

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.

In order to give our force a rest, we did not issue the News-Record last week. From this date on, our readers will get their paper as usual.

Tax Collector Dee Davis says tax collections have been slow up to date, but he expects a rush the last week of this month, for the reason that people will be obliged to pay a penalty of 10 per cent. of their taxes if they do not pay up before the first day of February.

Last week, the people of the town had the crossing between the First State Bank and Austin's store filled with cinders, making a nice, dry, walk for those who had heretofore waded mud in order to get to the bank or postoffice. This improvement cost about \$5, and the only wonder is, that we have put off the job so long.

The people living within the 25 square miles, comprising Independent School District No. 1, pay a little more than 23 per cent of the whole county taxes; but there is less than 5 per cent of the road fund spent on its roads. Those who are disposed to charge the "town fellers" with the best of the deal, should take a look at the records.

If kicking would eliminate a mud-hole, the one on the road a mile west of town would be eliminated in less time than it would take a bull frog to ferry across it. That mudhole ought to be fixed. The people pay taxes to keep the roads in a tolerable condition, and they have a right to expect relief—especially when they are forced to pay for it.

We are in receipt of the Methodist Church Bulletin from our friend, Rev. J. T. Redmon, who is now pastor of the Methodist church at Carlsbad, N. M. This bulletin bears the ear marks of the enterprise of this good preacher, who, like the sensible man that he is, has invoked the aid of the printer in his work. There are many preachers who seem to think that the printer's job is complete when he has turned out the Bible and hymn book, but Bro. Redmon has long since learned that the printer is a mighty good man to have as a side-partner.

At this time of the year, the farmer should be careful to provide a dry shelter for his milk cows and work horses. It does not matter about the women folks having a dry place in which to do the laundry work; they can do the work out in the cold wind, or any other old place. Some men are so easy that they will spend good money on a washing machine, kettle furnace and a comfortable house for their wives to do the laundry work in, but there are lots of others who put their time and money in on their stock and let their wives "root, hog, or die."

It is to be hoped that our Commissioners' Court will not let the present season pass without making some effort to improve the court house grounds by having trees and shrubs planted there. There will be plenty of money in the court house and jail fund to do the work handsomely this year, and we, joined by 95 per cent of the revenue bearing citizens of Sterling, would like to see the work begin at once.

If there is a member of our Commissioners' Court who cannot see this matter as we do, we hereby offer him space, free of charge, to give his views and show why he opposes the measure. This much he owes in justice to himself as well as to the people whom he represents. The members of our court are all our personal friends, and we grant each one is personally honest and intends to do for the best, but we challenge the judgment and policy that has heretofore prevailed in not making the county's grounds more attractive. We hold that it is a public advertisement of a lack of civic pride.

Quality counts

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TO THE PUBLIC

I have leased the Roberts store building for three years, and am going to make special effort during 1915. My aim is to put the biggest, best selected stock of Dry Goods in Sterling City that has ever been brought to West Texas. I feel that, with my ability to buy, backed with 21 years of hard earned experience, places me in a position to sell you new goods and save you both money and time.

We will move into the Roberts building about March the 1st; and after we get our new Spring Goods, and get our store arranged, we expect to show you one of the cleanest, one of the biggest, and one of the best selected stocks of Dry Goods, Shoes, Ladies' Furnishings, Gents Furnishings, Notions and Novelties you have ever seen. A store that will merit your support is what we want—and what we are going to have. Will you help us?

J. W. HARGRAVE

New Goods

Well selected

SHEEP OR EAGLE?

A Kansas editor says: "When I look at my grandfather's sword I want to go right out and fight, but then I think of his wooden leg and calm right down again."

State Press, in commenting on this remark in the Dallas News, says, "there is at least one smart man in Kansas."

Granting that this Kansas editor is a smart man; still, that sword and wooden leg is evidence that the old man was no sheep. If that old man had been thinking and acting for self alone when he lost that leg, he might now have been a biped instead of a uniped, and counted a "smart man in Kansas." As it was, the old man, no doubt, was thinking of his wife and children, and those to come after him, and sacrificed that precious leg in their defense and that they might have a heritage of peaceful liberty as well as a smart grandson.

It is all right to "throw in" on those old men because of their old swords rusting on the wall and their wooden legs pounding on the floor—yes, it's all right to say their grandson is "smart" because the thought of grandfather's wooden leg makes them "calm right down;" but those through whose veins courses the blood of their fathers are not yet ready to substitute the sheep for the eagle as our country's emblem.

If "smartness" consists of displaying the qualities of a Mexican "baraga" at the sight of a wooden leg, that Kansas editor's lady friends ought to present him with an apron and kimona as a token of their appreciation of his effeminate qualities.

War is all that Sherman said it was—and then some—but ever since the day God Almighty armed the lion with fang and claws, the eagle with wing and talons, the bull with horns and hoofs, the serpent with mortal sting, the skunk with teeth and over-powering odor, and man with reason and cunning to turn the elements of nature into weapons, war has been a condition and peace an armed neutrality. Until the lion has discarded his fangs and claws, the eagle his wings and talons, the bull his horns and hoofs, the serpent his mortal sting, the skunk his teeth and is possessed of the smell of a bunch of violets, and man is as witless as a sheep, war will prevail in some part of the globe and men will keep right on wearing wooden legs, the sight of which will cause their "smart" grandsons to "calm right down."

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Another One of Our Boys Coming to The Front

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 24, 1914 Mr. W. W. Durham, Office.

Dear Sir: Commencing January 1st, and until further notice, your salary will be raised \$5.00 per month. Your services have been satisfactory, and we hope to see you make yourself more valuable to us in the future. The way to do this is to keep your mind on your work, and to put,

forth your best efforts in our behalf. Yours truly,

J. M. Radford, Grocery Co.

Will never dreamed that we would ever see the above letter, but, as every boy knows, tidings of his success is the best Christmas present that a boy can send to his mother; so Will sent the letter to his mother. She in turn showed it to her good looking husband, who put in his pocket, and we swiped it from him.

Will, you might as well tell such things, for we will learn of it in some way—it's our business to herald the achievements of our boys and girls. May each January of the succeeding years mark a new epoch of advancement for you.

Notice of Trustee's Sale

By virtue of the authority vested in me by a certain deed in trust executed to me as Trustee by B. F. Roberts, of Sterling County, Texas, and dated the 27th day of November, A. D. 1914, conveying to me all the goods, wares, merchandise, store fixtures and furniture, and all outstandings—that is, bills, notes, accounts and choses in action—authorizing among other things, the sale of all the above property and effects remaining on hand, on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1915; and by virtue of a certain other instrument in writing executed by the said B. F. Roberts and myself extending and postponing the time for making said sale to the 5th day of January to the 20th day of January, A. D. 1915, which said last mentioned instrument bears date of January 5th, A. D. 1915, and is duly acknowledged and recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Sterling County, Texas, in Vol. 13, page 157, of the Deed Records of said county, I will, on the said 20th day of January, A. D. 1915, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M., at the Court House Door in Sterling City, Sterling County, Texas, proceed to sell said stock of goods, wares and merchandise, store fixtures and furniture, and all outstandings—that is, bills, notes, accounts and choses in action, at the highest and best bidder, for cash.

Said goods, wares and merchandise, store fixtures and furniture, bills, notes, accounts and choses in action will be listed separately so that the same may be thoroughly examined and inspected, to the end that such sale may be made to the best advantage, that is, together as an entirety or separately, as may appear best to me.

Said stock of goods &c. to be sold, as well as the notes and accounts, together with the invoices and separate lists of all the property, of every kind and character whatsoever to be sold may be seen and minutely examined at the store house and place of business where the business of said B. F. Roberts was carried on and conducted, on lots 22 and 23, Block 14, on the North side of the public square, in Sterling City, Texas.

Respectfully, E. D. GRIMMER, TRUSTEE

Davis-Bugg

On December 23rd, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Joe E. Davis was married to Miss Vera Bugg, Rev. J. C. Strickland officiating.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bugg, and was born and reared here. She is a young lady of the highest type of young womanhood and is loved and respected by all who know her.

Joe Davis, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Davis, was also, reared here, and is one of our prominent young stockmen, noted for his rugged honesty and manly bearing.

We join a host of friends of this young couple in wishing them all the happiness and prosperity this life can give.

FARM AND RANCH BARGAIN

\$350 per acre buys 4 sections of land 10 miles from Sterling City. Two sections are school land, bought at \$1 per acre. About 1-4 of it is level and good farming land, and balance is good grazing. Land all fenced. Small payment in advance and balance on reasonable terms. This is a rare bargain and will be offered only a short time.

C. J. Dunn, Sterling City, Texas

Wilkins-McGee

We are informed that W. A. Wilkins, of Garden City, an old time citizen of this county, was married to Miss Maggie McGee, at Anson, last Sunday.

NATION'S LABOR PROBLEM

Over a million and a half Women Work as Farm Hands in the United States.

By Peter Radford, Director National Farmers' Union.

Our government never faced so tremendous a problem as that now lying dormant at the doors of Congress and the legislatures, and which, when aroused, will shake this nation from center to circumference, and make civilization hide its face in shame. That problem is—women in the field.

The last Federal census reports show we now have 1,514,000 women working in the field, most of them south of the Mason and Dixon line. There were approximately a million negro slaves working in the fields when liberated by the emancipation proclamation. We have freed our slaves and our women have taken their places in bondage. We have broken the shackles off the negroes and weeded them upon our daughters.

The Chain-Gang of Civilization. A million women in bondage in the southern fields form the chain-gang of civilization—the industrial tragedy of the age. There is no overseer quite so cruel as that of unrestrained greed, no whip that stings like the lash of suborned destiny, and no auctioneer's block quite so revolting as that of organized avarice.

The president of the United

ences between capital and labor should not forget that when the expenses of any industry are unnecessarily increased, society foots the bill by drafting a new consignment of women from the home to the field.

Pinch No Crumb From Women's Crust of Bread.

No financial award can be made without some one footing the bill, and we commend to those who accept the responsibility of the distribution of industrial justice, the still small voice of the woman in the field as she pleads for mercy, and we beg that they pinch no crumb from her crust of bread or put another patch upon her ragged garments.

We beg that they listen to the scream of horror from the eagle on every American dollar that is wrong from the brow of toiling women and hear the Goddess of Justice hiss at a verdict that increases the want of woman to satisfy the greed of man.

The women behind the counter and in the factory cry aloud for sympathy and the press thunders out in their defense and the pulpit pleads for mercy, but how about the woman in the field? Will not these powerful exponents of human rights turn their talent, energy and influence to her relief? Will the Goddess of Liberty enthroned at Washington hold the calloused hand and soothe the feverish brow of her sex who sows and reaps the nation's harvest or will she permit the male of the species to shove women—weak and weary—from the bread-line of industry to the back alleys of poverty?

Women and Children First.

The census enumerators tell us that of the 1,514,000 women who work in the fields as farm hands 409,000 are sixteen years of age and under. What is the final destiny of a nation whose future mothers spend their girlhood days behind the plow, pitching hay and hauling manure, and what is to become of womanly culture and refinement that grace the home, charm society and enthrone man to leap to glory in noble achievements if our daughters are raised in the society of the ox and the companionship of the pig?

In that strata between the ages of sixteen and forty-five are 950,000 women working as farm hands and many of them with sucking babes tugging at their breast, as drenched in perspiration, they wield the scythe and guide the plow. What is to become of that nation where poverty breaks the crowns of the queens of the home; despair hurls a mother's love from its throne and hunger drives innocent children from the school-room to the hoe?

The census bureau shows that 155,000 of these women are forty-five years of age and over. There is no more pitiful sight in civilization than these saintly mothers of Israel stooped with age, dudging in the field from sun until sun and at night drenching their dingy pillows with the tears of despair as their aching hearts take it all to God in prayer. Civilization strikes them a blow when it should give them a crown, and their only friend is He who broke bread with beggars and said: "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Texas, the home of Sam Houston and the adopted land of David Crockett! The Lone Star State!—baptized in the blood of martyrs and paid for by the lives of sainted heroes who, with the sword and the cross, slayed tyranny and conquered evil! Our Southland! the world's custodian of chivalry, the champion of human rights and the defender of the oppressed,—shall we permit our maidens fair to be torn from the hearthstone by the ruthless hand of destiny and chained to the plow? Shall we permit our faithful wives whom we covenant with God to cherish and protect, to be hurled from the home to the harvest field and our mothers dear to be driven from the old arm chair to the cotton patch?

In recruiting our citizens from the forces of civilization can we not apply to our fair Dixie land the rule of the sea—women and children first?

There must be a readjustment of the wage scale of industry so that the woman can be taken from the field or given a reasonable wage for her services. Perhaps the issue has never been fairly raised but the Farmers' Union, with a membership of ten millions, puts its organized forces squarely behind the issue and now enter upon the docket of civilization the case of "The Woman in the Field" and demand an immediate trial.

Old men have visions, young men have dreams. Successful farmers plow deep while sleep.

Whatever change the tenant farmer makes, it is bound to be for the better—it couldn't be for the worse.

The soil is like a man's bank account. It can soon be exhausted by withdrawing and never depositing.

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We Thank You

The year 1914, which is now past and forever gone, was in many respects an unprecedented hard one; but, with all its vicissitudes, we have enjoyed a reasonable amount of prosperity and a good business. For this, we have none but you to thank, and will try to show our appreciation by giving you better service as the days go by. In 1915 you will find our stock larger and better than ever, and a continuance of your patronage is solicited. *May 1915 prosper you and yours*.

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POSTED

Anyone found hunting—most especially hunting—fishing, gathering pecans, hauling wood, or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted. You'd better keep out.
10-17-13pd W. J. Mann

NO FISHING—Anyone found fishing or otherwise trespassing on any lands controlled by me will be prosecuted.—D. M. Brown.

POSTED

Notice is hereby given that driving any stock across, working stock or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me is hereby forbidden under pain of prosecution.
p11-20-14 E. F. Atkinson

Posted All persons are hereby forbidden to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, drive stock or otherwise trespass upon any lands owned or controlled by us. 1-8-15.
W. R. McEntire & Son

NOTICE

We will not sell Gasoline, Tubes, Batteries, or any other supplies, on credit in the future. It will take cash to get any of these supplies. This applies to all alike.
BROWN & PEARCE

LAUNDRY

Why worry about wash day? Let G. C. Potts send your "washin'" to the Model Steam Laundry. Basket leaves Tuesday and returns Thursday. Remember the place—phone 12.

Ask Cotten & Davis what is a load.
Go in and see the new steam pressing outfit at G. C. Potts' tailoring shop. Bring your suit along.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Rogers have moved to Miles, where they will make their future home. We regret to lose these good citizens, and hope they will see fit to return in the near future.

James Knight, who has been in Oklahoma for the past several months, returned in time to take Christmas with home folks. When we asked James how long he would be with us, he replied: "till I die. There is no place like this."

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LOCALS

Ask Cotten & Davis what is a load.

Our friend Z. L. Potts is on the sick list.

H. Q. Lyles, Jr., is visiting friends in East Texas.

Please return my large pipe wrench.—R. B. Cummins.

J. A. Jackson and family moved to town last week.

C. M. Lyles is visiting relatives at Brownwood and Brady.

Miss Louise Branch spent her vacation with relatives at Mertzon.

Hugh Rawls, of San Angelo, was the guest of relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Atkinson were guests of our town last Friday night.

W. V. Churchill and family spent the holidays with relatives at Brownwood.

N. B. Fisk was up from Brownwood last week to look after ranch interests.

The holidays closed last Monday, and the schools opened with a good attendance.

R. C. Sanderson was here yesterday enroute from San Angelo to Big Springs.

Master George Wimberly, of Christoval, spent the holidays with Dr. Gowen, of this place.

Owing to the rains which prevailed during the holidays, public programs were out short.

A splendid line of ladies' riding and driving gloves at cost until New Year.—R. B. Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis were in from their ranch, last Saturday, on a shopping expedition.

Miss Serenna Black and Hal Knight have returned to Daniel Baker College, at Brownwood.

When you need a new tire for your automobile, don't forget A. A. Gamble and the Miller Tires.

Cole & Son are agents for the Texas Oil Co.'s products. Try them for gasoline and lubricating oils.

Roy Pearce and Ollie Carper left this morning in the latter's automobile on a business trip to Hamlin.

Raymond Fisk was in from the Fisk ranch yesterday, and reported that he had lots of young lambs.

Miss Myrtle Smith has returned from Eldorado, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. B. F. Bennett.

Mr. Hightower, of Bosque County, spent Christmas with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Alsop, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foster returned last Monday from Ennis, where they spent the holidays with friends and relatives.

"Motor Oil" is guaranteed by the Texas Company to be as good as any oil made. 60c per gallon at Jackson's Garage.

W. E. Wood and family have moved to the Beyer farm—Mr. Wood having leased the farm for the coming year.

Engineer W. W. Short visited his daughters at Hamlin last week. Lee Barnhill took Mr. Short's run during his absence.

Found—An air pressure gauge for automobile tires. Owner may recover same by applying this office and paying for this notice.

Misses Estelle Lowe and Pearl Edwards, after spending the holidays with home folks here, returned to San Marcos last Saturday.

D. L. Slaton is engaged in erecting a modern residence for the Burns sisters, on their ranch three miles northwest of Konohasset.

AFFIDAVIT OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT To Treasurer's Quarterly Report.

In the Matter of the Quarterly Report of R. B. Cummins, County Treasurer of Sterling County, Texas, and the Affidavits of the Commissioners of said County.

We, the undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Sterling County, and the Hon. B. F. Brown, County Judge of said Sterling County, constitute the entire Commissioners' Court of said county, and each one of us do hereby certify that on this the 11th day of Nov. A. D. 1914, at a regular quarterly term of our said court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of R. B. Cummins, Treasurer of Sterling County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 9th day of Aug. A. D. 1914 and ending on the 7th day of Nov. A. D. 1914, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the Minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Sterling County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said treasurer's hands on the said 7th day of Nov. A. D. 1914 and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 807, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, and each one of us, further certify upon our oaths that we have actually and fully inspected and counted the amount of money in cash and other assets in the hands of the said Treasurer, belonging to Sterling County, on this 11th day of Nov. 1914, and found the same to be as follows, to-wit:

JURY FUND, 1st Class		
Balance on hand last report	\$165.15	
To amount received	41.85	
By amount paid out		210.00
Amount to balance	3.00	
Balance on hand	210.00	210.00

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, 2nd Class		
Balance last report	\$ 734.07	
To amount received	12.77	
By amount paid out		207.11
Amount to balance	539.73	
Balance on hand	746.84	746.84

GENERAL COUNTY FUND, 3rd Class		
Balance last report	\$2511.29	
To amount received	31.97	
To amount transferred from other funds	60.00	
By amount paid out		658.40
Amount to balance	1856.86	
Balance on hand	2542.96	2542.96

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND, 4th Class		
Balance last report	\$ 43.13	
To amount received	9.44	
By amount paid out		125.34
Amount to balance	366.25	
Balance on hand	439.59	439.59

SINKING FUND, 5th Class		
Balance last report	\$5006.10	
To amount received	406.72	
By amount paid out		6.00
Amount to balance	5712.82	
Balance on hand	5712.82	5712.82

SINKING JAIL FUND, 6th Class		
Balance on hand	\$1728.81	
To amount received	17.04	
By amount disbursed		0.00
Amount to balance	1545.82	
Total	1545.82	1545.82

BRIDGE SINKING FUND		
Balance last report	\$47.68	
To amount received	6.39	
By amount paid out		0.00
Balance on hand	474.07	
Total	474.07	474.07

RECAPITULATION		
Aug. 12 1914 Balance to credit of Jury Fund this day	539.74	
" " " Balance to credit of Road and Bridge Fund this day	746.84	
" " " Balance to credit of General Fund this day	2542.96	
" " " Balance to credit of Court House and Jail fund this day	439.59	
" " " Balance to credit of C. H. Sinking Fund this day	512.82	
" " " Balance to credit of Jail Sinking Fund this day	1545.82	
" " " Balance to credit of Bridge Building Fund this day	30.21	
" " " Balance to credit of Bridge Sinking Fund this day	474.07	
Total Cash on hand belonging to Sterling County, in the hands of the said Treasurer and actually and fully counted by us	\$ 8834.25	

Witness our hands, this 11th day of Nov. 1914.
B. F. Brown, County Judge.
A. V. Patterson, Commissioner Prec't No. 1
A. H. Allard " " " " 2
J. S. Johnston, " " " " 4

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by B. F. Brown, County Judge, and A. V. Patterson and A. H. Allard and J. S. Johnston, county commissioners of said Sterling county, each respectively, on this, the 11th day of Nov. A. D. 1914.

D. C. Durham, County Clerk,
Sterling Co., Texas

(SEAL)

Best candies at Butler Drug Co.
Please return my big pipe wrench.—R. B. Cummins.

Rev. Buchanan, of San Angelo, Presiding Elder of this district, held a quarterly conference of the Methodist church of this place last Saturday.

Harvey Glass left last Saturday for Columbia, Mo., to resume his studies at the University of Missouri. This is Harvey's last year, and he is making a fine record.

Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Roberts and Prof. Collins, who spent the holidays with friends and relatives at Big Springs, Abilene, and other points, returned home last Friday.

Miss Bernice Crawford left last Monday for Trinity University, at Wapakoneta, to resume her studies. Miss Imogene Crawford did not return on account of ill health.

Miss Winnie Davis, after spending vacation here with her parents, returned to Mertzon last Saturday, where she will resume her duties as instructor in the Mertzon high school.

J. W. Hargrave spent last Saturday and Sunday with his family at Mertzon. We suspect that "Jim" is seriously contemplating having Mrs. Hargrave and the boys come back to Sterling.

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Mrs. Howell—How is your husband's gout?
Mrs. Powell—Better, I think; or perhaps I am getting used to it!—Woman's Home Companion.

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"Bob" Jones, the eloquent southern evangelist, was condemning New York. "The only difference I can see between New York and hades, said Reverend Bob, is that New York is surrounded by water."

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Keeping Swell Trade.

"What's yours?" "Coffee and rolls, my girl." One of those iron-heavy, quarter-inch thick mugs of coffee was pushed over the counter. The fastidious person seemed dazed. He looked under the mug and over it.

Why He Noticed It.

Here is another story that can be pinned to Whistler: He was dining at a London home when a titled guest leaned forward to address him.

Overtaxed Vision.

"You say you have difficulty in reading?" said the optician. "Yes, I need something restful. All I want is a good minifying glass."

Awkward Beginning.

"You say the man who robbed your house introduced himself as a piano tuner?" "Yes."

A Horrible Possibility.

"Railroads have already begun to put up the price of tickets," said the apprehensive citizen.

A Pretty Deception.

Crawford—So you found a package of old love letters you wrote your wife years ago. What did you do with them?

Domestic Amenities.

Husband (at breakfast table)—Oh, for some of the biscuits my mother used to make.

Serious Case.

Wife—You must send me away for my health at once. I am going into a decline.

Didn't Apply.

"I believe in the motto: 'Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.'"

ACCOUNTED FOR.

Improvement. "What are your constituents going to do about sending you back to congress?"

An Impossible Undertaking.

"Shall I summon your husband's spirit from the vast deep?" "Wouldn't be no use to try," declared the lady with the massive chin.

The Following Step.

"I am looking for an opening in politics." "When you get it, the next thing you will be looking for is a way to get out of the hole."

For Support.

"How is it that Jim is going to give up working? Is he able to retire?" "No, but he is going to get married."

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"But Captain Hawley," said the handsome Miss Plute coquettishly, "will you love me when I grow old and ugly?"

She Was Not to Blame.

Mrs. A.—So your son is home from college? Mrs. H.—Yes; and he has the strangest ideas! He says he's descended from a monkey, but I'm sure I don't see how that can be—unless, of course, it's on his father's side.

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THE BAPTISM OF FIRE



HERE is something in the back recesses of our brains which makes us want to live. No man in his right mind wants to die, and only when the back part of his brain is impaired through grief, worry, sickness or some other profound cause, does he go about regardless of peril. One of these profound influences is battle. It is said that men in battle will hug the bottom of the trenches because they are taught by military experts to do so, but after the baptism of fire they care for nothing, and will risk their lives to gain comfort.

There are stories going the rounds of fighters in Europe who have left the trenches and walked through a hail of bullets and shells after an overcoat or after food. These men knew nothing about death. They did know a lot about discomfort. They knew when they were thirsty they were terribly uncomfortable. They knew when they were cold they suffered.

When the German cruiser Koensberg was driven into a river on the African coast and bottled up there by a superior force of English ships, it is reported that the Germans threw up trenches in the vicinity of the Koensberg, from which they fought the British. From their place of security among the palm trees they kept any landing force of marines from getting near them.

Although they were securely entrenched they could not leave the trenches without great risk of life from the bullets of the British marines. Yet when the mosquitoes made night miserable in the trenches, the Germans left their trenches and walked coolly through the hail of bullets to a neighboring trench, where he gathered some pennyroyal, with which to fight the mosquitoes.

Men under fire do not think of the consequences any more than men in the cities going to and from work. A story is told of men high on the top of a skyscraper. One of the workmen fell with the other on his good luck in having a safe job on a girder several hundred feet above the street, while others had to risk their lives in Europe.

The majority of the soldiers in Europe would not have changed places with the man on the girder. Men working in the logging camps, where danger is constant, due to lack of inspection by state authorities, feel sorry for the men working in the steel mills amid the molten metal. Men on the sea are glad in time of hurricane that they are not on shore. For, on the sea, they are free to ride on the storm. The men on shore pity the poor devils of the sea.

might dodge their heads into a second bullet.

The men were new to fighting, however, and they were not on the firing line. They had to sit idly back of the main firing line while the Southerners were attacking their lines.

Just then a big cannon shell burst above their heads. The captain dodged with the rest, bringing out a big laugh from the recruits, most of whom were not very well disciplined and had little respect for the greatness of their commanding officer.

"Dodge the big ones," the captain shouted, as he admitted that even the seasoned men sometimes dodge an unexpected shot. It is the unexpectedness of the shooting that causes the men to dodge. When they become used to the noise of battle they can sleep right through a bombardment without being troubled. They fight and sleep in a sort of daze. Often they are on duty for so long that they cannot go to sleep when the fighting is over, but they sit in a stupor, not knowing what to do.

Sometimes it requires more heroism to stand under fire than at other times. The real heroes are the recruits; for they stay at the front even though they get scared. The seasoned soldiers just as they fight just as a gang of workmen just and talk with each other. Fighting is occupation to them.

It is told of a hero in the Spanish-American war who was commissioned a major in the American Volunteer army, although he had no previous military experience except at a military school, that as he was going into action at San Juan hill one of the regular army officers noticed the major's white face and chattering teeth.

"Major, you are scared," the regular said.

"I know it," said the major. "If you were half as scared as I am you would be twenty miles from here."

It is not only the soldiers who showed heroism under fire in Europe. The civilians were heroes as well. In Belgium the farmers were in the midst of harvest when the Germans crossed their frontier. The farmers continued harvesting their crops because they realized the Germans would trample them under foot. Their only hope was in completing the harvest before the armies crossed the country. They worked amid shot and shell without regard to the enemy. They were just as safe in the field at work as they were running and they bravely chose the wiser course.

War correspondents tell how they found French women knitting while the fighting was going on. There was nothing for them to do but knit. Then why run? As they knitted they commented on the shots which dropped around them. In Rembs it is told how women near the cathedral counted the shells as they struck that edifice.

There is a tale of a soldier in the

lary attraction. The result is that even when pitched as low as ten degrees above the horizontal, all condensation is held and carried down to the gutter at the foot of each sheet.

In the Shade.

"Where did you spend the summer?"

"Where I lost my identity."

"Eh?"

"Among my wife's relatives, where I'm simply known as 'Mary's husband.'—Fun.

trenches who was known to everybody as a coward. He always would hug the bottom of the trench. It seemed he never could get over it. But he was passionately fond of cigarettes. One day while the bullets were whistling above his trench a soldier in a neighboring trench held up cigarettes to him. He jumped up, raced to the other trench and came back triumphantly with the cigarettes. He was unhurt.

More officers are killed in battle in proportion to their numbers than any other class of men. That is due to the risks they insist on taking. That is particularly true in the English army, where the officers risk their lives court-martialed for risking their lives as much as the English officers do. The English say they do it to steady their men and show they are not afraid.

The same is true to a considerable extent in the American army. The losses of officers in the Spanish-American war was surprisingly great. Of course the Spanish-American war was not on the proportions of this war and the sharpshooters figured extensively.

An officer of our regular army who saw fighting in the Spanish war, pointed out the other day that most persons had a very wrong conception of how soldiers fight in modern battles.

"Skirmish drills in times of peace have taught the troops how to act together, and it is amazing to see how quickly the men adapt themselves to the conditions of actual battle. It is the corporals and sergeants who are the real steady influences in a fight. They know the characteristics of the individual privates in a way that the commissioned officers can never know them and are prepared to give a calming word to this or that one when the emergency arises. In my own experience I have known a private who had served three enlistments to take charge of a company in a charge, and the officers and non-coms were very glad to leave it to him. After the scrap was over he became a private once more, but while that row was on, so far as actual influence with the men was concerned, he was of a great deal more importance than his captain. The way that man would wriggle into cover was a revelation and he went through three campaigns without a scratch. His example in the regiment was a big asset.

"There has been much discussion of bravery in battle since the war started. According to my experience it is very much a matter of temperament. Some men are carried along by a sort of ecstasy, others hold themselves to the work by sheer force of will, while others, and those are the best, go through a fight with a sort of grim interest as if it was a highly amusing though somewhat dangerous sport they were engaged in, like polo or football."

Woodwork.

"Samantha, what's that chune the orchestra's playin' now?"

"The program says it's 'Choppin' Hiram.'"

"Waal—mebbe—but ter me it sounds a deal more like sawin'."—Penn State Froth.

In the Market.

Agent—Have you become converted to life insurance yet?

Prospective Risk—No, but I've got four companies bidding for me.

ALFALFA ON DRY FARM

One of the Best Drought Resisting Plants Known.

Cause of Many Failures in Semi-Arid Sections Is Shallow Plowing—Good Stand Obtained by Planting in Deep Seed Bed.

(By E. R. PARSONS.)

Years ago alfalfa was considered as a sort of watercress that had to be irrigated every few days. The fact is, however, that it is one of the best drought resisting forage plants known. It has been the salvation of dry central Asia and also of the South American deserts, where it seldom rains. It is considered so valuable in seed beds and planted out by hand in valleys where there is no rain but some damp soil on account of underflow from the mountains.

Many plant alfalfa in the dry farming states and fail. The reason is usually the same—shallow plowing. The art of obtaining a good stand of alfalfa lies in planting it in a deep seed bed. In a dry farm paper some years ago I remember reading that a good way to plant alfalfa was to plow the sod two to three inches, roll it, run a slanted harrow over it and then put in the seed. This was the worst advice that could be possibly given to a dry farmer. Unfortunately, many believed it and lost their work and their seed. Some obtained a poor stand, which eventually died out, but a few who were farming over wet ground managed to raise a little. Alfalfa planted in shallow plowed land seldom amounts to anything, even if a stand is obtained, which seldom happens except in a very wet year.

Many will say "Don't plant alfalfa on sod." This is all right as far as it goes, but when these people talk seed they mean the shallow breaking that they are accustomed to.

In countries where it blows, alfalfa should always be planted on sod, but it should be plowed as deeply as possible—eight to ten inches at least, and well worked up on the surface.

The sod, when plowed under deeply, holds the moisture, and the old roots hold the soil together and prevent it from blowing.

When the seed bed for alfalfa the sooner it becomes established and the heavier the crops will be as long as the field lasts.

Almost any soil will raise alfalfa if deep enough, but if there is any rock or hardpan near the surface it will not amount to much unless there is some seepage or permanent moisture to help it out.

When planting alfalfa on land which has been previously cropped, or on the new break, it is better in either case to plow in the fall as deeply as possible and winter fallow the land for moisture as described in a late issue. Nevertheless, if the winter has been wet, and the field contains about two feet or more of moist earth, the surface down, it will be quite safe to plant in the spring, provided the field is plowed as soon as the frost is out of the ground and allowed to settle until planting time in May.

CONSERVE MOISTURE IN SOIL

Dry Farms Should Be So Worked That Large Quantity of Water Is in Soil at Harvesting Time.

It is always dangerous to permit the soil of a dry farm to become very dry, especially below the first foot. Dry farms should be so manipulated that even at the harvesting season a comparatively large quantity of water remains in the soil to a depth of eight feet or more. The larger the quantity of water in the soil in the fall, the more readily and quickly will the water that falls on the land during the resting period of fall, winter and early spring sink into the soil and move away from the top-soil. The top or first foot will always contain the largest percentage of water, because it is the chief receptacle of the water that falls as rain or snow, but when the subsoil is properly moist, the water will more completely leave the top-soil. Further, crops planted on a soil saturated with water to a depth of eight feet are almost certain to mature and yield well.

Insure Pure Seed.

The only way for the farmer to know that he is getting pure seed is for him to examine or have examined by someone who knows, the seed he proposes to purchase. He should secure a sample of the seed, pour it on a sheet of white paper and with the aid of a magnifying glass and a pocket knife separate out the weed seeds and the dirt and determine the percentage.

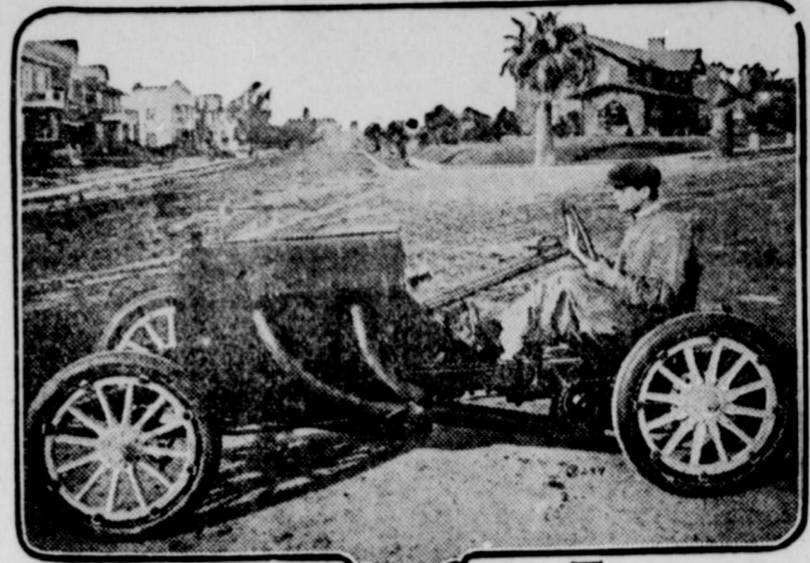
Indications of Success.

Is your manure piled up behind the barn or out in the fields? One can usually tell of a farmer's success by finding out how he handles his manure.

Grinding Corn for Cattle.

Grinding corn for the cattle makes more beef and less pork from the same amount of corn. If the hogs follow the cattle it does not pay to grind, especially when hogs are about as high in price as cattle, for generally the combined amount of beef and pork is greater from whole corn than from ground corn.

DE PALMA AGAIN WINS ROAD RACING TITLE



Ralph De Palma, Champion Road Racer.

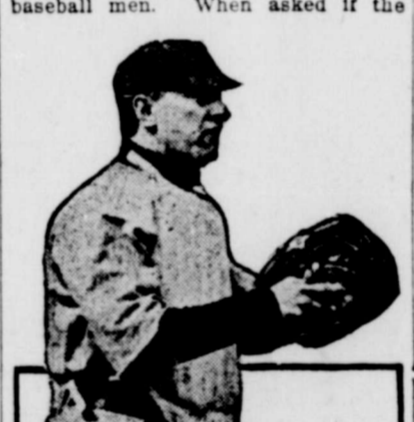
For the second time Ralph De Palma has been declared road racing champion of America, the honor having been won by virtue of three firsts and two fourths in five starts.

Runner-up of De Palma is Eddie Pullen who made a gallant fight but who lost the honor because he had only two firsts and one second in his five starts.

BRESNAHAN TO MANAGE CUBS

Sturdy Backstop Given Three-Year Ironclad Contract at Salary of \$18,000—O'Day Will Umpire.

Roger Bresnahan has been appointed manager of the Chicago National League baseball club, following a meeting between President Thomas of the club; Charles P. Taft, owner of the majority of the stock of the club, and Bresnahan, who succeeds Henry O'Day. Bresnahan signed a contract for three years. Bresnahan formerly was catcher for the New York Nationals and last season was catcher for the team he has just signed to manage.



Roger Bresnahan, New Cub Manager.

While the selection of Bresnahan to the management of the Cubs was not unexpected, the length of the contract came as a distinct surprise to baseball men. When asked if the

THIRTY-FIVE DEATHS CAUSED BY BASEBALL

Thirty-five deaths and 918 injuries were caused by baseball during 1914, according to figures made public by a sports writer who kept a tabulation of the season's records.

Of the players who died from injuries, 20 were hit by pitched balls, five were struck by bats, four were in collisions, four overexerted themselves, one was hurt sliding to a base, and one was killed in a fight.

Injuries to amateur players are classified as follows:

Broken limbs, 314; concussion of the brain, 187; fractured skulls, 13; paralysis, 4; sprains, 37; spiked, 26; fractures, 17; dislocations, 7; torn ligaments, 10.

Players hurt in the major leagues number 116, American league 69, National league 61, Federal league 56 and college teams 8.

RING TOSS TENNIS IS NEW

New System of Sport Hailed With Delight and Finds Many Followers in New York Suburbs.

Ring toss tennis is the latest variation of the favorite game of the courts and nets to which racket sweaters have turned their attention. The lawn tennis players of the Bronxville Athletic association, New York, have tried out the new game on the courts at Bronxville and Hugh Robertson, A. Dudley Britton, Morris S. Clark, James Robertson and David R. Todd have established a set of rules which seem to fit the new game to perfection.

The inspiration for the game came to one of the players who recently returned from Europe, having whiled away his time on deck during the voyage with the usual ring toss. He got a number of the six-inch rope rings and started to play the game on the regulation lawn tennis court by scaling them back and forth over the net. This made the flight of the ring somewhat too fast and the court was too large, so the net was hung on badminton poles to a height of five feet six inches. A new court was marked out 21 feet in width and 45 feet in length, the net crossing it at its center. For purposes of serving, the middle of the net was marked by a white band.

The server stands at the base line, and because of the height of the net tosses the ring into the air so that it falls with a slow motion which makes it possible for the receiving player to catch it in his hand. Only one service is allowed. With the ring once in play, the players—and it has been found that doubles work much better than singles—may not hold the ring, but must toss it back over the net with the same arm motion as they receive it. It is not permissible to raise the hand or arm above the shoulder.

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