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ASTENING PLANS FOR ATTACK ON SALONIKI

GREEK CORRESPONDENT REITERATES INTENTIONS OF BULGARS AND GERMANS.

ENVIRONS AGAIN BOMBED

Aeroplanes of Central Powers Have Made Another Raid on Outskirts of City.

London.—The remaining positions held by the allies on Gallipoli peninsula have now been abandoned with the wounding of only one man among the British and no casualties among the French, and that all guns were saved except 17 worn out ones, which were blown up, according to a British official statement.

This news has been expected for several days by the keener observers at the near eastern campaign, for the retirement of the troops from Gallipoli and Sulva three weeks ago left no strategic advantage to the retention of the tip of the peninsula. Nevertheless, the news will be received with a pang of regret by the people of the British Isles as well as the colonies.

Battleship is Sunk.
Another pang to the British public will be caused by the announcement of the loss of the battleship King Edward VII, which has been blown up by a mine. The brief official statement on this subject does not reveal the scene of the action and merely says that the disaster occurred in a heavy sea, despite which the entire crew was saved before the ship went down.

The King Edward VII, represented an investment of nearly 1,500,000 pounds and was one of the finest of the last class of dreadnoughts.

On the west and east fronts there have been no developments of large importance over the week-end. The German communication announces that the Germans have completed the capture of positions on Hartmanns-Wulfschlopf taken by the French a few days before Christmas.

Trying to Reach Adriatic.

Greek correspondents continue to assert that the Bulgarians and Germans are hastening plans for an attack on Saloniki. The Austrians are fighting hard against the Russians and Montenegrins, and the Bulgarians are already occupied in a resolute attempt to reach the Adriatic, from which they are only 40 miles distant at Elbasan, Albania.

Considerable fighting is still going on at Chortorsky, on the Russian front, where the Teutons have twice been repulsed with considerable loss in attempting to recapture that town from the Russians.

Petrograd reports that the Austro-Hungarians have been driven from the eastern bank of the middle Stripa river in east Galicia.

An attack by the Teutonic allies against the entente allies in Greece has not yet materialized, but aeroplanes of the central powers have again bombarded the environs of Saloniki.

The Russians claim further successes against the Turks in the Caucasus region.

POWDER EXPLOSION KILLS 13.

Cause in Dupont Plant Assigned to External Influences—Two Men Were Arrested.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Thirteen persons at least are reported to have been killed and seven others severely burned in an explosion at the Boescher plant of the Du Pont Powder company at Carneys point early Monday. The steamer Long Beach, which was just leaving its dock, was blown partly out of the water. All its windows were broken and part of the cabin smashed. None of the passengers was hurt, according to reports here. The force of the explosion was so great that it was heard in this city, 25 miles distant.

Later reports said that the blast was caused by outside influences and that two men had been arrested. As all wire communications to Carneys point was cut off by the explosion, none of these reports could be confirmed.

The explosion occurred in the Boescher plant mill, where the finest grades of smokeless powder are prepared for shipment. It happened shortly after the force of workers had changed at midnight.

Mrs. John H. Reagan Dies.

Pasadena, Texas.—Mrs. John H. Reagan, widow of the former senator and southern statesman, died at her home near here Sunday morning. She was survived by a daughter and two sons, Mrs. P. F. Watson of Palestine, Jeff Reagan of Arizona and Lieutenant Mills Reagan of Palestine.

Auto Kills 2, Hurts 6 and Speeds On.

St. Louis, Mo.—Two were killed and six injured when an automobile sped through a party of young people returning from an entertainment and sped on without stopping. Sarah Smith, 19, and Maurice Bruce, 23, were dead when picked up. Rescuers found six others stretched in the snow, two of whom suffered injuries which physicians said would cause death. Three men were taken into custody, one of whom admitted in an affidavit that he was driving the car.

CROWN PRINCE'S NEW BABY



The first photograph showing the crown prince of Germany and her infant, born April 8, 1915. The youngster is the only daughter of the German heir and his wife, and is known as the German "war baby," although she has been christened "Alexandrine." It is believed she was born and christened while her father, the Crown Prince Frederick, was at the front.

GREAT MAJORITY IS GIVEN CONSCRIPTION

BILL PASSES ON FIRST READING IN BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES IN EAST

Austro-German Forces Reported Hard Pressed Over Long Line of Defense—Gain in Great Marshes.

London.—Amid scenes of wild enthusiasm the house of commons Thursday night passed the first reading of the government bill for compulsory military service by the decisive vote of 403 to 105.

The vote came shortly before midnight, with the galleries again packed, every seat on the floor of the house occupied, the ministerial benches filled and an air of eager expectancy prevailing. The events of the day has increased the tension to a high pitch, notably the action of the labor congress in condemning compulsory service and the quick sequel of the retirement of three labor members of the ministry.

Throughout these developments outside of parliament, the debate in the house had forged steadily ahead, but had been left largely to lesser figures. It was reserved for A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, to close the debate in behalf of the government, and he did it in a persuasive appeal of half an hour which roused the lagging spirits of the advocates of the bill and turned the tide of adversity which had been running steadily against the measure.

Russian Successes in East.

The area of Russian successes over the Austro-German forces in the east continues to widen. Although the situation around Czernowitz has not yet been cleared up officially, it appears from advices from Russian sources that the Austrians are hard pressed over a long line of defenses and are throwing huge reinforcements into the district. The Russians here are expected to strike at the Kolomea-Stanislaw-Halick line, where powerful defensive works have been in preparation for some time by the Austro-Germans.

Russians Gain in Marshes.

Meanwhile the Russian positions 250 miles further north on the middle Sty river have been greatly strengthened by successful operations in the region of the great marshes, where the Russians are beginning to emerge from the marshes with prospects of being able to use the roads leading either northwest, west or southwest.

In the capital of the entente allies the opinion is expressed that the Russian offensive has compelled upon the plans of the central powers for an invasion of Saloniki and Egypt.

Ohio Town Turns From Dry to Wet.

Staubenville, Ohio.—Staubenville voted wet at a special election. The vote was, wet 2,462, dry 2,191, a majority of 271 votes for the liquor supporters. The city has been dry two years.

Industrial Congress Convention.

Dallas, Texas.—Safe and sane farming for 1916 will be emphasized in the program of the Texas Industrial congress at its annual convention in Dallas Jan. 15. In addition to awarding prizes to the successful contestants in the field crop, livestock and garden classes for 1915 and announcing its plans for 1916, the congress will devote considerable time to the discussion of ways and means for the encouragement of farmers in producing a "living at home" by diversifying.

ATTITUDE OF KING OF GREEKS IS CHANGING

SEEMS TO BE RECONCILED TO OCCUPATION OF SALONIKI BY FRENCH AND BRITISH.

VENIZELOS MAY WIN OUT YET

Possibility That Greece May Finally Join Entente Powers Admitted in Athens.

Athens, via Rome.—The king of the Greeks appears to have considerably altered his viewpoint in the last month. Speaking to the Associated Press correspondent on the present situation in Greece the king, while reiterating his determination not to be forced or persuaded to abandon neutrality, no longer spoke of demobilization and seemed to be reconciled to the idea of the allies remaining in Saloniki until the end of the war.

On good authority it is asserted that M. Venizelos has already twice been approached with respect to the terms on which he would accept the premiership and he is said to have refused to consider the proposal at the present time on the ground that Greece would now be able to give practical assistance to the entente powers beyond what it is already doing. He, however, left the matter open for further discussion, presumably in the spring when Greece's aid may be valuable.

Even those in royal circles begin to admit that Greece possibly may be forced sooner or later to join the entente.

GERMANY MEETS U. S. DEMANDS.

Lusitania Case Virtually Settled in Latest Note.

Washington.—Two communications from Germany have reached the United States—one containing a proposal to pay an indemnity for the American lost in the Lusitania disaster, which may bring negotiations on that subject to a conclusion, and the other conveying assurances that German submarine commanders operating in the Mediterranean would not torpedo noncombatant ships of any character without warning them and according safety to their passengers and crews.

Officials in Washington consider that America and Germany at last were near a final agreement regarding the conduct of submarine warfare.

Officials made no attempt to conceal their gratification at the attitude Germany apparently has assumed. It was considered to be virtually in harmony with the American viewpoint.

Tension regarding the entire submarine question seems to have lessened considerably. Austria in its reply to the last Ancona note having assured the United States of its intentions to operate submarines with due regard for international law and the principles of humanity, Turkey and Bulgaria, it is understood, next will take steps to give such guarantees. It is stated authoritatively that Germany and Austria-Hungary will use their influence to accomplish this end.

The Lusitania controversy, except for the wording of the agreement to be entered into, is considered in Teutonic circles here virtually ended.

WILL ACT FIRM IN PERSIA CASE.

Consuls Are Directed to Secure Information at Once From Survivors.

Washington.—The return to Washington of President Wilson for the purpose of considering the crisis brought about by the sinking of the liner Persia, brought about no lessening of the tension felt in official circles regarding the probable effect of the sinking of the Persia may have on the negotiations between the United States and foreign powers with regard to their prosecution of submarine warfare on the shipping of belligerent enemy powers.

The only developments were the marked indications of the president's intention to proceed carefully and deliberately before committing the United States to the next step in its already strained relations with the central powers.

President Wilson's first act on his return was to issue a statement promising the country action just as soon as the full facts in the Persia disaster case can be learned.

The president's second step was to direct Secretary Lansing to gather more information from the Persia survivors. The secretary ordered the consuls at Alexandria, Malta and Cairo to obtain affidavits and to cable summaries of their contents at once.

British Submarine Sinks.

London.—The sinking of a British submarine off the coast of Holland has been officially announced. The crew was saved. The statement says the submarine was sunk off the island of Texel, the most southwestern of the Frisian group. The entire crew, numbering 33, was rescued by a Dutch cruiser and brought into the Dutch port of Helder. The accident was due to the fact that it grounded and sprang a leak. The crew has been interred.

REV. JOHN M. MOORE



Rev. John M. Moore of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the board of missions of the M. E. church South, addressed the conference on church and country life at Columbus, O., on December 10 on "Federation and Co-Operation."

E. YOUNGSTON, O., IN HAND OF RIOTERS

THREE MEN WERE KILLED, NINETEEN WOUNDED AND MANY BUILDINGS BURNED.

STATE TROOPS CALLED OUT

Trouble Started From Strike at Steel Plants for Increase in Wages—A Crowd of 6,000 in Mob.

Youngstown, Ohio.—Three men were killed, 19 persons, including a woman, were wounded, more than 15 buildings were burned, with a loss estimated at \$800,000, and state troops were called out to restore order as the result of rioting in East Youngstown Friday night, following a battle between strike sympathizers and armed guards of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company.

The trouble was the culmination of a strike of laborers which began at the plant of the Republic Iron and Steel company a week ago, spread to the plants of the tube company, the Youngstown Iron and Steel company and the Brier Hill Steel company, all "independent" concerns. The men demand 25c an hour; the companies offered an increase from 19 1/2 cents to 22 cents an hour.

Trouble Starts Early in Day.

The trouble started early in the morning when strike sympathizers and workers at the sheet and tube plant clashed. Stones were thrown and several shots fired, but no one was injured. Later in the afternoon a riot occurred just outside the tube company plant and two men were injured so badly they were taken to a hospital.

The most serious trouble started when the day shift at the sheet and tube mills left work. A crowd of 6,000 gathered at the entrance to the works and stoned a squad of private police in charge of Chief S. J. Wollz of the sheet and tube company force.

Buildings Looted and Fired.

According to Wollz, he fired a blank shot in the air to scare the crowd, and then firing became general. Nineteen in the crowd were wounded, following which the mob, frenzied, surged into the East Youngstown business district and set fire to several buildings. As the torch was applied, first to a clothing store and then to a jewelry store, the looting began. A saloon was fired and looted, the liquor being distributed through the crowd.

The Youngstown fire department went to the scene of the fires, but was driven off by the crowd. The East Youngstown department also attempted to check the blaze, but the hose was cut and the firemen driven away. The flames quickly spread and more than 15 buildings were destroyed. Twenty families were reported homeless as a result of the fire.

State Troops Called Out.

Sheriff Unstayed from the situation beyond his control and asked that state troops be sent here.

One of the men killed was fatally shot while attempting to loot a store. Some one inside the store fired the shot. Two rioters in a saloon fight also were killed, making the known dead three.

Associate Justice Lamar Dies.

Washington.—Joseph Rucker Lamar, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, died at his home here Sunday night after an illness of several months. He was 55 years of age and had been on the supreme bench five years. The immediate cause of death was gradual heart failure, hastened by inflammation of one of the lungs which threatened to develop into pneumonia. The attending physician declared, however, that the primary cause was overwork.

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE LIKELY

BELIEF IS EXPRESSED IN AUSTIN THAT GOVERNOR WILL ISSUE CALL VERY SOON.

SOME LEGISLATION WANTED

Amendment of Election Law, "Gibson Bill" and Penitentiary Matters Subjects for Legislation.

Austin, Texas.—While it is known that Governor Ferguson is being strongly implored to call the Thirty-fourth legislature in special session, no word has come from the executive office indicating what decision will be reached by the governor. Rumors of a special session circulate in the state capital, and there are some who even go so far to predict that the special session will be called before the end of January.

Several matters, it is contended, may be submitted at a special session. For weeks there has been considerable agitation over the necessity of amending the state election laws, particularly with reference to changes in the primary provisions for nomination of candidates for the United States senate. Owing to the heavy expense and necessity for several primaries, as well as apparent oversights in the present law making it impossible to combine balloting for the United States senatorial candidates on dates specified for other elections. Many seem in favor of some radical changes.

"Gibson Bill" Discussed.

In addition to the proposed changes in the election laws, there has been much discussion of the possibility of submitting at a special session the matter of amending the Robertson insurance law so as to allow the foreign insurance companies which left the state to return and do business. The so-called "Gibson bill" passed by the house of representatives of the last legislature, but defeated by two votes in the senate, involves the question at issue.

Penitentiary Legislation Desired.

Another matter that some believe is slated for action by the legislature at an early date is with reference to the management and handling of the penitentiary system.

It is also stated that in the event of a special session action may be taken on several road laws and independent school districts that need immediate action. Some recommendations as to changes in the tax laws might also be considered, as this problem has become one of more than passing importance.

"Toothbrush Fire" at Dublin.

Dublin, Texas.—A celluloid toothbrush fell on a hot stove at the home of Mrs. H. L. Dyer and melted, filling the house with dense smoke. Upon entering the house, Mrs. Dyer thought the building was on fire and turned in an alarm. The fire boys, after some delay, discovered the cause and location of the blaze, which had already burned itself out, with a loss of approximately 50 cents; no insurance. Chief W. P. Hallmark says the "toothbrush fire" will be embodied in his report to the city council.

Death Claims Five Veterans.

Austin, Texas.—As a result of the epidemic of grip, death has been busy in the ranks of the veterans at the Confederate home since the new year began. Five veterans have died, one Saturday, two Sunday and two Monday. Among them was one relative of the south's great orator, John C. Calhoun, Dr. Thomas J. Calhoun, John T. Hodges, Levy Bankston, Isaac N. George and W. H. Maddox were the other victims. All saw active service. Mr. George was the eldest of them, being 84, and Mr. Hodges the youngest, being 76.

German Armed Steamer Surrenders.

London.—The German armed steamer Kingbird surrendered on Dec. 26 to the British naval expedition on Lake Tanganyika, in Central Africa, it was announced in an official statement. "The action lasted ten minutes," adds the statement. "All the German officers were killed and the steamer, despite its sinking condition, was brought into port."

Fewer Typhus Cases in Mexico.

Washington.—Typhus cases in Mexico City and its suburbs, which during December totaled 3,241, now have been reduced to about 2,500, according to official advices to the Mexican embassy. Deaths from the disease in the city proper, the records show, decreased from 404 in November to 305 in December, although there was an increase in the number of cases during the latter month.

Ramsay Gets Place Left by Terison.

Washington.—The federal reserve board has accepted the resignation of E. O. Tenison of Dallas, as Class C director for the Dallas bank and its chairman and federal reserve agent, and elected Judge William F. Ramsay of Austin as his successor. Mr. Tenison's salary was \$10,000 a year. The resignation of Mr. Tenison was accepted with reluctance, according to a statement made at the board's office and a letter of appreciation was mailed to him.

TEXANS VISIT WASHINGTON

Delegation From San Antonio Wants Government's Aid in 1916 Exposition.

Washington.—Headed by Mayor Clinton G. Brown and Postmaster George D. Armistead, both of San Antonio, a committee of southwest Texans were in Washington Jan. 6 and 7 to invite the participation of the United States government in San Antonio's International exposition to be held in 1916. The exposition will commemorate the two-hundredth anniversary of the founding of that city by the Jesuit fathers.

The delegation to Washington formally laid their plans before Texas members of congress. Representative James L. Slayden, who comes from the San Antonio district, called a meeting of the Texas delegation at which time detailed plans for the bi-centennial celebration were announced. While in the capital the San Antonians visited several members of the cabinet to interest them in the project. They saw Secretary Lansing of the department of state, Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture and Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce and labor.

Following these visits the Texans called upon President Wilson and formally invited him to attend a three-day convention in San Antonio Jan. 25, 26 and 27, to which governors of several southern states have been invited. This meeting is for the purpose of further solidifying sentiment in favor of the exposition.

John Barrett, director general of the Pan American union, is taking much interest in the International exposition and he has promised his fullest co-operation. Through Mr. Barrett and Secretary Lansing formal invitations will be extended to Latin-American republics to participate in the exposition. Efforts were made to have several South American diplomats attend the January conference in San Antonio.

Because the history of San Antonio and Texas, for that matter, is so closely linked with that of the Catholic church the formal participation in the exposition of that church has been invited, and from Washington the delegation went to Baltimore and extended an invitation to Cardinal Gibbons to visit San Antonio in January.

Strikes Gold Sand in Well at Terrell.

Terrell, Texas.—A gold deposit has been found at a depth of about 60 feet in this city. W. B. Moore, who recently sunk a well, found gold-bearing sand, which was examined by local jewelers and found to contain gold. Samples of the sand have been sent to the government assayer at El Paso, who pronounced the deposit to contain pure gold. Another well is to be sunk near the first one to determine the extent of the gold field, and if it is found to contain deposits in paying quantities the field will be further developed.

American Missionary on Persia Lost.

London.—The American embassy here has received a report saying that the Rev. Homer R. Salisbury, an American, was a passenger on the liner Persia, which was sunk in the Mediterranean, but that he was not included among the survivors. Rev. Salisbury's home was at Tacoma, Wash. He boarded the Persia at Marseilles, going to join his wife, who is a missionary in India. The steamship company confirms the report that Mr. Salisbury embarked at Marseilles.

Locomotive Boiler Bursts; 3 Hurt.

Lampasas, Texas.—The boiler of a locomotive pulling a westbound freight train on the Santa Fe, exploded about six miles west of Lampasas, seriously injuring Engineer Boy Dyer, Fireman O. B. Davis and Brake-man A. R. Taylor, all of Temple. All were badly scalded and bruised and one of the men was blown clear off the right of way.

Baptist \$1,000,000 Campaign Begins.

Fort Worth, Texas.—The Baptist campaign for christian education in Texas began here Thursday morning with a service at the Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary. The speakers were Drs. J. B. Gambrell and George W. Truett, both of Dallas. This is part of the statewide effort to raise \$1,000,000 among the Baptists of Texas for educational purposes.

Ferguson Against Special Session.

Austin, Texas.—Governor Ferguson, when asked relative to rumors that it was probable that there would be a special session of the Thirty-fourth legislature, answered that "there will not be a special session if I can prevent it and I think I can."

Deaths of 1,000,000 Campaign Begins.

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HARMONY WITH GOD

Retribution, Education and a Loving Life Turn Men and Nations Right Way.

What will bring us into complete harmony with God? Retribution. One hates to think that the world will not learn to keep step with the Infinite except from terrible experience. Though one should rise from the dead and tell the world its true interest, it would not believe him; it would have to plunge its head into the furnace of fire before it would learn. We see this in Europe as we have never seen and realized it before. The great war had to come in order to lead the world to a great peace, writes Rev. Henry R. Rose, D. D. in the Universalist Leader.

It is the same with the individual man. He discovers, sooner or later, that he cannot have his own way; he must go as God goes or go under in the wrestle. What a parable the story of the prodigal son is! To how many men and situations its lessons can be applied! The man who sows wild oats will reap wild oats. The man who wastes his money will reap poverty. The man who yields his purity will suffer remorse.

It is the certainty of retribution and the experience of retribution that turn men and nations the other way; they come to themselves, at length, and return to their God. It looks to me as if God had planned this world so that every sin is a path that leads to a stone wall, and there is nothing else to do but turn about and start in another direction, albeit with bleeding feet. Uncover the breast of many a man and woman today who are living the better life and you will find the letters "I. H. S." written there in scarlet: "I have suffered." They know, and, thanks be to God, they have learned their lesson.

Education will also bring mankind into unity of life and activity with God. It is playing a larger and larger part in this direction. Education is slowly opening the eyes of the masses to the great truth that they live in a universe of laws, that there are no accidents or miracles, that for everything that happens a cause can be discovered. So that if they want to live and live long and prosper they must learn the laws of life and heed them from the cradle to the grave. The school systems of our land are teaching our children and our youth the physical laws of the world, and driving home the fact that the laws of electricity, of gravitation, of digestion, and all the rest, are universal laws and make no allowance for ignorance or rank. Obey them and prosper; disobey, and suffer.

Education is also leading the people to perceive and believe that there are spiritual laws which are just as real, just as binding and just as inexorable as the physical laws. We cannot break the Ten Commandments, and laugh over it very long. Let the merchant fail to give sixteen ounces to the pound or thirty-six inches to the yard and his customers will soon begin to patronize another merchant. Let the politician declare that the decalogue in politics is "an iridescent dream" and we send him up Salt River. Let the artist or dramatist or author claim exemption for his art from the teachings and principles of morality and he is soon execrated by the world, and as he deserves to be. You and I cannot refuse our ear to the still small voice within us called conscience, and go very far without finding that instead of being a still, small voice it has become a tone of thunder which rocks and rocks our very soul!

The third factor is a loving life. We come to love God, not only because he first loved us, but because we begin to love our fellow men. The age in which we live is a loving age, more than any other in the history of mankind. I say this in spite of the temporary insanity of Europe and the awful hatred that has sprung up between some of the nations in this frightful war. I mean that more appeals are being made to us to do for others, and more opportunities are given to us to do for others than ever known, and more of us are therefore putting our morality and our religion into practice than used to be the case. We have passed the time when we could go to church and then shut ourselves away from the needs of our fellow men the rest of the week, or when we could really have any standing in society if we were known to take no generous and personal interest in some organized charity or philanthropic movement. We are living in a time when we must show our faith by our works, when our lives must square with our religious professions or whatever other professions we make to being decent citizens. My argument is this: that as the loving life grows within our souls we will feel and find ourselves being drawn more and more into harmony with the loving life that fills the soul of our God. We will discover that as we love, love will meet us, and return us such blessings in joy and satisfaction in deep, rich friendships, in high communings and in lofty aspirations, that we would no more think of ever getting out of harmony with God again than we would think of turning away from a pleasant experience that went right to the roots of our soul every time we came into contact with it.

Retribution, education and a loving life are the three agencies that are all the time bringing men into greater and greater harmony with the will of God.

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Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, January 22, 24 and 25
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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.

Even if you do possess a grrouch, what good does it do to drag it along with you wherever you go?

What does our Commissioners' Court propose to do about planting more trees in the court house yard?

Denzol and tuluol, for dyestuffs and explosives, are now produced in great quantities in the United States, but the grafter still uses it to boost prices.

Candidates Wagstaff and Bianton, of Abilene, are having a great gab contest over each other's demerits and unfitness for congress. Of course, Congressman Smith will be elected as usual.

The foreigner who comes to this country with a view to involving us in trouble with the warring nations of Europe should be sent to the trenches where he can get all the excitement he wants.

We learn that the scalp bounty appropriation is almost exhausted. If there was another appropriation to follow up the work that has already been done, animal pests in West Texas would be reduced to a minimum.

T. M. Jackson, of Iolanthe, a few days ago, tried to buy a few drachms of laudanum here for the purpose of treating sick horses, but he couldn't get it on account of the anti-narcotic law. Only registered horse doctors and physicians have the right to say who shall have such things. The stockman who is forced to stand by and watch a valuable horse die for want of a simple remedy which he knows how to administer as well as the most skilled veterinarian, must entertain a great opinion of the makers of that law.

Coleman county has turned down the tick eradication proposition. If the people of Coleman county pre-

fer to raise fat ticks and poor cattle instead of fat cattle and no ticks, it is certainly their privilege to do so; but Sterling county cattlemen entertain decided opinions as to the judgment of the Coleman county voters. Tick eradication has proven to be a big money maker here, and it is hard to see why people will persist in feeding ticks on high priced beef, but if Coleman county people are stuck on their ticks, we feel sure the ticks will stick on them.

Year after year, water has been pouring over the court house tank and down on the timbers of the tower, and then into the street, creating an unsightly mudhole that is a disgrace to the town and county. An overflow pipe lies on the ground and could be installed at a cost of about a dollar and six-bits. But in order to save a dollar and six-bits, the tower will be allowed to rot down, and the taxpayers will have to dig up a hundred or so "bucks" to replace it. We expect to print about an acre on this subject unless this matter receives attention.

The non-resident town lot owner is like a tick which has pre-empted a choice, tender spot on a cow. All it has to do is to stick to its pre-emption while the cow does the rest. Of course, if the cow dies, it loses out; but as long as the cow lives, all it has to do is to suck her blood and grow fat. The non-resident owner of a lot in a town pays taxes only on a nominal part of the value of his lot. He never pays anything toward grading the streets. He is never asked to contribute to a clean-up campaign, and local charity, churches and schools never heard of him. He holds to his property for a big price, but he wouldn't give a continental to have the weeds cut or a mosquito pond drained. Of course, if the town dies, he loses out; but if the town booms, he grows fat on that for which the residents have worked and paid their money. Somehow, our tax boards ought to make the non-resident owner tote his end of the pole by forcing him to pay a little more for his graft; for he "toils not, neither does he spin."

MARES WANTED:—To breed to Bon Bon, Percheron stallion No. 3254, weighs about 1900 pounds, seal brown. Colts to show. Terms: \$10, colt insured. Can pasture mares, 8 miles north of Sterling City. J. E. Davis. 1-14-tf

It's War, My Friend It's War

Farmer Duncan, who manufactures sorghum molasses on his farm, brought in a barrel of prime molasses to his merchant and expected to receive the customary price of 50c per gallon for it, but the merchant told him that the bottom had fallen out of molasses and that he could allow him only 30c per gallon for it.

"What is the matter that you can't give more?" asked farmer Duncan. "Why, the war has just ruined the price of molasses. It isn't more than half what it was last year." So Duncan unloaded his barrel in the store, and the merchant put a card in the window, "Fine, New Molasses for Sale Here."

A customer came in and said: "Have you any of that good molasses which farmer Duncan makes?" "You bet I have. He just now unloaded a barrel of the best ever." "How much is it worth?" "Seventy-five cents a gallon." "My goodness, isn't that awful high?"

"Yes, I know it's high. You see, this war has made molasses as high as a cat's back."

Good Service Appreciated

As a token of their appreciation of the excellent service as telephone operator, the people of this town, aside from other nice gifts, made up a purse of twenty-five dollars and presented it to Mrs. J. C. Alsop as a Christmas gift.

Sterling has almost uniformly been blessed with good telephone operators, but it seems that Mrs. Alsop bears the palm of popularity. She is always at her post, ready to serve the patrons of the system in a most intelligent and courteous manner. In other words, she does her whole duty.

Dennis McDowell Married

Dennis McDowell, who lived here many years ago, but is now a prosperous stockman of Montana, was married during the holidays. We join Dennis' many old time friends here in wishing him and his bride success in their happy union.

18 Americans Killed by Mexican Bandits

(From San Angelo Standard) El Paso, Jan. 13.—The bodies of the eighteen Americans who were killed Monday by Mexican bandits near Santa Ysabel, Chihuahua, arrived here early today and will be sent to relatives in various parts of the country. The report received here today that ten American and two English women had been killed by Villa troops near Madera is not confirmed.

Kaiser Reported to be Near Death

(From San Angelo Standard) London, Jan. 13.—The death of the kaiser is expected and his sister, Queen Sophia of Greece, has been summoned to his bedside, says a Rome dispatch from Berlin.

Died

Randall Jackson, the second son of J. A. Jackson, of this place, died last Sunday evening, about 8 o'clock, at the family home, and was buried the following afternoon at the City Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. B. Everitt. Randall had suffered an attack of pneumonia, when a stroke of paralysis suddenly ended his sufferings. Deceased was just entering young manhood, and would have reached his majority the 10th of next April. He was of a quiet, companionable disposition, and well loved by all of his many friends.

INDIANS NOT "FADING OUT."

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tributed to the magnificent gifts presented to me during the holidays in token of their appreciation for service rendered in the past as telephone operator.

I only did my duty, and I may deserve nothing for it, but these gifts assure me that maybe my duty was well performed, and that it was duly appreciated by these generous hearted donors.

These gifts not only inspire me with gratitude, but they inspire me with a desire to do my best to make the public feel that it can depend on me to do my duty well.

Before I am done thanking, I wish specially to thank those little girls who were so thoughtful and generous in the matter.

Mrs. J. C. Alsop

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank the good people of Sterling City for their many acts of kindness to us during the illness and after the death of our beloved husband and father, D. E. Cannon, and especially do we thank Dr. Everitt for his untiring efforts to relieve his suffering.

We pray God's blessing's on each of you.

Mrs. D. E. Cannon and Children

TALK AND TALKERS.

To talk entertainingly does not necessarily mean to talk a great deal or to monopolize the conversation. Some women talk nearly all the time and bore every one who listens to them with their inane chatter.

No: the art of conversation is a sort of game of give and take. You make a remark about something which amuses or interests you, and this immediately suggests something else to those gathered round. But if one person insists in selfishly monopolizing the talk all spontaneity goes at once, and the listeners are fatigued and bored instead of being amused and interested.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 22, 1916:

- FOR COUNTY JUDGE**
 Jeff D. Ayres
 A. R. Pool
- FOR SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR**
 B. F. Roberts
 R. M. Mathis
 C. J. Dunn
- FOR COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK**
 D. C. Durham
 B. A. Austin
- FOR TAX ASSESSOR**
 W. E. Allen

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. 1-815. W. R. McENTIRE & SON

ATTENTION, LADIES.—On Thursday afternoon of each week, special attention will be given to ladies' work at my barbershop in the First State Bank building. Try us for a massage or shampoo.—R. M. Mathis

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

1916 Maxwell For Only \$695

A good car at a moderate price. The new, up-to-now, five-passenger Maxwell car can be delivered to you at Sterling City, for \$695. All the conveniences of a high priced car is embodied in the Maxwell. Electric starter and lights, high tension magneto, built-in windshield, left side steering, mohar one-man top, extra tire and rim, a powerful 4-cylinder motor, simple lubricating system, and every other thing that goes into the make-up of a first-class car; besides, the cost of repairs are cheaper than most any other car. For particulars, see Ed. L. Gilmore, local agent, Sterling City.

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

Professional.

J. E. Hinyard
 Physician & Surgeon
 OFFICE OVER COULSON'S DRUGSTORE
 RESIDENCE TELEPHONE No. 39
 STERLING CITY, TEXAS

Dr. W. B. Everett
 PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
 EYES TESTED—GLASSES FITTED
 OFFICE OVER BUTLER DRUG CO'S
 STERLING CITY, TEXAS

TRADES

SANITARY BARBER SHOP
 SOLICITS YOUR TRADE. EVERYTHING UP-TO-DATE. CLEANLINESS IS OUR MOTTO.
 R. M. Mathis, Prop.

BROWN & PEARCE
 DEALERS IN
 AUTOMOBILES AND ACCESSORIES
 Repair work a specialty
 Oils and Gasolines
 Blacksmithing and Horse-shoeing.
 Terms: 30 days. All bills less than \$1.00, cash

WE WANT TO SELL.—Our property in San Angelo, or trade it for property in or near Sterling City.—S. Kellogg, Sterling City.

FOR SALE.—262 acres of land, within 3 blocks of the public square, river front, about 12 acres in cultivation; 20 lots in two plats, good 6-room house, two wells, cistern, barn and outhouses. Price, \$5000, half cash. Apply to W. A. Jackson, Sterling City.

Hopes Women Will Adopt This Habit As Well As Men

Glass of hot water each morning helps us look and feel clean, sweet, fresh.

Happy, bright, alert—vigorous and vivacious—a good clear skin; a natural, rosy complexion and freedom from illness are assured only by clean, healthy blood.

Instead of the thousands of sickly, anaemic-looking men, women and girls with pasty or muddy complexions; instead of the multitudes of "nervous wrecks," "rundowns," "brain fags" and pessimists we should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy-checked people everywhere.

An inside bath is had by drinking, each morning before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations and poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Those subject to sick headache, biliousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds; and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from any drug-gate or at the store which will cost but a trifle but is sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance awaiting those who practice internal sanitation. We must remember that inside cleanliness is more important than outside, because the skin does not absorb impurities to contaminate the blood, while the pores in the thirty feet of bowels do.—Adv.

How to Work It.

Bobbs—I wish I could get my wife to come home, but she'll stick till the last dance is over.

Bobbs—If I tell you how to do it. Bobbs—How?

Bobbs—Just dance three times in succession with the pretty girl in the bright red dress, and she'll take you home in a hurry.

FRUIT LAXATIVE FOR SICK CHILD

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver and bowels.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative" and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleaning" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs" which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Adv.

Belgium's Lost Children. There are so many little children alone in this big world! One day a young Belgian official called my attention to his white hair. "That turned in a month," he said, "because I could not find the parents of frightened children, nor the children of agonized parents."—Mabel Hyde Kittredge in the New Republic.

IF HAIR IS TURNING GRAY, USE SAGE TEA

Don't Look Old! Try Grandmother's Recipe to Darken and Beautify Gray, Faded, Lifeless Hair.

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and abundant with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair fell out or took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, ready to use, for about 50 cents. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair and is splendid for dandruff, dry, itchy scalp and falling hair.

A well-known druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and abundant.—Adv.

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KOJI YAMADA A WONDERFUL BILLIARDIST



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One of the best billiard players in the world today is Koji Yamada, the Japanese marvel of the cue. Yamada had appeared in matches with the other cracks of the green cloth in various cities of the country and few of them can show to better advantage at the gentleman's game than the Jap.

Yamada is improving in his game right along and hopes some day to be able to wrest the title of champion from Willie Hoppe. The Jap has a wonderfully delicate stroke. Billiards have come to be quite popular among the Japanese and there are a number of good players in the little empire of the far East.

Yamada learned the principles of the game in Germany, where he was a student before he took to billiards as a means of livelihood.

SPITBALL HAS PASSED

Spitball pitching seems to be going out. There are now very few successful hurlers who use the moist delivery, and even those who cling to it do not depend upon it as they once did. A few years ago spitballers were all the rage, and no team was complete without one, but there are now few pitchers of class who use the saliva ball to any extent.

The main reason for this is that the constant use of the spitball has proved to be disastrous. In many cases, to the pitching arm of the man using it. To control the spitter requires a great strain on certain muscles of the forearm, and very few steady users of it have lasted long.

GOING AFTER SPEED RECORD

Dario Resta, Italian Driver, Not Satisfied With American Mark of 105 Miles an Hour.

Dario Resta, Italian daredevil, is not satisfied with his new American record of 105 miles an hour, set on the new Sheepshead Bay speedway. He



Dario Resta.

declares he will go 120 miles an hour, two miles in a minute. Resta has been knocking records right and left since he came to the United States a year or so ago.

SILKY BELL IS BIG WINNER

Canton Horseman So Disgusted With Trotter Two Seasons Ago That He Sold Her for Song.

Silky Bell lost one race this season, and the great Jack K. beat her in that. She had been a big winner this year, but two seasons ago Gebhardt, a Canton (O.) horseman who then owned her, was so disgusted with her that he said he'd never race her again and that anybody who wanted her could have her.

She had made a mark of 2:15 1/4 on the half-mile tracks and then had gone lame. He sent her to a Chicago sale and she was knocked down for \$250 to George Twist, a Pennsylvania horseman, who now holds her at a price up in the thousands.

Rugby Football Fast Dying.

The worst blow dealt the game of rugby football on the Pacific coast since the defection of the University of California came recently when nearly a score of schools holding membership in the central section of the California Interscholastic federation voted to return to the American game.

In this move the followers of the American game see the death warrant of rugby, as far as its being a regular intercollegiate sport is concerned. Recruits for the rugby code will have no schools for preliminary training, and the outlook for Stanford university's endeavors to keep the English game alive are looked upon as more hopeless than ever.

BOWL FOR AMUSEMENT

Fight Shy of Sharks Is Advice of New York Writer.

No Other Game or Sport That Claims to Have as Many Participants as Bowling—Tends to Better Health and Spirits.

W. V. Thompson, writing in the New York World takes a "crack" at so-called "pot-hunters." He says in part: "Just as soon as one becomes interested in bowling and discovers how easy it is to roll a fair average, he then wants to bowl in competition. His one ambition is to beat somebody and in tournament play, but, naturally, prefers not to compete with the so-called 'stars' or 'sharks,' those who own or manage bowling alleys and practice free, especially those that do nothing else."

"They tell me there are more than 50,000 bowlers in Greater New York who are interested principally for the physical and social benefits, a great majority of whom are virtually eliminated from competition bowling, except in the closed tournaments. There is no other game or sport that even claims to have as many participants as bowling. There is a reason for this."

"It is the demand for play, born in us, that cries out for expression in the midst of the whirl of business. An hour at noon, or more at evening after toil, the fellowship of others bent upon the same pursuit, and for adults the right to choose and the responsibility to use properly, make the whole program one of delight and profit to all concerned."

"The flabby muscles that tire so easily respond to nature's way of keeping in shape; the circulation improves with exercise, and better health and better spirit follow."

"Every employer of labor should encourage his employees to participate in some game after work. It will be better if he leads the way. If he is a large employer of labor, it may be best to provide something close to the workshop, factory, mill, store, or, as some have already done, put in an equipment in the store."

"It pays in better work, co-operation if you are in the play; it stands between you and trouble, chases the doctor out of the house and gives the country a better type of human beings. Surely this is a game worth while."

PAUL DES JARDIEN AS COACH

Great All-Round Athlete to Surrender Amateur Standing and Join Professional Staff.

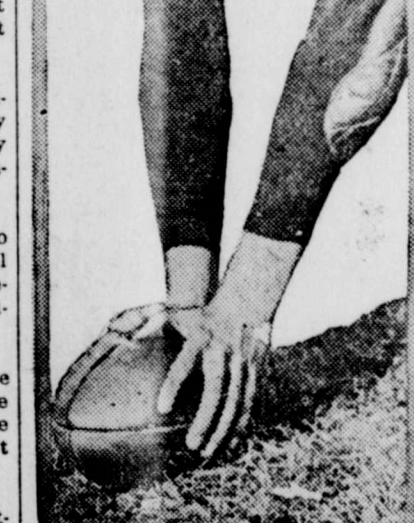
Paul Des Jardien, the greatest all-round athlete ever turned out at the University of Chicago, is to surrender his amateur standing and join the

professional coaching staff at the Midway school. Des Jardien, who went with the Maroon basketball team to the Orient, will assist in handling the basketball, baseball, track and football candidates.

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CLEVELANDS SHOT TO PIECES

Many of Former Stars Have Been Sold to Other Teams, While Several Have Gone to Minors.

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To Drive Out Malaria

And Build Up The System. Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents.

Surely Not the Old Crowd. "Ah, my boy," said the millionaire, "I hear that you are going the pace that kills."

"Pshaw! Don't believe everything you hear, dad," answered the gilded youth. "I've been told that my escapades are nothing as compared to yours when you were a young man."

"Ahem! That's absurd. I—er—Who have you been running with, anyhow?"

ALWAYS LOOK YOUR BEST

As to Your Hair and Skin by Using Cuticura. Trial Free.

The Soap to cleanse and purify, the Ointment to soothe and heal. These fragrant, super-creamy emollients preserve the natural purity and beauty of the skin under conditions which, if neglected, tend to produce a state of irritation and disfigurement.

Free sample each by mail with Book. Address Postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Over 83,000 Australians have been trained for active service since the war began.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the original little liver pills put up 40 years ago. They regulate liver and bowels.—Adv.

Perseverance Rewarded.

A prominent writer, who likes a drop of two with his meals, goes occasionally to a cafe on Broadway for luncheon. He makes a point of sitting at the same table whenever possible, so that he has become fairly well acquainted with the waiter in charge of that table. This particular cafe is one of the few in New York where the waiters are colored men.

The other day he slipped into his favorite place and reached for the menu. In an instant the waiter, whose name is Gabe, was hovering over him.

"I s'pose you wants a little Scotch and worter to start off wid?" said Gabe, remembering mighty well his patron's habit.

"No, Gabe," said the patron; "no Scotch today, I've finally found the kind of liquor that suits me."

"Well, suh," said Gabe in tones of honest admiration, "you suttinly kep' on twell you found it, didn't you?"—Saturday Evening Post.

War Spares the De Reszkes.

Jean de Reszke has written to a friend in this city he has news from his native Poland to the effect that his properties have not suffered very much from the war and in their province complete calm reigns. He says that while his brother Edouard has suffered from rheumatism he is now beginning to mend. He also wishes to thank his American friends for their interest and sympathy, and adds that he has resumed his teaching of singing in Paris.

When a man is in his cups he should beware of family jars.

UGH! CALOMEL MAKES YOU SICK! CLEAN LIVER AND BOWELS MY WAY

Just Once! Try "Dodson's Liver Tone" When Bilious, Constipated, Headachy—Don't Lose a Day's Work.

Live up your sluggish liver! Feel fine and cheerful; make your work a pleasure; be vigorous and full of ambition. But take no nasty, dangerous calomel, because it makes you sick and you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver, which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

Listen to me! If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guarantee that each spoonful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning, because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and your bowels regular.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and cannot salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

Canada has 1,415,000 men liable for military service, of whom 75 per cent are physically fit.

We all admire a man who keeps things to himself, until we want to borrow something.

LADIES! —Take CAPUDINE—

For Aches, Pains and Nervousness.

IT IS NOT A NARCOTIC OR DOPE— Given quick relief—Try it.—Adv.

Discovered.

"This is no joke," hissed the villain in the play.

But the hero was not to be deceived. He had been in straight American comedy before.

"I don't believe you," he retorted.

"If it's no joke, what are you going to do with the seltzer siphon you have in your hand?"

And though the villain strove to cover his confusion by all the devices of his kind, it remained palpably evident.—Puck.

Lord Byron an Idol in Greece.

There is at least one Englishman for whom Greek affection has never wavered—Lord Byron. Not only is he commemorated in Greece by statues and street names, but his portrait is to be found everywhere, even in the most unlikely places. W. Miller, in his "Greek Life in Town and Country," tells how he came upon a portrait of the poet in a provincial restaurant. The moment he took notice of it "the proprietor, a stout, prosaic looking man, whom no one would have suspected of sentiment, stepped toward the picture, clasped his hands in pathetic gesture, and with a far-away look in his eyes, stood for a time in rapt admiration of the great Philhellene."

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has an opal weighing 17 ounces, which is valued at \$150,000.

The regular army in Hawaii is to be increased from 9,600 to 22,000 in the next two years.

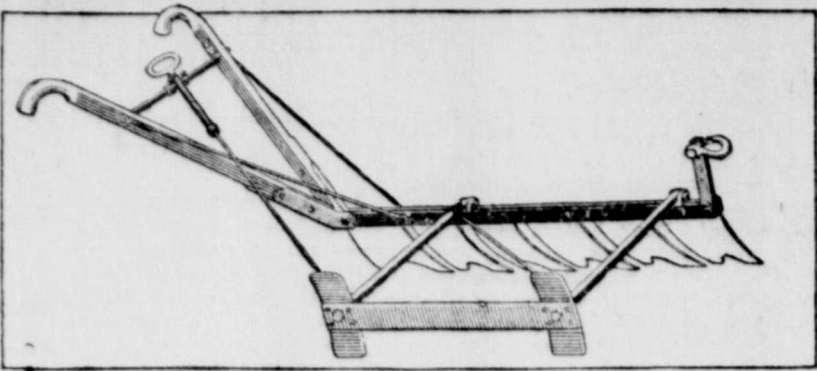
Matrimonial bonds are always a source of revenue to ministers.

A friend will always laugh at your jokes, be they good or bad, but there is a great deal in the way he does it.

It is easy to get around anyone you can manage to see through.

Advertisement for New Post Toasties. Features a large illustration of a toastie box and text: 'New Flavour Stay Crisp in cream No Waste Three Points of Superiority Just one trial of the NEW POST TOASTIES, made in our spotless pure-food factories, reveals their pronounced superiority. A distinguishing characteristic being the presence of tiny little puffs on each delicately toasted flake. First, a splendid new flavour is developed in the NEW POST TOASTIES; the full, true flavour of the corn, not found in other corn flakes. Second, they have a body and firmness that prevents softening in cream and provides a nourishing, satisfying breakfast dish that one can chew, though deliciously tender and crisp. And third, the NEW POST TOASTIES do not waste in the package through crumbling, like ordinary flakes. Thousands of housewives have "discovered" these new and decidedly better corn flakes to the open delight of husbands and children. The NEW Toasties are crispier and daintier than common corn flakes, with better flavour, better body, and added economy. Packed in paraffine-sealed cartons to preserve the delicious oven-crispness until opened at your table. And remember—they're called NEW POST TOASTIES Sold by Grocers everywhere.'

COST OF HARVESTING AND STORING ICE



An Ice Plow With Guide Gauge.

Under certain conditions natural ice may be cut by the farmer at a price as low as one cent for a cake of 220 pounds, making the ice cost, exclusive of hauling and packing, 9 cents a ton.

is not surprising to note a large variation in shrinkage. In an examination of more than 100 farmers' icehouses the shrinkage was found to vary from 20 to 50 per cent, with an average of 27 per cent.

HOGS RUNNING IN ORCHARD

Unless Animals Are Well Ringed They Will Do Much Damage by Exposing Roots of Trees.

Much is said and written nowadays concerning the disease and insect pests affecting the orchard.

Formerly it was the practice of professional fruit growers to allow their swine free and untrammelled range in the orchard. In fact, some raised hogs for this purpose, rather than any possible profit to be derived from pork production.

The time has come when science has developed to such an extent that the hog is no longer needed in orchard management.

SALT A VALUABLE SEASONING

Stimulates Appetite of Hogs and Appears to Improve Taste—Animals Relish Charred Cobs.

It has been determined that salt is a valuable seasoning for the feed of hogs, though only a limited amount is required.

When charred cobs are fed to pigs they appreciate them much more when they are sprinkled with salt.

DISINFECTING OF COW BARN

Washington Experiment Station Recommends Whitewash to Which Carbolic Acid is Added.

In regard to the disinfection of a dairy stable the Washington experiment station has the following to say: "For the disinfection of doors, walls and stanchions, whitewash to which has been added 5 per cent crude carbolic acid (13 tablespoonfuls of acid to one gallon of whitewash) is very effective."

ROTATION IN SEVERE CASES

Soil-Producing Crop of Smutted Wheat This Year May Harbor Spores for Next Season.

Recent experiments have shown that in certain sections of the country the soil of the field producing a crop of smutted wheat this year may harbor enough smut spores to cause the appearance of smut in next year's crop if the field be reseeded to wheat.

Two Sows in One Pen.

Not more than two breeding sows should be kept in one pen, and then care should be had that they agree perfectly.

Get Rid of Grade Bull. The grade bull would make a better beef steer.

ENDS DYSPEPSIA, INDIGESTION, GAS

"Pape's Diapepsin" cures sick, sour stomachs in five minutes—Time It!

"Really does" put bad stomachs in order—"really does" overcome indigestion, dyspepsia, gas, heartburn and sourness in five minutes—that—just that—makes Pape's Diapepsin the largest selling stomach regulator in the world.

A large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin will give you a hundred dollars' worth of satisfaction.

It's worth its weight in gold to men and women who can't get their stomachs regulated. It belongs in your home—should always be kept handy in case of sick, sour, upset stomach during the day or at night.

Enforcement. "Peace on earth" is my motto. "It's a good motto. But good motives are as hard to enforce as good laws."

STOP EATING MEAT IF KIDNEYS OR BACK HURT

Take a Glass of Salts to Clean Kidneys if Bladder Bothers You—Meat Forms Uric Acid.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine.

Jad Salts cannot injure anyone; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to keep the kidneys and urinary organs clean, thus avoiding serious kidney disease.—Adv.

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An acquaintance told me of the great benefit she had received from Cardui. . . so I thought I would try it because, as I was in so serious a condition, I was so bad off I couldn't do my work. The little daughter had to take charge of the work, and I could hardly walk. . ."

I began using Cardui, and in about a week I felt much improved. . . I got better right along after taking the Cardui, getting better every day. In about two weeks after taking the Cardui, I was able to do all my work except the washing. . . In a month more, I could do all my work, the washing too. . ."

I have found it a great remedy and boon for women. Ladies! Take Cardui for your troubles. For sale by all druggists.

Precocious. "What would your mother say if she saw you doing that, little boy?" "How's any man going to tell in advance what a woman's going to say?"

BREAD WITHOUT SALT IS TASTELESS. A medicine chest without Magic Arica Lintiment is useless. Best of all liniments for sprains, swellings, bruises, rheumatism and neuralgia. Three sizes, 25c, 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

Literal. "I hear the newly-weds had a falling out yesterday." "So soon? What was it about?" "About the turn in the road under. Their rear tire blew up."

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Heading Him Off. "This war is exhausting Europe, and—" "It's making me mighty tired, too. Can't you talk about something else?"

BENEFITS OF PLOWING

Best Time for Breaking Is Late Fall or Early Winter.

In Average Case It Is Better to Plow a Little Too Deep Than Too Shallow—Work Must Be Performed With Some Judgment.

In this arid region the best time to do the breaking is in the winter when the ground is not frozen and is reasonably moist for the work.

But what about deep plowing in winter or at any time of the year? In the average case it is certainly better despite what some of the Washington experts told us at the Dry Farming congress to plow a little too deep rather than a little too shallow.

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SEEMED TO ACT WITH MALICE

Pitchfork Caught in Fodder-Cutting Machine Inflicted Serious Injuries on New Jersey Farmer.

Eugene Peterson, a well-known farmer and dairyman, was terribly injured in a peculiar accident on his farm near here. He was feeding corn stalks into a fodder-cutting machine, and accidentally stuck his pitchfork into the rapidly-revolving flywheel.

The handle of the pitchfork was twisted from the farmer's hands and whirling around, struck him in the jaw, breaking the bone on both sides. Hurling from the wheel with terrific force, the fork struck Peterson and one of the sharp prongs pierced his throat. A farm hand carried him, unconscious, to the farmhouse, where Doctor Husted of Woodstown temporarily dressed his injuries, and he then was rushed to a Philadelphia hospital.—Woodstown (N. J.) Dispatch Philadelphia Record.

Its Class. "What did you say when the author asked you what you thought of that rotten open-fireplace episode in his play?" "Told him no lie—said I thought it was a grate scene."

If love were contagious, girls would work overtime to catch it.



Catarrh means inflammation. Inflammation is the stagnation of blood—the gorging of the circulation with impure blood. Of course you can't be well under this condition. It means, headache, indigestion, kidney trouble, cough, colds, etc.

How to avoid Operations

These Three Women Tell How They Escaped the Dreadful Ordeal of Surgical Operations.

Hospitals are great and necessary institutions, but they should be the last resort for women who suffer with ills peculiar to their sex. Many letters on file in the Pinkham Laboratory at Lynn, Mass., prove that a great number of women after they have been recommended to submit to an operation have been made well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Here are three such letters. All sick women should read them.

Marinette, Wis.—"I went to the doctor and he told me I must have an operation for a female trouble, and I hated to have it done as I had been married only a short time. I would have terrible pains and my hands and feet were cold all the time. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and was cured, and I feel better in every way. I give you permission to publish my name because I am so thankful that I feel well again."—Mrs. FRED BENKE, Marinette, Wis.

Detroit, Mich.—"When I first took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was so run down with female troubles that I could not do anything, and our doctor said I would have to undergo an operation. I could hardly walk without help when I read about the Vegetable Compound and what it had done for others I thought I would try it. I got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and a package of Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash and used them according to directions. They helped me and today I am able to do all my work and I am well."—Mrs. TIROS DWYER, 989 Milwaukee Ave., East, Detroit, Mich.

Bellevue, Pa.—"I suffered more than tongue can tell with terrible bearing down pains and inflammation. I tried several doctors and they all told me the same story; that I never could get well without an operation and I just dreaded the thought of that. I also tried a good many other medicines that were recommended to me and none of them helped me until a friend advised me to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. The first bottle helped, I kept taking it and now I don't know what it is to be sick any more and I am picking up in weight. I am 20 years old and weigh 145 pounds. It will be the greatest pleasure to me if I can have the opportunity to recommend it to any other suffering woman."—Miss LOUISE FROELICHER, 1923 Manhattan St., North Side, Bellevue, Pa.

If you would like special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

Citing an Exception. Helny—But what is the use in arguing the matter. One can't get more out of a bottle than there is in it. Omar—Oh, I don't know. I had a bottle containing a quart of liquor once, and I got a big head and a \$10 fine out of it the next morning.

DON'T SNIFFLE! You can rid yourself of that cold in the head by taking Laxative Quinine Tablets. Price 25c. Also used in cases of La Grippe and for severe headaches. Remember that.—Adv.

Dubious. "What's the picture man doing now, ma?" "Hush, child! He's going to put on another slide of the Panama canal."

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fletchur. In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria.

Pure Fiction. "There is no romance left in this prosaic age." "No? Did you never hear Simpkins tell how popular he is with the ladies?"

Constipation Vanishes Forever. Prompt Relief—Permanent Cure. CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS never fail. Purely vegetable—act surely but gently on the liver. Stop after dinner—dinner indigestion, improve the complexion, brighten the eyes. SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature.

Most Eminent Medical Authorities Endorse It. A New Remedy for Kidney, Bladder and all Uric Acid Troubles.

Dr. Eberle and Dr. Braithwaite as well as Dr. Simon—all distinguished Authorities—agree that whatever may be the disease, the urine seldom fails in furnishing us with a clue to the principles upon which it is to be treated, and accurate knowledge concerning the nature of disease can thus be obtained. If backache, searing urine or frequent urination bother or distress you, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, gout or sciatica or you suspect kidney or bladder trouble just write Dr. Pierce at the Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.; send a sample of urine and describe symptoms. You will receive free medical advice after Dr. Pierce's chemist has examined the urine—this will be carefully done without charge, and you will be under no obligation. Dr. Pierce

"As Light As a Feather"

Talk about light, fluffy, tempting and wholesome Jelly Rolls, Cakes, Biscuits and other good things! My! but



Cheap and big can Baking Powders do not save you money, Calumet does—it's Pure and far superior to sour milk and soda.

DEFIANCE STARCH is constantly growing in favor because it Does Not Stick to the Iron and it will not injure the finest fabric.

Seeds and Plants. Over 100 Acres of Frost Proof Cabbage Plants.

New Tune Needed. Donald and a little girl friend were not very successful selling Red Cross stamps because they were late comers in a field already canvassed.

"What do you say when you go to the door?" she asked. "I knock, and when someone comes to the door," replied Donald, "I say, 'Do you want to buy any Red Cross stamps today?' and they say, 'No, not today.'"

"That is what I say, and that is what they say to me, too," replied the little girl. "I guess we had better get a new tune."—Indianapolis News.

For Thrush and Foot Diseases. Antiseptic, Cleansing and Healing. Save Your Stock.

HANFORD'S Balsam of Myrrh. For Galls, Wires, Cuts, Lameness, Strains, Bunches, Thrush, Old Sores, Nail Wounds, Foot Rot, Fistula, Bleeding, Etc., Etc. Made Since 1846.

PARKER'S HAIR BALM. A hair preparation of purest ingredients to make hair grow and keep it soft and beautiful. For itching scalp, dandruff, and all hair troubles.

PATENTS. Watson E. Coleman, "Grab Bag" inventor, D.C. books free. High class inventions. See results.

YOU CAN GET FREE BUNCH South America by sending in express shipping big collection; rich soil, fine climate, references, map. See J. B. Smeeth, San Francisco, Calif.

WANTED—MEN to sell Little Wonder Gasoline. Write today for agency application. Little Wonder Light Co., Terre Haute, Ind.

W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 3-1916.



FOR REPAIRING STONE PORCH WORK

only the best cement, etc., should be used, if permanence is an object and unsightliness is to be avoided. We carry an exceptionally high grade cement, etc., for high grade work. See that it is used when contracting for any building or repairing operation.

South Texas Lumber Company



IF YOUR HORSE HAD THE ORDERING

of feed rest assured he would order from us. And it would be a sure sign of "horse sense." It will be a similar sign on your part if you give our feed a trial. Once the trial is made there will be no question of your not returning. The better condition of your stock will settle that decisively.

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OUR AUTO SUPPLY SERVICE

includes both the strictly useful and the useful and convenient combined. We have horns, plugs, speedometers, etc., as well as gauges, clocks, reflectors and many other little conveniences which add to the pleasure of autoing. How may we serve you?

Brown & Pearce



To my friends AND customers

I thank you all for the patronage you have given me in the past and sincerely hope to have you continue same, as you will always receive courteous treatment and wholesome home cooking at the

State Hotel

Notice

Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg (the latter being better known as Mrs. J. E. Douglas) scientific Masseurs, chronic diseases a specialty. Prof. Kellogg has had 14 years' experience in this science, and Mrs. Kellogg has had 16 years' experience in the science. So if you have any trouble that medicine has failed to cure, be sure to give us a trial, for we are going to stay in Sterling City and want your patronage, and we promise to give you good service and treat you right.

Respectfully,
Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg

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

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND EXPRESSION

Including courses in Health and Heredity, Hygiene and Sanitation and Household Economy, also rudiments of drawing, painting and music. Class days: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Reine Oliver Griswold, assisted by Miss Hammond, of San Angelo school of fine arts. Phcn: 6.

Ben Findt pays the highest price for Hides, Furs and Pelts.

FOR SALE:—See R. L. Lowe

Good assortment of winter lap robes, the best stock of riding, driving and working gloves in the West; more whips than Carter had. All at prices that will please. R. Cummins, The Saddler.

WANTED—A small black sow, also black and one spotted pig. Write W. M. Smith, Sterling

Do you want a home?—I have a beautiful piece of land near a store, school and church; and there is a small house and abundance of water. I will sell during January. See me at a Sterling City. R. B. Cummins

LOCALS

Penant Lubricating Oils and Gasoline, the best on the market, sold and delivered by H. H. (Pete) Allard.

Last Monday was scalp bounty day. Our Commissioners Court paid on 138 wolf, 8 wildcat and 582 jack rabbit scalps.

Born:—On the 7th, inst., to Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, a boy.

T. G. Brennan and Ed L. Gilmore were among the visitors to San Angelo last Wednesday.

R. M. Mathis returned Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Lampasas, Mills and Coleman counties.

Rue Cole, who has been in the state ranger service for the past six months, came home on last night's train. Ranger Cole is off duty, but is subject to call at any time.

John Gurley, of Waco, is the guest of J. T. Davis.

R. W. and Templeton Foster and S. D. Guimarin were business visitors to San Angelo Monday.

Conductor W. W. Crawford was called to Fort Worth last Monday on account of the serious illness of his brother-in-law, Mr. Stewart. Later, we learned that Mr. Stewart died.

W. C. Merchant and son, Mack, of Abilene, were guests of our town last Tuesday night.

Lee L. Shield, of Santa Anna, was here last Wednesday night en route from his Glasscock county ranch to his home.

Oklahoma Stock Yards National 8% money on your cattle—A. R. Pool, Agent, Sterling City, Texas.

Mrs. Cain Clark, of Colorado, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Q. Lyles. Her daughter, Mrs. Crawford, came over with her, but remained only a few hours.

D. D. Parramore was in from his ranch in the northwest part of the county last Monday.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank was had last Tuesday afternoon. All the former officers and directors were re-elected for the ensuing year. A report showed that the institution had made a net profit of a little more than 15 per cent during 1915.

Mr. A. R. Pool and family, of Sterling City, spent Sunday with A. L. Whipkey and family—Colorado Record.

J. W. Holder, of Garden City, was here last Tuesday enroute from Brownwood to his home.

Miss Myrtle Hill, who is teaching at Peabody, Coryell county, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hill.

PASTURAGE:—I would like to have about 100 horses and 100 cattle to pasture. Fine grass and plenty of water. Phone or write W. R. Davis, Sterling City, Texas. 2tp

The friends of W. C. Fisher will be interested to learn that, aside from the drug business at Uvalde, he is raising fancy chickens. At the recent big poultry show at Uvalde, Walter carried off more prizes than any other exhibitor, and is selling his stock to breeders of fancy white Leghorns all over the state. These Sterling boys all make a success wherever they go, and it is no surprise in this instance.

FOUND: A W. O. W. watch charm. Owner may have same by describing it and paying 25c for this notice —J. H. Allard.

Mrs. M. A. Holloway and son, Richard, spent the holidays here with Mrs. R. A. Howard.

Last Wednesday night was the coldest of the season. Thermometers stood at 10 degrees above at 6:30 a. m.

A. C. Carper, last Thursday, shipped a car of horses and mules to the Fort Worth market.

W. B. Atkinson was a among the business visitors to our town last Monday. He reported range conditions in fine shape in his part of the country. In contributing the yearly stipend for the News-Record, Mr. Atkinson said: "I see you have wrecked your old residence and are building a new one, so I guess I had better double up this time," and he wrote a check accordingly. These big-hearted rangers are making a go of the News-Record family home.

Ira Springer, of Carbon, is visiting his brother, A. L. Springer.

W. L. FOSTER, PRES. J. S. JOHNSTON, VICE-PRES. J. T. DAVIS 2nd V. P. I. S. COLE, CASHIER SAM MAHAFFEY, ASS'T. CASHIER

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF STERLING CITY

Capital \$60,000.00

Accounts are solicited from individuals, who may rely upon courteous consideration and the very best terms that are consistent with good business methods

Karl Jansen.

The Great Swedish Entertainer and Humorist will be heard at the

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM SAT. NIGHT, JAN. 15.

Second Lyceum Number

Will begin on time—no waiting for train to come in.

Did you ever read Corelli's "Thelma?" Then you can't afford to miss hearing Jansen's story of "Thelma's Home" and "The Land of the midnight Sun." Beside these, he will give a number of recitations and humorous sketches in costume.

TICKETS ON SALE AT BUTLER DRUG COMPANY'S

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

C. E. Schaff
On the "Katy" Going to Market.



When the "Katy" takes her market basket on her arm and starts down the thoroughfares of trade, the manufacturer smiles, the merchant takes off his hat and the farmer sees a prosperity special coming his way. She buys with the economy and wisdom of a frugal housewife, but she spends millions; and every dollar she invests circulates through the various channels of business until it finally reaches Mother Earth.

Mr. C. E. Schaff, President of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Lines, when asked to list for the information of the public the purchases of that road during the last twelve months, said in part:

"In normal years, the M., K. & T. Lines consume a diversity of no less than four thousand articles, ranging in size from a paper of pins to large locomotives and cars. She patronizes liberally almost every line of trade, and during the twelve months preceding July 1, 1915, her purchases from the various dealers in lumber and ties amounted to approximately one million one hundred and ninety-three thousand dollars; from the iron and steel industry, nine hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars; from the printer and stationer, one hundred and thirty thousand dollars; from the generous veins of Mother Earth in coal, two million, eight hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars; and in metals, thirty-one thousand dollars, which includes lead to the extent of two thousand dollars. In addition to this, seven hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars was expended in other various materials and supplies for keeping her property in a healthy and working condition, or a grand total aggregating five million, eight hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars.

These enormous figures represent purchases during a leafy year. Naturally the road increases purchases when the shop chimneys are continually smoking and a full dinner pail is in the hands of all her thousands of toilers every day.

Most of this tremendous sum in its final destination reaches the soil, for labor is a heavy item of expense in every article the "Katy" purchases; and her own pay roll approximates \$12,000,000 per annum, which is spent in the main for products raised on the farm."

12-16-20 Gauge Hammerless "Pump" Guns

The safest Breech-Loading Gun Built!

The Marlin

Hammerless repeating shotguns in a hammerless, beautifully-balanced gun, without any objectionable humps or bumps; no holes on top for gas to blow out through or water to get in; can't freeze up with rain, snow or sleet; its solid steel breech (not a shell of wood) permits a thoroughly symmetrical gun without sacrificing strength or safety; it is the safest breech-loading shotgun ever built. See specs in 12 and 16 gauge, also in 20 gauge.

It is Hammerless with Solid Steel Breech (inside as well as out)—Solid Top—Side Ejection—removes loaded cartridges quickly from magazine without working through action. Double Extractor—Takes-Down Feature—Trigger and Hammer Safety. It handles readily; guaranteed in shooting ability; price standard Grade "A" 12-gauge gun, \$22.00; 16- or 20-gauge, \$24.00.

Send 3 stamps postage for big catalog describing all Marlin repeating shotguns (hammer and hammerless), all Marlin repeating rifles, etc. Do it now!

The Marlin Firearms Co., 42 Willow Street, New Haven, Conn.

If you shoot a rifle, pistol or shotgun, you should have a copy of the Ideal Hand Book—160 pages of useful information for shooters. It tells all about powders, bullets, primers and reloading tools for all standard rifle, pistol and shotgun ammunition; how to measure powder accurately; shows you how to cut your ammunition; expense in half and do more and better shooting. This book is free to any shooter who will send three stamps postage to The Marlin Firearms Co., 42 Willow St., New Haven, Conn.

JUDGE KONE IS HERE

Demonstrators Are Coming

Judge Ed R. Kone, of the State Department of Agriculture will address the people here tomorrow at the court house for the purpose of organizing a campaign for the destruction rats, rabbits and other pests. Come out and learn what is being done along this line.

And on the 20th of this month, D. A. Gilchrist, of the Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, will be here to demonstrate how to mix and use poison to kill the pests. Everybody is urged to be on hand promptly at 10 o'clock, a. m. On this date the U. S. Government men will mix up all poisons for exterminating rats, prairie dogs, rabbits, and other pests. Everyone interested should bring the materials and the same will be mixed free of charge.

For every bushel of milo maize or leterita you will need the following materials: 2 1-2 ounces strychnine, 1-5 ounce saccharine, 2 1-2 ounces common soda, 1 1-4 ounces common gloss starch, 5-8 pints of syrup and 2 quarts of water.

If rabbits are to be poisoned you will need the best leafy alfalfa hay. Purchase the amounts you need at once and have same on hand at the appointed time.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

Of the First State Ban at Sterling City, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec., 1915, published in the Sterling City News-Record, a newspaper printed and published at Sterling City, State of Texas, on the 14th day of Jan., 1916

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$93,894.67
Loans, real estate	1,648.00
Overdrafts	310.95
Bonds and Stocks	0.00
Real Estate (banking house)	18,400.00
Other Real Estate	7,348.32
Furniture and Fixtures	4,130.84
Due from approved reserve agents, net	5,871.98
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	110.12
cash items	357.10
currency	3,418.00
Specie	3,033.96
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,369.40
Ass'tment Guaranty Fund	93.72
Other Resources as follows:	0.00
TOTAL	\$140,017.06

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$40,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,500.00
Undivided Profits, nets	2,170.01
Due to Banks and Bankers subject to check, net	616.49
Individual Deposits, subject to check	86,466.62
Time Certificates of Deposit	0.00
Demand Certificates of Deposits	0.00
cashier's Checks	263.94
Bills Payable and Rediscouunts	5,000.00
Other Liabilities as follows:	0.00
TOTAL	\$140,017.06

STATE OF TEXAS } We, Emette Westbrook, as president, and N. L. Douglas, 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.

Emette Westbrook, President
N. L. Douglas, Cashier

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of Jan., A. D. nineteen hundred and sixteen.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
A. R. Pool, Notary Public

[Seal] Henry Bude
Correct-attest J. R. Ray | Directors
D. C. Durham

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

Texas has 150,000 miles of public highways.

We have a half mile of highway to every square mile of area.

The public road area of Texas is larger than the State of Delaware.

The public highways of Texas will reach around the world five times.

A large per cent of the highways of Texas are in first class condition.

Texas has one of the most active Good Roads Associations in America.

No. 9613
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First National Bank AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

At the close of business Dec. 31, 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$156,118.59
Overdrafts, unsecured	115.23
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	15,000.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$3,600
Less amount unpaid 1,800	1,800.00
Banking house	11,329.73
Furniture & fixtures	2,974.00
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	3,265.33
Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	390.52
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	17,328.86
Due from banks and bankers (other than above)	11,673.13
Outside checks and other cash items	4.34
Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	97.87
Notes of other National Banks	235.99
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Total coin and certificates	4,868.45
Legal-tender Notes	755.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	750.00
TOTAL	\$226,576.10

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00
Undivided profits	\$40,943.03
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid - -	3,133.29
National Bank Notes outstanding	15,000.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than above)	141.23
Individual deposits subject to check	95,411.99
cashier's checks outstanding	264.62
Rediscouunts with Federal Reserve Bank	18,048.52
TOTAL	\$226,576.10

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Sterling, ss:
I, W. L. Foster, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. Foster, President
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Dec., 1916

Jeff D. Ayres, Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest:
H. Q. Lyles }
W. L. Foster } Directors
J. T. Davis, Jr. }
J. S. Johnston }

LIKES HIS NEWSPAPER HOUR

Time When Mr. Crochetty Wants to Be Let Alone, and He Doesn't Care Who Knows It.

"When I'm reading the newspaper," said Mr. Crochetty. "I'm like a dog with a bone. I don't like to be interrupted. My newspaper hour is to me a time of great enjoyment and I like to have it all to myself, unbroken. This clear, printed page on which is spread before me the news of the world is a marvel; a mental meal of many courses, with a new bill of fare daily, a feast unending and of endless variety, and I love to take it without a break in my enjoyment of it. I don't like to have anybody speak to me or approach me when I am reading a newspaper. I want then to be let alone, and so even when Mrs. Crochetty comes up and says: 'Stephen, when you go down town this morning will you—I am apt to reply rather absently and without looking up, and if she persists with 'You know, Stephen, don't you, that I—' why, then, I fear, I reply almost peevishly: 'Yes, yes, I'll attend to that, but now—' and then I turn back to the paper and search for the place I have left, but with the current of interest now broken or lessened because I have permitted myself, just a little, to lose my temper.

"But they don't break in on me often. Sometimes they start to speak to me and then they stop. More than once I heard this said: 'Don't speak to him now; he's reading the paper.' And that makes me feel a little mean and sometimes I say: 'No, no; that's all right. What is it?' But as a rule, I confess, I let 'em wait till I'm through, for the newspaper is one of my chief joys and it disturbs me much to have that enjoyment broken."

Small for Its Size.

An admiring constituent gave Congressman Legare of South Carolina, one of those vest pocket edition Lilliputian Mexican dogs to take home to the children. Legare—pronounced Legree, by the way—was leading the dog along by a cotton string, when a South Carolina mountaineer stopped him.

"Are it a reglar dog?" the man asked.

"Yes, it's a Ch— Well, I can't pronounce the name of it," said Legare, "but it's some kind of a Mexican dog."

"Just a pup, I reckon."

"No; it's full grown."

"Well," opined the mountaineer, "that's the least dog I ever seen on one time."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

