together; and things seem different when you have a chum to do them with; and I hadn't any chum when she was upstairs; and so I didn't feel like laughing; and that's all."

"And now she's down-stairs," said Omi; "and that's all. But you aren't even smiling. That isn't a smile. It's only a grimace. What is it?"

"Nothing," I told her. She didn't contradict me, but watched me with her finger on her cheek.

"Baby is a funny little creature," she remarked, at last.

"He's a funny little creature," I agreed.

"Do you think he's like you?" she inquired.

"No," I said emphatically. "I don't."

"Nurse says he is."

"They always do."

"Mrs. Harraden thinks so, too; and you always say that she's so sensible."

"You have taken away her reputation in a breath."

"I think he's like you. But Mrs. Villiers says he's like me."

"Good gracious, no!" I cried energetically. "Fancy comparing a baby—or anything—to Omi!"

"Who do you think he's like?"

"He's more like a monkey than anything," I growled.

"Yes!" Omi laughed. "Isn't he? Very like a monkey." I was rather taken aback at this. I had expected her to be indignant.

"He's not more like a monkey than other babies," I qualified.

"Not so much," she said. "Not nearly so much. He's very good-looking—for a baby; and he's got your nose; and he takes a lot of notice, and seems to know people. I'm sure he likes holding my finger better than anybody's!"

"And you like holding his finger better than anybody's," I told her.

Omi selected one of my fingers, and held it tightly.

"Now I see," she cried. "You're jealous!"

"No-o," I corrected. "Not exactly jealous. I do feel a bit envious—sometimes; but that is beastly of me; and I'll soon get over it."

"There's nothing to get over, Jimmy; but I ought to like him, too."

"I want you to like him just as much as other mothers like their babies."

"Oh," Omi clasped her hands. "But other mothers can't love their baby so much as I love mine—yours! I may love him, mayn't I, Jimmy?"

"Of course you may."

"And you will, won't you?"

"I dare say I shall get to like the little sleepy bundle, when he's bigger."

"You like him now, Jimmy," she insisted.

"Yes. I suppose I do. Well, I do, then."

"So you can't be jealous of me liking him."

"I'm not jealous, Omi. I—I don't know how to explain what I mean exactly."

Omi leaned her head against my shoulder, and didn't say anything.

"It's two troubles in one," I confessed. "The first is that you won't be able to do all the things we used to do together, on account of—"

"The little soft, sleepy bundle," she said gently.

"The little soft, sleepy bundle. And so we shan't be quite such chums as we used to be."

"We shan't be able to do things together quite so often; but we shall be just as great chums, Jimmy. Think how delighted we shall be when the sleepy bundle goes to sleep; and we can run off together and be—just the same as we've always been."

"Ah!" I said. "We shan't be just the same, Omi. That is the second trouble; the real one. We were just two together; and you couldn't say what one was apart from the other. Now you'll live part of your life with him instead of with me, and so you'll alter; and I shall alter, because you have altered. I don't mean that we shall drift apart, or anything of that sort. You'll be a good chum still; and so shall I. We shall be just as fond of each other, I hope, then; but we shan't be quite the same people. Anyway, we shan't have quite the same jolly times. There was nothing I wanted altered Omi."

Omi drew a deep breath.

"I see what you mean, Jimmy," she agreed. "I shall have to look after the baby; and so I shan't be able to do things with you sometimes. So you'll drop into the club, and— Don't protest, Jimmy. I'd rather you'd fill up the time pleasantly. And I shall take very good care that you like me better than the club. We shall still be great friends—you mean that, don't you?"

"Yes, little wife."

"Very great friends; but we shan't be a pair by ourselves; and we shall live little pieces of life that are different. And so we shall come to look at things a little differently. Is that it?"

"That's it, Omi."

"But don't we do that now, Jimmy? You have your office; and a little golf; and once I let you go yachting for two whole days—but I never will again! I couldn't rest a minute."

"Little goose!"

"Yes. And I have the house; and shopping; and afternoon calls. Why should I alter because I have another—amusement? He's a very little one, Jimmy."

"Yes," I agreed. "He's a very little one; but the other things didn't reckon, and he does."

"Yes. He does; but— There are some friends who reckon, Jimmy. There was a time when I felt about them as you feel about baby. I'm much more jealous than you really, and—I expect you know why I didn't like the 'clan' at first, though you've never told me."

"Yes," I agreed. "I know."

"And now I'm so fond of Elsie; and I sent you to take her home the other night, and never worried for a second; and I wouldn't give the dear old clan up for anything. We don't love each other less because we love our friends more, do we?"

"No, dear; but we have the same friends."

Omi pulled one arm out of the rug, and put it around me.

"Jimmy," she said. "We have the same baby!"

A man may be clever and wise—though I am neither—but a woman is far cleverer and wiser. I shall always feel that, when Omi said that, she made a difference in both our lives; but I didn't see it all at once.

**Rat Upsets German Town.**

The worthy burghers of the German town of Charlottenburg were put in an extraordinary plight the other day by one obscure and unreckoned little rat. Charlottenburg was having a gay night at cafes and hotels and theaters after a festival when suddenly the lights all over town went out. The greatest confusion prevailed in the restaurants and beer gardens and in private residences. The failure of the lights is not such an uncommon thing anywhere, but this occurrence was mysterious to the electric lighting company for many hours until they discovered that a rat had jumped down among the bus bars at the power station and its body had upset the entire mode of electrical transmission. When the rat was removed, Charlottenburg again saw light enough to use the finger bowl.

The man who falls without an excuse is certainly lacking in imaginative powers.

BORAX IN THE DAIRY

A Matter of Profitable Interest to the Farmer and Dairyman

The problem of keeping sweet all the utensils used in connection with milk and cream selling, and butter making, has been a serious one with the farmer.

He has come to realize fully that the slightest taint or hint of staleness left in a can, tin or churn may ruin a whole output; that the taint which is left in the form of bacteria which grow and multiply in milk or butter, producing disastrous results.

The farmer has learned that hot water won't rinse away the greasy residue in dairy utensils.

He has learned that soap leaves a residue of its own which is, if anything, worse than the milk or cream residue, and it is little wonder that that there has been a constant clamor for a dairy cleanser and sweetener that will meet modern requirements.

A few of the largest creamery establishments have called experts into consultation on this problem and have with this scientific aid hit upon a product of nature which exactly fills the bill—borax.

Scientists have long known borax as a cleanser, a sweetener and an anti-septic destroyer of bacteria and germ growths. Destroys all that is harmful and promotes and preserves freshness, sweetness and purity, relieving the dairyman and dairy housewife of drudgery and of needless work and worry.

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The cow's udder is kept in a clean, healthy and smooth condition by washing it with borax and water, a tablespoonful of borax to two quarts of water.

This prevents roughness and soreness or cracking teats, which make milking time a dread to the cow and a worry to the milker.

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**He Wanted Pie.**

William J. Ryan, president of the supreme council of public hackmen of New York, said the other day that the winter panic had reduced the hackmen's receipts considerably.

"We'll have to come down to English rates—12 cents a mile instead of 50 cents—if we have many more such panics," Mr. Ryan said. "Everybody felt the pinch. I overheard a tramp grumbling in a public square.

"The trade ain't like it used to be," he said. "Here ten times running to-day I've asked for a bit of bread, and what do they give me? Why, darn it, just a bit of bread."

**Paving the Way.**

"George," said the pretty girl, "I know you're awful bashful."

This was portentous, with leap year so new. He blushed assent.

"And you'd have proposed to me except for that?"

This, too, he was bound to acknowledge.

"Well, I would have accepted," she went on, "and so that's settled."

Discussing the matter later she expressed a natural pride that she had not taken any advantage of the season.

**Uminous.**

"The bookkeeper," said the junior partner, "has been married nearly four months now."

"Well," demanded the senior partner, "what of that?"

"Why, he hasn't asked for an increase in salary—"

"Heavens! We must have his accounts examined."—Catholic Standard and Times.

**FRIENDS HELP.**

**St. Paul Park Incident.**

"After drinking coffee for breakfast I always felt languid and dull, having no ambition to get to my morning duties. Then in about an hour or so a weak, nervous derangement of the heart and stomach would come over me with such force I would frequently have to lie down."

"At other times I had severe headaches; stomach finally became affected and digestion so impaired that I had serious chronic dyspepsia and constipation. A lady, for many years State President of the W. C. T. U., told me she had been greatly benefited by quitting coffee and using Postum Food Coffee; she was troubled for years with asthma. She said it was no cross to quit coffee when she found she could have as delicious an article as Postum.

"Another lady who had been troubled with chronic dyspepsia for years, found immediate relief on ceasing coffee and beginning Postum twice a day. She was wholly cured. Still another friend told me that Postum Food Coffee was a Godsend to her, her heart trouble having been relieved after leaving off coffee and taking on Postum.

"So many such cases came to my notice that I concluded coffee was the cause of my trouble and I quit and took up Postum. I am more than pleased to say that my days of trouble have disappeared. I am well and happy." "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

BUYING PAINT BLINDLY.

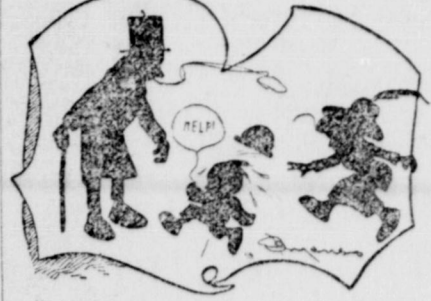
Many people look upon paint buying as a lottery and so it is, the way they do it. It is not necessarily so, however. Pure White Lead and linseed oil are the essential elements of good paint. Adulterants in white lead can be easily found by the use of a blowpipe. Adulterants in linseed oil can be detected with a fair degree of certainty. See that these two elements are pure and properly put on and the paint will stay put.

National Lead Company, Woodbridge, Building, New York City, will send a blowpipe outfit and instructions for testing both white lead and linseed oil, on request.

**NO MARRIAGE BELLS FOR HIM.**

"What's the matter, boy?"

"Ge! Mamie says it's leap year an' she's goin' ter propose to me!"



"What's the matter, boy?"

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The battle was going against him. The commander-in-chief, himself ruler of the South American republic, sent an aid to the rear, ordering Gen. Blanco to bring up his regiment at once. Ten minutes passed, but it didn't come. Twenty, 30, an hour—still no regiment. The aid came tearing back hatless, breathless.

"My regiment! My regiment! Where is it? Where is it?" shrieked the commander.

"General," answered the excited aid, "Blanco started it all right, but there are a couple of drunken Americans down the road and they won't let it go by."—Everybody's Magazine.

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LEON COOKE, Notary Public, do hereby certify that FRANK J. CHERNEY, of the firm of F. J. CHERNEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State of Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CUTANEA that cannot be cured by the use of HUNT'S CUTANEA OINTMENT.

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# WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH THE HIGHWAYS

BY HOWARD H. GROSS, SPECIAL AGENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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ST now there is no more important question before the American public than the general improvement of the highways to the standard of twentieth century requirements. The volume of traffic over the public highways is equal to or exceeds that of all the railroads. The food products of the world pass over these roads to reach the market. Bad roads interfere with the regular distribution of these products, resulting in an erratic and inconsistent supply for a fixed and regular demand.

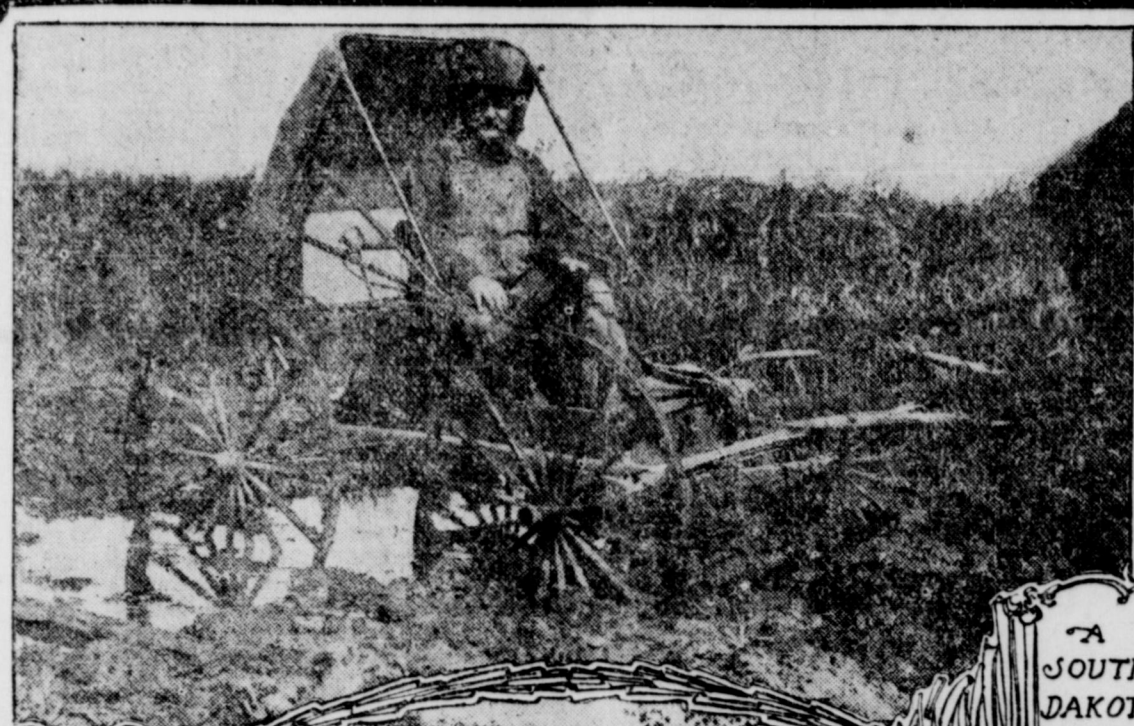
Bad roads have necessitated the practice of rushing the crops to market all in a heap; taking but two or three months instead of spreading this delivery over six to ten months. Scientifically, farm products should be moved from producer to consumer as they are needed for consumption, but the farmer will find the roads in the winter and spring bad and at times practically impassable, and for this very reason he hurries his grain to market as soon as harvested.

This causes congestion on the railroads and works havoc in business conditions. The "moving of the crops" requires an enormous amount of money, and a general upheaval in financial centers every fall is the result of this sudden drain.

The hurried disposition of the year's crop has necessitated the building of large storage houses in the grain centers to care for it. In Chicago the storage charge is nine cents per bushel per year; the carrying capacity of the elevators of that city alone is about 85,000,000 bushels, representing a storage charge of over \$5,000,000 per year. The passing of the crop supply into the control of the grain kings means a loss to the farmer and an additional and unnecessary cost to the consumer.

The general improvement of the highways of the country is vastly more important to the people as a whole than the building of the Panama canal, the improvement of the inland waterways, or the irrigation of the semi-arid lands of the west.

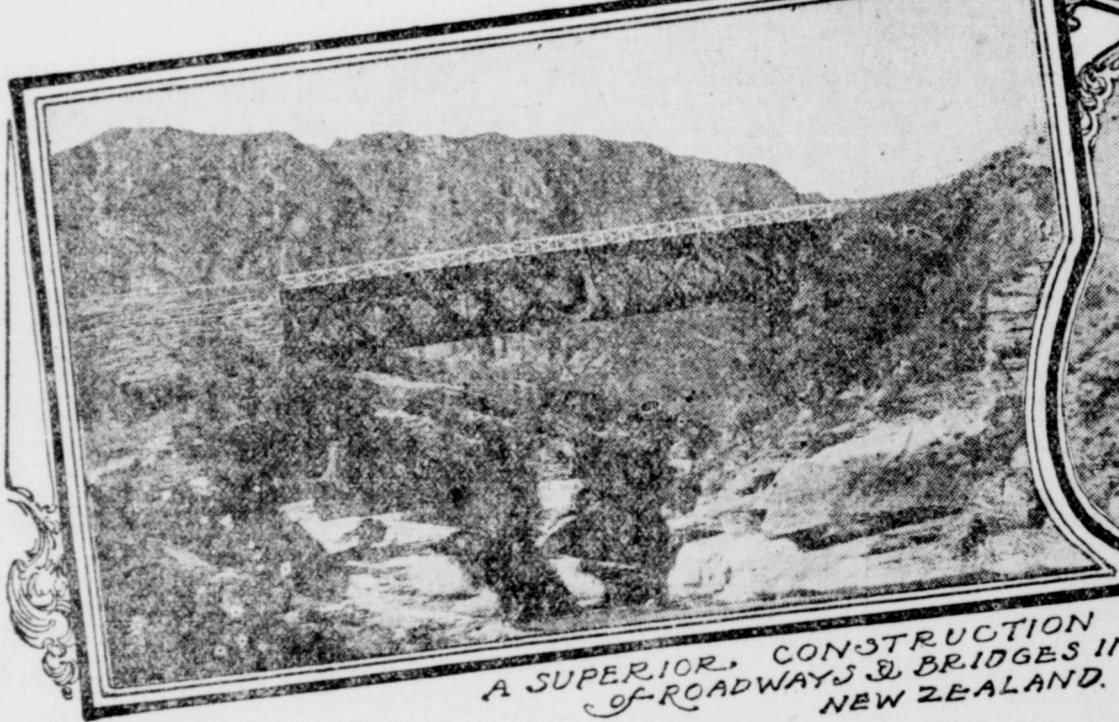
Those who have traveled know that the roads throughout Europe are good; the same is true of



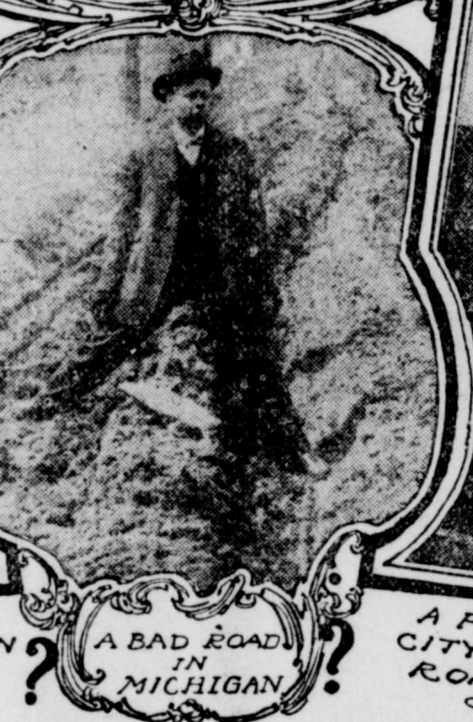
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A BAD ROAD IN MICHIGAN



A PROSPEROUS NEW ZEALAND CITY, MADE BY GOOD ROADS

more forcibly how great is the burden of bad roads than anything else can possibly do.

The Clear Lake earth road leading into Springfield, Illinois, showed an average traffic for four days in March, 1906 of 65½ vehicles per day. Over the same road in June and July the average was 389 vehicles! On the same days in Peoria, 60 miles away, under the same weather conditions but over a hard road, the traffic for March was 166, and the average for June and July 153.

Observations at Champaign over an earth road showed the average for January, February and March to be 63, as against 200 for September and October. The count at Decatur over a gravel road was March and April, 240; July and August, 278. Over an earth road leading into Sullivan, the count for January, February and March was 54; August and September, 316.

While delivering an address upon good roads, the writer was once interrupted and asked if he would favor taxing the widow's cottage to help build the roads. He answered that he certainly would, as the annual tax would probably not exceed 10 or 15 cents, and he gave the following illustration of how bad roads burden the people: A woman goes into a grocery store for a dozen eggs and a pound of butter. When told the prices, she protests. The grocer in defense, says: "Well, you see, madam, the roads are so bad now, very few farmers are coming to town, so butter and eggs are scarce." She pays three cents more for the eggs and four cents more for the butter, and this seven cents represents her bad road tax paid that evening. This is repeated from time to time throughout the year, not only in her case but in hundreds of others in that town and in thousands of towns throughout the length and breadth of the land. There is no doubt that the woman in question would benefit through good roads by at least ten times the amount of the tax on her cottage.

It would be interesting to take a concrete example of state aid, apply it to a typical farm in one of the central western states and see exactly what state aid means so far as taxes upon that farm are concerned. For the purpose of illustration, let us take an average farm of 160 acres in the corn belt of Illinois, and see what the effect upon the taxes on that farm would be if the state should undertake a very vigorous campaign

Australia and New Zealand, countries newer than our own, less populous, and with nothing like our aggregate wealth. The fact that the rest of the world has good roads while we have bad ones is significant; it shows that the plan we have been pursuing has not been successful. In three hundred years less than eight per cent of the highways of our country have been permanently improved and at the rate we are going it would require nearly four thousand years to complete the job. So as roadbuilders the people of the United States have been a failure.

This is all the more surprising when we consider that they are conspicuously successful in every other line of human endeavor. Millions upon millions of dollars have been wasted in every state in the union upon the public roads by ill-timed or misdirected effort and with really very little to show for the expenditure. It is only within the last ten or fifteen years that any real progress has been made along the line of permanently improving the conditions.

The trouble is we have been endeavoring to untangle the snarl by pulling the wrong string. Without any reason for doing so, the farmers of the country, from Maine to California, from the very first assumed that the country roads belonged to them and it was their business to improve them, and this misconception held sway for nearly 300 years.

A few years ago a man in New Jersey made a discovery. It was that the highways are public property, as much so as the state house. This raised the question: "Why, if the highways are public property, should not the public take care of its own; why should not the state and all property therein contribute to building the roads?" Everybody is interested in them, everybody is affected through the markets by the road conditions; they are benefited by good roads and injured by bad ones. The new thought spread throughout the state and finally New Jersey led the way to better conditions by passing a law by which the state should contribute one-third the money required to improve the roads. Other states followed, increasing the proportion to one-half and in one case, Massachusetts, to three-fourths.

In many cases of the New England states farm property is only a very small portion of the total taxable property, in some cases not ten per cent, and when the cost of road improvement was distributed over all property of the state, the burden was hardly felt, and yet immense sums were raised for road purposes. Best of all, the roads were built under proper supervision, instead of leaving it to the inexperienced hands of the local path master.

Ten years ago New York state began in a small way to aid and appropriated \$50,000 to start the work. The plan grew in favor so rapidly that within five years the state by an overwhelming vote passed a constitutional amendment providing for an issue of \$50,000,000 in bonds to help build the highways. What a record! In five years from fifty thousand to fifty millions! The tax necessary to pay the interest on this enormous

sum and then finally pay off the bonds will hardly be felt by the property owners of the Empire state owing to their immense list of taxable property.

Ohio, after 40 years of building roads by the old plan of local taxation and bond issues, in which the farmer had to pay practically the whole bill, has passed a state aid law which will enable it to build three miles of improved roads where it has been building one, without any increase whatever in taxation upon farm property.

Virginia is the first southern state to join the state aid column for good roads. Kentucky is alive to the situation and is taking steps to change its constitution in order to be in a position to spread the road tax over all the property in the state.

In certain parts of the country, notably in the Mississippi valley, there is an entire misconception as to what the state aid plan of road building means. Some imagine the state would take control of the highways, build expensive roads and tax the people to pay for them; others that it is a scheme to force road building against the wishes of the farmers. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The state does not in any manner, under a state aid law, interfere with the absolute local control of the highways. The voters of every township decide whether any roads shall be improved, what roads, to what extent, when it shall be done, if at all. The state has absolutely no voice in the matter. If, however, the township, by a majority vote, decides to build a road under the state aid plan, it makes application to the state for that purpose; the state engineer thereupon visits the locality, goes over the road proposed to be improved with the local authorities, and decides upon the character of the improvement best suited to the conditions. He then prepares plans and specifications and when these are approved by the highway commissioners or other properly constituted local authorities, the contract is let to the lowest responsible bidder and the work is then done under the supervision of the state engineer. This insures proper construction and that means durability and low cost to maintain the road afterward.

Under a state aid law not a rod of road could be built unless the residents of a township decided to do so. Not a dollar of state money could be expended unless the farmers who live in the rural township voted for improvements.

If it should be alleged that state aid was a plan to compel railroads, corporations, merchants and manufacturers to help build the roads, it would not be far from the truth. Under state aid the farmers control the situation; if they decide to improve the roads the other people are obliged to help pay the bill.

In order to build roads cheaply they should be built extensively. It costs a great deal more proportionately to build a half mile of road than it does to build ten half miles. No contractor cares for a small job but for a large one competition is keen. It takes just as much time and bother to get ready to build half a mile of road as it does to build ten miles. By building in the larger quantities from 20 to 25 per cent, in cost of construction can be saved.

As roads properly built will last for a great many years they should be built as school houses and court houses are built, viz: by a bond issue; thus a township under state aid could build 10, 15 or 20 miles of roads in one year, have the roads to use, and spread the payment of the same over say 10 or 20 years. If this is done and the state aid plan prevails, there will be very little, if any, increase in taxation.

Few people have any idea to what extent bad roads interfere with travel and how they affect the business of the merchant in the country town. The Illinois highway commission has gathered some very valuable data upon the effect of road and weather conditions upon highway traffic. Observations were made at 72 well distributed points in the state and an actual count was made by the vehicles passing upon different days throughout each month of the year, covering all kinds of weather and road conditions.

The report shows that traffic over stone or gravel roads was fairly uniform throughout the year, while upon the earth roads it was subject to the widest variations. The following figures are significant and tell

of road building under state aid, one that contemplates an expenditure of the enormous sum of \$50,000,000 in ten years—enough money to improve all the main highways of the state, connect every community with the market town and county seat and give a complete network of good roads from Galena to Cairo; the plan being that the state should pay one-half the expense and the townships or road districts the other

If \$50,000,000 were expended in ten years, the state would be required to raise \$25,000,000 of it. There is in the state property to the total assessed valuation of \$1,250,000,000. To raise \$2,500,000 a year, or \$25,000,000 in ten years, would require a two mill tax upon this property; so a two-mill tax applied to all the property of the state of Illinois at the present assessed valuation (and not taking into account the possible increase in value thereof) would produce the sum required.

The records show that the taxing value of an average 160 acre farm in the corn belt of Illinois is a little less than \$2,000, the actual value being approximately \$10,000. A two-mill state tax on this farm assessed on the value of \$2,000 would be exactly \$4 a year and no more, and in ten years the state tax would be \$40, which would be the farm's proportion of the \$25,000,000 total. Where this farm would pay \$40, one single corporation in the city of Chicago would have to pay \$570,000, another \$190,000, and the railways of the state over two millions of dollars. Thus we see by a state levy of two mills for ten years, one-half of the \$50,000,000 is provided for. The other half must be raised by local taxation or by a bond issue.

Let us assume that the township in which the farm in question is located votes bonds to the full constitutional limit, that is, goes into debt just as far as it can go and pays the highest interest that the law permits it to pay. The limit of the bond issue is five per cent of the assessed valuation, so the amount of bonds resting upon the farm would be five per cent, of \$2,000, or exactly \$100, payable one-tenth each year, with interest at five per cent. The total interest on this bond issue, so far as this farm is concerned, for the ten years would be \$27.50.

Thus, if we add the bonds..... \$100.00  
Interest on bonds..... 27.50  
And the state tax of..... 40.00

We have a total tax on the farm of...\$167.50 which is exactly the amount of the tax that would be levied and collected upon this farm for both state aid and to pay off the road bonds and interest. This amount is about 10½ cents per acre per year and the total charge against the farm for the whole ten years would be \$1,675 per acre. This amount of money paid by the farm under the state aid plan would enable the state to expend \$50,000,000 upon its highways, and the expenditure of that sum would add to the value of farm property at least five and probably ten times as much as the respective farms would be taxed in order to pay the bill.

The following table compiled from figures gathered by the agricultural department in 1904 shows the percentage of improved roadways in each state:

Alabama .....	3.43	Iowa .....	1.62	Nevada .....	.50	South Dakota .....	.25
Arizona .....	3.62	Kansas .....	1.26	New Hampshire .....	8.55	Tennessee .....	8.74
Arkansas .....	.84	Kentucky .....	16.90	New Jersey .....	16.82	Texas .....	1.75
California .....	18.87	Louisiana .....	.18	New Mexico .....	.01	Utah .....	8.57
Colorado .....	.58	Maine .....	9.10	New York .....	7.94	Vermont .....	13.45
Connecticut .....	16.75	Maryland .....	9.35	North Carolina .....	2.52	Virginia .....	3.98
Delaware .....	2.20	Massachusetts .....	46.89	North Dakota .....	.35	Washington .....	6.17
District of Columbia .....	68.58	Michigan .....	10.13	Ohio .....	23.75	West Virginia .....	.97
Florida .....	5.09	Minnesota .....	7.37	Oklahoma .....	.9	Wisconsin .....	16.72
Georgia .....	2.85	Mississippi .....	.38	Oregon .....	7.55	Wyoming .....	1.46
Idaho .....	1.16	Missouri .....	8.62	Pennsylvania .....	2.10		
Illinois .....	8.41	Montana .....	.38	Rhode Island .....	43.26		
Indiana .....	34.94	Nebraska .....	.32	South Carolina .....	4.48	The United States ..	7.14



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M. E. Church—Preaching every second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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SOCIETIES.

Masonic—Sterling lodge No. 728, A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday nights on or before the full moon in each month.

Eastern Star—Meets Saturday P. M. 3 o'clock on or before the full moon in each month.

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Justice Court. Court, Precinct No. 1, meets 3rd Saturday in each month, Malcolm Black J. P.

LOCAL.

High grade chocolate both in box and bulk. At Frank's this week.

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

Lay Powell of Colorado was here Tuesday. He reports his part of the country in fine shape.

Will Edwards who resides in the Sterling Creek neighborhood was among the visitors this week.

Hunters:—All persons are forbidden to hunt on any lands owned or controlled by me.

Pink Wilson of San Angelo but formerly of this county was among the visitors to the city this week.

Shuefoot-Shuecum-Tex-Beece William-Bird-Houston, who has been the city for several days, has at last drifted back up on Lucy Creek.

M. L. Metz, B. C. Jackson, R. A. Hall, Oscar Cain, Willis Lawhorn, C. W. Trammell and wife of San Angelo attended court here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sparkman's infant is quite ill.

J. W. Doran of San Angelo attended court here this week.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Coulson has been quite sick.

L. C. Dupree of Colorado attended our County Court this week.

Elbert and Walter Fisher have been surveying land this week.

Cane, kaffir corn and m'lo maize seed at Neal Reed's ranch.

Harry Tweedle of Sterling Creek was in town attending court this week.

We have the best furnished Ice Cream Parlor in the city.

Trustee H. Davis is busy this week taking the scholastic census of this district.

Wait until Dr. Linley the dentist comes before you have your teeth worked on.

S. R. Cox and W. L. Lemmons with their families are fishing on the river at the McGee dam.

Cider, Cider, the very finest that has ever been in our town, call and test it, it all comes from Frank's.

C. E. Dubois, T. C. Wynn and W. A. Wright of the San Angelo bar attended our County Court this week.

J. T. Davis and W. L. Foster left today for Ozona to shape up their cattle there.

Quite a crew of cowboys accompanied them.

J. A. Canon, B. Allen and N. A. Austin were elected trustees last Saturday to fill the Board for the Public Schools Independent District No. 1.

Pat Kellis and J. L. Glass went to Big Springs today to meet Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Glass who are out from North Carolina on a visit to J. L. Glass.

Dr. R. A. Lindley, will be with us June 1st. Dr. Lindley is a graduate of the Louisville College of Dentistry, and is considered one of the best dentists in the state.

J. E. ARMSTRONG DEAD

We learn that J. E. Armstrong died last week. He was adjudged insane about a year ago and was sent to the asylum.

Mr. Armstrong was for many years a citizen of Sterling and carried on a mercantile business.

Seven or eight years ago, his son, W. H. Armstrong died and since that time, it seems that the father's mind was never right again.

For many years, he was a mental wreck and finally he had to be taken in charge and cared for by friends and authorities.

The following is a list of visitors registered at the Doran Hotel this week.

T. P. Wethered. Midland. Oscar Cain. San Angelo.

M. L. Metz. R. A. Hall. W. A. Wright.

T. C. Wynn. J. P. Sewell. C. E. Dubois.

B. C. Jackson. K. Aycock Jr. Oscar Wilson and wife. Ranch.

F. M. Askey. W. T. Conger. J. A. Askey.

W. J. Mann. Doc Reed. P. H. Robbins. San Angelo.

J. P. Alexander. Silas Izard. F. B. Walker. Louisville Ky.

W. H. Taylor. Dallas.

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Dr. J. R. Proctor, Specialist Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Glasses Fitted. Henderson-Roberts Building. San Angelo, Texas.

A CORRECTION Two weeks ago we published a report to the effect that L. C. Dupree was hit over the head with a cane at Colorado and that the man who hit him died from heart failure due to excitement incident to the altercation.

HONOR ROLL FOR EIGHTH MONTH Report of grades six and seven: 90 or above in average.

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.

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 worthless.

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## NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The amount of money to be offered in purses at the State Fair races this year will be about \$50,000.

The gross receipts tax law of the Thirtieth legislature during the past six months has yielded to the state the magnificent sum of \$500,000.

Stamford is an active candidate for the 1909 convention of the Texas Press Association, and will have a delegation at the Mineral Wells meeting this month.

The preparations for a large attendance at the summer school of the State University have been completed and the professors to be in charge of the various departments have been assigned.

The Denison demonstration dairy, farm established co-operatively by the dairy division of the United States department of agriculture and the Texas Agricultural College, now is in full progress.

Jim Bailey, a negro boy, at Waco, was shot and badly hurt by Alfred Westbrook, another negro boy, and Westbrook claimed that he was shooting at his step mother and hit Bailey. Westbrook is in jail.

In the primary election in Hopkins County, Saturday, in which the names of Clyde Sweeton and C. O. James were submitted as candidates for district attorney, Sweeton won out by a plurality of 128 votes.

After a pastorate covering about three years, Rev. J. Frank Norris resigned Sunday morning at the McKinney Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas. Dr. George Butler of Bryan has been called to the pastorate.

In a tryout on the Taylor race track at Taylor Saturday Ma Noble, the 2-year-old stallion owned by Trainer L. Nelson of that city, broke the track record for 2-year-olds, being driven a half mile by Mr. Nelson in 1:15.

Special Officer L. H. Dillard of the Texas and Pacific recovered fifty-one pairs of trousers and twenty-seven pairs of fine shoes at Fort Worth Sunday afternoon, which had been stolen from a car in the local yards.

The Texas division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, have founded a scholarship in the State University to stimulate interest in and study of United States history, and especially Southern history. The scholarship will carry with it an annual income of \$300.

G. O. Davis of the southwestern part of Denton county last week bought an 8,000-acre ranch in Gray county, paying \$52,000 for the tract complete.

Elaborate preparations are going on at Mineral Wells for the state convention of the Eagles who meet there on the 11th inst.

From the tax rolls of 1907 there was collected for the city of Dallas the sum of \$858,884.07, a percentage of 91.35. In addition to this there was collection of occupation taxes, delinquents and bonuses that made the total receipts of the office for the year \$984,150.80.

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chamley, living in the Neola community, Hunt County, was playing in the house where some poison had been prepared to kill flies and was placed on the table. The child found the poison and drank it dying from the effects about 12 o'clock Saturday.

"Lady Strongwood," the beautiful, high-bred racing mare, owned by Dr. William Robbie, president of the Texas Baseball League, was killed at Taylor Saturday by being impaled on a picket fence she tried to leap.

For the purpose of demonstrating that cotton can be successfully grown in the Amarillo country money has been subscribed to pay for a car load of cotton seed to be distributed among the farmers free of cost, on condition that they plant and cultivate same.

Unknown parties entered the stores of R. V. Haggard, druggist, and J. W. Holloway, general merchandise, at Hallville one night last week. About \$50 worth of jewelry and other articles of less value were taken.

Dallas shooters are making great preparations for the big shoot to be held in that city May 19, 20 and 21, under the auspices of the Dallas Gun Club, and it is predicted that the event will be the biggest of its kind ever held in the Southwest.

Friday night the meat market of J. P. Pearson and the Mabank Courier office were burned. The market loss was about \$1200 and the Courier loss was about \$2000. Even the books were lost by the Courier.

The new Methodist Church recently completed at Alma was formally dedicated Sunday, Rev. Horace Bishop presiding elder, preached the dedication sermon, assisted by Rev. W. Vincent and Rev. O. B. Turner, pastor of Alma circuit.

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We have many similar letters. Hunt's Cure is a strictly guaranteed remedy for any variety of skin diseases. It stops itching instantaneously.

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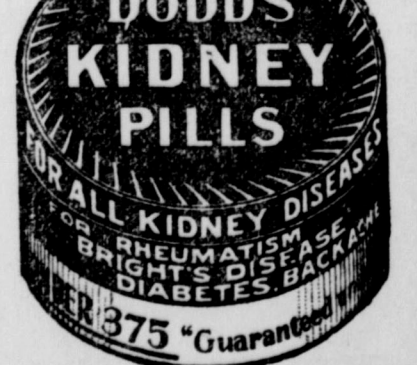
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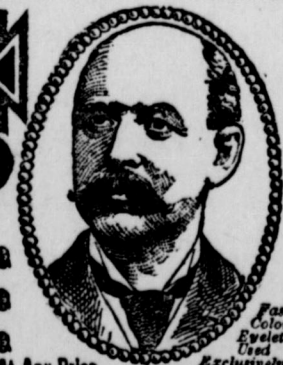
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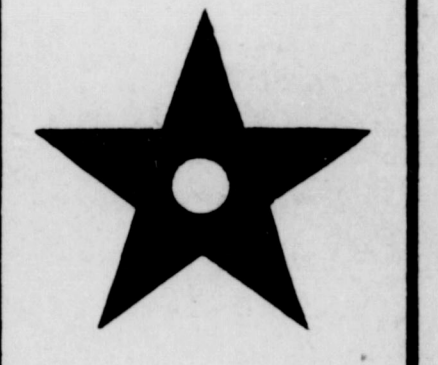
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