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RAIN IN PANHANDLE AND WESTERN TEXAS

DROUGHTS FROM THREE TO TEN MONTHS DURATION HAVE BEEN ENDED.

THOUSANDS OF CATTLE SAVED

Some Points Report Light Showers and Others as Much as Four Inches.

Dallas, May 24.—Texas' Panhandle and Plains country has been visited by a rain of great benefit, as shown by reports.

Beginning Wednesday night, continuing most of Thursday and in instances into Thursday night, rain visited a large part of North Texas, the Panhandle and practically all of Central West Texas.

Some points report light showers and others as much as four inches. All say the moisture saves crops. Droughts of three to ten months' duration have been broken, and in many places increases in business are already reported.

Numerous counties in the Odessa country have been drenched and thousands of head of cattle saved.

BIG STORM IN ELLIS.

Causes Considerable Damage in Italy and Vicinity.

Italy, May 24.—A cyclone swept over Italy and surrounding country Friday night at 10:30 o'clock, doing considerable damage. A very angry cloud appeared in the northwest and soon it was found that a cyclone was upon the town. The large cotton warehouse belonging to the Farmers' Union was completely demolished. The residence of R. A. Green was damaged by pieces of the warehouse blowing upon and against it. The Italy water and light plant had its large smokestack blown down. The Italy Cotton and Oil Company had its seed house badly damaged. The Mosely gin plant was wrecked pretty badly. The negro Baptist Church was blown from off its blocks. The residences of T. B. Lusk, editor of the Italy Herald; W. H. Oneal, M. Richards, W. J. Holley and this correspondent were partially wrecked. A small house on the campus of the public school was blown from its blocks. Several residences and barns in the country around Italy are reported blown away. Mrs. Horton, who lives a short distance from town, was hurt by falling timbers of her house that was blown away. The southbound Katy Flyer was delayed, a mile north of town, about two hours by a small house blowing upon the track.

Malakoff: A terrific wind and rain-storm struck this section at 11 o'clock Friday night.

Waxahachie: The southern part of Ellis County was visited by a severe windstorm Friday night, which caused a property loss of several thousand dollars. The storm seems to have struck with greatest force at Italy.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE LAW KILLED.

Texas Supreme Court Declares Law Unconstitutional.

Austin, Texas, May 20.—The Supreme Court today held to be unconstitutional all that portion of an act of the Thirtieth Legislature, designed to make local option prohibition more effective, which authorized search of premises where intoxicating liquors were believed to be sold in violation of law and the seizure of all such liquors found therein. The grounds for this action will be found below.

The Thirty-First Legislature, at its first called session, in anticipation of this decision, passed a new search and seizure act, which it was believed would cure the defects in the former act. It requires that the complaint shall "describe the place where it is believed by the person making the complaint that intoxicants are being sold or given away in violation of law" and that the warrant shall run accordingly, whereas the law passed two years ago authorized the search of "any place" where the affiant believed liquor was being illegally kept for sale. It is made the duty of the Sheriff or Constable to search "such place" instead of "any place." It also made it his duty to seize all intoxicating liquors found therein.

This problem was also contained in the act of the Thirtieth Legislature and one of the matters which the Supreme Court objects to as it says that the liquor might be both legally and illegally kept at the same place; for instance, in such a place as a depot or warehouse. This new act will not become effective until July 10.

TEXAS NEWS HAPPENINGS

Saturday, the 15th, was Booster Day for Bronte and was a decided success. A store at Rice was burglarized Sunday night, and quite a quantity of goods were taken.

The State Treasury Tuesday cashed a warrant for \$250,000 on El Paso County for ten-forty four per cent bonds. The State Federation of Labor held its twelfth annual convention in San Antonio Tuesday and was largely attended.

The first regular train carrying passengers on the newly constructed Abilene and Southern road left Abilene Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

The supervising architect will send a special agent of the treasury to El Paso, with the view to its enlargement or the construction of a new building.

During the thunder and rainstorm at Bonham Tuesday, O. Gouge, a prominent citizen, was struck by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed.

Sam Barnett was shot three times Monday on a farm four miles west of Wichita Falls. He died a few hours after the shooting. Dan Coffee was arrested.

John Jones, a white man aged 62 was struck by a freight train on the Iron Mountain seven miles north of Texarkana, Thursday, and instantly killed.

The annual session of the district conference for the Sulphur Springs District of the M. E. Church, South, has adjourned at Cooper to meet in Mount Vernon in 1910.

Pursuant to the call of County Judge W. A. Keeling, about 100 road overseers of Limestone County met in Groesbeck and effected a permanent good roads association.

The Christian churches of Dallas Sunday began a series of revival meetings which are to be continued for months. The meetings are being held under a tent, which has a seating capacity of 3,000.

Justice Webster of Weston Wednesday notified the Sheriff's office at McKinney by telephone a man named Kelley had been found in a dying condition in a school house there, having been shot with a pistol.

The race program for the twenty-eighth annual exhibition of the Taylor Fair Association, to be held July 5, 6, 7 and 8, and upon purses exceeding \$1,500, have been hung, are now in the hands of the printer.

A small wind resembling a cyclone passed east of Comanche Saturday night and did considerable damage in the Wolsey neighborhood. Pink Lawrey's house was badly damaged and all of his outhouses blown down.

Rain fell gently at Waco, from midnight until 2 o'clock Saturday morning, doing much good to corn, cotton and truck. The cotton buyers here received advices showing that showers fell from Yoakum to Brownwood.

The Ransome Oil Company's well at Sour Lake came in as a gusher Monday and flowed more than an hour at the rate of 2,000 barrels per day. It then choked down and repeated bailings have failed to revive the flow.

The Jefferson Iron Company, a syndicate composed of St. Louis capitalists, has purchased the property of the Lone Star Iron Company at Jefferson, at Texas, and is making arrangements to extend its holdings in that State.

Announcement has been made that the work on the completion of the Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific Railroad from Snyder to Fluvanna will soon be resumed. Ties and steel are being received, and it is reported that track laying will soon begin.

The infant son of E. L. Snowden who resides three miles east of Allen, in Collin county, was accidentally killed Wednesday. The child's brother was playing with a target rifle, when it was discharged and the bullet pierced the heart of the baby.

Albert Bird, colored, was killed by lightning Thursday at Georgetown. Alvin Brooks, a young man, was seriously shocked as the negro fell and struck him as he was dying.

Monday night hail began to fall at Van Alstyne. The stones were as large as hen's eggs. The hail came down in torrents completely ruining cotton and corn. All the fruit is knocked off the trees, and many window panes were broken out of the houses.

The case against H. Clay Pierce, in the courts of Austin, charging false swearing, has been continued to the October term of court.

Arrangements are being made for a public exhibition flight by the two Wright brothers in their aeroplane in Washington on the morning of June 10, preceding the presentation to them at the White House by President Taft of the medals awarded by the Aero Club of New York.

At this date the tomato crop throughout the Jacksonville section is very promising. The dry, warm weather during the last thirty days has caused the plants to grow rapidly. Compared with previous years, the crop is from ten to fifteen days late.

GOOD ITEMS OF NEWS

ENTIRE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS THAT ARE WORTH PASSING NOTICE.

WHOLE WORLD THE FIELD

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

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Leaders in both Houses of Congress do not share the hopeful views as to the early passage of the tariff bill as credited by President Taft in a dispatch Friday. The dispatch put the date that President Taft is said to expect to sign up the bill as June 20, but the prospects are that he will get the measure about July 20 or Aug. 1.

In a statement almost significant by reason of its brevity and directness, Attorney General Wickersham, has advised Congress in a response to a resolution of inquiry recently adopted by the House that he has taken no steps in reference to annulling the merger of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company with the United States Steel Corporation.

President Taft is trying to find out what the ultimate consumer will get out of the new tariff law. He has directed the Treasury Department to compile for him the approximate amount of duties on such articles as men's and women's clothing, stoves, furniture, china, tinware, hams and bacon, certain vegetables, sugar, coal, salt and other articles of common use in every household.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

At Ellards Switch, near Quinlan, Monday night, the body of J. A. Kennedy was ground into a pulp by south-bound passenger train on the Texas Midland Railroad.

It was officially announced Monday that the present racing meeting at the Harrisburg track would be continued until June 12. This will probably mean the abandonment of the proposed Beaumont meeting.

The statement of the National banks of Oklahoma at the close of business on April 28 shows that there are but 242 National banks in the State against 309 banks on May 14, 1908.

Theodore Roosevelt has begun his hunting expedition from the Jura ranch of George McMillan, whose guest he is. He went out last Sunday and bagged a female rhinoceros. The head and skin weighed 532 pounds.

Mayor DeLoach of Texarkana, Tex., and Mayor Trigg of Texarkana, Ark., together with a committee from each City Council, held a meeting Friday and reached an agreement to build a septic tank, jointly, for the destruction of the sewer wastes of the two cities.

Opposition from the wives and sweethearts of members of the House caused the defeat Friday in the Missouri Legislature of the Hilton bill against Merry Widow, peach basket, cart wheel or bungalow hats, and against the use of birds, snakes, lizards or other animals, reptiles or insects as trimming for hats.

J. W. Maxwell, general superintendent of the Cotton Belt, has given out the statement to the effect that as soon as the plans now being drawn are completed the company will spend \$150,000 in enlarging and improving the machine shops at Tyler.

Delegates from all of the cotton-producing States, and from other sections, will be in attendance at the thirteenth annual convention of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' association, which will convene in Memphis Tuesday to be in session three days.

Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, moving spirit in the organization of the Amalgamated Copper Company, builder of railroads and philanthropist, died at his home in New York Wednesday morning from a stroke of apoplexy.

The sheep camp of Taylor Bros., near Atchee, Colo., was raided by a band of cattlemen Thursday. Three sheep herders were beaten and tied to trees. The raiders then killed 3,000 head of sheep, the slaughter taking up almost the entire day. The telephone wire was cut and the raiders escaped to the hills.

The closing down of 400 bakeries on the East Side New York, coincident with the strike of the bakers' employees has caused the price of bread to increase to 15c a loaf.

Theodore Roosevelt and his son Kermit are having good hunting luck on the Ju Ja ranch of George McMillan, in British East Africa. Their bag includes a water buck, an impalla and other varieties of antelope. All the skins are being saved and the expedition has now a total of sixty specimens, representing twenty different species.

Lieut. Gen. Anatole M. Stoessel and Rear Admiral Nebogotoff have been released from confinement in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul by order of Emperor Nicholas, of Russia. The health of both men has been gravely affected by their confinement in the prison.

The plant of the Memphis, Tenn., Cottonseed Oil Company, one of the largest in the South, was destroyed by fire Tuesday, involving a loss of nearly \$200,000, including the machinery and stock.

The biennial convention of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, which has been in session in Atlanta for the past eight days, adjourned Tuesday.

Morris & Company of Chicago, the second largest packing company in the world, and the largest individual packers and shippers of meat in the world, will erect a plant in Oklahoma City that will cost between \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000.

Burglars Saturday night in Rice entered Fortson Bros. store at the rear entrance by cutting out the screening and prying open the door. Some \$200 worth of merchandise was taken.

Fire in the seven-story Hower-Power block Tuesday, in Akron, Ohio, practically destroyed the building and contents, causing a loss which it is thought will aggregate \$1,500,000.

In the appointment Monday of a receiver for Tracey & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade, Wall street had a million dollar failure.

One of the most interesting acts of the Southern Baptist convention Saturday in Louisville was the projection of a movement to enlarge the endowment of the Louisville Seminary to \$1,000,000.

Matilda Nitsch, 19-years-old, Sunday drowned in the Salado a short distance from the St. Hedwig road in San Antonio while playing on the bank of the stream with a younger sister and brother.

J. N. Sinomms, aged 19, white, and Elsa Sharpe, aged 25, colored, were instantly killed by lightning Tuesday near Beaumont, while sitting under trees waiting for a heavy rain shower to pass over.

Members of the congregation of the Broadway Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, have decided to erect an edifice at once, larger and better in every detail than the one destroyed in the great fire on April 3.

A call for an election to issue \$40,000 in bonds to pave the business streets of Longview has been ordered and it is confidently expected to carry, as this place is on the upward move just now.

News by telegram reached Walnut Springs early Friday that the Texas Central passenger train No. 4, east bound, and due about 4:30, went through a bridge two miles east of Carbon at an early hour that morning.

The first silver service presentation to the big battleship Mississippi, named after this historic State, was made on the quarter deck of the vessel Friday by the Daughters of the American Revolution. A set of candleholders of rich silver was the token.

The Arilla Coal Company, of Cisco, is making extensive preparations to open up its mines very soon on a more extensive scale. It has furnished the Texas Central Railroad with ten tons to make a test of. A fine report has been made on it.

Almost at the eleventh hour a big general rain fell for three hours Thursday night over the entire Merkel country. Farmers and business men are jubilant and celebrated Saturday in a big barbecue and picnic arranged for the visit of Hon. E. R. Kone and distinguished Farmers' Union speakers.

On several occasions of late obstructions have been placed on the track of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad a few miles north of Marlin. Iron and timbers were laid across the track, but in each case were discovered before any damage was done.

W. W. Jacobs of Temple, Thursday, disposed of seventy-two bales of cotton he has been holding, selling the entire lot to a local buyer at 10 1/2c.

The 2c passenger rate proposition suffered its second death Tuesday at the hands of the Railroad Commission, in Mississippi. It was killed last year by the Legislature and now by the Railroad Commission.

Fire in Fort Smith, Ark., Monday destroyed the Fort Smith Press and its contents of 5,000 bales of cotton. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. The fire is supposed to have been started by an incendiary.

The ladies' auxiliary to the Young Men's Christian Association, of Ennis, has conducted a tag day campaign as a benefit for the institution and in this way have collected about \$300.

Luther Maddox, a young man employed by the Texas and New Orleans Railroad, at Jacksonville, while attempting to throw an electric light switch Monday morning in the company's yard, was instantly killed.

Mrs. Helen Kelly Gould was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce Thursday from Frank J. Gould by Justice Gerard in the Supreme Court.

WILL SUCCEED BELL

Gen. Wood Soon to Be Made Chief of Staff of Army.

Will Accomplish in 23 Years What It Has Taken Others 40 to Do—Was One of Organizers of "Rough Riders."

Washington.—The next 12 months promise to be memorable for the many important changes in the army. Many of these changes will occur in the regular course of events, and may be discounted, but others are still somewhat unsettled and consequently open to speculation.

Prominent among the things that are settled is that Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, now in command of the military department of the east, with headquarters at Governors Island, N. Y., will be the next chief of staff of the army. Gen. Wood will succeed Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, whose re-appointment to his present office was announced immediately after the inauguration of the new administration.

Gen. Bell, however, has decided to remain here but a few months, and before next spring he will be transferred to Manila, where he will have command of the troops stationed in the Philippines.

Until Gen. Bell was appointed the office of chief of staff, which is regarded as the most important office in the army, was invariably filled by the officer of highest rank. Lieut. Gen. Young, Chaffee and Bates held that office in succession, and the appointment of Gen. Bell followed the request of Lieut. Gen. Henry C. Corbin to be assigned to the command of the Southwest division at St. Louis.



Gen. Leonard Wood.

Instead of to the office of chief of staff, to which his rank naturally entitled him. Gen. MacArthur succeeded Gen. Corbin as lieutenant general, but as he was not on the best of terms with Secretary of War Taft, with whom it seems he had disagreed when they were together in the Philippines, it was deemed best to make no change in the office of chief of staff for his benefit.

No such reasons apply, however, to the case of Gen. Wood, who is a warm personal friend of President Taft. Gen. Wood likewise enjoyed high favor with President Roosevelt. Thus, two years ago, it was decided that Lieut. Gen. MacArthur, the senior officer of the army, should go into practical retirement and fill out the remaining years of his career on the active list at his old home in Milwaukee writing his observations of military affairs in the orient, principally in India. This arrangement left the way open for Gen. Wood, upon his return from the Philippines a year ago, to be assigned to the choice billet of commander of the department of the east, which in the natural course of events would have fallen to Gen. MacArthur. And now the latter is to be retired for age early next month and Gen. Wood will then be the senior officer of the army in point of rank and service. Thus Gen. Wood will have accomplished in 23 years what Gen. MacArthur accomplished in 40, and other officers in quite as long a time.

Gen. Wood's career has been one of the most remarkable the army has ever seen. He was born in New Hampshire, studied medicine, and in 1886 was appointed an assistant surgeon in the army. He participated in the Indian wars and saw considerable service. It was not until he became the family physician of the late President McKinley, however, that he was really started on the road to success.

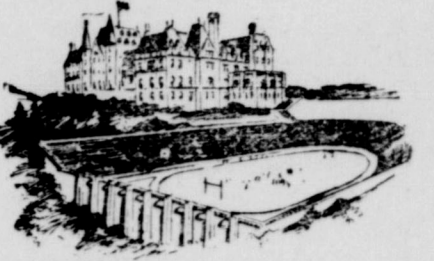
He was captain and assistant surgeon when, with the outbreak of the war with Spain, in company with Theodore Roosevelt, he organized what was known as the Rough Riders' regiment. He later received a commission as major general of volunteers, and in 1901 was appointed brigadier general in the regular establishment.

STADIUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Being Built in Natural Amphitheater in Tacoma, Wash., and Will Cost \$100,000.

Tacoma, Wash.—Work on a \$100,000 stadium for the Tacoma High school has been begun by the contractors. They are under bond to complete the whole by August 15. This will be in time for the important athletic contests to be held this fall during the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at the nearby city of Seattle.

The stadium will occupy a natural amphitheater offered by a gulch in the edge of the cliff immediately adjoining



Only High School Stadium in the World.

the city's \$500,000 high school building. This amphitheater looks out over Commencement bay, Tacoma's harbor on Puget sound, and commands fine views of the Olympic and Cascade ranges and Mount Tacoma. On the hill behind are residences, while below, skirting the foot of the stadium, but still 100 feet above sea level, a great scenic boulevard will stretch away along the whole water front to Point Defiance.

In this commanding situation a large horseshoe is being sliced out of the hillside and here will be built one of the largest and best-appointed courses for athletic sports in the world and the only stadium ever erected for a public school. Its cost has been met by popular subscription.

After providing thorough drainage for both the hillside and the athletic field, the contractors will build the concrete walls, stairways, aisles and seats on a system of arches, giving space beneath for baths, dressing rooms and other conveniences. The whole structure will be of re-enforced concrete finished above with an ornamental iron fence. Across the open end of the horseshoe a row of arches will shut in the field from the boulevard below.

The amphitheater, as now to be constructed, will provide 39 rows of seats, accommodating 30,000 persons.

The athletic field, which, after all, is the important thing in a stadium, will be as perfect as any in the United States. It will have a length of 425 feet and a width increasing from 250 feet at the toe of the horseshoe to more than four hundred feet at the other end. This will give ample room for football, baseball, tennis and other field sports.

PEKIN HERO TO BE CHAPLAIN

Lieut. Titus, First Man Over Walls During Boxer Siege, Will Take Holy Orders.

Washington.—Lieut. Calvin P. Titus, Fourteenth United States Infantry, who, as a bugler, was the first man



Lieut. Calvin P. Titus.

over the walls of Peking when the American troops relieved the legations from the boxer siege in 1900, will turn chaplain.

His extraordinary valor in the Chinese campaign brought him a medal of honor and an appointment to West Point, where he was graduated in 1905, when he rejoined the regiment with which he was marched to the Chinese capital. A few months ago he resigned from the service in order to enter religious work in civil life. Since that time, however, he has decided that he can best pursue a religious career in the army with the ways and customs of which he is familiar. Orders have accordingly been issued revoking his resignation with the understanding that he will later become a chaplain. Before so doing, however, he will be ordained in the church, but in what denomination the war department is not informed.

Lieut. Titus was born in Iowa in 1879.

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.

Now let us have the bridge. We need it badly. Several days this week, parties sustained considerable loss of time and property because they could not get across the river.

Hail, last week, fell in such quantities near Watervally that when it drifted into the Concho it choked the stream in places so that the banks were overflowed. It is said that great numbers of fish were killed.

The man who was preparing to run from the drouth will now have to wait for the mud to dry up before starting. He will have to revise the story formulated to tell his wife's people, when he arrived "back East," since the rains began to descend.

Since old mother earth has gotten her face washed—took a good old sky juice bath—cast off her old, dusty, brown dress and put on a nice, green summer gown trimmed in flowers and bedecked with diamonds of dew, we are made to forget our dismal forebodings and remember the the Good Lord has not forgotten the children of His creation, though He chideth them for a season.

There are quite a number of prospective candidates for governor bobbing up from time to time, but the thought of Joe Bailey and the prohibition questions coming up at them like Banquo's ghost, puts a chilly feeling on them and makes them feel that they will have to travel a lonely and rocky road that leads to a graveyard where many political ambitions lie buried to rise no more.

Quite a number of our ranchmen have become converts to the preaching of the News-Record in regard to running sheep in connection with other stock in their pastures. We have in mind a prominent ranchman who has converted the weeds that would have otherwise gone to waste, into \$10,000 worth of wool this spring. Diversification applies equally to ranching as farming.

The Concho got out of her bed last Monday and spent about three days in spring-cleaning. She piled up the trash that had been six months accumulating in her bed, swept the dust off the shelves and dressed her banks in a green gown of the latest style. She was suffering from a swollen head which caused her to leave her bed and do the cleaning act, and when she finished cleaning out the debris of the winter, and scouring out her mouth, she, tho still running, is back in her bed.

A big petition will go up to our commissioners court asking it to build a bridge across the Concho on the Sterling Creek road, just south of town. For nearly three days the river has been past fording, and several parties on the other side, who were sick and in need of medicine and a doctor, had to wait until the river ran down.

Our commissioners intend building the bridge anyhow, but it is thought to give expression of how the taxpayers feel about it, would make them feel that they have the backing of their constituency in the enterprise. If our court acts with its usual celerity, we will have the bridge soon.

A TRUST KILLER

Senator Bailey Tells The Senate of A Remedy That Will Work

In his speech, in the Senate, on the tariff question on the 13th, inst., Senator Bailey said: "Just put one of these malefactors of great wealth in the penitentiary and you will see the anti-trust law enforced without further violations. Send one of these men who may be found violating either the interstate commerce law or the anti-trust law to the penitentiary and you will stop these violations by others. You can not do it with fines, because when a court fines a trust the trust fines the people, and as long as the punishment is measured in dollars and cents they will continue to violate the law. Men will take the chance of pecuniary loss in the hope of realizing a greater pecuniary gain. Send one of them to the penitentiary and it will work like magic.

"The millionaire," continued Mr. Bailey, who was receiving the rapt attention of the senators on both sides of the chamber "values one thing more than his fortune, and that is his liberty. He does not love justice. He does not love that peace of mind for which others struggle. But he loves his liberty."

Mr. Bailey said he expected the United States Steel corporation to be dissolved, and continuing said:

"I expect to see its officers imprisoned or become fugitives from justice, and men now charged with the administration of the law fail to conform to their demands. I have an abiding faith that the American people will call into their service another set of men from your party. The stalwarts of today would become the insurgents of that day and the insurgents of this generation would be the stalwarts of the next generation. That is as certain as any event in the future can be."

And yet there are those who insist that Bailey is a servant of the trust. But the Scriptures tell of those who have ears and they hear not; eyes, and they see not; and, we might add, they who have brains, but think nothing save evil of their fellows.

JUMPING AT CONCLUSIONS

It is not always safe to resort to legal proceedings until you are absolutely sure that you are in possession of facts that would warrant your action, and then you had better look twice before you leap.

A citizen of a neighboring county, a few weeks ago, went out one morning before daylight, and failing to find a string of fence where he thought it ought to be. He at once concluded that one of his neighbors had torn it down and carried it away and he acted accordingly. He swore out a search warrant and a complaint charging his neighbor with a heinous crime. Of course the news flew over the country that B had stolen A's fence.

As A went back home, feeling that he was now in a position to wreak dire vengeance on his neighbor B, he cast his eyes in the direction where the fence stood and there it was!—safe and sound and not so much as a staple missing. The truth of the matter was, he had gone out before daylight, lost his bearings, ran across a stray fence stay and jumped to the conclusion that B had been there in the night and taken the fence away. No doubt A felt badly about it—even worse than the man he had accused of a crime; but it was too late to undo the wrong he had inflicted.

No good citizen will hesitate to help bring a criminal to justice when the law has been violated, in fact he owes it to himself and his country to do so; but he should

be careful to never accuse when there is not just and probable cause for accusation and never through spite, malice or revenge.

ALL ABOUT STENOGRAPHERS

At last we know about the stenographer. A judge has told us.

The way it happened was that somebody sned a stenographer somewhere and tried to garnishee his (or her) salary.

Then the judge decided that it wasn't "salary" at all; it was just "wages."

That is to say the stenographer is, the court held, a laborer—manual labor, and being such, money due for such labor can not be garnisheed as it could be if the judge had decided that stenography was a profession.

A law journal commenting on the case, says: "The judge declared that the stenographer is really an instrument which receives sounds from the lips of another, registers what he hears, and reproduces, unchanged (f) what he receives. He exercises no independence of thought, no initiative no description. If his employer indulges in the pastime of murdering the king's english, he must become a participes criminis and join in the assassination."

"The judge takes notice, judicial and otherwise, of all this, recalling that in his youth he had been reporter of the circuit of which he is now judge. He holds that stenography is not an art. Though it involves special study, skill and experience, these of themselves do not make arts while its practice cultivates the memory, the memory is not an intellectual faculty. The judge judicially knows that Blind Tom's ears received in perfect integrity musical sounds which his fingers reproduced on the piano, and that he was, nevertheless, practically an idiot. (Sorely the court cannot intend the obvious inference.)

"It is therefore concluded that stenography is pre-eminently manual labor, and that the stenographer must be classed as a 'laborer' along with the bricklayer, carpenter and blacksmith. "Apart from the interest attached to the well written opinion the question arises: Did he have the courage to dictate it to his 'queen of the machine'?"

A Hammer With A History

A few days ago, C. N. Crawford found a hammer in or near J. L. Glass' that has a unique history.

About twenty years ago a bunch of about 75 horses were stolen near Colorado and driven across the country to Alpine, where they were overtaken, the horses recovered and the thieves sent to the penitentiary. At this time Mr. Crawford was working for the half circle S people with J. L. Glass as foreman. While riding the pasture, Mr. Crawford discovered where the fence had been torn down and a bunch of horses driven across it. Soon after this, officers came along in pursuit of the thieves and learning of this incident, they struck the fresh trail and soon afterward overhauled them with the results above stated.

Now comes the interesting part of the story. It was learned that a number of the horses were branded "EA," same being the brand given by a party in Mitchell county. While riding near the spot where the fence was torn down, the other day, Mr. Crawford found a hammer with the letters, "EA," cut on it, perhaps with a cold chisel. No doubt, the hammer was stolen along with the horses of that brand, for the purpose of tearing down fences, and in their hurry to get over the fence, the parties lost it where it has lain until found by Mr. Crawford.

Will Make Whiskey And Remove The "Drunk"

San Francisco, May 25.—Prof. E. J. Voyle, chemist of Berkeley university, says that he has made one of the greatest discoveries of the age, which is nothing less than a method of removing the "drunk from whiskey without diminishing its exhilarating powers. Prof. Voyle says the "kick" out of whatever liquid you may imbibe, leaving all its recuperative powers. Prof. Voyle says the "kick" out of whiskey which causes wee is not alcohol but cyanamide. All you have to do is to carefully remove the cyanamide from your whiskey and you may drink it freely without fear.

"Pure alcohol is not responsible for the intoxication that follows drinking it," says the professor. "The evil ingredient is its associated element, cyanamid. It is one of the minor constituents which is not removed by the present process of fermentation and distillation."—San Angelo Standard.

Hail Furnishes Ice

Col. W. R. McEntire was one of our welcome callers last Wednesday. He reports fine rains over the U pasture. He says the U ranch has been supplied with ice this week, gathered from the drifts of hailstones, in Walnut draw, which fell there last Saturday.

The Colonel has branded about 150 calves this week as a beginner. The McEntires have spent considerable money this spring in feeding their cattle, which accounts for the comparatively light loss on the U ranch. They now have 50 registered red cattle now on the ranch to add to their already fine blooded herd.

LEG BROKEN

Last Sunday, a little son of Mr. Mays, who lives on the Spade ranch near Iolanthe, sustained a broken thigh from being kicked by a horse.

Dr. Carver went out and attended the injured lad, and at last accounts, he was getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Preaching And Practice

I heard him in the court room,
His speech transfixed the crowd.
"Never," said he, "should violence
Or my rule be allowed.
Rise calm o'er passions, slow to judge,
Heed well the ancient say,
'Obedience to authority
Is the keynote of the law.'
I saw him in the grand stand,
Hatless and out of breath,
He joined the crowd that clamored,
For the empire's death.
'You robber, shepherd, ruffian, thief,
You cheat! We had this cheated
Till you batt in, you dough-head dot!
'Too bad you can't be lynched."
—Puck.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution in Regard to Formation and Taxing Power of School Districts

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8. House Joint Resolution to amend Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free school, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts, heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings thereon, provided that a majority of the qualified property-taxpaying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation, in such district, by the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three (3) months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such newspaper may be published. And the Governor shall and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds."

Sec. 3. That \$5000 or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.
(A true copy.)
W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

ALONZO CLEVELAND GETS TWO YEERS
Alonzo Cleveland, who lives near Garden City, was convicted at San Angelo, this week, of the theft of two mules, and given two years in the penitentiary. We learn that he will appeal.

GRAND MAM'S TEA is a most pleasant vegetable laxative. Cures Constipation, Purifies the Blood, Cures Sick Headache and Biliousness. It will quickly remove pimples, beautifying the complexion and giving the skin the freshness of youth.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Validating School Districts and Their Bonded Indebtedness and Authorizing Levy and Collection of Taxes to Pay Such Indebtedness

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5. House Joint Resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 2a, validating school districts and their bonded indebtedness of such districts and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes to pay such indebtedness.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be known as Section 2a, which shall read and be as follows:

Sec. 2a. Every school district heretofore formed, whether formed under the general law or by special act and whose territory embraced within its boundaries lies wholly within a single county or partly in two or more counties, is hereby declared to be, and from its formation to have been, a valid and lawful district.

All bonds heretofore issued by any such districts which have been approved by the Attorney General and registered by the Comptroller are hereby declared to be, and at the time of their issuance to have been, issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of this State, and any and all such bonds are hereby in all things validated and declared to be valid and binding obligations upon the district or districts issuing the same.

Each such district is hereby authorized to, and shall, annually levy and collect an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay the interest on all such bonds and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to redeem the same at maturity, not to exceed such a rate as may be provided by law under other provisions of this Constitution. And all trustees heretofore elected in districts made up from more than one county are hereby declared to have been duly elected, and shall be and are hereby named as trustees of their respective districts, with power to levy the taxes herein authorized until their successor shall be duly elected and qualified as is or may be provided by law.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such newspaper may be published. And the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds."

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EUPION OIL has given general satisfaction for more than 50 years, and it will not explode. It cost you no more than a cheaper grade.

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Call for EUPION and be satisfied. Every drop of EUPION guaranteed.

WANTED:—To exchange good 200 acre farm for a section or two of grazing land. W. W. Watson, Robert Lee, Texas.

FOR SALE
240 acres of good valley land for sale at \$10 per acre, cash. Apply at this office.

LAND WANTED—Within fifteen or twenty miles of Sterling City; land that will average seventy-five per cent good. My intention is to sell this land to Northern people. I will leave in the near future for Illinois to do some extensive advertising in that state.
C. W. HECHERT,
San Angelo, Texas.

O K GRAIN STORE AND WAGON YARD

If you want your team fed, take them to the O K. If you are the market for any kind of Grain or Hay, in any quantity, you had best get prices at the O K before buying. If you want clean stalls and water for your stock, and a good, new house for yourself and folks, stop at the O K, on Southeast corner of Square

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W. F. KELLIS.

STERLING CITY, TEXAS
DOCTORS AND LAWYERS.

Recently Mr. Bernard Shaw delivered an address before the London Medico-Legal society in which he advocated the "socialization" of the medical profession, so that it would be possible for the doctor when not paid by the patient, but by the state, to follow the practice of the art of medicine with honesty and truth, things at present impossible on account of the insistence of patients to receive treatment when treatment is unnecessary, and, especially inopportune, because a doctor to-day is of no higher rank than a tradesman, says the Interstate Medical Journal. In connection with these timely remarks we would say that were lawyers employed and paid by the state, instead of by their clients, there would take place many gratifying changes; for the state could prevent the present attitude of law to the science of medicine by making compulsory an instructive course in its many ramifications and could institute, by these enlightened means, a better phase in all legal tilts than obtains to-day, when the irresistible plea made by money creates so great a bias for a client that no other course would seem to have any justification. Only when this happier state from a modern conception of socialism is evolved will there be the proper rapprochement between doctors and lawyers to effect a medico-legal society of far-reaching benefits.

Japan is fast taking on the ways of modern civilization. Nine members of their house of representatives have just been arrested for being "grafters." At this rate, Japan will soon be in the front rank of modern, progressive nations. Civilization's vices always accompany civilization's benefits. Only 55 years ago Commodore Perry opened the ports of Japan; but in this half century that island empire has made gigantic strides toward civilization. Her people are "the Yankees of the east." Dishonesty and immorality are characteristics of barbarous and semi-barbarous people, but the crimes of civilization are more difficult to handle because covered and protected by the cloak of respectability. The prompt arrest of Japan's civilized grafters augurs well for the future of that ambitious government. The authorities will mete out summary punishment to these offenders, and teach a salutary lesson to future would-be grafters. Thus the nation may escape the scandal of corrupt politics.

Women of Washington are taking it upon themselves to see that the streets are kept clean; that waste paper, blowing this way and that, is disposed of; in fact, that it is not permitted to get upon the streets at all. These Washington women are meeting with much success. We could wish that the women of Philadelphia would assume the same duties, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. And their duties would be light, after all. If, as individuals, they would see to it that waste paper is not thrown loosely into ash cans and put on their own sidewalks for the ashmen to take away, they would quickly discover that the greatest source of untidiness had been eliminated. A combination between the women and the police would eradicate what is now a most pronounced and disgusting evil.

The Los Angeles report that scores of persons in that city have been made ill by strawberries from Japanese gardens near Gardena, upon which a powerful solution was used to destroy worms that appeared on the vines early in the season, should warn gardeners everywhere to refrain from using poisons on fruits or on vegetables that are eaten in a raw state, as salads. The dusting of potato vines with poisonous powder that destroys the potato beetle is harmless because the tubers are under the soil, but the use of poisons on tomatoes and small fruits is dangerous, as has been conspicuously shown in the Los Angeles poisoning.

It is going to be a strenuous season for the "skeeter." New Jersey, which is the home of some of the most dreadful of the species, has already begun war on the pests. The authorities are trying to kill off the mosquitoes by draining the swamps and destroying the eggs. Still, it is likely to be some time before life will be one glad, sweet song in which the hateful note of the mosquito does not take an inharmonious part.

There are a few college professors in this country who should take a year's lay-off and find out just what is being preached in the churches. Some of them might be amazed to discover that we are no longer living in the seventeenth century.

An Eskimo boy says civilization has done nothing but harm to his people. In brief, where they were satisfied to gnaw a tallow candle before, they now demand porterhouse and tenderloin steaks.

NO ORGANIZATION AMONG ANARCHISTS

The Very Nature of Their Principles Makes Such a Thing Impossible.

OUTRAGES COMMITTED BY INDIVIDUALS

Too Many Types and Nationalities Are Involved to Permit of Anything Like Cohesion---Baby Consecrated to the "Cause" of Anarchy.

WHENEVER out of the country's masses of ignorant aliens some desperado or fanatic rises up in single importance to hurl a bomb or shoot down some leader of the people, there goes forth a hue and a cry that organized anarchy is rife.

But after the first panic fear of organized resistance to authority, the public, investigating, finds that in each case the outrage was the act of an individual, or, at most, of a small group. Czolgosz was alone in his plotting, impelled by the hot arguments of demagogues. Subsequent happenings have shown that our crop of desperadoes is scattered, and made up of many types and nationalities of men.

Anarchism we have always with us. Like atheism, or hobbies, or faith in perpetual motion, or any other peculiar tendency of the human mind, it is coincident with history itself, and since the days of the Pharaohs there has been murderous assault upon authority and persons in authority.

The Most Likely Places.
Realizing the permanence of the institution, one might easily work out a scheme of organization. The national headquarters would be at Paterson, N. J., or at Chicago; the New England headquarters would be at Barre, Vt., the Massachusetts rendezvous, Lynn or Fitchburg. In each of these cities anarchism is familiar and has been at one time or another dangerous. One could then conceive these central stations sending out their agents, forming clubs in every industrial city and town in New England, or, for that matter, in the whole country.

But what have you? In Paterson the leaders are Hebrews; in Barre they are Italians; in Fitchburg they are Finns; in Lynn they are Greeks and Sicilians, with some Italians and Jews. Almost without exception, they are ignorant people, not speaking many tongues. What have these people in common?

A thorough canvass of these cities and towns in the state, where anarchism is known to have a foothold, shows

Those clubs which meet regularly together in Haverhill, Lynn, Quincy, Maynard and other Massachusetts cities, are scrupulous not to elect officers, because that would mean the imposition of authority. Each time they meet they choose a chairman, and at adjournment he goes out of power.

In the second place, the Anarchist, as has been said, has no vernacular, no means of intercommunication. A convention of all the Anarchists in the United States—and there are many thousands of them—would be a veritable Babel, a confusion of tongues unsurpassed. Furthermore, these people coming from all parts of Europe, have been imbued with different ideals. There are as many kinds of anarchism as there are of socialism. Any unanimity among these men and women, whose very beliefs stamp them to be of disordered and perverse mentalities, would be impossible, at least for generations.

Young People Quick to Take Hold.
Finally, the average Anarchist isn't an Anarchist long enough to make even the small clubs which are formed in any way permanent. When to ignorance and poverty is added youth, the agitators find their audiences easily converted to anarchistic doctrine. It is among the young men, and particularly among highly strung girls of the foreign classes, that the nihilistic ideas take hold. The wild impossibilities of the teachings, however, begin to pall upon the converts within a few years, and education, better pay, or a disinclination to go out to meetings of a Sunday afternoon, speedily stamp out what all the king's horses and all the king's men could not exterminate.

Anarchistic doctrine is spread in two ways—by such speakers as Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and their lesser satellites; and by the propaganda of the doctrine through extreme socialist publications. In every city where there is any danger it is chargeable to one or the other of these causes.

But there has recently been a falling off in the spirit with which the work

of all forms of law, or the assassination of public officials."

Section 38 of the same laws reads: "No person who disbelieves in or is opposed to organized government, or who is a member of or is affiliated with any organization entertaining and teaching such disbelief or opposition to all organized government . . . shall be permitted to enter the United States . . ."

At that time the anarchistic publication of Paterson, N. J., La Question Sociale, suspended, and such papers as Tyomeis, published in Hancock, Mich., or Raivaajaa, published in Fitchburg, Mass., in the Finnish tongue, became notably milder in tone. The public and private meetings of the local anarchistic organizations have since been almost lukewarm and speakers have been cautious in the extreme.

Stars and Stripes First.
In Maynard, Mass., a Finnish society within a month carried the red flag in the streets, but took good care that the stars and stripes should be borne ahead of it in the procession; in Quincy a similar attempt was excused on the ground that the red flag was the "poor man's banner, nothing more," and the Lettish Workingmen's association of Boston, after holding a rebellious meeting on the Common, actually sent a letter to Gov. Guild protesting against being called "Anarchists" in the public press. It was notable that each one of these affairs happened on the second of August, which was the

tine de Pietro, a clever young Italian who bore a reputation in several cities and had police records in Boston, Lynn and Haverhill. He was murdered in a family row and his murderer is now awaiting trial.

The activity of the Anarchists is attested in a circular which they distributed in the North end of Boston in 1905.

It sets forth their beliefs somewhat extravagantly as follows:

"FELLOW WORKERS.

"We Anarchists want the complete abolition of all classes, one with the exploitation and the dominion of the man on the man.

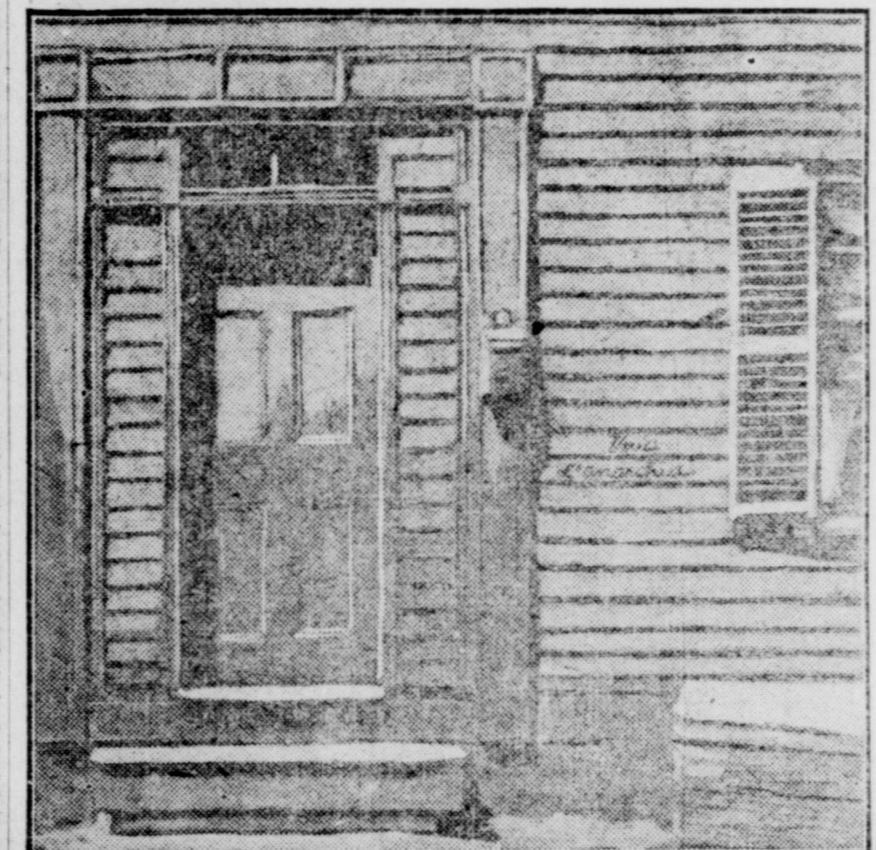
"We are against patriotism, private property, authority and churches.

"To the miserable principle of patriotism we like to substitute the great and noble principle of the love for humanity, not divided by artificial and barbarous frontiers; we want the world to be the great fatherland of the worker.

"We are against authority, under whatever form it may be, because it is, and always has been, used by a small number of privileged to submit and oppress the vast mass of the people, and because authority is the greatest obstacle to freedom.

"We fight the churches because they restrain the intelligence of man, kill in him the power of initiative, and because the church is the greatest manufacturing shop of ignorance.

"Yes, we Anarchists want to destroy all the actual institutions from their



On the Side of This House, in Lynn, Mass., Just to the Right of the Door, is Written in Bold Letters, "Viva l'Anarchia." The Father and Mother Who Live There Are Teaching Anarchism to Their Child, a Girl.

Sunday following the great success of the Socialist party in the elections in Finland.

TAUGHT HIS CHILD ANARCHY.

Ignorant Italian Resident of Lynn, Mass., Has Consecrated Baby to the Cause.

"Viva l'Anarchia!"
Scrawled in black carbon, shoulder high on the clappingboard of a tiny house, just off busy Market street, in Lynn, Mass., this bold confession of faith in anarchism brings the passer up with a start.

There is a little girl, dirty, but pretty, sitting on the rickety steps beneath the staring legend. When the passer-by pauses to speak to her, out of the window is thrust the dark head of the father.

"Good bambino?" he queries, eagerly.

"Yes, a pretty baby."

"She Anarchist," he says with a certain wild glee.

"The baby is an Anarchist?"

"Yes. Me teach her. Me Anarchist, wife Anarchist, bambino—all Anarchist."

The man cannot explain his anarchism. His creed is declared in the letters beside the door, and in the education of his child. The philosophy of it, the fallacies of it, have never reached him.

How He Got His Ideas.

He only knows that some Sunday afternoon, two months ago, in a crowded hall where Jews and Greeks, Italians and Poles, crowded side by side on hard benches, he listened to some talk by a brilliant woman, who told him his rights were being snatched from him, that no man should be allowed to dictate to him, that churches and police and governors and presidents were but instruments of the oppressor. Out of that hall he thronged with scores of fellow-workers, and the rude touch of shoulder to shoulder seemed to electrify him into thinking more than was his wont.

Perhaps a while later a tall, lithe young man with curling hair and a quick, bright smile began to meet him and tell him the same story over and over. He went to meetings of ten or a dozen in the back rooms of tenements, and even held a meeting in his own kitchen. Then he subscribed to a paper—perhaps Cronaca Sovversiva or La Question Sociale—and read over and over the mad teachings and, applying them without reason to his own case, became even more rabid than the lecturers and the writers. So now he calls himself Anarchist and teaches his baby anarchy.

Began in Lynn Ten Years Ago.

This wedding of converts began in Lynn some ten years ago, and was continued by various leaders until the death a year ago last spring of Valen-

fundaments, because we see they are wrong; and to that work we consecrate the best part of our energy.

"Of course, in the fight some individual uals are lost, but we can't help it. Though cruel, the experience shows that the tree of liberty grows in the soil wet of blood.

"And we would gladly see the number of these victims centuplicated and our lives lost with them if we could stop forever the daily massacre of our fellow-workers.

"For the redemption of humanity from moral and material slavery we march, and nothing will stop us.

"ANARCHISTS OF LYNN."

Riot Follows Speeches.

On the same day that this manifesto went abroad Valentine de Pietro and four companions invaded the North end of Boston, and in North square spoke in fiery vein to several hundred of their countrymen. They were urging the overthrow of the state government when two policemen pounced upon them and captured De Pietro and a companion. The crowd showed fight and stones were thrown, but the men were taken to the station house. For hours that night the streets were filled with foreigners swearing vengeance upon the officers.

De Pietro was arraigned in court on the charge of occupying a public reservation without a permit. He was liberated on a technicality, but took occasion to make a 20-minute speech to the court in defense of his principles and his right to express his views.

The only real disturbance during the lifetime of De Pietro occurred at St. Joseph's church. The pastor invited the Anarchists to come and hear him preach, and in the course of his sermon said things which drew down their wrath. Half a dozen jumped up in the pews and retorted, a hot argument resulting. The police arrived and drove them all forth in time to prevent bloodshed.

But the leader is dead. He lived with two wives, one of whom was married, in a little tenement on Elwood street, Boston. One morning he got in a dispute with his nephew about family matters, and was shot dead. The nephew's defense, when the case comes to trial, is to be that he acted in self-defense.

Since then—over a year ago—an archism in Lynn has weakened.

Irony of Fate.

Some months before his death, Victorien Sardou, passing with a friend the Place de la Madeleine, pointing to the statue of Jules Simon, said: "There is nothing uglier than this good man in his frock coat. To erect this hideous monument a charming little fountain similar to the one we see on the other side of the place has been suppressed." And now it has been decided to erect the statue of Sardou on the spot occupied by the other fountain!—Le Cri de Paris

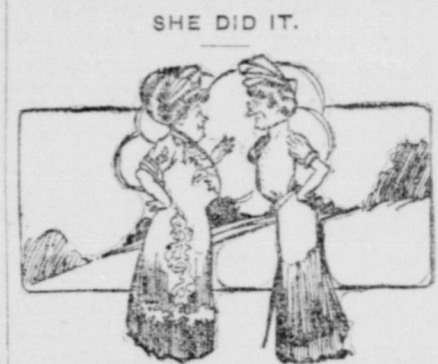
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Milwaukee, Wis. — "Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has made me a well woman, and I would like to tell the whole world of it. I suffered from female trouble and fearful pains in my back. I had the best doctors and they all decided that I had a tumor in addition to my female trouble, and advised an operation. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made me a well woman and I have no more backache. I hope I can help others by telling them what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me." — Mrs. EDMA IMSE, 833 First St., Milwaukee, Wis.

The above is only one of the thousands of grateful letters which are constantly being received by the Pinkham Medicine Company of Lynn, Mass., which prove beyond a doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, actually does cure these obstinate diseases of women after all other means have failed, and that every such suffering woman owes it to herself to at least give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial before submitting to an operation, or giving up hope of recovery.

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



SHE DID IT.
Mrs. Fat—So your husband has stopped smoking? It must have taken considerable will power?
Mrs. Thinne—All I had.

Not a Petrified Leg.
In one of the leading cities of the middle west a high church dignitary is obsessed with the monomania that one of his legs is gradually becoming petrified. To test its condition he pinches it at frequent intervals. At a dinner party of men and women he became greatly excited to find that he felt no sensation from a most vigorous pinch. "It has come, it has come!" he cried in alarm; "at last my leg is completely petrified!" The matron sitting next to him whispered hoarsely: "Excuse me! It is not petrified and it is not yours!"—New York Press.

Fighting Tuberculosis.

Three large fraternal orders are at present conducting sanatoria for their tuberculous members. The Royal League, the first order to take up this form of work in the United States, has a sanatorium at Black Mountain, North Carolina. The Modern Woodmen have recently opened a sanatorium at Colorado Springs, and the Knights of Pythias, one at the East Las Vegas, New Mexico. The Royal Arcanum and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen will consider propositions at their coming grand councils for the erection of similar institutions.

THINK HARD

It Pays to Think About Food.

The unthinking life some people lead often causes trouble and sickness, illustrated in the experience of a lady in Fond Du Lac, Wis.

"About four years ago I suffered dreadfully from indigestion, always having eaten whatever I liked, not thinking of the digestible qualities. This indigestion caused palpitation of the heart so badly I could not walk up a flight of stairs without sitting down once or twice to regain breath and strength.

"I became alarmed and tried dieting, wore my clothes very loose, and many other remedies, but found no relief.

"Hearing of the virtues of Grape-Nuts and Postum, I commenced using them in place of my usual breakfast of coffee, cakes, or hot biscuit, and in one week's time I was relieved of sour stomach and other ills attending indigestion. In a month's time my heart was performing its functions naturally and I could climb stairs and hills and walk long distances.

"I gained ten pounds in this short time, and my skin became clear and I completely regained my health and strength. I continue to use Grape-Nuts and Postum for I feel that I owe my good health entirely to their use. "There's a Reason."

"I like the delicious flavour of Grape-Nuts and by making Postum according to directions, it tastes similar to mild high grade coffee."
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.

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 Attorney—L. H. Wightman
 Clerk—J. B. Cole.
 Court meets 4th Monday after first
 Monday in February and September.

County Officers.
 Judge—A. V. Patterson
 Attorney—Pat Kellis.
 Clerk—J. B. Cole
 Sheriff—Harold Twaddle
 Treasurer—E. L. Gilmore
 Assessor—D. C. Durbin
 Inspector—W. T. Conger.
 Surveyor—W. F. Kellis.
 Court meets first Monday in Febru-
 ry, May, August and November.

CHURCHES.

M. E. Church—Preaching every second
 and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and
 7:30 p. m. and fourth Sunday at 7:30 p.
 Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. every
 Sunday.

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

**STERLING CORNET BAND—W. C. Fisher
 Director.**

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Masonic—Sterling Lodge No. 728, A.
 F. & A. M. meets Saturday nights on or
 before the full moon in each month.
 D. L. Stagon, Secretary
 B. 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.

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 " " " 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. Malcolm Black, J. P.

LOCAL.

Meals, the best in town, for
 25c at Central Hotel.

Savell Bros. can get you to the
 train on time.

The river is on another rise
 this morning.

Fisher Bros. had nearly a mile
 of fence wrecked during the recent
 rains.

Col. and Mrs. McEntire and
 George made a business trip to
 San Angelo yesterday.

A line of the finest candies
 ever seen in this town is now on
 sale at Hooker & Gilmore's.

N. B. Fisk came up, last Wed-
 nesday from Brownwood, to
 shape up matters at the ranch.

Wm. Feindt, who had his crop
 all planted before the rain, says
 it is all up now and ready for
 work.

W. R. Cole, of Big Springs,
 and W. E. Chaney, of Garden
 City, passed through here this
 morning enroute to Santa Anna.

The heaviest rain in the history
 of the country fell yesterday
 afternoon over a scope of coun-
 try extending from two miles
 below town to Watervalley. A
 heavy hail fell in places.

Meals 25c at Central Hotel.

All kinds of food soft drinks
 at Hooker & Gilmore's.

Ask the man who has been a
 guest at the Central Hotel where
 to stop.

R. H. Patterson represents
 "Time tried and fire tested" fire
 insurance companies.

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

Born—On the 25th, inst., to
 Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Boone, a
 12 pound boy. Dr. Carver at-
 tending physician.

Have your property insured in
 an "Old Line" company—the
 kind that insures. Ask "Bert"
 about it.

See R. H. Patterson for live-
 stock insurance. He represents
 the oldest company of the kind
 in the world.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One
 good, second hand, 3 inch Stude-
 baker wagon, and a new single
 buggy. 31 Fisher Bros.

Frank Sanderson, John Chan-
 cer, John Beard, Pink Abernathy
 and Jim Hester, of Garden City,
 were water bound here Monday.

People coming down the Gar-
 den City road since the late rains
 report the road almost impass-
 able in places on account of wash-
 outs.

Misses Lona Lyles, May Glass
 and Vera Kells, who have been
 attending Baylor College during
 the past term, are expected home
 next Wednesday.

No need of that pain in the stomach,
 why writhe, groan and suffer? Take
 GRAND MAN'S DIARRHEA CURE. It
 affords quick relief and is a positive cure
 for Diarrhea, Colic, Dysentery, Bloody
 Flux and relieves vomiting and purging.

J. B. Oliver, who served as
 deputy county and district clerk
 under J. S. Cole two years, came
 in last Saturday, and is now
 working in Mr. Cole's abstract
 office. Mr. Oliver is heartily
 welcomed back to Sterling by his
 many friends.

Misses Ethel and Jessie Foster,
 who have been visiting at Dallas,
 Sherman and Linn, are expect-
 ed home today. Mr. and Mrs.
 C. P. Kendall and children will
 accompany them, and spend a
 week or two here visiting rela-
 tives.

All persons are hereby notified
 that my pasture is posted accord-
 ing to law. Any person or per-
 sons who shall hunt, fish, cut or
 haul wood or otherwise trespass
 upon lands owned or controlled by
 me, without my consent, will be
 prosecuted. 4-2-9 W. J. MAXN

The attention of our readers is
 called to the advertisement in
 this issue of the Robinson Seed
 & Plant Company, Dallas, Texas,
 said to be the oldest seed house
 in the Southwest, and who will
 send their new 1909 Catalog to
 all who write for it describing
 the best seeds and plants for the
 Southern Grower.

J. T. Davis returned last Wed-
 nesday from the Foster & Davis
 ranch, near Ozona, where he had
 been shaping up the stock. Mr.
 Davis reports everything down
 there in fair shape. He says that
 after leaving the Dupree ranch,
 on Kiowa, going south, the rain
 was only in spots, and in places
 it is yet very dry.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

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

The Twice a Week Republic, of St.
 Louis has reduced its subscription price
 from \$1 per year to 50 cents. This is
 one of the oldest and best semi-weekly
 news papers published in the United
 States, and at the price of 50 cents per
 year no one can afford to be without it.
 For 50 cents you receive two big eight
 page papers every week, 194 copies a
 year, at less than one-half cent per copy.
 Your friends and neighbors will surely
 take advantage of this opportunity.
 Don't fail to tell them all about it.
 Send all orders to the Republic, St.
 Louis, Mo.

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

S. POYNOR W. V. CHURCHILL A. A. RUTHERFORD
STERLING REALTY CO.,
 COMMISSION DEALERS IN
**RANCHES, CATTLE STOCK FARMS AND
 STERLING CITY PROPERTY.**
 OFFICE IN CENTRAL HOTEL STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution
 Authorizing Cities and Towns with a Population in Excess
 of 5,000 to be Incorporated by Special Act.
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4
 Joint Resolution to amend Article 11,
 Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution
 of the State, authorizing cities and
 towns within the State of Texas to
 be incorporated by special act where
 the population exceeds five thousand
 inhabitants.
 Section 1. That Article 11, Sections
 4 and 5, be amended so that the same
 shall hereafter read and be as follows:
 Sec. 4. Cities and towns having a
 population of five thousand or less may
 be chartered alone by general law.
 They may levy, assess and collect an
 annual tax to defray the current ex-
 penses of their local government, but
 such tax shall never exceed for any
 one year one-fourth of one per cent,
 and shall be collectible only in current
 money, and all licenses and occupation
 taxes levied and all fines, forfeitures,
 penalties and other dues according to
 cities and towns shall be collectible
 only in current money.
 Sec. 5. Cities having more than five
 thousand inhabitants may have their
 charters granted or amended by special
 act of the Legislature and may levy,
 assess and collect such taxes as may
 be authorized by law, but no tax for
 any purposes shall ever be lawful for
 any one year which shall exceed two
 and one-half per cent of the taxable
 property of such city; and no debt
 shall ever be created by any city or
 town unless at the same time provi-
 sion be made to assess and collect
 annually a sufficient sum to pay the
 interest thereon and create a sinking
 fund of at least two per cent thereon.
 Sec. 2. That the above and fore-
 going proposed amendment shall be
 duly published once a week for four
 weeks commencing at least three
 months before a special election to be
 held for the purpose of voting upon
 such proposed amendment on the first
 Tuesday in August, 1909, in one week-
 ly newspaper of each county in the
 State of Texas in which such a news-
 paper may be published, and the Gov-
 ernor be, and he is hereby directed to
 issue the necessary proclamation for
 the submission of this proposed
 amendment to the qualified electors for
 members of the Legislature.
 At each election all persons favoring
 such amendment shall have written or
 printed on their ballots the words
 "For the amendment to Article 11,
 Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution,"
 and those opposed thereto shall have
 written or printed on their ballots the
 words: "Against the amendment to
 Article 11, Sections 4 and 5 of the Con-
 stitution."
 Sec. 3. That \$5000, or as much
 thereof as may be necessary, be and
 the same is hereby appropriated out of
 any money in the Treasury not other-
 wise appropriated, to defray the ex-
 penses of advertising and holding the
 election provided for above.
 (A true copy.)
 W. B. TOWNSEND,
 Secretary of State

For Sale—One disc harrow,
 \$32.50. One double row corn,
 cotton and cane planter, \$22.50
 Address J. A. Anglin,
 Sterling City, Texas.

Wanted—To let contract to
 grub 50 acres of land on the riv-
 er. Apply by phoning or writ-
 ing, Geo. H. McEntire,
 Sterling City, Texas.

For sale—Two young full
 blood Brown Leghorn roosters,
 at 50c each. Call at this office.

Lost—24 sheep. Finder will
 please phone Foster & Barton,
 Sterling City.

For Sale—5 spans of coming
 3-year-old mules, average 15
 hands and promise 16 hands when
 grown. Well matched. Price,
 \$250 per span.
 W. R. Davis,
 Sterling City, Tex.

WANTED—A man, with a small
 family, to work on a ranch. Good
 and sure pay. House, wood and
 water. Apply at this office.

BULLS FOR SALE
 I have ten or twelve, coming
 two's, high grade Hereford bulls
 for sale. Phone or write,
 R. W. Foster,
 Sterling City, Tex.

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

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.

FOR SALE—230 bred ewes, 5's
 and up, \$2.50. 350 coming year-
 lings, \$3.00. 70 lambs, 30 days
 old, \$5.00. Will take one-third
 in good young horse stock, or
 young mules.
 2
 M. D. Sutherland,
 Sales, Texas.

For Sale—A lot of laying hens
 at 30c each. Call at this office.

Wanted—To lease a pasture,
 from 6 to 10 sections. If you
 have it, notify this office.

Lost—On or about the 12 of
 May, a bunch of 30 common grade
 goats, 16 grown ones and the rest
 are young ones. The older ones
 are marked crop the left ear, the
 younger nannies are marked
 underbit in left ear and the younger
 males are marked underbit in
 right ear. One black nanny.
 Any information leading to their
 recovery will be rewarded.
 Phone or write Oscar Atkinson
 at Sterling City, Texas.

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

NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
 Notice is hereby given that the
 Commissioners Court of Ster-
 ling County will, on the second
 Monday in June, sit as a Board
 of Equalization to inspect, cor-
 rect, equalize and approve the as-
 sessment lists of the Tax Asses-
 sor.

Given by order of the Court,
 Leucée B. Cole, Clerk,
 County Court, Sterling
 County, Texas.

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

NOTICE
 My big Maltese jack
 "Jube" will stand this
 season at the Pope place
 five miles northwest of
 town.
 Price, \$7.50 per season; \$10.00
 insurance.
J. L. ALLEN

ABSTRACTS
 After several years of tedious
 work and great expense, I have
 compiled a complete abstract of
 title to every tract of land and
 town lot in Sterling County,
 Parties wishing abstracts made
 to land can obtain them on short
 notice by applying to me at my
 office in the court house, or by
 writing or phoning me at Ster-
 ling City.
 J. S. Cole, Abstracter


**SAN ANGELO & STERLING CITY
 STAGE AND AUTO LINE.**
 WILLARD TOM SAVELL, PROPRIETOR. PHONE 500, SAN ANGELO
 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 Longhassett.
 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

Dr. C. R. CARVER.
 General Practitioner with Surgery
 and Chronic diseases a specialty.
 Calls promptly answered day or
 night. Office first door north of
 Fisher Bros. Drugstore. Phone 48.
 STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

TRESPASS NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that any
 person who shall hunt, fish, cut
 or haul wood, or otherwise tresp-
 ass on any of the lands owned
 or controlled by me will be pro-
 secuted by the full extent of the
 law.
 4-5-07
 A. E. JONES

JEFF D. AYRES,
 LAWYER AND
 NOTARY PUBLIC.
 STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

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.

LOWE & DURHAM
 Dealers in

 Coffins and Caskets
 Carry in stock fine, complete
 line of Undertaker's Goods.

Notice to Hunters.—Posted.
 My pasture is posted accord-
 ing to the law made and provided
 in such cases and all persons are
 hereby warned and forbidden to
 hunt, fish, or otherwise trespass
 upon any of the enclosed lands
 owned or controlled by me, under
 pain of prosecution to the full
 extent of the law. J. T. Davis
 5-6-02 J. T. Davis

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

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

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

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

Notice to Trespassers
 Notice is hereby given, that any per-
 son or persons who shall hunt, fish,
 cut or haul wood, work or drive stock,
 or otherwise trespass upon any land
 owned or controlled by us, or either of
 us without our permission, will be
 prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 Those driving stock down lane
 must keep in the lane until across Deal's
 creek.
 W. R. Felker
 By J. D. Lane, mgr.

TRESPASS NOTICE
 Any person hauling wood, fish-
 ng, hunting, or in any way tresp-
 assing on any lands owned or
 controlled by us, will be prose-
 cuted.
 W. R. McENTIRE & SON

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

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

