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GOOD ITEMS OF NEWS

ENTIRE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS THAT ARE WORTH YOUR NOTICE

WHOLE WORLD THE FIELD

Current Domestic and Foreign News Boiled Down to Readable and Small Space

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Postoffice Department at Washington has issued advice to the effect that stamps will be furnished in rolls of 500 and 1000 coiled on a half-inch paper core, for use in stamp vending and stamp affixing machines.

Announcement was made at the White House Monday of a proposed plan for a conference looking toward the conservation of the natural resources of North America to be held at the White House Feb. 18 next.

To familiarize themselves with conditions and the present form of government in the Panama Canal zone, twelve members of the House Committee on Foreign and Interstate Commerce left Charleston, S. C., Monday for Colon.

Special Commissioner Buchanan, appointed by the State Department at Washington to conduct negotiations with Venezuela following the announcement that government's disposition to settle pending international questions, will have a full conference with the officials of Venezuela this week.

President Roosevelt has named six eminent engineers to accompany Judge Taft to Panama, and his decision will largely determine whether the plan which is now being followed in digging the canal shall be persisted in or whether it shall be abandoned and preparations made to dig a sea-level waterway.

The Geological Survey is shortly to establish a number of rescue stations in vicinity of coal mines throughout the country, and one of these will be at McAlester, Ok. The purpose is to train men in the use of oxygen helmets and of other apparatus devised for rescue work in case of mining disasters.

That the falling off of approximately \$300,000,000 in important and perhaps \$150,000,000 in exports, in the United States during 1908, is merely part of a general condition which has prevailed the world over is shown by the monthly statement of the Bureau of Statistics. Of the twenty-five principal countries of the world whose foreign commerce bureau records month by month all but four show a falling off in exports.

The question whether there will be a river and harbor bill during the present session of congress is becoming a matter of much concern to many members of both houses. The committees having charge of the question find themselves confronted by a constantly growing deficit in the Treasury, with the accompanying complaint that it is going to be impossible to find money enough to go around without trenching too deeply upon the reserves.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

A committee has been organized in Berlin, Germany, to assist the sufferers from the Italian earthquake.

At least 3500 turkeys have been shipped from Ladonia this season at prices ranging from 7c to 9c. Better prices are offered now, but there are few for sale.

President Roosevelt and over 6000 people, representing every land and every state and territory in the Union Friday exchanged happy New Year greetings at the White House.

All Italy was shaken Monday morning by a series of severe seismic disturbances more violent and destructive, it is believed, than the earthquake of 1905, as reports which have been received here state that several towns were devastated in the southern provinces, while the city of Messina, in Sicily, was almost entirely destroyed, the death list there, it is feared, reaching far into the hundreds.

The contractor who had the contract for the construction of the Katy passenger station at Waxahachie has completed his work.

There has been fighting at Macure, Venezuela, between adherents of former President Castro and the crew of a gunboat working in the interest of the new President, Juan Vicente Gomez. About twenty men were killed and fifty wounded.

Lively interest has been created by the new invention of Mark Anthony of New York, by which a dirigible balloon is operated by use of a wireless apparatus which has been perfected to a point where a balloon can be operated entirely at the will of the operator who remains on the ground and merely manipulates an electric keyboard.

Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, was Tuesday sentenced to fourteen years in the State penitentiary at San Quentin.

At a meeting of the city council of Cleburne Wednesday Oak Grove addition was taken into the city limits, only one resident protesting against the order.

Alfred D. Eddy, general Western attorney of the Standard Oil Company, will apply to the Supreme Court for a rehearing of the Standard's Missouri ouster case.

Al Kaufman won in the prize fight Wednesday against Barry of Chicago. Barry's seconds threw up the sponge, calling it off. Kaufman is willing to fight Johnson.

The stir in diplomatic circles caused by the resignation of Ambassador Griscom to Italy has led to much speculation regarding the future of all of America's diplomatic representatives abroad.

The latest news received from the scene of the mine disaster at Lick Branch, Va., a few days ago, is to the effect that twenty-two dead bodies have been taken out of the ruins of the mine.

Many letters threatening Gov. Campbell's life on account of his attitude in closing the gambling houses and enforcing the Baskin-McGregor law have been sent through the mails from San Antonio.

J. C. Stribling, a wealthy and prominent stockman who lives twelve miles east of Llano, had his barn and all its contents destroyed by fire at an early hour Sunday morning. The loss will probably reach \$12,000.

New Year's Day will witness the beginning of the evacuation of Cuba by the United States Army of pacification, which has been in possession of the island since the beginning of the provisional government in 1906.

Mrs. Lou Hall, of Rome, Ga., who went to sleep at noon on Christmas day, was still in the arms of Morpheus Friday morning, repeated efforts of physicians during the past six days having failed to awaken her.

"Bob" Fitzsimmons, former heavyweight champion of the world, and Jack (Twin) Sullivan have issued challenges to Jack Thompson, the conqueror of Tommy Burns, for a fight for the heavyweight title.

Governor Campbell Wednesday promulgated a special proclamation, offering a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of persons exhibiting gaming devices or those who knowingly permit gaming on their premises.

According to information given out in Fort Worth no definite action was taken relative to the request of the Farmers' Union for the reduction of freight rates by the general managers at their recent meeting in Houston.

A general court martial has been ordered by the president to assemble at Sagua La Grande, Cuba, on January 8 when Major Francis P. Fremont of the 5th Infantry will be tried on charges of having made misstatements concerning Major Wallace O. Clark.

The earthquake which has devastated the Italian States of Calabria and Sicily has wrought the greatest disaster which ever has befallen the Christian world. Its measures can not yet be calculated. It is known in general terms that of a population of 1,750,000 in the devastated district at least 125,000 perished. Latest reports here state that 4000 soldiers in the barracks at Messina were buried under the ruins.

The great American battleship fleet built for purposes of destruction may after all have to go down in history as one of the greatest humanitarian agents in modern times. Not content with the outpouring of private charity it is probable the American government will direct this great fleet away from its own maritime progress toward home to the stricken city of Messina and to other Italian ports where devastation beyond the unaided efforts of the Italian people themselves to repair has been wrought by earthquake and tidal wave.

E. A. S. Blake, the contractor convicted of attempting to bribe J. M. Kelly, a prospective juror in the Ruef bribery trial in San Francisco to vote for acquittal, was sentenced by Judge Dunne Thursday to four years' imprisonment at San Quentin.

Two dead bodies have been recovered and eight more are known to be buried in an immense cave-in of a trench at the blast furnace plant at Ensley, Ala., Monday. Several other laborers were injured, as were two foremen who were superintending the work.

In view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court the State Banking Board of Oklahoma will probably recommend that the Legislature amend the law to allow a limit to the number of State banks in each community.

Senator Hale, acting chairman of the committee on appropriations, which has in charge the investigations of the method of the secret service, said Thursday there is no intention, so far as he knew, of summoning President Roosevelt before the committee after his retirement on the 4th of March, as intimated in some published reports.

OFFICIALS ESTIMATE VICTIMS AT 200,000

TWENTY ITALIAN TOWNS ARE DESTROYED

FLAMES FOLLOW QUAKE

Messina, Capital Sicilian Province Scene of Ruin and Death

Reggio, the Seaport, Wiped Out of Existence By Tidal Wave Caused By the Vast Upheaval of Land.

Suez, Jan. 4.—The converted cruiser Yankton entered the canal this afternoon and the supply ship Culgon probably will pass in tonight. The former has a number of doctors aboard and the latter a large supply of provisions and stores. Both will go to Messina at full speed. All arrangements were made by wireless for the ships of the fleet to pass through the canal as quickly as possible and to coal at Port Said, where 25,000 tons are stored.

Reggio, Jan. 2.—Rain adds to the desolation of the scene and the difficulties attending the work of rescue, while the continuance of intermittent shocks keeps the population in a state of agitation which is pitiable to see. In their terrible condition they are unable to lend a hand with the rescuing parties. Rich and poor alike are suffering from hunger which comes close to starvation. There are no more distinctions of class. From time to time ruins crumble and crash to the earth, rendering the search for dead and injured very dangerous.

Reggio, Jan. 2.—A state of most frightful anarchy prevails. Mobs of ruffians roam among the ruins, giving full vent to their vilest instincts. They are pillaging the wrecked jewelry stores and banks and do not hesitate to shed the blood of those opposing them. A few soldiers who escaped unhurt have been impelled by an admirable spirit of discipline to organize patrols on their own initiative.

Rome, Jan. 2.—The figures telegraphed you two days ago of the catastrophe in Sicily and Calabria, which made the number of victims 200,000, are now confirmed to the Argenta Stefani and Italian News Agency by Prof. Picco, director of the observatory on Mount Aetna. He denies, however, that the earthquake had a volcanic origin.

New York, Jan. 2.—Spontaneous action throughout the country to succor the distress of Italy has assumed the character of a National movement. Reports from all sections of the country show cities, individuals, religious bodies, Red Cross organizations, private corporations, commercial bodies and all branches of public and private life joining in the humane and practical expression of the American people in behalf of the afflicted nation. Already more than \$500,000 in cash is in hand and most of this has been cabled, or is on its way to Italy.

Rome, Jan. 2.—To the destruction of Messina, Reggio, Santa Eufemia, Bagnara, Palmi and Seminara must be added these towns and villages: Castella, Polisten, Cenequerroni, Hamertina, Simpoli, San Procopio, Pizzicotti, Stefanocino, Catena, Rosario and Scylla. These places are no more.

Rome, Jan. 1.—Signor Cipriani, correspondent for the Tribune at Reggio, who has been saved with his wife and three daughters, telegraphs from Reggio that the number of victims is twenty thousand. He says two thousand bodies and three thousand wounded have been already taken from the ruins. Twenty villages in the province have been destroyed and seven thousand persons killed.

Telegrams from Bagnara state that not a single house remains standing. Even the churches collapsed. Four hundred bodies and eight hundred wounded have been taken from the ruins. The number of troops now on the spot is not sufficient for the work of rescue. The same holds true at Palmi.

At Reggio Italian and Russian sailors are working night and day, but their numbers are insufficient for the task. The few dispatches which arrive from the city speak pressingly for spades, lime and sulphur and other disinfectants. The odor from decaying bodies is already insupportable.

All villages on the coast and mountains send desperate appeals for aid and troops are being sent into the dis-

trict and are undertaking the work of rescue everywhere.

One hundred bodies have been found in the village of San Grigorio, near Reggio. The villages of Misitano, Sharpe, Villa San Giovanni, Camitello, Catone, Gallio, Villa San Giuseppe, Gallina, Campo Calabro, San Roberto, Santo Stefano di Aspromonte, Catorio, Pellaro, Motta, San Giovanni, Montebello, Jonio and Maropati all have been completely destroyed.

Subscriptions have been voted by all the municipal councils in Italy. Sixty medical students left Rome yesterday evening for Messina. Students of other faculties are collecting money and clothing in artillery wagons which have been left by the military authorities.

The Italian Free Masons have contributed 100,000 francs.

The Russian battleship Magaroff has brought a second contingent of four hundred wounded from Messina. The rescued people are loud in their praise of the Russian sailors.

Correspondents of newspapers can not telegraph from Messina, but the government is going on rapidly and is well organized in such a manner as to cover the whole extent of the town.

Merchant vessels are transporting the wounded to Naples and Palermo. Two or three trans-Atlantic liners have been sent to give shelter to those who escaped and act as floating hospitals.

Additional troops will leave this evening from Rome and other large towns. Medical students and engineers are also leaving for the scene of the catastrophe.

Government functionaries have offered to the prime minister to give a portion of their salaries to the fund for the victims. Rome and other cities have money boxes deposited at various points so every one can give offerings.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The immensity of the disaster in Southern Italy and Sicily can only be measured by the fact that it is now estimated that 110,000 people perished in Messina and Reggio alone.

A score of other towns have been devastated and thousands of victims in these places must be added to the roll. In the face of these awful totals Italy stands appalled. Nor has the full death list been reached. Shiploads of fugitives have arrived at Naples and other ports and the vast majority of these are severely injured. Other thousands remain near the ruins of their homes or wander half starved, half naked over the land.

The forces that on Monday overwhelmed the cities also destroyed the means of sustenance. Telegraphic communication has been re-established with Messina, the apparatus having been installed in a railway van. Messages which have come over the lines, though they have been meager in detail, show that hope is gone. Nothing remains of the city but a mass of ruins that have been swept by fire. A mere handful of survivors are being cared for by the rescuing forces, but their distress is great and it has been increased by the violent cold wind that followed the heavy rains. Distitution is everywhere and appalling. There is little food and less water.

Of Messina's 90,000 population it is believed that fully 70,000 perished. Forty thousand people died in Reggio.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Increasing earlier reports tenfold, dispatches from throughout Italy and Sicily last night confirmed news of an earthquake and tidal wave that swept over portions of the provinces of Calabria and Messina, Sicily, giving what appears from various estimates to be good reason to believe that the list of dead and injured will run from 100,000 to 200,000 people.

A comprehensive statement of the extent of the calamity can not be made

KNEW THE PIG'S WEAK POINT.

Youngster Was Confident of His Ability to "Stump" Him.

It is an interesting fact that the two studies of arithmetic and geography seem to be diametrically opposed to each other in the affections of school children. Pupils who are particularly proficient in one are apt to be backward in the other. A story is told of a little boy who was slow in arithmetic, and whose apparent stupidity in this field was a great source of grief to his father, who had been a mathematician.

One day, when the father and son were walking out, they passed a place where a "learned pig" was on exhibition, and the father took the boy to see this porcine prodigy.

"Just look at that," said the father. "Why, there's a pig that can count and add up numbers! Don't you wish you were as smart as he?"

"Ha!" answered the boy. "Just let me ask him a few questions in geography!"—Ideas.

HIS IDEA OF GETTING WORK.



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To plead that anything is excusable is to admit that it is wrong.—Tissot.

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WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT

W. F. Kellis, Editor and Proprietor.

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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

Another railroad surveying crew is headed this way. It takes a hundred such crews and a thousand rumors to one railroad; so it is about time that a sure enough railroad materializes, as we have had most all these signs.

Another new year has come and with it came the good resolutions to turn over a new leaf and do better than we did last year. Let us all strive to keep up the good resolutions. Let's pull together for the upbuilding of our town and country; so that, on the coming of another year, we can look with pride on the landmarks we have wrought in the past.

The recent livestock quarantine regulations are working a great hardship on some of our people. In some cases, no cattle can be moved from one pasture to another, and no chance is given to get them to market. If these regulations are enforced to the letter, the very industry for which they were made to protect, must perish by the operation. Unless some measure of relief is inaugurated very soon by the livestock commission, many cattlemen will be forced out of the business at a fearful loss.

Mr. Taft's idea of winning the South by coming in person and breaking a crust with us at our own table will mark a new epoch in our history. Instead of arousing our fears of cutting down our representation and trying to put us on a level with the negro, he has given his South-hating colleagues to understand that he will not tolerate such things. Let Mr. Taft come and win us with his kindness and assurance of justice, and if we do not win him over to our side while he is at it, then we don't know the nature of the Southerner.

When a town does not support its local daily and weekly papers properly, you need not look for any very great progress in that locality. Local newspapers are the sign-boards that tell the stranger who the people are, and the class of business in which they are engaged. Take a business man who never patronizes his local newspaper, and you can scrape enough moss off his back to pad a sofa. His ideas have more than enough room in a tea cup, and he can not keep far enough ahead of a funeral procession to keep the corpse from running over him.—Kj Lamity's Harpoon.

A Really Funny Froak Net.

A really novel and amusing bet is that between two enthusiastic partisans of McKinley and Bryan in Minden, Neb. In the case of Bryan's election the McKinley advocate is to march to the foot of a steep hill which rises for more than a mile near the city limits. He is to be escorted by the republican campaign drum corps, by his successful rival, and by as many of the townspeople as may care to attend. Arrived at the bottom of the hill, the task before the losing politician is to roll a peanut from the base to the top of the hill with a toothpick. He is obligated not to touch the peanut with anything but the toothpick and must stay in the beaten road during the entire journey. In case he does not get the peanut to the hilltop in a single day's work he must sleep on the ground under guard and begin again in the morning. The same penalty will be paid by the democrat if Bryan is defeated.

TO FREE RANGES OF FEVER TICKS

Ralph H. Harris returned Saturday afternoon from Fort Worth where he attended a meeting of the State Livestock Sanitary Commission, of which he is a member, and which was in session last week at the headquarters of the Cattle Raisers' Association. Cattlemen in the provisional quarantine of Texas who do not satisfy the livestock sanitary commission that they have made their pastures free from fever ticks cannot under any circumstances, according to one of the rules adopted at the Fort Worth meeting, move cattle from their ranges.

In the counties of Childress, Cottle, Hardeman, Foard, Wilbarger, King, Knox, Haskell, Stonewall, Jones, Fisher, Senry, Borden, Howard, Mitchell, Glasscock and those portions of Pecos and Terrell counties lying west and north of the quarantine line, no cattle shall be moved or allowed to move if the ranch on which the cattle are running is known to have been infested with *B. ophillus annulatus* ticks within six months prior to such proposed movement. Heretofore the cattle in these counties could be moved, provided such cattle had been inspected by or dipped under the supervision of an inspector or of the livestock commission or of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, and were certified to be free from infection and a certificate given therefor.

The new rule that ranges shall be clean six months prior to the proposed movement is the most drastic measure ever promulgated by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board Commission, and it is intended and expected to free the ranges over that territory from fever ticks.

Rule 6 is still applicable to Sterling, Irion, Reagan, Upton, Baylor and that part of Tom Green lying north and west of the quarantine line. This rule specifies that cattle in any one of these counties may be moved into another of said counties, provided that such cattle have been inspected by or dipped under the supervision of the live stock commission or the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, and are certified to be free from infection and a certificate given therefor, or as provided by rule 8 of the regulations regarding the movement of cattle into, within and from the state, established by the live stock commission.—San Angelo Standard.

SCHOOL NOTES

We note the entrance of several new pupils this week.

School work has passed fairly well from under the influence of the holidays.

The members of the graduating class organized by electing Miss Pearl Sullivan president and Miss Ina Lanford secretary. At the same meeting, they adopted blue and gold as class colors. They will select a motto and design for class pins at a future meeting.

The honor roll for December is as follows:

- Primary Grades: Marvin Frances Foster, Myrtle Grimes, Eddie Hooker
4th Grade: Bonita Allard, Linnie May Garrett
8th Grade: Mary Nelson, Mabel Nelson, Elton Grimes
7th Grade: Bennie King, Wayne Phillips, Oscar Latham, Jeff Davis, Myrtle Straley
8th Grade: Annie Conger
10th Grade: Etta Grimes

THE AMERICAN CIRCUS

W. R. Andrews, of Grand Rapids, Mich., at a recent toast, got off the following appeal to the Filipinos:

"You Filipinos don't know what you are missing by not wanting to become citizens of this grand country of ours. There isn't anything like it under the sun. You ought to send a delegation over to see us—the land of the free—land of free churches and 40,000 licensed saloons; bibles, forts and guns; houses of prostitution; millionaires and paupers; theologians and thieves; libertarians and liars; politicians and poverty; Christians and chain gangs; schools and sealawags; trusts and tramps; money and misery; homes and hunger; virtue and vice; a land where you can get a good bible for fifteen cents and a bad drink of whiskey for five cents; we pay \$15,000 for a dog and \$5

way that won't land you in the penitentiary, where trusts 'hold up' and poverty 'holds down'; where men vote for what they do not want for fear they won't get what they do want by voting for it; where 'niggers' can vote and women can't; where a girl who goes wrong is made an outcast and her male partner flourishes as a gentleman; where women wear false hair and men 'dock' their horses' tails; where the political wire puller has displaced the patriotic statesman; where men vote for a thing one day and cuss it 364 days; where we have prayer on the floor of our national capitol and whiskey in the cellar; where we spend \$500 to buy a statesman who is rich and \$10 to put away a working man who is poor; where to be virtuous is to be lonesome and to be honest is to be a crank; where we sit on the safety-valve of energy and pull wide open the throttle of conscience; where gold is substance—the one thing sought for; where we pay \$15,000 for a dog and \$5

1909 THE NEW YEAR 1909

We have finished taking stock and our balance is on the right side of the ledger. Notwithstanding the general business depression for the past two years, our business has made a substantial gain. We appreciate the fact that this increase has only been made possible by the loyalty of our good friends and customers. We thank you for your share of this business, and sincerely hope that our services has been so satisfactory that you will be glad to favor us with your patronage this year.

OUR VEHICLES

Most of you know that we handle the old reliable Peter Schuttler Wagons—than which there is none better. We have also added to this line, the Racine wagon, which we think as good as any barring the Peter Schuttler

We have different grades of buggies, and if you think of buying one, it might pay you to see us. If you want to pay cash, money talks with us. If you want time, we are in a good position to give you good terms. We guarantee our vehicles for a year, and no responsible concern does better.

In this connection, we want to say that every dollar spent with us helps you as well as us. The more business we do the better business we can do. We endeavor to advance the interests of our customers; and in so doing, our motives may seem somewhat selfish, but our experience has taught us that

Upon the prosperity of our customers hinges the success of our business.

LOWE & DURHAM

where we have an man in congress with three wives and a lot in the penitentiary for having two wives; where some men make sausage out of their wives, and some want to eat them raw; where we make bologna out of dogs, canned beef out of horse and sick cows, and corpses out of the people who eat it; where put a man in jail for not having the means of support and on the rock pile for assing for a job of work; where we license bawdy houses and fine men for preaching Christ on the street corners; we have a congress of 400 men who make laws, and a supreme court of nine men who set them aside; where good whiskey makes bad men and bad men make good whiskey; where newspapers are paid for suppressing the truth and are made rich for teaching a lie; where professors draw their convictions from the same place they do their salaries; where preachers are paid \$25,000 to dodge the devil and tickle the ears of the wealthy; where business consists of getting hold of property in any

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS

A special dispatch from Chicago to the daily press, dated November 6 says:

"The Tuskegee Institute, founded by Booker T. Washington, is a complete failure; its graduates are worthless, and its students are spoiled for manual labor only to become educated criminals and candidates for the penitentiary," said Francis B. Livesey, State Senator, of Skyesville, Md., while passing through Chicago on his way to Boston.

The Senator is conducting a campaign designed to prevent the education of the negro. He thinks the negro should be confined to a farm and work as a mental.

"Negroes who never saw a school of any kind, who have picked up work and a competence for themselves," said the Senator, "are the most progressive. I am a Northern Abolitionist myself, but I am free to confess that life in the South has shown me, through sad experience, Northern errors in regard to the negro. Remember, we continue negro schools at our own peril."

This is the doctrine that I have been preaching for years, and I am sure to live to see it vindicated. The idiotic folly of the American people playing wet nurse to the Africans in this country, and trying to educate these semi-Simians so that they may be the social or business equal of the white man's son, is so superbly ridiculous it needs no comment from any thinking man. When one of these old lantern-jawed nigger-buggers can not possibly utter of any other excuse for making a fool of himself, he never fails to hark back to the worn old plea that the "Lord expects the white man to educate the negro and lead him to the Christian life." Now, wouldn't that grease your skates!

If the Lord expects any such thing, He has failed to mention it so far, unless such characters as the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" were delegated as spokesmen on the subject. If a lot of natty white people would attend to their own business and let the negro alone, stop cheating him, keep out of his cabin (at night) and give him a chance, he might possibly do much better. But just as long as he is filled with the preposterous idea that by going to school he will be a white man, or his equal, just so long will the negro be the same old coon and not worth a damn to himself or anyone else. You may think this is hard talk, but it is God's truth, and I think the time for lying and whitewashing the truth is at an end. God knows it ought to be.—K. Lamity's Harpoon.

One of the Mans.

"Say, I'm tired of working like a slave," said the farmer's son. "I'm going to the city to make my fortune."

"Wall, thar ain't no strips tied few you, I reckon," replied the old man. "But how do you calgerlate to make it?"

"Why, with my wits, of course," replied the knowing youth.

"Wall, uv course you kin do as you please," said the horny-handed son of toil, "but if you take my advice you won't try it."

"Why not, dad?" queried the youngster.

"Because," answered the wise old granger, "you'll fail for want of capital."

A SURE SIGN.

Feverishly she opened her hotel bill.

"Well," she said, sighing with relief, "this seems reasonable enough, I—"

But the clerk snatched the paper rudely from her hand.

"Hold on," he said. "There must be some mistake."

BREACH OF PROMISE.

"She says they're engaged, and he says they're not. Now what do you make of that?"

"I think it will take a jury to decide."

ELDER FLOWERS.

In former times this year's profusion of elder flowers would have been welcomed, not only by lovers of hedgerow beauty, but by those who desired to preserve their own beauty and youth. According to the seventeenth century prescription, the elder flowers were to be gathered on midsummer day, powdered, and put into borage water, which was to be drunk daily for a month, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. This was a much-prized elixir of youth. By common consent there has always been something supernatural about the elder tree. In Denmark it is protected by the "elder mother," without whose leave it is dangerous to pluck the flower. In Germany the hat should be taken off to it. And in England it has been variously considered the tree of the cross, and the tree upon which Judas hanged himself, to be treated with reverence or fear accordingly.—London Chronicle.

THE KINGFISHER.

The conviction of a boy at Dorking who had a kingfisher in his possession has called attention to the law's sound protection of this rare and beautiful bird all the year round. To appreciate the kingfisher's beauty it is not necessary implicitly to believe the old legend that it was originally a plain gray bird, but, upon being let loose from the ark, flew toward the setting sun, and had its back stained blue by the sky and its lower plumage scorched by the sun to gorgeous hues. No doubt the Dorking boy meant to keep his kingfisher alive, and not to kill it, and use its dried body as a charm against thunderbolts or moths, or to hang the body up so that it might point with its bill to the wind's quarter. Old beliefs found all these uses for the kingfisher, the last being alluded to by Shakespeare, when he speaks of "smiling rogues" who "turn their halyon beaks with every gale and vary of their masters."—London Chronicle.

FOR SALE

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General Directory.

Dictator Officers.
 Judge—J. W. Timmins.
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 Court meets 4th Monday after first
 Monday in February and September.
County Officers.
 Judge—A. V. Patterson.
 Attorney—Pat Kellis.
 Clerk—L. B. Cole
 Sheriff—Harry Twaddle
 Treasurer—E. L. Gilmore
 Assessor—D. C. Durham
 Inspector—W. T. Conger.
 Surveyor—W. F. Kellis
 Court meets first Monday in Febru-
 ary, May, August and November.

CHURCHES.

W. E. Church—Preaching every second
 and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and
 7 p. m., and fourth Sunday at 7:30 p.
 Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. every
 Sunday.
 Rev. S. J. Franks, Pastor.
 S. W. Foster, S. S. Supt.
Baptist—Preaching every 1st, 3rd, 4th
 Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock a. m.
 and 7 p. m. Conference Saturday night
 before the 4th Sunday. Sunday school
 every Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m.
 Rev. M. L. Lanford, Pastor.
 Prof. L. C. Durham, apt.
Presbyterian—Preaching every 2nd
 Sunday on each month at 11 o'clock a. m.
 Rev. Black, Pastor.

W. C. Fisher—W. C. Fisher
 Director.

SOCIETIES.

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

LOCAL.

J. T. Davis is weaning calves
 this week.
 O. H. Graham is in Hillsboro
 on business.
 Mrs. Lem Latham is visiting
 relatives in Brownwood.
 Miss Jessie Foster is visiting
 friends in Colorado.
 Frank Mayo, of Waco, visited
 old time friends here last week.
 Miss Alma Crain, who spent
 the holidays at Greenville, return-
 home today.
 Templeton Foster returned to
 Garden City last Sunday to re-
 sume his studies.
 Mrs. D. S. Smith left on yester-
 day's automobile for San An-
 gelo on a visit to friends.
 Albert, the son of Mr. and
 Mrs. D. P. Glass, who has been
 seriously ill, is reported unwell.
 Mrs. W. C. Fisher returned
 this week from San Angelo,
 where she had been visiting rela-
 tives.
 Mrs. W. E. Barton returned
 last week from Houston, where
 she spent the holidays with rela-
 tives.

Miss Vera Kellis returned to
 Baylor College, at Belton, last
 Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coulson,
 of Robert Lee, are visiting rela-
 tive here.

W. F. Kellis has been survey-
 ing for parties on Sterling creek
 this week.

Quarterly Conference, of the
 Methodist church was held here
 last Saturday and Sunday.

Scott Murray, of Sterling City
 visited his mother here Sunday.
 —Watervalley News.

Lowe Slaton and sister, Miss
 Enla, returned to college at San
 Angelo last week.

John Sullivan and sister, Miss
 Pearl, spent Christmas with rela-
 tives at Robert Lee.

Misses Lona Lyles, May Glass
 returned to Baylor College on
 Monday of last week.

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

J. H. Dennis and family re-
 turned from Stonewall county
 last week, where they had been
 spending the holidays.

J. G. Cooper passed through
 here today enroute to Midland
 to receive a big new touring car
 which he recently ordered.

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

W. L. Foster.

Mesdames J. S. Cole, P. A.
 Westbrook and Miss Josie West-
 brook left yesterday for Morgan
 and Cleburne to visit relatives.

J. H. Pitman, formerly of this
 county, but now of San Jon, N.
 M., was shaking hands with
 friends here last week.

Wilson Barton is in town from
 his Glascock county ranch, and
 reports livestock in fine condi-
 tion in his section of the country.

W. J. Mann, mayor of Kono-
 hassett, was down this week and
 took back a load of furniture,
 consisting of Studebaker wagon,
 a plow and a set of chain harness.

Mrs. J. H. Ayres, accompanied
 by her little son, John B., Jr.,
 left Monday for Fort Worth to
 be with her husband who is sick
 at that place.

R. H. Layne took charge of the
 Feindt wagon yard and grain
 store the 1st. Mr. Layne and his
 family have moved to town, and
 are now domiciled in the Feindt
 residence.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Roberts
 and daughter, Miss Bennie Belle
 are in Dallas, where Miss Bennie
 underwent a surgical operation
 last Tuesday. We learn the pa-
 tient is doing nicely and an early
 recovery is expected.

Your hands, lips and face are
 chapped and sore, are they?
 Fisher's Benzoin Cream will cure
 them and keep them well. Try
 it. For sale by Fisher Bros.

While playing with brothers
 and sisters, last Saturday, the
 little son of Mr. and Mrs. Leath-
 man fell and broke his leg. Dr.
 Carver was called in and set the
 injured limb, and at last accounts
 the little fellow was doing nicely.

Bert Weir, of Monument, N.
 M., and John Chambers, of Big
 Springs, visited friends here last
 week. While here they sold J.
 T. Davis 2000 buzzards, range
 delivery, at p. t., and purchased
 the right to sell a good and use-
 ful invention, a patent to which
 will issue soon, in the territories
 of New Mexico and Coke county,
 Mr. Chambers trading the latter
 territory.

S. Poyner and family, former-
 ly of Parker county, have moved
 to the R. W. Foster old place,
 a mile and a half northwest of
 town, which Mr. Poyner recently
 bought from R. E. Carter. Mr.
 Poyner, after giving us an order
 for three newspapers, stated that
 he was well pleased with his new
 location. We extend to him our
 welcome.

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BOOKKEEPING BY MAIL

Copeland Bros. and Claude
 Collins were in town yesterday
 and placed an order for material
 to build a telephone line to Bliss;
 thence to Edith and Robert Lee
 in Coke county. In order to
 give their customers the best
 service they propose to put in a
 switch board at Bliss, into which
 all rural lines will come. The
 system is to be good, up-to-date
 equipment, and will have connec-
 tion with the San Angelo Tele-
 phone Company's lines at Ster-
 ling and Edith.

The want of this enterprise has
 long been felt, and we hope the
 good people of the Divide will
 give it their hearty support.

LOST:—Dec 4 on Colorado
 road between Sterling City and
 the springs a gold watch, size 16
 with Elgin works. "A M S" cut
 in back of case. On return of
 watch, finder will receive a suit-
 able reward. T. S. Foster.
 Sterling City, Tex

Notice:—Our west bound stage
 will continue to take dinner at
 Water Valley, while the east
 bound will take dinner at Hugh-
 es. This will enable east bound
 passengers to arrive in San An-
 gelo from one to two hours ear-
 lier each evening.
 Tom & Will Savell.

TRESSPASS NOTICE
 August 26th, 1908.
 Notice is hereby given that all
 parties hauling wood from Sec.
 4, 35, in the T. D. Reed pasture
 without permission will be prose-
 cuted to the full extent of the
 law.
 J. L. Latham,
 L. M. Pennock,

NOTICE
 From now until the end of the
 season, the gin will only run Fri-
 days and Saturdays of each week

FOR SALE
 A Canton disc plow, good as
 new and in splendid running or-
 der. A bargain for \$35. Will
 take trade. 4pd
 H. K. RAY

PIGS FOR SALE
 I have 18 Berkshire and Poland
 China pigs for sale at my ranch.
 Will be ready to wean by Decem-
 ber 1st. J. B. BUCKNER.



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

Do you want to make money?
 You can make it by selling or
 exchanging your property. You
 can do this by sending a com-
 plete description, price, terms,
 etc., to us. We are action get-
 ters. **BURK REALTY CO.,**
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Ladies' Hats at Half Price
 Mrs. Douglas is now offering
 her entire stock of ladies' hats at
 half price. This is below first
 wholesale cost. Now is the time
 to get nice goods for a little
 money.

We have complied with every
 requirement of the law in order
 to protect ourselves against tres-
 passers. Anyone found hunting
 on any lands owned or controlled
 by us will be prosecuted to the
 full extent of the law.—Fisher
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 Auto will leave San Angelo at 7 o'clock every Tuesday,
 Thursday and Saturday morning, and go through to Big
 Springs, stopping regularly at Hughes, Water Valley, Sterling
 and Konohassett.
 Team line will leave San Angelo at 7 o'clock every Monday,
 Wednesday and Friday morning bound for Sterling City.
 All express left at Doran Hotel

TRESSPASS NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that any
 person who shall hunt, fish, cut
 or haul wood, or otherwise tres-
 pass on any of the lands owned
 or controlled by me will be prose-
 cuted by the full extent of the
 law.
 4 5 07
 A. F. JONES

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

NOTICE-KEEP OUT.
 Notice is hereby given that any
 person who shall hunt, fish, cut
 or haul wood or otherwise tres-
 pass on any of the lands owned
 or controlled by me, under
 pain of prosecution to the full
 extent of the law. J. T. Davis
 5-6-'02 Jf

NOTICE
 I have posted my pasture accord-
 ing to the law made and provided
 in such cases and all persons are
 hereby warned and forbidden to
 hunt, fish, or otherwise trespass
 upon any of the enclosed lands
 owned or controlled by me, under
 pain of prosecution to the full
 extent of the law. J. S. Johnson.

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

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS
 Notice is hereby given, that any person,
 or persons who shall hunt, fish, cut
 or haul wood, work or drive stock, or
 otherwise trespass upon any land owned
 or controlled by us, or either of us
 without our permission, will be prose-
 cuted to the full extent of the law.
 Those driving stock down lane
 must keep in the lane until across Deal's
 creek.
 W.R. Folkes
 By N.D. Thompson manag

NOTICE
 All persons having any interest
 in house known as the "Hillside
 School House," in my pasture
 southeast of my ranch on Sterling
 Creek will present their claims to
 me at an early date, as I intend to
 move said building away soon.
 W. L. Foster

