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## POSTS EVER BOTHER YOU?

Simple Southern Negro Folks Say These Simple Precautions Will Chase 'Em.

As a part of the folklore of the negro folk the superstitions of slavery are of great interest. The following are some of the negro's beliefs about ghosts:

To feel a hot breath of air strike at twilight signified the nearby presence of a ghost. Should you wish to avoid him, stop and turn your coat around and hat wrong side out. If you cannot encounter you, the spirit, he is a pugnacious one and approaches despite the fact that you are addressing him thus: "The name of the Lord, what do you want?" Whereupon he will tell you to get on your feet, then depart. Never, never trouble you again. On the other hand, it is a prowling ghost who crawls under the house, makes noise against the floor, makes strange sounds, and whispers in the night hours, you have only to put a new floor and he will do so no more.

Some ghosts are obtrusive and will only prow about the house, but when they come through the crack of the door at the wee small hours of the night, once inside, expand to vast proportions. To spare yourself any discomfort in this way, sow mustard seed all about the doorstep just before you go to bed, or place a sieve on the doorstep before entering, the spirit will have to count all the holes in the sieve or the mustard seeds, and by this time daylight will come and he will be gone. As the counting for one ghost will not do for another you are always safe—Southern Workman.

## ALMOST FRANTIC WITH ITCHING ECZEMA

"Eight years ago I got eczema all over my hands. My fingers fairly bled and itched until it almost drove me mad. The eruption began with itching under the skin. It spread fast from between the fingers around the hands and all over the whole hands. I used a pair of rubber gloves in order to keep the hands from touching. Then it spread all over the left side of my chest. A fine doctor treated the trouble two weeks, but it did me no good. I cried night and day. Then I decided to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment but without much success as I had gone so long. There was a marked change the second day, and so on until I was entirely cured. Cuticura Soap we have always kept in our home, and we decided that lesson that it is a cheap soap in price and the very best in quality. My husband will use no other soap in his shaving mug." (Signed) G. A. Selby, Redonda Beach, Tex., Jan. 15, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. L, Boston.

## "Mug" is Overworked Word.

The most overworked word in the Englishman's vocabulary of slang is "mug." As a noun it may mean a face, a fool, or a student who prefers reading to sport. As a verb its meanings are still more varied. It may mean to study hard, or to strike in the face. It also means to rob or swindle, and among actors to grimace or make faces. To mug up is also, in theatrical slang, to make up. Finally, to mug one's self is to get drunk, the resulting condition being one of mugginess. There is more obvious sense in this last use of the word than in some of the others. For instance, in the eighteenth century, a mug was commonly known as mugginess, and the English equivalent of the German Zug, which Mark Twain found mean everything. A new sense of the verb "mug" in the American slang to photograph a face.

## For Forty Years a Hermit.

Isaac Sheath, who has just died in his workshop at the age of seventy-eight, lived the life of a hermit for nearly forty years at Newport, Isle of Wight. He occupied a mud-hut which he erected on a piece of waste land in the village of Cha'te, but the hut became so dilapidated that the local district council ordered its demolition. Sheath was greatly exasperated by the council's interference, and before he left for the workshop he burned the hut to the ground. Mice and birds had grown so accustomed to the old man and his lonely ways that they used to come and feed from his hand.—London Mail.

## The New Way.

"Going to your summer cottage this year?"

"No; we've decided to stay in the city."

"But I thought you were so fond of country?"

"We used to be, but now we prefer to stay at home, where we can get our milk, eggs and butter every morning."

## First Religious Book in America.

The first religious book published on the American continent was printed in the City of Mexico by order of the Roman Catholic bishop there. This was the first work of any kind from the press issued in the new world and bears date 1645. In point of colportage the most pretentious work published on this continent is "The Catholic Church in the United States," which has six thousand different colporteurs, all but a dozen of whom are actively identified in some way with the American hierarchy.

## 200 PERSONS KILLED IN CANADIAN STORM

REGINA, SASKATECHAWAN, SUSTAINS \$1,000,000 DAMAGE.

## 300 HOMES ARE DESTROYED

Path Mowed Two Blocks Wide Thru the Fashionable Residence District—Phone Office Wrecked.

Winnipeg: It is estimated that 200 people were killed and property loss of \$1,000,000 entailed by a tornado, which, after a day of thunder-storms and high wind, struck Regina, Saskatchewan at 3 a. m., Sunday.

The local telephone offices were wrecked and it is feared that fifteen girls employed there were killed. The telephone exchange building, the Standard block, the first Baptist Church and the Baird and Bottle building are among the structures destroyed. All wires except one telegraph wire are down. This one wire is crowded with private messages from people who wish to send word of their safety to friends and relatives.

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On the other hand, the Wilson adherents in conference are counting on not exceeding 330 men who will stay in the fight against Clark till the convention ends. They are negotiating with the Pennsylvania and other delegations to form a compact block of 364 men who will deadlock the convention if necessary, to prevent the nomination of Champ Clark. They believe that there will be enough Underwood and otherwise uncommitted delegates to join in this movement to make Clark's nomination impossible and possible enable them to force an acceptable compromise should Wilson fail to capture the nomination.

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## CHURCH IS BLOWN DOWN.

People had Just Left Building When Storm Hit, Causing Much Damage.

Quinlan, Texas: A few minutes after several hundred people had emerged from the First Methodist Church at Mexico, a town five miles east of this place, the building was wrecked by the fury of a wind-and-rain storm that swept the town Sunday about 5 o'clock. The church was blown off its blocks.

The net result of a veritable water-spout and lightning was a loss of \$5,000 to the church; the destruction of a two-story brick building, fired by lightning, entailing a loss of \$4,000, accounting for contents, and the damage resulting when Clarence Allen's home was blown down by the high wind. Fields and streets were flooded by water. It is considered remarkable the fact that no one was killed or injured.

## REFUSE TO TREAT WITH REBELS.

Mexican President says Terms of Surrender Unconditional

City of Mexico.—President Madero has refused again to enter into negotiations with Orozco over terms of surrender. The rebel leader is understood to have asked by telegraph several days ago what consideration he and his men might expect at the hands of the authorities if they agreed to lay down their arms.

President Madero is said to have refused to consider terms, maintaining the stand which he took long ago that he would not treat with the revolutionaries and that his terms were an unconditional surrender. Such in substance is said to have been the reply sent to Orozco.

## CANADIAN TOWN WIPED OUT.

Fire in Montreal Suburb Makes 200 People Homeless.

Montreal, Que.: The village of Pointe Aux Trembles was almost wiped out by fire which broke out and destroyed fifty houses and stores and rendering 200 people homeless. The little town adjoins the outlying district of the city of Montreal. The village is a small one, having a population of only a few hundred.

## CUBAN REBEL LEADER KILLED.

One Hundred Insurgents Also Killed in Battle With Government Troops.

Santiago: Gen. Evaristo Estenoz, the rebel leader, was killed at Vega Bellaco, six miles from Micaro, in the vicinity of Sonso, by government troops under command of Lieut. De Lo Torre, after a battle in which one hundred insurgents were killed. The dead include probably also Gen. Pedro Irujo, whose body, however, has not been found.

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Convention Hall, Baltimore: Wm. Jennings Bryan met defeat at the hands of the Democratic convention Tuesday and, in the opinion of many of the party leaders here, eliminated himself from the race for the Presidential nomination.

The vote by which former Judge Alton B. Parker of New York was elected temporary chairman over Mr. Bryan (579 to 510) was interpreted in many ways. The Champ Clark adherents are claiming the nomination, and many believed it would either be Speaker Clark or a "dark horse."

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## ARRANGED FOR DEMOCRATIC MEET



Col. Robert F. Crain, local chairman of arrangements at the Baltimore convention, who had charge of all the preparations for the big Democratic gathering.

## PUTS NOMINATION BEFORE PLATFORM

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## ADVANTAGE IS FOR WILSON

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## WILL NOMINATE CLARK

Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, who will present the name of Champ Clark before the Democratic national convention at Baltimore.

## SUMMARY OF FIRST DAY.

Champ Clark's chances apparently greatly strengthened by day's developments.

Frances J. Heney of California, one of Col. Roosevelt's fighting lieutenants in the Republican convention, and Charles F. Crane of Chicago, who helped to finance the Roosevelt campaign, were in consultation with Wm. J. Bryan for three-quarters of an hour Tuesday night. No one could be found who would discuss the nature of the visit.

Alton B. Parker elected temporary chairman over William J. Bryan by vote of 579 to 510 in first test of strength between conservatives and progressives.

Many conferences started immediately following the test vote.

Hearst-Harrison Illinois combination shoved to the background following its defeat over contended delegates.

Women representing anti-suffrage organizations appear and combat the plans of suffrage leaders.

Hotels badly crowded and streets marked by noisy throngs and general confusion.

Convention took a recess until evening because of the noise, which prevented Judge Parker finishing at that time his keynote speech.

Rowdism rampant in convention hall and managers threaten to clear the galleries unless better order prevails.

Chairman Norman Mack poses, with gavel uplifted, for the photographer, before calling convention to order.

Numerous cheers for "Teddy" during the general uproar, which was so great that official stenographers had to stand directly under the speakers to catch their utterances.

No demonstration when Judge Parker entered hall with New York delegation. Many hisses when he was nominated.

Texas brings first banner into the convention hall, announcing that State is for Wilson.

Hearst-Harrison forces, twice defeated, plan to carry their contests to the convention floor and precipitate a battle, which may seriously affect some Presidential chances.

## RESOLUTION AGAINST INTERESTS PASSES

BOLD PROPOSAL CARRIES BY OVERWHELMING ODDS.

## VOTE STOOD 889 TO 196

Proposition to Divorce the Democratic Party from the Money Interests Required Two-thirds Vote.

Convention Hall, Baltimore, June 28.—Nominating speeches were closed and the first ballot for President was begun at 6:43 a. m.

The official result of the first ballot was: Sulzer of New York 2, Clark 440 1/2, Wilson 324, Underwood 117 1/2, Harmon 148, Marshall 31, Baldwin 22, Absent 2, Bryan 1. Necessary to choose, 728. No candidate receiving two-thirds of the vote, the ballot failed to nominate. After the voting the convention recessed until 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Adjournment at 7:16 a. m.

Baltimore, June 28.—The sensation of the Democratic Convention broke Thursday night just before the nominating speeches began. By the overwhelming vote of 889 to 196 a resolution offered by Wm. J. Bryan was adopted, which has often been expressed by him, to divorce the Democratic party from the money interests. This blow at Wall Street is intended to purge the party of influences of the group typified by Thos. F. Ryan, J. P. Morgan and Belmont.

This sensational fight was brought on in part because of the presence here at the hotels housing the National committee and various candidate headquarters of Messrs. Thomas Fortune Ryan, Belmont and attorneys of large financial interests. Newspapers published accounts of the activities of the magnates and their representatives, charging even that they were summoning National committee members during that critical period when the progressives and reactionaries clashed over the selection of a temporary chairman.

Unquestionably Col. Bryan was encouraged to precipitate this struggle by the thousands of telegrams that have been sent to him applauding his stand against Judge Parker. One day Col. Bryan received in excess of 1,000 telegrams and two Texas delegates, Ex-Gov. Campbell and National Committeeman Cato Sells, who were permitted to read as many of them as they cared to inspect, say they represented all parts of the country and ranged like a fire bell.

This proposal of Mr. Bryan, easily the most sensational and the boldest stroke of his whole stormy career, stunned the convention and momentarily threw it into a fever of excitement, half enthusiasm and half indignation.

The resolution as adopted is as follows:

"Resolved, that in this crisis in our party's career, and in our country's history, this convention sends greetings to the people of the United States, and assures them that the United States is still the champion of popular government and equality before the law. As proof of our fidelity to the people, we hereby declare ourselves opposed to the nomination of any candidate for president who is the representative of, or under any obligation to, J. Pierpont Morgan, Thomas F. Ryan, August Belmont, or any other member of the privilege-hunting and favor-seeking class."

This being a resolution under a suspension of the rules it took two-thirds majority to adopt it, and as the roll call proceeded, it was soon seen that the measure would carry.

And thus by a vote 889 to 196, the Democratic party in National convention assembled on June 27, 1912, formally declared war against Ryan, Belmont and Morgan, and served notice on the country that this convention will not nominate any man for the Presidency or Vice Presidency known to be under the influence of or under obligation to these three men.

## NOT IN POSITION TO TALK

Colored Man's Theory Might Have Been All Right, but There were Exceptions.

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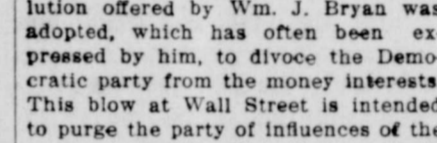
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We are authorized to announce W. E. Allen a candidate for the office of Tax-Assessor of Sterling County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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We are authorized to announce J. R. Lane a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Sterling county subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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

We are authorized to announce R. B. Cummins a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Sterling County subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce B. F. Brown for reelection for County Judge of Sterling county subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce Leonce B. Cole a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce C. J. Copeland a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce the name of D. D. Davis as a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, Sterling county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce J. S. Johnston a candidate for reelection to the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Democracy. Wilson. Marshall. Hurrah for Wilson and Democracy.

After the 4th of March, 1913, we will write it, "President Wilson."

It is Wilson and Marshall now, and they gotta quit kickin' my dawg around."

The Carlbad Sanitarium is about completed and the workingman's dinner' peil may now be filled with the rafumaker's hot air.—San Angelo Record.

That's just what Grandma Knocket was saying to Jane Ann Hardluck.

If you don't like this country and its people, why in the Sam Hill don't you leave? The road is open to you and no one is begging you to stay. Instead of loafing around and knocking everything and everybody, it is your patriotic duty to hit the grit, for you can never do any good either to yourself or your neighbors here. Your room is in demand. Only workers are needed here.

WET BLANKETS.

The Hatfields had no more to do with bringing the Monday night rain than the wildest dervish in darkest Egypt. It is the grossest sacrilege, aye, blasphemy, to pretend that they did.—Bronte Enterprise.

What are going to do about it, brother. Suppose the Hatfields are failures, has their efforts cost you anything or broke your rest?

Is it a sacrilege to make a scientific experiment? Is it blasphemy to try to coax nature to yield its bounties to the children of men? If the brother is right in his contention that the efforts of the Hatfields are sacrileges and blasphemies, he should walk on his all-fours and chase lizards for his daily grub.

There are some people who think that every new discovery and invention is a "sacrilege and blasphemy," and are ready to discourage every effort of those who search for new blessings for humanity. When good old Ben Franklin flew his kite into the storm-cloud and brought down the lightning and stored it in his Leyden jar for experiment, there were those who said old Ben was a blasphemer. But now we ride with the velocity of wind on the electric cars and flash our messages of thought and love over land and sea in the twinkling of an eye without ever thinking that Ben Franklin was playing in the role of Hatfield's.

When Dr. Jenner discovered how to vaciate people against smallpox and thereby check the scourge that was destroying half the human race, they said he was a blasphemer against the Lord, and made him leave the country, but today we are practically immuned from the greatest scourge that ever pestered mankind and think of Jenner's efforts only as a matter of fact.

When Watts was racking his brain with the problem of the steam engine, he was called a fool who dared to pry into the Lord's works, but today the result of his efforts is one of the greatest blessings humanity ever enjoyed.

The cry of sacrilege and blasphemy was raised against Gutenberg, Galileo, Newton, Newcomb, Fulton, Morse, Field, Whitney, Westinghouse, Edison, Macorn, Currie, Routgen, and every other man who tried to capture the elements of nature and convert them to the use and benefit of the human race.

The Hatfields may have not discovered a way to make it rain, but they are making an honest effort to do so without cost to no one except themselves and they do not deserve the criticism which some of our exchanges are giving them. It shows that these papers are edited by men who are not very far removed from the superstition that burned "witches" at the stake.

Suppose the Hatfields fail of their purpose, does that prove that rainmaking is an impossibility? Not much. In that case we will have their experiments behind us and out of the way and men will go right on until a way to make it rain will be discovered, but the man who tries it will always have the cry of blasphemy or sacrilege ringing in his ears, for the sons of doubting Thomas are abroad in the land with their wet blankets to cool the fires of every new discovery.

Let the Hatfields alone. They have done no harm. It is a matter between the Chamber of Commerce and them, and unless you have lost some skin, it is no affair of yours and you have no kick coming. If they make it rain, good and well, but if they fail, why, we are none the worse for the effort.

Taxes That Never End.

The surprising fact is announced that the London city corporation is still paying land tax for the houses which existed on Old London bridge, houses that disappeared about the year 1555.

It has at last been decided to repeal this ancient tax, which by act of parliament has been levied ever since the old bridge was demolished. A copy of the old act is in the city archives. The amount of the land tax is about \$1,800 a year, and the city will be able to secure a redemption by payment of a lump sum of \$55,000 or so.

It may seem strange that rates and taxes have been paid for so many years upon houses which disappeared so long ago, but it is not generally known that it is the custom when houses are demolished to make way for public improvements to include in the parliamentary authorization a clause compelling the authority concerned to make good any loss occasioned to the rates.—New York Sun.

A Splendid Wife. "She plays a splendid game of bridge." "That so?" "Yes, I don't believe she's cost her husband a dollar this year."

COYOTE VERSUS RABBIT.

There is a lot of complaint against killing the coyote. Some say the coyote held the rabbits in check by killing and eating them, and that for this, he ought not to be molested. A man said to the writer the other day that the jack rabbits were doing the farmers more damage than all the coyotes since the creation, and that the state was doing wrong to offer a bounty on coyote scalps.

Listen! When this writer came here in '87, there was a plague of rabbits. They ate everything in sight and made life a burden to the farmer. At the same time the coyote was "monarch of all he surveyed." There was no one to disturb him and woe unto the lamb, the young calf and poultry that came in his way. He was to be seen on every hill and by the roadside and many are the times he got his nose in the writer's grub box while he snoozed. The coyote and the rabbit were a burden in the land until the settler's rifle and trap thinned their ranks for the bounty then offered by the state and for awhile they ceased their troubling.

If there is a wild creature the writer knows anything about, it is the coyote, and he knows from personal observation that the rabbit is perfectly safe as long as there is a chicken or lamb for the coyote to steal. If there are melons or peaches to be had, the rabbit is safe, for Mr. Coyote is too much of a gentleman of leisure to run his legs off catching rabbits, besides rabbits are not as toothsome as those former things.

It is very true, when Mr. Coyote is broke, and nothing for him to steal, and he is obliged to run and dig for his living, he will do it before he will starve, but he knows it requires work to get rabbits and he is opposed to real hard work on general principles. Another thing about the coyote, he never kills any more rabbits than his present necessities require, but if he gets an opportunity, he will kill chickens and lambs, and spoil melons just for the fun of it. In fact he is never so happy as when he is stealing or doing some other devilment. He is nature's biggest thief and liar. He knows the exact range of every rifle in the country and keeps just a few yards out of it. He makes it a rule to leave all poisoned meat for the neighbor's unsophisticated dog, and only the experienced trapper can fool him with a trap, so the man who thinks the coyote is going to thin his rabbits for him, he does not know much about him.

The only remedy for the rabbit pest is to kill him yourself and induce others to kill him. This can be done by neighborhood co-operation. Let clubs be formed and offer prizes to him who can show the greatest number of rabbit ears. Let these clubs organize rabbit drives and have a lot of sport out of it as well as profit. Cartridges and wire netting are top cheap for "Brer Rabbit to become a serious pest.

The rabbit can be easily shot, but shooting a coyote is a different proposition, and is reserved for those who are skilled in the craft and then it is not often a coyote ever falls before his rifle. Let the war against the coyote go on. We need his absence.

Colquitt has been a friend to the newspapers and to every other legitimate enterprise and industry in our state.—Hamilton Herald.

Governor Colquitt has made us one of the best governors Texas ever had. We have repeatedly asserted that if a man is ever going to act the fool and be unjust, it will be when he gets stirred up and becomes a blind partisan on either side of the prohibition question. The only thing that can be urged against Governor Colquitt is, that he, like many thousands of good honest men in Texas last year opposed state wide prohibition, and therefore must be destroyed to make room for a man who says he is in favor of state wide prohibition. It would be as just an sensible to say that the governor was a Methodist and therefore must be destroyed to let in a Baptist.

CUM GRANO SALIS.

Now that the election is drawing near, look out for the campaign liar. It is safe to take salt with every statement you may hear against a candidate. The campaign liar is a sick duck who lies in waxy and springs his lies at a time when it is too late to nail them. Don't forget the salt and beware of him.

RAIN MAKING.

The San Angelo Record in a lengthy and well written article entitled "Swapped the Goosebone for Rainmakers," has this to say about the rainmakers at Carlbad:

"By what system of alchemy has this man or any other man been enabled, by the use of a combination of chemicals in a teapot or to send up a gas jet from a stovepipe, the influences of which would affect even one cubic mile (not to mention 30,000 cubic miles) of the atmosphere, and produce a condensation of vapor in this semi-arid region and flood the country with water? As well undertake to color the waters of the Mexico Gulf with a bottle of ink, or add fragrance to the breezes of Concholand by opening a phial of attar of roses at the South pole."

And yet Marconi with the aid of a few simple chemicals, some wire and a tower, was able to set every atom of atmosphere that surrounds the earth in motion. When he made this wonderful discovery, the wisecracks said it was a fake, and were able to prove it by a mathematical demonstration, but today wireless telegraphy is so common that we don't stop to think that an electric spark discharged in the air disturbs the whole atmospheric ocean. Neither do we stop to think that enough fire can be generated from a single parlor match to burn up every combustible thing on the globe.

Magnitude and distance are not to be considered in the rainmaking problem any more than the electric spark or match, for the effect of the former is only limited by air space, and the latter by combustible material. If the Record man will fill a glass with pounded ice, he will soon see drops of water forming on its outer surface. These drops are gathered from the surrounding air and become so large that a miniature stream will run down the side of the glass. Now let him tap the glass with a spoon and a miniature shower of rain will fall to the table and the Record man will become a rainmaker on a small scale.

The Hatfields may not have discovered the true method of making it rain, but we are not going to knock their efforts so long as they are honest. The making of a rain on a large scale is for somebody to discover and it will be done some day.

THE DIVINING ROD AS A DETECTOR OF HIDDEN WATER.

The phenomena supposed to be exhibited by the divining rod (Wunschelrute) has now been seriously tested in German Southwest Africa, where something like 800 experiments were made with it in search of water, about 80 per cent of those being successful. It has also been used with success in Hanover to indicate the presence or otherwise of veins of salts of potash in the soil. The Minister of Agriculture in France has appointed a departmental committee to make similar experiments.—Scientific American.

Daffodil Poison.

The poison of the daffodil is the plant's means of defense. How effective it is may be judged by the fact that rabbits, rats and other small pests which devour hyacinths and crocuses with gusto, leave the daffodil severely alone. Nurserymen, too, will tell you that the men employed in gathering Lent lilies suffer from poisoned hands. After working a little while their hands become sore, and painful gatherings form under the finger nails and wherever the skin is broken. Despite all this, however, west country housewives brew from the flowers a decoction warranted to cure all human ills—possibly by killing the patient.

What She Ate.

"It has been my experience that the custom of taking an appetizer before breakfast in the morning, which used to be so common among visitors to New York hotels, is dying out," said a manager yesterday. "I should also say that fewer persons drink anything spirituous with the first meal of the day."

"But the weirdest mixture of fruit and food and stimulant for a breakfast I ever heard of was ordered in a restaurant the other day, and by a woman, too. She was about fifty years old, I should say, and was not stopping here, but came in about 10 o'clock in the morning, took a table and gave her order. And she consumed it. Here is what it consisted of: "Grapefruit, accompanied by two ponies of brandy."

DIVIDE RECKONINGS.

The Divide is still high and breezy. We like this windy weather for it is good for the windmills.

The singing at Moon chapel was well attended. Almost every community in the county was represented. The days program was much singing and a big dinner. We were very glad to have so many of our neighbor singers with us and hope they enjoyed themselves well enough to come our way again.

The convention meets at Iolanthe the next fifth Sunday. We for one are going.

The Baptist meeting at Bliss closed Thursday evening of last week. Bro. Frizzle of Goldthwait assisted Bro. Ward in the meeting. He was a very earnest worker. Everyone said it was truly a good revival meeting.

On account of some undone cotton chopping the singing school to be taught by Prof. Burch was postponed until the fifteenth. We are all going to learn how to sing.

Mr. Leatherman is very busy this week chopping grasshoppers and killing gotton.

Robert Brown says if anyone has a better patch of maize than he has they can get prize money.

Some of the farmers have their crops almost laid by. A few have already said farewell to cotton and are on the Conchos fishing and hunting, and their troubles are of the past.

W. A. Bynum attended court at Robert Lee the first part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pierce attended church at Sterling Sunday.

Miss Laura Kinnibrew is visiting relatives and friends on the Divide this week.

Robert Brown sold his steers to Bob Clifton last week. We understand he realized \$20 per head.

Some of the Divide boys were right off to Portland, Or., with that large shipment of steers that were loaded at Iatan this week, but for some reason they were disappointed by not getting to go. It would have been a fine trip for them, that is, if they ever got back home.

Wonder why the candidates are slighting us so far. Never mind, we have a day coming. We don't care whether they come to see us or not unless they bring a "set 'em up."

This is all we know. Let us hear from other communities. Observer Keep coming, Joe; we like you very much.—Editor.

Headache Nature's Policeman.

Headache is nature's policeman for the body, according to Dr. George W. Crile of Cleveland, who lectured on "Pain, Laughter and Crying" at the College of Physicians.

"If it were not for the warning headache, notifying the body to rest, to fast, to reject food already in the stomach, incalculable harm might be done the system through the progress of infectious diseases, auto-intoxication and the like."

He declared that pain, laughter and crying were the result of motor excitations, and that they were caused by disturbances in the cellular structure of the brain. Curiously, he pointed out, brain tissue itself is incapable of feeling pain, and a patient's ganglionic or nerve centers might be cauterized or excised without any sensation of pain.—Philadelphia North American.

Talk English in Frankfurt.

"Frankfurt has a large English-speaking population," says a letter from that city to the New York Tribune, "and there are not many business establishments where one cannot find a person who is responsible for the sign 'English Spoken Here.' As to the quality of the shop English, it is usually below that of the water English, but it is good enough. But we had further proof of the American influence while on a motor trip to Nauen a few days ago. On a field still bumpy with frost we saw a lot of boys playing baseball. The game would have been condemned as 'bum' by the youngsters of our 'haus,' but we watched it with interest and enjoyed it, although one of our party said that it seemed to him like a Mark Twain story told in Plattdeutsch."

The Sleuth's Deduction.

The great detective eyed his victim thoughtfully. "Yes, Mr. Blake," sobbed the grief-stricken woman, "many attempts—eight in all, I think—have been made on his life, but he was so strong and handsome that he foiled them all."

NOTICE TO HORSEMEN. Please Remember that the German Coach Horse EPOS 3221 Is making the season of 1912 at the Rogers Ranch at the low price of \$15 to insure. This making his fifth year in Texas, he ought to give better satisfaction than ever before, as he is now in the prime of his life and is showing up nice, large colts all over Rannels county. Those interested in this class of stock can't beat him the country over. Will take best care of mares, but not responsible for accidents. Yours for business and Satisfaction, Ira E. Rogers, Sterling City, Texas.

GIRL DIPLOMATS IN A 'BUS

How Question of Paying the Fare Was Settled to the Satisfaction of All.

Four girls boarded a southbound bus on Fifth avenue, the other afternoon, and from their conversation it was evident that they were acquaintances who had met after a matinee. The bus jerked its way down one block, and then the guard, with his little nickel money box, stuck his head in the door and looked about him.

"Oh, I have just the right change," cried the tall dark girl.

"Well, I haven't any change and I wanted specially to get some, so please let me pay," urged the little blonde.

The girl with the red hair opened a purse in which four dimes jostled sparingly against a dollar bill.

"Do let me pay them," she begged, politely, "I really would so much rather."

"But I have the change, and that makes it so much easier," insisted the large brunette.

"I have the change, too," murmured the red-haired one.

"But won't you please let me get this bill changed?" begged the little blonde again.

The girl with the red hair made a skillful effort to extract the four dimes from her purse, without showing that only a dollar remained behind.

"Please, let me," she said again.

The tall blonde with broad shoulders looked from one to the other of the girls with change, and then across to the small person who wanted some, and smiled blithely.

"I don't know what you are going to do about it, all of you," she remarked.

"But I know what I am going to do right now. I am going to pay my own fare."

She slipped a dime into the nickel money box and the others sighed in relief.

"Then," said the tall brunette, and the little blonde, and the girl with the red hair, "so shall I!"

How to Slide Down a Rope.

Sliding down a rope is not so simple as it seems. Few boys know how to do it properly. If you try to descend by letting the rope slip through your hands the friction will burn the palms so that you will have to let go after a few feet. If you try to lower your weight from one handhold to another you are sure to become tired and will be forced to drop. You cannot slide with the rope between your knees, for the swaying of your body will jerk the rope out of the clutch of your knees and then you are likely to fall.

The easiest and safest method you can employ is that used by firemen and sailors. Standing upright, throw out your right leg and give it a turn round the rope. Next put the rope in the crook of your right elbow and clasp it tightly, not in your hand, but in your arm.

In that way you can slide to safety without the slightest trouble. The rope does not touch any part of the body that is not protected by clothing and your speed can be regulated by either straightening or cramping your leg. Once learned, this method of sliding down a rope may prove in an emergency the means of saving your life or the lives of other persons.—Youth's Companion.

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The Methodist protracted meeting closed last Sunday night.

Pastor Redmon and family are enjoying an outing on the river east of town.

Fisher's Screw Worm Killer kills the worm and heals the wound. 2t  
Butler Drug Co

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Barton were among the visitors of our town this week.

The stonecutters and the teamsters are very much in evidence in our town.

Quite a number of our people attended the barbecue at Carlsbad yesterday.

Will Roberts of Tucumcari, New Mexico, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Edwards of Glasscock county were visiting and shopping in our town Wednesday.

Use Fisher's Worm Killer on your stock. It not only kills the worm, but keeps off the fly and disinfects the wound.—Butler Drug Co. 2t

Died: On Wednesday the 3d, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reed, and was buried at the city cemetery yesterday.

If you want to buy or sell land or livestock in Sterling county or Sterling City, see or write R. B. Cummins.

J. L. Glass and Pat Kellis left for Kansas City, Mo., Monday. They went across the country in an automobile.

At this season of the year all kinds of live stock need a tonic of some kind. Nothing is better than International Stock Food. Butler Drug Co. 2t

The lads and lassies of the town enjoyed a party at the residence of W. F. Kellis Tuesday evening. Misses Lona Lyles and Vera Kellis acted as hostesses.

For Sale.—A well drill in good running order. Will take cash or trade, or part cash and part trade. It's a bargain. See or write, B. O. Franklin, Sterling City, Texas.

Miss Winnie Davis accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. A. Bynum, came in last week from a visit to their sister, Mrs. M. Bowden of Springdale, Ark.

Mrs. M. T. Sullivan accompanied by Mrs. Lillie Garrett returned last Monday from a visit to friends in Lockney. They report fine conditions in the plains country.

Work on the new jail is progressing rapidly. The stone, iron and steel are being put on the ground as fast as men can put them there and it will not be long now until the building will begin to take shape.

SOFT SNAP for the right man. I have 8 lots 3 blocks West of the High School on which is a nice young orchard all fenced with poultry wire which I will sell to the right man on long time.—J. A. Canon. 8t

Water Valley will give a free for all barbecue at Water Valley picnic grounds on Wednesday July 10th, 1912. We invite Sterling county to come and be with us. Prof. Don Boyington will be here with his mule show. Candidates will speak, and other amusements.

W. S. ARMSTRONG.

LOST—Between Livingston farm house and Sterling City on the San Angelo road 13 miles east and 7 miles north of Sterling City, one dark brown suit case containing diamond ring, baby necklace and baby wearing apparel and other articles. Finder will please leave same at First State Bank of Sterling City and receive reward.

T. N. Vanhorn,  
Weatbrook, Texas.  
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Some nice cottages to rent at reduced prices. R. B. Cummins.

J. E. Douglas, who suffered a severe attack of pneumonia while on a visit in Tennessee last winter, is slowly improving.

Oscar Latham, who is suffering an attack of Typhoid fever, is reported to be doing nicely and hopes of his early recovery are entertained.

Mrs. J. E. Douglas is again ready to serve the patients in the capacity of Masseuse. She does not give or prescribe medicine, but treats diseases by the massage.

The West Texas Lumber Co., in addition to their splendid stock of lumber and builders' material, have added a stock of both painted and galvanized corrugated iron roofing which will be sold at very reasonable rates. 4t

### BAPTIST PROTRACTED MEETING

Will commence at the Tabernacle on Saturday night next, July 6th, and is expected to continue ten or twelve days. Elder W. J. Wade of Talpa, Texas, is expected to do the preaching, and Prof. Burch is to lead the singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to the singers of the town and community who will assist in the song services. We desire the cooperation of all the churches of the town who can conscientiously assist in the services. Gentlemen who prefer may attend all the services in their shirt sleeves without any offence whatever. Let us pray and work for a great meeting. In Christian love,  
J. B. WARD,  
Pastor Baptist Church.

Quiet for Pupils.  
The noise and dust of the streets are unnecessary nuisances in many places, where they now impede the work of teachers and pupils, and the school committee is justified, therefore, in asking that when pavements in the neighborhood of school buildings are to be renewed material which is easily cleaned and comparatively noiseless shall be substituted. Even in the city proper there is hardly a schoolhouse so situated that this reasonable request would be difficult of fulfillment. So long as it remains unheeded we shall continue to worry along with certain structures in which, in the hottest weather, the opening of a window involves annoyances that are almost equivalent to the torment of a hot and fetid atmosphere.—Boston Transcript.

**TRESPASS NOTICE**  
Any person hauling wood, fish, hunting, or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by us, will be Prosecuted.  
W. R. MCENTIRE & SON

**NOTICE TO SHEEPMEN**  
Notice is hereby given that I forbid, and will not allow any sheep herded on or driven across any lands owned or controlled by me, under pain of prosecution. Take notice and keep out.  
4mpd  
F. M. ASKLEY

**REGISTERED BULLS FOR SALE**  
Best of breeding and ready for service.  
Call and see pedigree if interested in the cattle.  
I have also some fine Jersey dairy cows that will soon be fresh, that I will sell at reasonable rates.  
G. D. Alsop. 4t. pd  
Sterling City, Texas

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

**TRESPASS NOTICE.**  
Any person hauling wood, fish, hunting or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by me, will be prosecuted.  
E. W. Foster

**FOR SALE**—One fine section of Plains land in Borden county, partly improved, in 14 miles of station on the Santa Fe Ry. Co., in one mile of a good school, long terms, and daily mail, fine neighborhood. Price \$12. per acre, will take \$3000. cash or trade and give nine years on balance, apply to  
E. R. Yellott,  
Sterling City, Texas.

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

Of the First State Bank at Sterling City, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 14th day of June, 1912 published in the Sterling City News-Record, a newspaper printed and published at Sterling City, State of Texas, on the 25th day of June, 1912.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$40,258.52
Personal or collateral	8,858.03
Overdrafts	386.79
Bonds and Stocks	0.00
Real estate (banking house)	16,530.80
Other real estate	3,300.00
Furniture and fixtures	3,528.14
Due from Approved	
Reserve Agents met	11,389.21
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	1,708.07
Cash items	2,238.82
Currency	1,451.00
Specie	3,198.21
Other resources as follows:	
Interest on Depositors'	
Guaranty Fund	861.05
Total	103,015.24
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$40,000.00
Surplus fund	3,500.00
Undivided profits, net	3,304.85
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net	128.55
Individual deposits subject to check	45,933.07
Time certificates of deposit	0.00
Demand certificates of deposit	0.00
Cashier's checks	148.77
Bills payable and redemptions	10,000.00
Other liabilities as follows:	
Total	103,015.24

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Sterling, ss. We, Emmette Westbrook, President, Manse Patton, Cashier, as president, and Manse Patton, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
Emmette Westbrook, President  
Manse Patton, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24th day of June, A. D. nineteen hundred and twelve.  
SEAL WITNESSE my hand and notarial seal, on date last aforesaid.  
Lewis E. Aiken, Notary Public, Sterling County, Texas.  
N. L. DOUGLAS, Director  
J. A. BAY

## SPECIAL PRICE on BUGGIES at LOWE & DURHAM'S

Notice to Hunters.—Posted.  
My pasture is posted according 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-'12 tf

**FOR SALE**—Section 178, Block No. 29, W. & N. W. Ry. Co. survey situated in N. W. portion of Sterling Co. Price, \$4.50 per acre, on easy terms. Address, Ed Sanders, Bastrop, Texas

**RANCH LOANS.**  
I am prepared to make ranch loans anywhere in the state. No loan to large where the security is satisfactory. If interested write me.  
B. E. Hurlbut,  
Brownwood, Texas.

**STERLING CITY, TEX., June 19, 1912.**  
To the voters of Precinct No. 1 Sterling City, Texas:  
On the 14th inst. my attention was called to the fact that I was one of the directors in the First National bank that I was disqualified to act as your Commissioner. Now I think this is a debatable question but rather than have it said I would accept an office after being disqualified I think it best to withdraw from the race. Thanking my many friends for their support in the past, I remain yours very truly,  
B. F. ROBERTS

### No. 9813 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First National Bank AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS, At the close of business June 14, 1912.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$102,045.78
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	241.35
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	15,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	136.90
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	14,303.73
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	640.09
Due from state and private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	128.55
Due from approved Reserve Agents	6,984.71
Checks and other Cash items	7,500.00
Notes of other National Banks	565.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	68.73
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	4,418.45
Legal-tender Notes	910.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	750.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	00.00
TOTAL	\$146,200.79
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00
Undivided profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	10,474.48
National Bank Notes outstanding	15,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	55,699.58
Cashier's checks outstanding	26.73
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$146,200.79

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Sterling, ss:  
I, J. S. Cole, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
J. S. Cole, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of June, 1912  
Jeff D. Ayses, Notary Public.  
CORRECT—Attest:  
B. F. Roberts }  
H. Q. Lyles } Directors  
W. L. Foster }

**Bass That Didn't Bite.**  
Police Commissioner Rhineland Waldo, of New York, was praising the efficiency of the New York police force.

"The force wasn't always so efficient," he said. "In Byrne's day police protection ended at Forty-second street; you could do as you pleased after that. But the crook who should now try to do as he pleased anywhere at all in New York would be as badly left in his expectation of immunity as my friend Smith was left the other day in his dozen bass.

"Smith the other day went fishing. He caught nothing, so on the way back home he telephoned to his provision dealer to send a dozen bass round to his house.

"He got home late himself. His wife said to him on his arrival: "Well, what luck?"

"Why, splendid luck, of course," he replied. "Didn't the boy bring that dozen bass I gave him?"

"Mrs. Smith started. Then she smiled. "Well, yes, I suppose he did," she said. "There they are."

"And she showed poor Smith a dozen bottles of bass ale."—Washington Star.

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STERLING CITY, TEXAS

STRAYED OR STOLEN.—About three months ago, from the Eddins pasture, a bay mare, about 10 years old, white in face, slightly hog-backed, and branded PB on left shoulder. A colt from said mare is about due. A liberal reward will be paid for her recovery, or information leading to same.  
Jno. T. Barton,  
3t 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.

### General Directory.

**Notary Public.**  
Judge—J. W. Timmins.  
Attorney—Alec Collins  
Clerk—J. B. Cole.  
Court meets 4th Monday after 1st Monday in February and September.

**County Officers.**  
Judge—B. F. Brown  
Attorney—Pat Kellis  
Clerk—L. B. Cole  
Sheriff—Jno. B. Ayres  
Treasurer—E. L. Glimco  
Assessor—D. C. Durham  
Surveyor—W. F. Kellis  
Court meets 1st Monday in February, May, August and November.

**County Commissioners.**  
Com'rs. Pre. No. 1—B. F. Roberts  
" " " " 2—E. F. Atkinson  
" " " " 3—S. L. Hull  
" " " " 4—J. B. Johnston

**Justice Court.**  
Court, Precinct No. 1, meets 3rd Saturday in each month. B. F. Roberts, J. E.

**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. m. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. every Sunday.

**SOCIETIES.**  
Masonic.—Sterling lodge No. 728, A. F. & A. M., meets Saturday nights on or before the full moon in each month.  
D. L. Sinton Secretary  
W. F. Latham W. M.

Eastern Star—Meets Saturday P. M. 8 o'clock on or before the full moon in each month.  
Mrs. N. L. Douglass W. M.,  
Mrs. O. H. Graham Secretary.

Sterling City Chapter No. Masons meets 1st Saturday night after full moon in each month.—B. F. Brown H. P. N. L. Douglass sec'y.

Sterling City Council No. 209 R. & S. Masters meets 1st Saturday  
R. A. Chapter. R. F. Brown J. M. N. L. Douglass Recorder.

Sterling City Cornet Band—W. P. Kellis Pres., Irvin Cole Sec'y, A. V. Director



