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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.

A visit to the city involves a double risk: if you are "busted" the police will get you; and if you are flush with money, the holdup men will get you.

It has been estimated that it costs \$12 per year for each man, woman and child in the United States to maintain bad roads. Yet, there are some men who had rather lose \$12 than to dig up \$250 to build a good road.

A ranchman, the other day, was complaining of the rats which had become so numerous that they were destroying feed in the shock, when a bystander remarked: "And yet you fellows persist in shooting hoot owls. Hoot owls almost live on rats and mice, yet you kill the owls and expect the rats and mice to commit suicide."

Those who thought Col. Roosevelt should have been President instead of Woodrow Wilson, should be thankful that he was defeated; for, if Roosevelt had been President, we would have had a war with Mexico on our hands, in which the bones of many of our boys would now be bleaching on Mexican soil instead of being alive and at home with their mothers.

Like Shakespeare's man, "who hath no music in himself and is not moved by the concord of sweet sounds," the man who loveth not the flowers, trees, grasses and shrub, and is not moved by the sight of their harmonious tints and soothed by the flowers' delicate perfume, "is fit for spoils and treason." Let not such a man be trusted. His true ideal and companion is the sow that walloweth in the mire.

Senor Don Carranza, after potting over forty Americans at Naco, Ariz., this week, informed President Wilson that if the U. S. troops fired across the Mexican line in reply to shots fired by the Mexicans into Arizona territory would be considered an "unfriendly act." General Bliss and a body of troops with long range guns are posted at Naco, on the international line, with orders to shoot the gizzard out of the next greaser who sends a bullet across the line. If senor Carranza wishes to avoid being overwhelmed with an "unfriendly act," it might be well that he make targets of his own people instead of Americans.

The anti-pistol-totin' crusade that has been going on over the state for several years is bearing fruit in the shape of wholesale robberies in the big cities. The strict enforcement of the pistol laws has disarmed the honest, law abiding man and left him naked to the doubly armed robber. The gunless man with money, is an easy mark for the holdup, for the holdup man knows there is no risk; but if he suspects that his intended victim has a gun, he will hesitate before he acts. Pistol totin' should be suppressed, by all means; but if the authorities are unable to disarm the thug and thief, they should, at least, wink when the law-abiding citizen seeks to protect himself against their inpotency.

Through the big-hearted generosity of Emette Westbrook, this old scribe has been enjoying the luxury of choice bits of pork. A man may become absorbed in business matters until the world might think he had forgotten his surroundings and early training; but when hog killing time comes around, his heart becomes mellow and he realizes, as did his fathers before him, that fresh hog meat is too good a thing to have without dividing some of it with his neighbors. The old time Texan's idea of human misery was hunger, and he thought his chief mission on earth was to relieve human misery, and he was never so happy as when he carried good old hog meat to his hungry neighbor. Westbrook came from this old stock, bringing with him all those precious ideals. Long live his tribe.

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The Knocker and The Booster

When the Creator had made all the good things, there was still some dirty work to do, so He made the beasts and reptiles and poisonous insects, and when He had finished He had some scraps that were too bad to put into the rattlesnake, the hyena, the scorpion and the skunk, so He put it all together, covered it with suspicion, wrapped it in jealousy, marked it with a yellow streak and called it a KNOCKER.

This product was so fearful to contemplate that He had to make something to counteract it, so He took a sunbeam and put in it the heart of a child, the brain of a man, wrapped these in civic pride, covered it with brotherly love, gave it a mask of velvet and a grasp of steel and called it a BOOSTER; made him a lover of fields and flowers and manly sports, a believer in equality and Justice, and ever since these two were, mortal man has had the privilege of choosing his associates. —Copied.

Edison Disc Graphophone for Sale. Mahogany case—just the thing for Christmas. Phone Mrs. W. E. Allen for demonstration.

A JOURNALISTIC BUZZARD

What do the reputable papers of Texas think of an editor (?) who steals his editorials from his exchanges and runs them in as original, trying to disguise the fact by adding on a few lines which in themselves are a dead "give-away"? We know a fellow who actually stole an obituary notice and just changed the words but not the thought, adding a little here and transposing a little there, and printed it as original. And he was caught once stealing a local item bodily and running it into an article of his own. What do our brethren of the press think of this kind of journalism?—Hamilton Herald.

When an editor finds his productions are being used by some editorless sheet without credit, he feels just like a West Texas cowman does when he finds one of his best calves wearing another man's brand. Like the cowman, he can not help feeling and thinking that a man who will take another's product and palm it off as his own, is an all-round thief and smokehouse pest.

Your true journalist is like the eagle; he disdains to feast upon anything but his own kill. The plagiarist is like the buzzard; he fills himself with that which the eagle kills. But answering the Herald's query we think the fellow of whom it speaks is a journalistic buzzard.

Mrs. Latham's Case Reversed on Rehearing

The Minnie Latham case was reversed and remanded on a motion for rehearing by the Court of Criminal Appeals last Wednesday. Mrs. Latham was convicted at Anson last summer for the killing of John Stewart, and on appeal her case was affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals; but on rehearing the court reversed its former decision and gave her another chance for her freedom.

Allison Law Knocked Out

The Court of Criminal Appeals this week knocked out the Allison law which forbid the shipment of intoxicants into dry territory. It is said that this decision virtually wiped the Allison law off the statute book.

At the residence of Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Friday, Dec. 11, Miss Laidie Gowen to Mr. Chas. Moseley. They will leave Tuesday for the Pecos country to reside. The Observer wishes the happy couple all the joys of a prosperous life.—Christoval Observer.

The bride is a sister of our fellow-townsman, Dr. Chas. R. Gowen, and has many friends here whom we join in wishing her well.

Dr. Hixson, of San Angelo, also has my deep gratitude for his services. Without the hope of reward for their skill and devotion, these two christian gentlemen gave their time and skill to me as loyally as if I had been a millionaire's daughter.

Death of William Paschal

William Paschal, the officer who was murdered on December 5th, was once a resident of Sterling City. He had been on the police force of El Paso for the past six years and was accounted one of the most efficient men in the service. He had been detailed to run down a couple of negro holdup men, and about ten minutes before he met his death he had seen two negroes on the railroad track and was going to question them. In a few minutes a shot was heard and his dead body was found with a bullet hole in the temple.

At the time of his death, his wife was visiting relatives in Louisiana. His mother, Mrs. Joseph Paschal, of Findlay, was visiting him at the time of his death, and was intending to spend the winter with him in El Paso.

Will Paschal was well known by the old timers here. He was a boy of many good traits, and had many friends here who are grieved to learn of his death. While residing here with his father, Joe Paschal, Will was married to Miss Pauline Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bennett. Soon after the marriage they moved away and finally settled in El Paso.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this method to express my deep felt gratitude to the people of Sterling City, and especially to those who, without solicitation, came to my aid during my recent illness.

Imagine a fatherless and motherless girl in a strange land and among strangers, without home or money falling ill and forced to leave lucrative employment through the misfortune of illness while her worldly capital was reduced to a few cents. Then imagine the joy and gratitude of that girl when she finds the people loosening their purse strings and opening their doors to her and providing her with food, raiment and the comforts of life without stint. Words are but poor vehicles to convey my deep and lasting gratitude, my unselfish friends. Especially do I thank Dr. Gowen for his faithful and unselfish ser-

vice. Dr. Hixson, of San Angelo, also has my deep gratitude for his services. Without the hope of reward for their skill and devotion, these two christian gentlemen gave their time and skill to me as loyally as if I had been a millionaire's daughter. May God bless and prosper you all. (Miss) Lorena Williams

A CHANGE IN BUSINESS

Beginning on the 1st of Jan. 1915, there will not be anything charged until past accounts are paid. All accounts must be paid on the 1st of each month or accounts will be stopped—too big a load for one man.

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<h4>Cut Glass</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ut less Bowls, \$2 to \$6 ut less Compotes, \$1.50 ut less Sherbert Sets, 1.25 ut less Individual Salts, 1.50 ut less vases, 75c to \$2.00 ut less Tea Glasses, 1.50 ut less Pia Trays, 1.75 ut less Pickle Trays, 2.00 ut less Celery Trays, 2.50 to 6.50 ut less Nut Bowls, \$6.00 ut less Water Sets, 3.50 to 10.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salad Forks, 4.75 Tea Spoons, 2.00 Table Spoons, 3.00 Cold Meat Forks, Ice Tea Spoons, Sugar Shells, Gravy Ladles, Butter dishes, Water Sets, and many other articles in silverware
<h4>Silverware</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knives and Forks, \$5.00 to \$8.50 Coffee Sets, \$3.75 Orange Spoons and Sugar Shell, 3.75 	<h4>Jewelry</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7-jewel Elgin Watches, 20-year case, \$10 15- " " " " " \$14 17- " " " " " \$16 <p>We also have a handsome line of Diamond Lavalliers, Cuff Button, Stick Pins, Rings, Watch Chains and Fobs, Bracelets, Emblem Pins, and many other articles in jewelry.</p> <p>Our line of hand-painted China is of the best selections, and genuine.</p> <p>Parisian Ivory novelties, Dressing Cases, Manicure Sets, Travelling rolls.</p>

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A Roughneck Opinion. "Do you consider bass drums and cymbals genuinely musical instruments?"

Botanically Speaking. "Do you think a woman should regard her husband as an oak and herself as the clinging ivy?"

Another Horror of War. The other day an innocent-eyed young lady, whose demeanor has always been sweet and gentle, went to a bookstore and returned with three volumes under her arm.

MCSMERIZED A Poisonous Drug Still Freely Used. Many people are brought up to believe that coffee is a necessity of life, and the strong hold that the drug, caffeine, in coffee has on the system makes it hard to loosen its grip even when one realizes its injurious effects.

Not in Such a Hurry. "This machine can go sixty miles an hour."

Progress Reported. "Have you learned that new dance?" "Well, replied Uncle Flopsie, 'I haven't quite learned it, but I'm getting on. I don't feel exactly graceful as yet but I've got over being afraid that I'll fall down.'"

No Wonder. "The Russians may do one thing which would be impossible for American troops."

Her Kind. "Do you know what I think, with all those wings of the armies you read about?"



HOME THOUGHTS.

Representative Dudley Doolittle of Kansas told, at a banquet in Strong City, a cyclone story. "A Kansas man," he said, "stood on the deck of a liner in a terrible storm."

Generosity in England. "Ruined yet?" inquired one business man of another.

Sayings of a Congressman. "I would not have spoken at all this evening if I had not—"

Not With Water, However. He—I gave a poor man a dollar yesterday and to-day he came around and let me know how he was getting on.

At Any Cost. "Do you think Mr. and Mrs. Clymer will succeed in getting into society?"

Neighbors' Children. "What is the scientific name of the small creature who is ruining your fruit this year?"

Fairly Riddled. "This is imported cheese."

Smartest. "Some of the smartest people in the world are vegetarians," said the observant citizen.

Nothing of Any Consequence. At the breakfast table: Mr. Hjenkyns—Anything in the mail this morning?"

Never Looked Young. "Lila—Lila has always looked old, even from childhood."

A Paragon. We've lately hired a servant girl. I'm sure you'll think our luck is great. She always keeps her hair in curl and has not smashed a single plate.

The Wrong Kind. "There is a lot of human interest in my play, sir. A poor girl, madly in love, is forced to give up her lover to marry a rich man so she can pay back a loan made her father at 50 per cent."

Winged Life. "Where did you spend vacation?" "At Lethargy beach."

Cold Feet. "A diplomat should always keep cool."

There's a Reason for Postum. "There's a Reason for Postum."—sold by Grocers.

Are Your Kidneys Weak? Do you know that deaths from kidney troubles are 100,000 a year in the U.S. alone?

A Texas Case. Isaac Turner, R. P. 11, No. 2 Grand Prairie, Texas, writes: "A fall injured my kidneys and my back was affected."

LITTLE CHANGE IN VIENNA. One Would Hardly Know There is War, Says Postcard Received From There.

HOUSES PUT UP TO LAST. Workmen of a Past Generation Did Their Work in a Manner to Endure.

Mountains of Rock Salt. Near Jelifa, Algeria, is to be seen a mountain of rock salt, 300 feet in height and nearly a mile in diameter.

DON'T TAKE CALOMEL when your liver gets sluggish, and you suffer from Headaches, Biliousness, Constipation or Dizziness, get a 25c bottle of BOND'S LIVER PILLS.

FOR BETTER, SCALY FACE ERUPTION. Use Tetterine. It is also an absolute cure for Eczema, Ringworm, Erysipelas, Itch, and other skin diseases.

Legal Love Letters. "Who writes you so many letters, dear?"

Economic Comparisons. "Well," said the cheerless person, "Thanksgiving is all right, but I believe I prefer an old-fashioned Fourth of July."

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Correct Thing. "How do you like my gown?" "I may truthfully say, Mrs. Come up, it is remarkable."

Practical Use. "Do you think all this athletic training in colleges is of any practical use in life?"

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Death Lurks In A Weak Heart. If Yours is fluttering or weak, use RENOVINE! Made by Van Vleet-Mansfield Drug Co., Memphis, Tenn. Price \$1.00

HARD TASKMASTER IS GENIUS. Possession That Sets a Man Apart From His Fellows Keeps Him Constantly at Work.

Genius, what is it but the power of being able to read? No respecter of birth, it chooses the cottage gladly, hiding in the rags of a tinker, loving the hovel, the plowland, the grimed and smoky roof.

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There's a Rub! He had used persuasion and argument in vain. At last he said in desperation:

Wonderful Activities. "Julius Caesar was a great man," said the reflective citizen.

Fatal Disease. A young painter who had just finished a picture insisted upon a friend calling to see it.

For Itching, Burning Sins. Bathe freely the affected surface with Cuticura Soap and hot water.

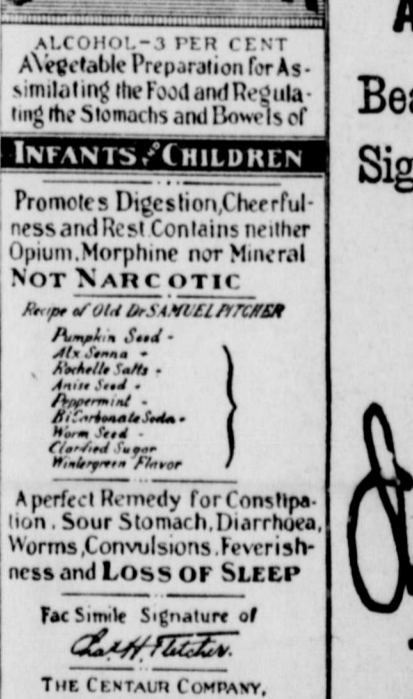
Lovemaking of Kings. The kaiser was in love with the daughter of the duke of Schleswig-Holstein when he married her.

Hicks' CAPUDINE CURES HEADACHES AND COLDS—Easy To Take—Quick Relief—Adv.

And That Helps. "How does he keep the wolf from the door?"

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Hostetter's Stomach Bitter. A Personal Grievance. "When I was a boy my ambition was to join a minstrel company, put on red coat and a silk hat and parade the streets of my native village."

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