

EXPLOSION ON U.S. SUBMARINE KILLS 4

SECOND FATAL ACCIDENT OF ITS KIND IN HISTORY OF AMERICAN NAVY.

CAUSE NOT YET DISCOVERED

Although Detonation Was Terrific, Outside of Vessel Shows No Signs of Damage.

New York—Four men were killed and ten others injured, five of them dangerously, in an explosion which occurred Saturday afternoon on the submarine E-2 while the craft was undergoing repairs in drydock at the New York navy yard.

Although the detonation was terrific the submarine vessel from the outside shows none of the effects of the explosion, the second fatal accident of its kind in the history of the United States navy.

Soon after the explosion several naval officers led a rescue party into the drydock, but were partly overcome by gas fumes when they attempted to descend into the vessel.

The only other fatal submarine accident in the history of the United States navy was the sinking of the F-4 outside Honolulu harbor last March with the loss of 20 men.

The E-2 had a narrow escape from the incident in September, 1914, while engaged in maneuvers off Brenton reef lightship.

Edison's Battery Blameless. A statement indicating that the Edison storage battery, with which it was equipped, was not in any way responsible for the explosion of the submarine E-2 was made by Miller Reese Hutchison, chief engineer for Thomas A. Edison and a member of the naval consulting board.

Bergen, Norway, Swept by Fire. Christiania, via London.—A third of the city of Bergen, a thriving Norwegian seaport with a population of 50,000, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. Two lives are reported to have been lost and 2,000 persons homeless.

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One Killed, Five Hurt in Street Fight. Waco, Ok.—As the result of a street fight here in which knives and automatic pistols were used, one man is dead and five others are suffering from injuries of a more or less serious nature.

Two Men Killed in Boiler Explosion. Tulsa, Ok.—Engineer Harry Smith and Fireman McCullough were killed when the boiler on the engine of train No. 9, Frisco fast westbound Oklahoma passenger exploded three miles west of Sapulpa.

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MONTENEGRO MEETING SAME FATE OF SERBIA

VIRTUAL ABSORPTION OF LITTLE KINGDOM BY AUSTRIANS IN PROGRESS.

AN ARMISTICE IS REPORTED

Dispatches Say Entire Austrian Fleet Assembled at Cattaro on Adriatic Front.

London.—Another decisive stage in the Balkan situation has been reached, with Montenegro now following Serbia in virtual absorption by the invading forces.

Whether King Nicholas will continue the unequal struggle is considered doubtful here, but the accepted view among the best-posted men in London is that Montenegro has virtually passed under Austrian control.

Checks Italy's Ambition. This further extension of Austria's Adriatic front with the dominating naval center of Cattaro is viewed as further tending toward the realization of Austria's object of making the Adriatic an Austrian sea, and thus checking Italy's ambition to make it an Italian sea.

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Mr. Williams gives a comparative statement of the condition of the national banks to back up his statement. He shows that net resources of the banks increased in the year 1915, that deposits increased \$2,081,530,164 and that loans and discounts increased \$917,459,502.

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MARTIAL LAW IN FORCE AT EL PASO

RESENTMENT AT MURDER OF AMERICANS IN MEXICO LEADS TO LAWLESS CONDUCT.

VILLISTAS DRIVEN FROM CITY

Carranza Orders Punishment of Bandits—Consul Edward's Recall Demanded by El Pasoans.

El Paso, Texas.—Martial law was declared in El Paso Thursday by Gen. Joseph J. Pershing, commanding at Fort Bliss. Four companies of the Sixteenth infantry were ordered to take charge in the downtown district after it was apparent the police were powerless to check the crowds.

The crowds thinned out when orders were issued that no one appear on the streets without a permit signed by the provost marshal.

Resentment over the massacre in Western Chihuahua Monday by Mexican bandits of 18 foreigners, mostly Americans, fared up in El Paso when numerous street fights between soldiers and Mexicans broke out.

Shortly after midnight the police reserves were called out and ordered to keep the crowds moving.

Early in the evening four soldiers "cleaned out" a large saloon in their search for Villa adherents.

Washington.—General Carranza and the de facto government of Mexico are to be given full opportunity without intervention from the United States to run to earth the murderers of American citizens at Santa Ysabel and to demonstrate the ability to restore order and protect foreign rights in the southern republic.

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Waiting Policy Outlined. In the senate, administration leaders calmly outlined the position of the government in the face of denunciation from the Republican side and another resolution directing intervention proposed by Senator Works of California.

Victims of Massacre Buried. El Paso, Texas.—The bodies of three of the victims of the Santa Ysabel (Mexico) massacre, Thomas Evans, M. B. Romero and J. H. Woon, were interred without demonstration on the part of the Americans whose threats against Mexicans led to the establishment of a military patrol in the city.

Six New Haven Men Not Guilty. New York.—Six of the eleven former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, charged by the government with criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, were found not guilty by the jury that for nearly three months has been trying the case.

Not to Stop American Vessels. Washington.—The state department has been advised by Ambassador Sharp at Paris that the French government had ordered the captain of the cruiser Des Cartes to act with great care and circumspection and not to stop any more American vessels.

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WILSON WILL ADHERE TO WAITING POLICY

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BURY VICTIMS OF MASSACRE

Americans Leaving Mexico—Said Only About 150 Still Remain in the Danger Zone.

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BANDITS ROB AND KILL 17 AMERICANS

PARTY TAKEN FROM MEXICAN TRAIN, STRIPPED AND LINED UP FOR EXECUTION.

ONE OF PARTY ESCAPES

Americans Were Sent to Reopen Mines Under Assurances of Protection From Carranza.

El Paso, Texas.—Seventeen persons, all believed to have been Americans, were killed by Mexican bandits Monday, after having been taken from a Mexico Northwestern train 50 miles west of Chihuahua and stripped of their clothing, according to a message received here by H. C. Myles, a British vice consul here, from British Consul Soevell at Chihuahua city.

The train on which the Americans were traveling from Chihuahua city to Cushturhac, Chihuahua, carried thousands of dollars in currency and a large quantity of supplies sent by the American Smelting and Refining company to its mines at Cushturhac.

It is believed here that all of the 18 American mining men known by means of a check on Mexican passports to have been in Chihuahua city were on board the looted train.

Thomas M. Holmes, the only known survivor, stated, however, in his brief telegram giving the first news of the raid, that he counted but 17 Americans taken from the train.

It is supposed that the bandits belonged to the forces of Gen. Jose Rodriguez, a Villa supporter, known to be operating in Chihuahua against the de facto government.

The Americans, it was said, were sent to reopen the mines on assurances of protection given by the Carranza government through the United States state department.

Causes Consternation. News of the raid caused consternation here, as many of the families of the men supposed to have been on board the raided train reside here.

The Cushturhac Mining company was one of the first to accept the promises of protection made by the Carranza government and loaded a train with provisions and a considerable quantity of money because it was known that the natives of the district were in need.

The killing of the Americans is taken by mining men to mean that an alleged order issued by General Villa upon his return from Sonora and after his family had arrived in Cuba was to be obeyed.

Kill All Americans. The alleged order to "kill all Americans, loot and burn," had been reiterated by bands returning from Sonora.

Representations May Be Made. Washington.—Consular dispatches to the state department from the border told of reports reaching there that 17 American mining men had been taken from a train and killed by former Villa soldiers near Chihuahua, Mexico.

Representatives of the United States in Mexico and along the border were instructed to investigate and rush any information available to Washington. If the reports are true, urgent representations probably will be sent to General Carranza at once, demanding that he hunt down the murderers and take steps to prevent the perpetration of such crimes in the future.

Such a tragedy, it is pointed out, would demonstrate that, so far as Americans and other foreigners and their property are concerned, the situation is worse instead of better since the main body of the Villa forces surrendered to the de facto government.

Waco Y. M. B. L. Asks for Findings. Waco, Texas.—The Young Men's Business League has unanimously adopted resolutions calling on Attorney General Loomis to make known the findings of a representative of the attorney general's department who was sent to Waco to examine the records and correspondence of the league in reference to the poll tax campaign conducted by the organization.

The action of the directors were upheld in refusing to call off the campaign after the attorney general had ruled that it was a violation of the law for chartered organizations to urge the payment of poll taxes.

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GEN. HUERTAS DIES IN EL PASO

Former Provisional President of Mexico Surrounded by Family When End Comes.

El Paso, Texas.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, died at his home here Thursday night.

General Huerta, who succeeded Gen. Francisco I. Madero in executive power in Mexico City and later left Madero, died of sclerosis of the liver. He was surrounded by his family when the end came.

A Professional Soldier.

General Huerta was a professional soldier, and as such he had, up to the overthrow of President Francisco Madero, been known for his loyal support of the existing governments.

He fought loyally for President Porfirio Diaz until his fall, and when Diaz was no longer chief executive Huerta fought for Francisco de la Barra, the provisional president. After Madero was elected, Huerta found it to be his duty to support one who had so long fought as a rebel.

His loyalty was not challenged until the Felix Diaz revolution in Mexico City in February, 1913, when the Madero government was completely overthrown and Huerta himself elevated to the presidency.

Huerta devoted himself to the military career at a very early age. Born at Chihuahua in 1854, he entered the military academy of Chapultepec at the age of 17 and passed through the full course to graduation in 1875, when he was commissioned second lieutenant of engineers.

Huerta and 11 Others Indicted.

San Antonio, Texas.—Twelve persons, including Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, were indicted by the federal grand jury here Wednesday on the charge of conspiring to set on foot from the United States a military expedition against Mexico.

Besides Huerta, the only one of the indicted whose name was made public was Jose B. Ratner, who served Huerta as purchasing agent during the latter's tenure of the provisional presidency.

Cut Dallas and Oak Cliff Key Rates.

Austin, Texas.—The state fire insurance commission, after a careful inspection and consideration of report made on the cities of Dallas and Oak Cliff, has ordered the key rates reduced as follows: The key rate of Dallas reduced from 19c to 17c by installing water meters to more than 75 per cent of service connections, installing additional motor-driven fire apparatus and adoption of the national electrical code as an ordinance governing all electrical wiring, etc., in the city.

The key rate of Oak Cliff was reduced from 22c to 21c for the installation of an additional piece of motor-driven fire apparatus and the adoption of national electrical code.

Award Texas Industrial Prizes.

Dallas, Texas.—At the annual convention of the Texas industrial congress the prizes for the best field crops, livestock and gardens were awarded. The capital prize of \$500 was adjudged to Alvin Tixoff of Wilbarger county.

Mr. Tixoff produced 4.64 tons of cowpeas hay; 42.51 bushels of corn; two tons of kafir heads and 1.87 bales of cotton on four acres at a total net profit of \$244.11.

Lynn Walker of Decatur produced 117.9 bushels of corn on one acre and was awarded the first prize of \$200 in the Texas corn club. The second prize went to Frank W. Helton of Wheeler county, who grew 83.89 bushels on his acre. Sam Villiva of Jefferson county ranked third, having a yield of 83.25 bushels.

Carranza's Troops Reported Defeated.

El Paso, Texas.—General Benjamin Arguedo, in command of 5,000 Oaxaca troops, is reported in advices believed reliable to have been victorious in a battle at Escalona with 3,500 de facto government troops from Chihuahua. The battle, it is said, was fought Wednesday. The troops of Arguedo's army are said to have been gathered by Generals Blanquet, Mondragon and Aguilar of the old Huerta army.

National Produce Exchange Proposed.

Washington.—A bill providing for the creation of a produce exchange and clearing house of information in the department of agriculture has been introduced by Representative Hatten W. Summers of Dallas, the chief purpose of which is to enable the department and other departments of the federal government and the agricultural departments of the states to organize into a practical machine through which the field of production can be brought into trade relations with the markets.

Dwelling in Love.

It is only by dwelling in love that we can know God. "He that loveth not knoweth not God." God is love, and before we can know him we must come into the same atmosphere. We cannot find out God by scientific research. We may read about him and hear men tell about him, but we shall not know him. We must come to him and lay our hearts alongside of his infinite heart of love, or we shall never know him. So long as we look at him through the atmosphere of selfishness or pride or worldliness, we cannot know him. But when we come into the pure atmosphere of love, we shall know him, because we shall be like him.—Pacific Christian Advocate, ready for it.

MOVE TO AN IDEAL

World Ever Pressing Forward to a Goal Which Is Its Ultimate Destiny.

When the prophet declared that of the increase of the governments of the coming Messiah there should be no end he set forth the permanence and the growth of the kingdom of peace upon the earth. For the government of Christ is the government of peace and of good will. Men are ever prone to turn to the extraordinary, the spectacular, the unusual, the catastrophic as the gauge of their judgment of the times. Back of the spouting volcanoes lies the eternal law of tranquility, back of the storm lies the law of the tides and the calm of the ocean. Back of the vast war that now holds in derision the sentiments of the Christmas season lies the normal state of man, the state of righteousness and of peace. The peace on earth and good will toward men that was pronounced by the angels in their heavenly salutation has to do more with the settled state of society than with extraordinary occurrences such as wars. These will cease to be only when the society in its general standards shall carry out the law of love. This Jesus came to proclaim; love and the prevalence of love in the relations of life will bring about an equitable peace. Far more disastrous than occasional war is the iniquity, the injustice, the wiles of man toward his fellow men. The rarity of Christian charity is an indictment of society that complements the ideals of Christ. In all these respects the state of society is vastly better than it has ever been before. The growth of ideals in the industrial relations, the growth of ideals in the political relations, the growth of ideals in humanitarian viewpoints between men and their fellow men mark the advance of society toward the comprehensive ideal of the far-off divine event toward which the whole creation moves.

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Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

The prairie dog in Sterling is doomed to go where we sent the tick.

Don't forget that the rat is a worse customer than all other pests. Swat him.

Recent events indicate that Mexico is a good place to stay away from at present.

The rats' nests in your pasture is a breeding place for fleas, ticks and rattlesnakes. Burn them out.

Better pay your poll tax. If you don't, you won't amount to as much as a wren on a dog's tail next summer. January 31st is the last day.

The water which pours over the court house tank down into the street, if properly conserved, would water all the trees in the court house yard.

If our better half wants to vote, we want her to have the franchise of suffrage, but if she don't promise to vote for our man, darned if she gets a poll tax receipt.

Sterling County is amply able to hire a janitor for the court house. He would cost the county about \$300 a year, but we are amply able to do it, seeing that he would save more than \$300 worth of property and keep the court house and grounds in order.

W. F. Cushing, one of our big-hearted cattle princes, was a visitor to our sanctum last Friday. "I see you have torn down your old residence and are building a new one," he said, as he handed us a ten-buck check. The King's English is too poor to find words to express our feeling toward Cushing and the other big men who are so thoughtful of the News-Record family. It is great to live among such people and

have them for neighbors. May their tribes increase.

Last week, a party of mining men left El Paso to open up a mine in Mexico. They were officially warned not to go there, but they listened to a Mexican promise of protection and they all came home dead. At the first impulse, we felt like taking a gun and going down there and shooting the livers out of those dastardly cut-throats; but, on second thought, we felt that those poor fellows had taken their lives into their own hands, against the warning of their friends, and we return the verdict of contributory negligence. In the meantime, we insist that Senator Don Whiskers hunt down those murderers and hang them to the first limb; and if he fails to do it, let's go down and do it ourselves.

Karl Jansen, in his lecture here last Saturday night, touched on preparedness and revealed how helpless we would be in case of a foreign invasion. "Today," he said, "nations fight with machine guns and cannon, as well as rifles." He illustrated how a battery of 3-inch guns can destroy a whole company of men at a distance of five miles with a single discharge of shrapnel. He showed how a machine gun can mow down men like a sickle in the harvest. Then he said: "If there is a man in this audience who can handle a machine gun or a cannon, let him hold up his hand." Altho there were more than a hundred men present, not a single hand was raised. Yet, there are men so densely ignorant of these matters that they contend that we are able to take care of ourselves in case of an invasion by a foreign enemy.

War is a most undesirable condition and has been rightly named "hell," but most all the blessings which we now enjoy came through war. If the revolution had not been fought to a finish, many of us would today be in the trenches in Europe, dodging German bullets and singing "God Save The King," instead of "My Country 'Tis of Thee." If it had not been for the sacrifices made at The Alamo and San Jacinto, Texas would today be in the thickest of the miseries of poor Mexico. War is a bad thing, and should be the last resort, but let those who preach sheep ethics remember that religious freedom and this blessed land of liberty came to us through the travail of war. Let those who stand in holy places and preach peace-at-any-price to us re-

member that through the shedding of blood we are redeemed from our sins. Let us remember that war may come to us at any hour, whether we wish it or not, and let us be prepared for it.

JEFF D. AYRES

We are announcing the candidacy of Jeff D. Ayres for the office of County Judge of Sterling County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Judge Ayres is well known to the voters of Sterling County, having served as chairman of the Democratic county executive committee for a number of years, and always filled it with satisfaction to the people and honor to himself.

He is a lawyer of acknowledged ability, and is therefore eminently fitted for the place he seeks. He believes in good roads, good schools, trees in the court house yard, and the proper care of the county's property. He says his platform is plainly written in the statute books, and if elected, he expects to carry it out.

If elected, we shall have no fears for the county's welfare, for we feel sure that Jeff Ayres will intelligently and honestly do his whole duty.

A. R. POOL

In another column will be found the announcement of A. R. Pool for County Judge, subject to the Democratic primary.

Judge Pool is a lawyer of well known ability, and there is no doubt as to his competency to fill the office which he seeks. He favors a progressive administration of the county's affairs consistent with economy. He believes in good roads, good schools and the proper care of the court house and its grounds. He believes in and promises to use every effort to improve and beautify the grounds belonging to the county by planting and caring for trees and shrubs.

If Judge Pool is elected, we shall have a County Judge in whom we can fully trust to fulfill every duty incumbent upon him.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing our thanks to our many friends for their aid, sympathy and many evidences of kindness during the last illness and death of our dear son and brother. May God bless you everyone. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jackson and Children.

Magnificent Gift to Our School

A magnificent sanitary drinking fountain, the gift of Col. W. R. McEntire, was installed at the school building last Saturday.

This splendid gift, which was so badly needed and so generously given, stands as a lasting monument to a man whose chief pleasure is the betterment of children. It is great to have men whose money is spent in such a way for our friends. It shows that their hearts are of that quality which the Savior had in mind when he said: "Suffer little children," etc. A man who loves children couldn't be bad if he tried.

In behalf of the boys and girls of Sterling City schools, we wish to say that every quaff taken from this fountain will be in loving remembrance and gratitude to the generous donor.

When this generous old comrade has gone over to join his comrades, there will be those who will come to drink to the memory of the man who gave pleasure and profit to others from his abundance, and found it good to live for the benefit of others.

Karl Jansen

For an hour and fifty minutes last Saturday night, Karl Jansen, the Swedish entertainer and humorist, held a crowded house of Sterling's people spell-bound.

The speaker seemed to be in a happy mood, and his sallies of wit and humor were irresistible. His Swedish accent was delightful in all his moods.

He varied his program by substituting subjects of a current nature. When he unfolded the Stars and Stripes, he, in substance, said: "I was born in Sweden, but I came to the United, the only country on the face of the globe where a poor devil has a fighting chance. These Americans have given me their love, friendship and the protection of their laws; I have accepted their hospitality, freedom and money; and if it comes to war with my native country, I must fight for this," he said, as he tapped the flag.

His lecture was rich in fun and common sense, and was enjoyed to the limit by the audience. This was number two of the lyceum course, and was all, and then sope, that it was advertised to be.

Hurt by Exploding Cartridge

Last Tuesday, while playing around a fire on the school grounds, a cartridge exploded and the flying shell struck Hinton Emery, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Emery, in the forehead, cutting its way to the skull and inflicting a painful wound. Dr. Everitt, who attended the injured boy, says an artery was severed and that the patient bled frightfully before a styptic was applied.

Before the Doctor arrived, considerable excitement prevailed among the teachers and pupils because of the loss of so much blood by the wounded lad. As soon as they were assured that Hinton's injury was not necessarily serious, the excitement subsided. The boy is getting along nicely and will soon be himself again, unless some unforeseen complication sets up.

This should be a warning to boys who carry cartridges and drop them into the fire just for fun, for this kind of fun often costs an eye, a limb, and even life itself. Parents and teachers should co-operate in suppressing this dangerous sport. See that your boy leaves his cartridges at home, and let the teachers thrash the next boy who carries cartridges to school. You can't afford to take chances on such things.

TO THE VOTERS:

I am offering myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sterling County.

I believe I am qualified, as I have had eight years experience as deputy.

I am a Democrat, having voted that ticket all my life, and have always stood true to the nominee and expect to do so this time.

If elected, I promise to execute all legal documents that come to my hands, and to help you, "The People," to execute the law.

With your permission, I promise to see you all at your homes, or place of business, between now and next election.

Thanking you in advance, I am, Yours to serve, L. F. Clifton

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. 1-14-17

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, L. F. Clifton, W. L. Emery
FOR COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK: D. C. Durham, B. A. Austin
FOR TAX ASSESSOR: W. E. Allen, H. Q. Lyles, Jr.

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

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, mohair 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.

Professional

J. B. Minyard, Physician & Surgeon. Office over Colson's drugstore. Residence Telephone No. 99. Sterling City, Texas.

Dr. W. B. Everett, Physician and Surgeon. Eyes tested—glasses fitted. Office over Butler drug store. Sterling City, Texas.

Dr. W. B. Norris, Dentist. Office: Suite 403, Trust Building, San Angelo, Texas. Regular trips to Sterling City.

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 Gasoline. 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:—26.2 acres of land, within 3 blocks of the public square, river front, about 12 acres in cultivation; 20 lots in two plats, good room; house, two wells, cistern, barn and outhouses. Price, \$5000, half cash. Apply to W. A. Jackson, Sterling City.

### Hot Water Before Breakfast a Splendid Habit

Each slice of the system each morning and wash away the poisonous, stagnant matter.

Of us who are accustomed to feel and heavy when we arise; of headache, stuffy from a cold, of nausea, back, acid, stomach, of fresh as a daisy always of the poisons and toxins of the body with phosphated hot water.

Should drink, before breakfast, of real hot water with a tea-spoon of limestone phosphate in each glass from the stomach, liver, and ten yards of bowels the day's indigestible waste, sour and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing and purifying the alimentary canal before putting food into the stomach.

of limestone phosphate water on an empty stomach thoroughly invigorating. It cleanses the sour fermentations, gases, and acidity and gives one a good appetite for breakfast and it is but a little while until the system begins to appear in a quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at drug stores or from the store, but it is not to make anyone who is afflicted with biliousness, constipation, stomach trouble or rheumatism enthusiastic on the subject of invigoration. Try it and you are sure that you will look better and better in every way shortly.

### Off Dandruff Hair Stops Falling

Try This! Makes Hair Thick, Glossy, Fluffy, Beautiful—No More Itching Scalp.

Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine you cannot find a trace of dandruff or falling hair. Your scalp will not itch, but what you want most will be after a week's use, when you see new hair and downy at first—yes—but new hair—growing all over the scalp.

Little Danderine immediately doubt the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and dry, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it over your hair, taking one small amount at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and dry, and have an appearance of richness; an incomparable luster, softness and luxuriance.

is a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store, and prove your hair is as pretty and soft as that which has been neglected and by careless treatment—that's surely sure you will have beautiful hair. If it is if you will just try a little Danderine. Adv.

### Headache, Pain, Pain, Rub Rheumatism

Pain right out with small trial bottle of old "St. Jacobs Oil."

Rheumatism is "pain only." Net case in fifty requires internal treatment. Stop dragging! Rub soothing penetrating "St. Jacobs Oil" directly upon the "tender spot," and recover instantly. "St. Jacobs Oil" is a harmless rheumatism cure which never disappoints and can be rubbed on the skin.

Remember! Quit complaining! Get small trial bottle of "St. Jacobs Oil" from the store and in just a moment you will be free from rheumatic pain, stiffness and swelling. Don't suffer! "St. Jacobs Oil" has cured millions of rheumatism sufferers in the last half century, and is just as good for sciatica, neuralgia, lumbago, backache and sprains. Adv.

### Ec-Zene Kills Eczema

Let us prove it. Accept no substitute. If Drug does not have it, write to Ec-Zene Co., St. Paul, Minn.—Adv.

Master of Craft. "What is it you, Bill? Have you checked the hold-up game?" "No, partner, I've gone to the sen-"

To quickly cool burns and take the heat out use Hanford's Balaam. Adv.

Possibly the wisdom of man may survive that of woman, but when it comes to tact—well, he isn't in it.

The man who thinks funny thoughts without expressing them is the worst kind of a pessimist.

### DAIRY HERD IN WINTER

First Essential Is That Cows Be Kept Comfortable.

Right Kind of Feed Goes Long Way Toward Bringing About Contented State of Mind—Several Important Factors.

(By W. M. KELLY.)

Good stable management is an important factor in determining the profits from the dairy herd during the winter. The first essential is that the cows be comfortable, because a cow kept otherwise can never do her best. She must have a comfortable place to lie down, stand up, move and stretch her limbs and lick herself all over the body. She must have sunshine and plenty of light. She must have pure air to breathe, and this means that the stable must be provided with some system of ventilation to give a frequent change of air.

This need not be expensive, only a little forethought and a few dollars' worth of material and labor. She must have good pure water at least twice a day, or better still, have an automatic water basin at her side.

The stable should be cleaned daily, and be thoroughly disinfected. The ceiling, floor and sides should be all smooth and of concrete construction, and the fixtures largely iron. It is not expensive, and they are sanitary and permanent.

Large, smooth concrete mangers for feeding are about the best we know of today. Judgment and common sense must be exercised in the methods of feeding and handling the cows. Fixed rules in feeding are not practical.

Overfeeding is wasteful; underfeeding is unprofitable. The cows must be well nourished at all times, but if given more than they need for maintenance and production, they waste it as a rule.

Never stir up dust or foul odors at milking time. If you do a lot of it is sure to get into the milk.

Whether to feed the cows just before milking is a much debated question. It is not at all dangerous to feed them a little grain, provided you stir up no dust or disagreeable odors.

As a rule, the cows will give down their milk more freely when they have

contented minds, and a little of the right kind of feed goes a long way toward bringing about this contented state of mind. Never clean the stables just before milking, for it will stir up a tenfold worse odor than any feed the cows will eat.

Surrounding conditions have much to do with the milk-producing value of any ration.

Dairy cows cannot make as good use of whole grain as they can of grain that has been ground.

In the generality of cases, heifers with their first calf do not show as high a test of butterfat as they do at a more mature age.

A period of rest before freshening will usually produce a larger flow of milk than where the animal is milked close up to calving.

A man can better afford to sell butter at the cost of production than to sell grain, that is, when the selling price of the butter includes the feeds and labor at their market value.

### HOW TO GROW BLACKBERRIES

Fruit Will Not Thrive in Dry Places, Plenty of Moisture Is Needed—Cultivate Constantly.

Blackberries need plenty of moisture and it will not pay to plant them on the top of some dry knoll; for the fruit will not grow to perfection in such dry places, and it will be hard and sour. Choose a place where the ground is of good quality, and where there is plenty of moisture.

Prepare the ground thoroughly by plowing and harrowing, and make the ground mellow down quite deep where you set the plants. You cannot be too particular in this respect—remember you are setting them out for profit and not simply to see whether they will grow or not. They should be set about four feet apart one way, and eight feet the other way.

Keep the ground loose by constant cultivation, and the sooner you can get a good large bush, the sooner you will get fruit, and keeping the ground loose will help to keep it moist.

Asparagus Roots. If desired one or two years' asparagus roots may be dug late in the fall and stored during the winter. They keep well in cool cellars or pits, providing the roots are imbedded in moist sand, soil or sawdust. They also winter well in barrels which are placed in a protected spot and covered with straw. They should be planted in the spring just as soon as the ground can be prepared.

Fall Job in the Garden. After garden stuff is all gathered in, fall, cover the entire garden with straw, then burn the straw. This destroys all weed seeds as well as insect eggs and larvae, leaving the garden clean for the following year. Then cover the garden with manure so as to keep the charred straw or ashes from blowing away, as well as to fertilize the soil for next year.

Dormant Spraying. The "dormant spraying" which destroys the bark scale and the eggs of injurious insects, is the most important spraying of the year, in the judgment of some orchardists.

### BREED FOR THE FARM FLOCK

Farmer Must Suit Himself and Market Conditions in Selecting Variety—Discard the Scrub.

As with most of our domestic animals, there is absolutely no best breed of hens; if there was there would soon be only that one breed left, while now one hardly dares say how many good breeds there are without first consulting the very latest issue of the Standard of Perfection.

Then suit yourself and your market conditions in selecting your breed, but select some one breed and "stick to it" until you have the best flock of that breed in the county or state. The color of the shell of the egg has much to do with the market demand for it. San Francisco demands



Fine Type for Farm.

A clear white egg, while Boston wants a rich brown color; and the intermediate cities, all the way across, may, in a way, take almost any color; but most city retailers find it to their advantage to separate the colors to suit individual customers.

Much never, no never, fool away very much time with "scrub" or mongrel stock on the farm, and don't try to keep too many breeds or you may soon have a lot of mongrels yourself. Even on the regular poultry ranch, where many breeds are kept, strange "mixeries" sometimes happen in some most unexplainable way.

It is often claimed that mixed breeds or "scrubs" lay better than purebreds, but a careful investigation will generally prove that the feed, care, and perhaps the age of the birds, has more to do with the egg product than the simple fact that they are cross-bred.

But while different markets demand different colored eggs there is no market on this continent, at least, that demands a dirty or stained egg, or an egg that has been under a broody hen for a night or two, or one that has been out in the sun for several days. Gather daily at least and ship at least weekly.

### DAIRYMEN VERSUS THE DAIRY

Man Is Chief Factor in Production of Clean Milk, According to Medical Experimenters.

A number of American medical experts and experimenters in hygiene made a study to determine the most important factor in the production of clean milk—the dairy or the dairyman—and have come to the conclusion that the dairyman is the chief factor and the dairy of secondary importance.

The clean dairyman may be transported from dairy to dairy and can make clean milk wherever he goes.

It is said that if all the nonessentials or matters of secondary importance are eliminated, the factors which even alone are sufficient to produce under the conditions found in ordinary dairies a milk so clean that it will have with great regularity a bacterial count less than 10,000 bacteria per cubic centimeter are as follows:

Milking with dry hands into covered milking pails, the proper washing and sterilization of milking pails and milk cans, cooling the milk by placing the cans in tanks of cold water or ice water, regular laboratory testing of the milk for bacteria, and payments based on the laboratory tests.

### ASHES GOOD AS FERTILIZER

They Not Only Contain Potash and Phosphoric Acid, but Also Magnesia and Lime.

The farmer who burns wood for heating and cooking should carefully store the ashes and not permit them to leach, as they have a peculiar fertilizing value. They not only contain potash and phosphoric acid in appreciable amounts, but also contain magnesia and lime, and when applied to the land they also act indirectly to increase the available nitrogen content of organic matter in the soil.

Ordinary house ashes contain on the average about eight or nine per cent of potash and two per cent of phosphoric acid. Investigators have considered that there is enough potash and phosphoric acid in a bushel of ashes to make it worth 20 or 25 cents. Besides that, some 10 or 15 cents additional might be allowed for the "alkali power" of the ashes. This power is that which enables ashes to rot weeds and to ferment peat. The potash content of ashes will be lost if they are permitted to leach, and care should be taken to store them in a dry place.

### Essential to Squab Raising

Good breeding stock is essential of success in squab raising, but as it is difficult to tell the age and sex of pigeons (and age is very important), it is necessary to buy from reliable breeders and preferably those who guarantee their product.

Grapes and Waste Land. There are thousands of acres that from year to year scarcely furnish food for one cow, that would do well if planted with the right kind of grapes and properly cared for.

### Green Food Needed

Do not forget that the fowls need green food. If a change of yards is not possible see that some is fed them daily.

Make Hens Pay. The kind of chickens you should breed depends largely on what you are breeding for, whether for eggs or for market broilers. Then some like one breed the best and some like another. This question of breed is best left for the breeder to decide, but whatever breed you may choose, be sure that the strain is pure.

Straining Spray Mixture. Strain the spray materials through a good, fine strainer. It avoids clogging nozzles and wasted time.

### STOMACH MISERY GAS, INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" fixes sick, sour, gassy stomachs in five minutes.

Time it! In five minutes all stomach distress will go. No indigestion, heartburn, sourness or belching of gas, acid, or eruptions of undigested food, no dizziness, bloating, or foul breath.

Pape's Diapepsin is noted for its speed in regulating upset stomachs. It is the surest, quickest and most certain indigestion remedy in the whole world, and besides it is harmless.

Please for your sake, get a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any store and put your stomach right. Don't keep on being miserable—life is too short—you are not here long, so make your stay agreeable. Eat what you like and digest it; enjoy it, without dread of rebellion in the stomach.

Pape's Diapepsin belongs in your home anyway. Should one of the family eat something which doesn't agree with them, or in case of an attack of indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis or stomach derangement at daytime or during the night, it is handy to give the quickest relief known. Adv.

To give plaster casts an alabaster effect dip them into a strong solution of alum water.

SAGE TEA DARKENS GRAY HAIR TO ANY SHADE. TRY IT!

Keep Your Locks Youthful, Dark, Glossy and Thick With Garden Sage and Sulphur.

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though, at home is messy and troublesome. For 50 cents you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use tonic called "Wyleth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant. You will also discover dandruff is gone and hair has stopped falling.

Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyleth's Sage and Sulphur and look years younger.—Adv.

### REALLY A SIMPLE MATTER

College Professor's Explanation Must Have Been Extremely Satisfactory to Old Lady.

Unless a cyclist is a "scorcher" there is no need, generally speaking, to make any effort to avoid him. He will look out for the collisions.

A lady was crossing the street when she saw a bicycle rider coming toward her. She stopped, then dodged backward, and as he had swerved in order to pass behind her there was a collision, and both took a fall, but neither was hurt!

"If you hadn't wobbled, sir," she said, angrily, as he assisted her to rise, "this wouldn't have happened!"

"Neither would it have happened, madam," he replied, "if you hadn't wobbled, or if you had wobbled in a contrary direction from my wobble. It was our concurrent and synchronous wobbling, so to speak, that caused it."

Then the cyclist, a college professor, doffed his cap, mounted his wheel, and rode off.

She Was Right. Fortune Teller—You will marry a light man. Woman—That's Tim! He works for the gas company.—Harvard Lampoon.

### PRESSED HARD

Coffee's Weight on Old Age.

When people realize the injurious effects of coffee and the better health that a change to Postum can bring, they are usually glad to lend their testimony for the benefit of others.

"My mother, since her early childhood, has an inveterate coffee drinker, had been troubled with her heart for a number of years and complained of that 'weak-all-over' feeling and sick stomach."

"Some time ago I was making a visit to a distant part of the country and took dinner with one of the merchants of the place. I noticed a somewhat unusual flavor of the 'coffee' and asked him concerning it. He replied that it was Postum."

"I was so pleased with it that I bought a package to carry home with me, and had wife prepare some for the next meal. The whole family liked it so well that we discontinued coffee and used Postum entirely."

"I had been very anxious concerning my mother's condition, but we noticed that after using Postum for a short time she felt much better, had little trouble with her heart, and no sick stomach; that the headaches were not so frequent, and her general condition much improved. This continued until she was well and hearty."

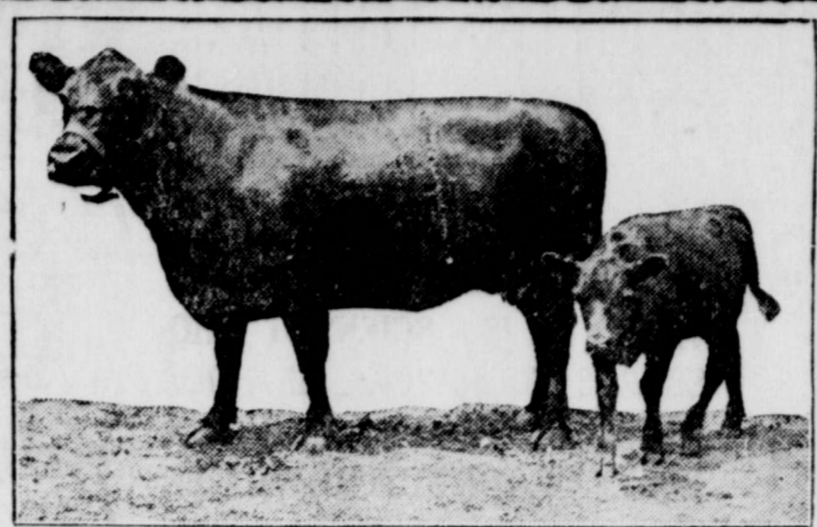
"I know Postum has benefited myself and the other members of the family, especially my mother, as she was a victim of long standing." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Postum comes in two forms: Postum Cereal—the original form—must be well boiled. 15c and 25c packages.

Instant Postum—a soluble powder—dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50c tins.

Both kinds are equally delicious and cost about the same per cup. "There's a Reason" for Postum. —sold by Grocers.

### USEFUL HINTS PICKED UP IN DAIRY YARD



Good General Purpose Cow.

The greatest feeding value in skim milk is always found in feeding it to young animals.

Persistence in keeping up an even flow of milk is of great importance. Some cows that give from 20 to 25 pounds of milk a day make better annual records than others that give 40 to 45 pounds a day on flush feed and go dry for a long period during the fall and winter.

Timothy hay is poor because it is not palatable to the dairy cow, and because it is deficient in protein.

The economy of the ration is largely affected by the amount of foodstuffs which may be grown at home. If the boys help with the cows teach them, first of all, the importance of gentleness and kindness, not only when milking but when driving and handling the cows.

If the most money is to be made from the dairy cows, a good first-class healthy herd of dairy animals must be established first.

In these days of high-priced grain feed it makes a great difference whether we secure a large quantity of protein foods from our farms or whether it takes a large portion of our milk checks to buy the same quantity in a more condensed form.

Providing she comes from good ancestry, the development of the cow begins on the day of her birth. Cows seldom develop much after they are in the dairy.

The effort to develop cows after they are in the dairy always falls short of what might have been accomplished had the development been started three years earlier.

It is not expensive barns that make good milk and healthy cows, but well fed and healthy cows, though their stables be plain ones, just as we find the healthiest people living in plain cottage homes.

Feed the young heifer like a little cow and on cow foods. Let calf and stock foods alone. Feed good bran, middlings, a little oil meal, clover hay, and that sort of foods. Never overfeed.

Young calves will soon learn to lick at grain and nibble at hay. They are equipped with grinders quite early in their lives and will soon make use of these feeds.

### GREAT IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD GARDEN

Select Only Best Seed of Most Suitable Varieties of Vegetables—Adds to Profits.

When we consider the fact that the farmer's truck patch and garden supplies are nearly one-half his family's support, and when he once realizes the great importance of a good garden, he will then fully realize the importance of procuring only the best seed of the most suitable varieties of vegetables. Without good, clean and vigorous seed the fundamental elements of a good crop are surely lacking. There is no doubt but that small, inferior seed will produce weak, spindling stalks, while large, full, well matured seed invariably grows into big full crops, providing they are grown under favorable conditions. This has been as conclusively proven in regard to seeds as it has in animal breeding, and no well-informed farmer overlooks it.

There is no doubt but that the average farmer could easily add a large amount to his profits each year by paying as careful attention to his seed selection as he does to the harvesting or cultivating of his crops, or to the animal breeding, and there is no reason now why the farmer of today should not do this. He can test his seed corn, and by the same method. From each lot of seeds a sample can be taken, placed between cloths that are spread in a plate and which are kept moist and warm. Or the seed may be sown in soil in a box or flower pot and the germinating ability of the sample will speak for the entire lot of seed.

It is such a simple matter to make sure that all of the seed planted is not only germinable, but vigorous, and it is so serious to plant seed that will not develop and grow properly that there seems to be no good excuse for anyone planting undesirable seed.

### VITALITY IS NEEDED IN A POULTRY FLOCK

One Thing to Look For in Selecting Individuals for Breeding—Some of Markings.

(By H. A. BITTENBENDER, Iowa Experiment Station.)

Vitality—that's the thing to seek in selecting individuals for the poultry breeding flock, because lack of it in the parent stock is one of the great causes of loss in poultry raising.

Markings of strong vitality: A head that is short, broad, deep, compact. An eye that is bright, full, clear, round, prominent. A beak that is short, broad, well curved. Comb and wattles that are well developed and fleshy red. A body that is well jointed, compact, stout; back, long and broad; breast, deep, broad, thickly fleshed, with a keel running well back; capacity, large, especially in a hen which needs room to develop a digestive and reproductive system capable of manufacturing many eggs. A strong bird generally stands with shanks squarely under its body and wide apart at the knee joints. Its toe nails are usually worn broad and flat across the point, evidencing great activity.

The marks of low vitality are the opposite of those of strength. The head is long, flat, sunken, narrow; the eye is small and dull; the comb and wattles poorly developed or pale. The body is often loosely jointed, with knee joints close together; the breast is narrow, shallow and poorly fleshed. Long, pointed toe nails indicate less activity.

### PHYSIC IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT COW AID

Expert of Wisconsin Station Gives Directions for Drenching—Use Strong Bottle.

A physic is a very important aid in the treatment of most diseases. Dr. A. S. Alexander of Wisconsin gives the following directions for administering a physic:

1. Dissolve one pound of epsom salts, for a 1,000-pound cow, in three pints of warm water. Add half an ounce of ground ginger root and a cupful of blackstrap cane molasses. Shake well and give as one dose slowly and carefully from a strong long-necked bottle or from a drenching horn.

2. Do not raise cow's head above the level of her back when administering medicine. Hold her head in a straight line with her body. Do not grasp her by the nostrils, or pull out her tongue.

3. Standing at her right side, pass the left hand over her face and into the left side of the mouth. Insert the neck of the bottle into the right side of the mouth, and pour in the medicine, two or three ounces at a time, and allow the cow time to swallow.

4. Let her head down at once, if she coughs, and wait for a few minutes before giving the rest of the drench.

5. Let Hens Rest in Winter. Hens that have rested the winter through and have been injured to cold, coming off hardy and well, will show the largest percentage of fertile eggs when they do begin laying.

### WHY FARMER SHOULD HAVE A SEPARATOR

Little or No Loss of Skim Milk—Less Danger of Introducing Disease Into Herd.

(By S. E. LEE, Wisconsin Experiment Station.)

There is a number of very good reasons why a farmer should own and operate a cream separator.

1. There is little or no loss of skim milk, which, of course, has a high feeding value.

2. There is less danger of introducing such contagious disease as tuberculosis into the herd if the milk is skimmed at home and only the milk produced upon the farm is fed.

3. Time is saved by not hauling whole milk to the factory.

4. Less products have to be cared for on the farm.

5. There is a wider market for cream than for milk.

Watering Plants. The color of the foliage is a good guide in watering plants. A dark green color indicates that the watering is all right. It does not pay to sprinkle water on every day or two. As a rule plant beds should be soaked and no more water added until really needed.

"Bad Eggs." A few bad eggs in a case is sufficient to give the whole lot a bad name. Be careful that every egg is strictly fresh.

Makes The Appetite Keen Aids Digestion Keeps the Liver & Bowels Active Promotes Health

### HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

Waters E. Coleman, Patent Lawyer, Washington, D.C. Advice and books free. Terms reasonable. Highest references. Best success.

Needed Respite. "I see there's a lull in the European war." "That ought to prove a great help to the war correspondent." "How so?" "They will have an opportunity to devote their undivided attention to writing 'sob stuff' about ruined cathedrals."

### IS CHILD CROSS, FEVERISH, SICK

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well child again. Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Adv.

Cruel to Cows. Bill—I see Mrs. Addie F. Howie of the School of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin says cows have souls and respond to music when milked.

Jill—But doesn't Addie think it cruel to frighten milk out of a poor cow like that?—Yonkers Statesman.

### HAD PELLAGRA; IS NOW CURED

Hillsboro, Ala.—J. W. Turner, of this place, says: "I ought to have written you two weeks ago, but failed to do so. I got well and then forgot to write you. I can get about like 10-year-old boy; I can get about like a round and tend to get ought to see me run around and tend to my farm. I can go all day just like I used to. I am so thankful to know there is such a good remedy to cure people of pellagra.

There is no longer any doubt that pellagra can be cured. Don't delay until it is too late. It is your duty to consult the resourceful Baughn.

The symptoms—hands red like sunburn, skin peeling off, sore mouth, the lips, throat and tongue a flaming red, with much mucus and choking; indigestion and nausea, either diarrhoea or constipation.

There is hope; get Baughn's Big Free book on Pellagra and learn about the remedy for Pellagra that has at last been found. Address: American Compounding Co., box 2880, Jasper, Ala., remembering money is refunded in any case where the remedy fails to cure.—Adv.

Fowl Is Chicken. "When two colored baseball teams are playing the umpire always calls an 'unfair' ball." "Why?" "If he said foul the players would all quit and go looking for the chicken."

### Makes Hard Work Harder

A bad back makes a day's work twice as hard. Backache usually comes from weak kidneys, and if headaches, dizziness or urinary disorders are added, don't wait—get help before the kidney disease takes a grip—before dropsy, gravel or Bright's disease sets in. Doan's Kidney Pills have brought new life and new strength to thousands of working men and women. Used and recommended the world over.

A Texas Case. Dr. O. H. Cotton, 2003 Ave. P. B. B. City, Tex., says: "I was in the war weakened my kidneys and I suffered terribly. My feet and ankles were badly swollen and I was confined to bed. I was nervous and run down and had terrible dizzy spells. The kidney secretions were in bad shape, too. After doctors failed, Doan's Kidney Pills cured me and I haven't suffered since."

Get Doan's at Any Store, 50c a Box DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS FOSTER-McLELLAN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

## "CASCARETS" FOR SLUGGISH BOWELS

No sick headache, sour stomach, biliousness or constipation by morning.

Get a 10-cent box now. Turn the screws out—the headache, biliousness, indigestion, the sick, sour stomach and foul gases—turn them out to-night and keep them out with Cascarets.

Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never know the misery caused by a lazy liver, clogged bowels or an upset stomach.

Don't put in another day of distress. Let Cascarets cleanse your stomach; remove the sour, fermenting food; take the excess bile from your liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poison in the bowels. Then you will feel great.

A Cascaret to-night straightens you out by morning. They work while you sleep. A 10-cent box from any drug store means a clear head, sweet stomach and clean, healthy liver and bowel action for months. Children love Cascarets because they never gripe or sicken. Adv.

**SALTS IF BACKACHE OR KIDNEYS TROUBLE YOU**

Eat Less Meat if Your Kidneys Aren't Acting Right or if Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers You.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms an acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and lousy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine.

This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is a life saver for regular meat eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink.—Adv.

**The Venereal Uncleanliness.** Bronson—Spring seems to come earlier in the suburbs, doesn't it?

Woodson—Yes; one of the neighbors borrowed our tack litter a few days ago.

### RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Borio Compound, and 4 oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any drug get can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.—Adv.

**Easy.** "She's the limit at flirting with soda-water clerks."

"How long can she keep up the flirtation?"

"Oh, about five sodas."

Function of the Hammer. "Why do you knock so? Why are you always using the hammer?"

"I do it to rivet attention, my boy."

## PAINS IN SIDE AND BACK

How Mrs. Kelly Suffered and How She was Cured.

Burlington, Wis.—"I was very irregular, and had pains in my side and back, but after taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Tablets and using two bottles of the Sanative Wash I am fully convinced that I am entirely cured of these troubles, and feel better all over. I know your remedies have done me worlds of good and I hope every suffering woman will give them a trial."—Mrs. ANNA KELLY, 710 Chestnut Street, Burlington, Wis.

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# HOUSTON Uncle Sam's Big Farmer

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE MAKES DREAMS COME TRUE. HE IS A SCIENTIST WHO SCORNS GUESSWORK METHODS AND BELIEVES THAT AMERICAN FARMS OF THE FUTURE WILL BE THIS WORLD'S GARDEN SPOTS.



By EDWARD B. CLARK.

HOUSTON is a man who is big enough to have the truth told about him.

These were the words of a friend, a confidant and an admirer of David Franklin Houston, secretary of agriculture in the cabinet of Woodrow Wilson.

The secretary's friend had no thought of small traits in the character of Mr. Houston. What he meant was that certain things which have been dealt upon by critics of the temperament and the methods of work of Mr. Houston should be set forth so that the proper light might fall upon them and thus lay bare the facts to eye and mind.

David Franklin has been criticized. Why? Well, the answer isn't hard. He is an idealist who believes that his idealism can be realized only after the proof has been adduced that it really is idealism. Consequently Mr. Houston is not a dreamer of dreams whose fabrics are baseless. He is of Scotch blood and is hard headed, and as a result a good many of the visionaries of the country who see glory gliding the castles which they rear in the air, cannot understand why the secretary of agriculture does not instantly see the domes and minarets of their fancy's building "burning with the splendor of noonday."

The department of agriculture, since Mr. Houston took hold of it, has broadened the field of its endeavor. Many things have been done. Some of them are things which the dreamers of the years have urged should be done. Everything bearing a trace of the imprint of worthiness that has been suggested has been subjected to the test of critical analysis. Some of the dreamers have been disappointed because this thing or that thing has not been done, but they may know that the test has been applied and that the proof of lasting worthiness has been lacking.

There seems to be a sort of general impression that Secretary Houston is a cold man. The presumption of his coldness comes unquestionably from the fact that he is so intensely scientific and analytical. The visionaries go to him bubbling over with their dreams of what can be done to bring the millennium of their desires to farm and field. They are so convinced that the vision they have seen from the mountain tops is real that they count on the man who listens but declines to stand and exuberant acceptance of the truth of their dreams, as a man who is cold and unresponsive. Little do they know, at any rate for a long time, that some of these dream recitals are remembered and studied and that if they bear up under the study plans are laid to make them a reality.

Coldness is an exterior thing. A thermos bottle may be cold to the touch and yet have plenty of heat inside. The man who said that Secretary Houston was big enough to have the truth told about him also said that the secretary is a volcano, a seemingly slumbering one, perhaps, but one which has within it the potentialities which one usually ascribes to Vesuvius and the other peaks of fire. Men who know the secretary cannot understand why he is called cold. The reason is simply that he is cold to the representation of things whose worth cannot be proved.

There is another view of Secretary Houston which is taken by some men who do not get next to him, or perhaps better, into him. Generally speaking a man who has no sense of humor is an impossible man. Some persons think that the secretary of agriculture lacks appreciation of light humor. While Mr. Houston is of Scotch descent, Sydney Smith's joke about the necessity of a surgical operation before you can get a joke into a Scotchman's skull has no application to the case of David F. Houston. He is fonder of good stories and fonder of telling them than perhaps any other man in the president's cabinet. It is said of him, however, that, true to his temperament, he analyzes a story to find out first whether it has humor's real ingredients before he will accept it as one worth retelling. In this way the secretary avoids the fate of the man who tells stories at which other people laugh only because they feel that they must do so in order to be complimentary to the raconteur.

To a Washington correspondent who has been watching things fairly closely in the agricultural department, because of an innate liking for things agricultural, the chief thing to stand out prominently since Mr. Houston laid hand on authority is the "tremendous amplification" of works which were in little more than suggestive form when one administration of the department was succeeded by another. Secretary Houston found a lot of good things in tentative form in the agricultural department when he first entered office. He submitted the tentative projects of his predecessor to his usual analysis and those which he found good he adopted as soon as the study of them was complete.

The growth of the activities of the agricultural department of the United States since Mr. Houston has taken hold is of the kind usually called phenomenal. There is no attempt on the part of the secretary or any of his subordinates to take away from preceding administrations the credit for initiative. What was found to be good has been accepted as good, and what is more, has been put into operation. Beyond this the department has initiated and carried into action many plans of its own which at one time were thought to be impossible of success. It is in taking the thing said to be impossible, in testing it and in either proving or disproving its worth, that the present secretary excels.

It is said that one is praising David

F. Houston overmuch? Well, the proof or the disproof of the validity of the praise is to be found everywhere through the farming regions of the United States. Nobody knows better than the present-day farmer what Mr. Houston has tried to do and has done. Every housewife on the farm will make answer to the question as to whether praise has been wrongly placed or not. The records are written over every field in the United States. Their pages easily are turned and the print is large.

The secretary of agriculture is a blunder man when bluntness is an essential to imparting a lesson. He does not believe in mollifying men with soft words when hard words are necessary. Politicians do not get any great amount of satisfaction out of him when they are seeking their own ends. Here is a story in point that was written by Arthur W. Page.

"A member of congress from the middle West asked the secretary to get rid of the department agent who was at work in his district. The secretary refused. But that did not end the matter. A local attack hampered the work. The secretary investigated the situation, satisfied himself that the agent was not at fault, and then wrote to the member of congress that the work could not be done properly while his attack was going on, and that under the circumstances the department would withdraw from the district altogether."

"He mailed a copy of this letter to the governor of the state and to the rest of the congressional delegates from that state. They immediately notified him that it would not be necessary to withdraw the agent. The state legislature went even further, and passed a unanimous resolution endorsing the agricultural department's work in the state."

Now it must be understood that when some members of congress cannot do what they like in the way of influencing the heads of the government departments they can resort, if they want to, to the petty revenge of opposing necessary appropriations for enlarging the good work of the department whose secretary has incensed them. Secretary Houston never seems to have worried much about the appropriation matter as it might be affected by the action of men who "knew what they wanted and couldn't get it."

The truth is that the motives of men usually are made plain when it comes to antagonizing good work, and most men are afraid to have their motives turned to the sun. The result is that courageous secretaries of departments in Washington usually have no trouble because they have dared to stand out against purely political importunities.

David Franklin Houston was absolutely unknown in political circles when President Wilson called him to Washington. He was known, however, to educators and to scientific men generally all over the United States.

CONDENSATIONS

Fewer people under twenty and more people over forty-five are now employed in various industries than was the case ten years ago.

Italian scientists recently recorded a temperature of 138 in the victim of a lung disease, the highest figure ever known in a human being.

The first half pint of milk at a milking contains only 1.97 per cent of cream, while the last half pint contains 10.30 per cent.

The descendants of a single pair of rabbits would in four years amount to more than 1,250,000.

Mushrooms have been known to force themselves through a cement sidewalk.

Apparatus has been invented for converting gasoline into illuminating gas and storing it for safe use in places where commercial gas supplies are not available.

An English inventor has solved in a practical way the problem of building an internal-combustion engine in which two pistons are forced apart by explosions between them.

An Italian scientist has developed a method of identification of individuals by means of veins in their hands.

Peat, compressed and formed into sheets, is replacing cork in Germany as an insulating material against heat and cold.

Sylvester Long Lance, who was appointed to West Point, is the first full-blooded Cherokee Indian who has been so honored.

Only 33.13 per cent out of every 100 men that apply for enlistment in the United States navy are accepted.

Capt. Anton G. Thomsen of the Scandinavian-American line steamer Frederick VIII has completed 200 round trips across the Atlantic.

Richard Peitz is the only living official sponsor whose name appears upon the corner stone of the city hall of Philadelphia. The stone was laid July 4, 1874.

Thirty-six hundred students of the University of Pennsylvania are fitted physically to enlist in the United States army.

Patents have been granted for a machine to make imitation stitching on leather that is to be made into shoes.

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To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

Important Omissions. "Shall we go to this particular resort?" "Well, I don't know. The booklet plays up strongly on the sunset, the rainbows, and the cloud effects, but contains very few specifications as to the beds, the bath, and the fodder."

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If baby is troubled with rashes, eczemas, itchings, chafings or hot, irritated skin follow Cuticura Soap bath with light application of Cuticura Ointment to the affected part. Nothing so soothing, cooling and refreshing when he is fretful and sleepless.

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

WHY THE PICTURE WAS THERE Display Not Intended Altogether as a Mark of Regard for Mr. Asquith.

Mr. Asquith's recent visit to France with the British war council has given a great deal of satisfaction to the allies, for the prime minister is very popular on the other side of the channel, and when he paid a visit to the front earlier in the war he was greatly admired by the French soldiers.

But even celebrated politicians are sometimes not "heroes in their own country," as the following anecdote will show:

On one occasion, during an election in England, a lady canvasser in a small countryplace up north called upon a very old dame in a little cottage to solicit her good man's vote for the liberal candidate.

In the front parlor she noticed a framed picture of Mr. Asquith, hanging in a prominent position on the wall.

Greatly pleased with what she took to be the cottagers' interest in liberalism, the canvasser said to the dame, "I am delighted to see that you are a keen admirer of Mr. Asquith."

"Oh," answered the old woman, "I don't know 'oo 'e is. I just put 'im up there because 'e's the living image o' my poor dead father!"—Exchange.

Originally From Siberia. The rhubarb of our gardens is a native of Siberia and for more than 100 years after its introduction into this country was cultivated entirely for the use of the roots in medicine.

Optimistic Thought. Imperfect beings as we are, perfection would kill us.

Modern Plays Must Be Costly. "I have here an idea for a play," said the moving picture author and producer. "In the first reel an all-blow up. In the second an entire road train falls into a gorge. In the third a huge steamer sinks at sea. In the fourth a volcanic eruption covers a city and in the fifth we have a scene calling for 10,000 spectators."

"Entirely too small for a fool with," said the producer of some rapid figuring with a pencil. "That play wouldn't cost more than \$5,000,000 to stage and I'm not considering anything that involves an expenditure of less than \$20,000,000. I trouble with you authors is that you have no imagination!"—Judge.

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Retort. An English bank clerk, who imagined that no one was as clever as he, was recently on a visit to the south of Ireland. It was this young man's greatest pleasure to hold up the "natives" to ridicule on every possible occasion. One morning when he was out for a stroll with some of his friends he met a boy leading a very thin horse along the road and called out:

"Say, Pat, why don't you get inside and fill him out?" "I would sir," said Pat. "If his mouth was as big as yours."—Exchange.

Rare Poise. "Incalculable wealth is represented by the men seated around that table." "Astonishing!" "However, I can't help admiring the sang-froid of the head waiter who is looking after the details of the banquet."

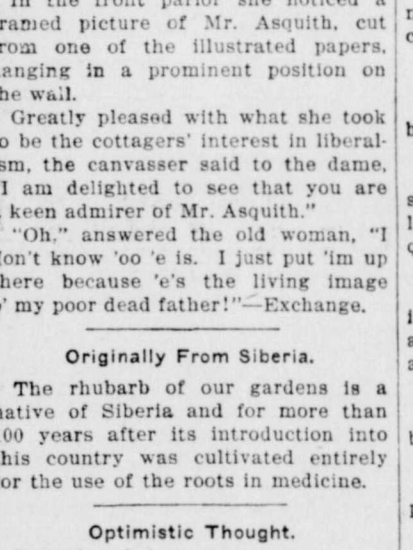
"Yes?" "He couldn't be more condescending if he were the representative of a foreign government here to borrow a billion or two."

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L. C. Hodges is on the sick list.

Frank Cole has been suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Cotten & Davis have put on a delivery wagon.

C. F. McKee was in from his ranch on Kiowa last Saturday. He says range and stock conditions in his part of the country are good. Mr. McKee is planning to build a modern ranch home in the near future. Being an architect and builder himself, it is safe to predict that his home will be an ideal one. These young fellows, who come here with their modern ideas, will be the salvation of West Texas.

Prof. S. Kellogg, this week, purchased Mrs. Lillie Elliott's residence property, on the corner of 4th avenue and Church street.

Jesse Jackson, after an absence of four years, came in this week to visit friends and relatives.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Snow were in from the W. B. Atkinson ranch last Saturday.

J. S. Cole, after several days illness, is at his post again.

The Sterling County Singing Convention will meet here on the fifth Sunday in this month.

Chas. Whitt returned this week from Iron County, where he had been engaged in building a residence for a Mr. Sheen.

POSITION WANTED.—By young married man, 25 years, as Bookkeeper or Stenographer, or both; five years experience. Good references. Box 259, Abilene, Texas.

R. H. Patterson, cashier of the First State Bank of Star, was the guest of his parents, Judge and Mrs. A. V. Patterson, this week.

J. I. Hodges has moved to the residence which he recently purchased from J. W. Hargrave. Mr. Hargrave has moved to the A. L. Pearce residence.

D. L. Slaton shipped a car of alfalfa to San Angelo this week. Mr. Slaton has several cars of prime alfalfa on hand.

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

T. J. Williams, who was moving a small bunch of cattle from Throckmorton County to Upton County, was held up last Saturday by sheriff Dee Davis and forced to dip his cattle under the supervision of state quarantine inspector, Walter Speers. Throckmorton County is a "clean" county, but the fact that the cattle had been driven through Coke County, a "ticky" county, they had to be dipped before they could proceed further.

Those living along the quarantine line should keep a close lookout to see that no cattle from tick infested territory cross it.

Hon. Ed R. Kone, of the State Agricultural Department, spoke to an interested crowd of our citizens, last Saturday, on the subject of eradicating animal pests.

John Canon, the big Pecos wool grower and stockman, sent us a check for ten "bucks" this week. In the corner of the check he wrote: "For Shingles." These kind of men are the salt of the earth, and fortunate is the man who has them for his friends.

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

**HIS CATCH.**

A man with a fishing pole sat on the river bank near the Atchison waterworks intake. "How many have you caught?" some one asked him. "When I get another I'll have one," he replied.

**THE IDEA.**

"So you are going to call on the other end of the family to strengthen their nerve."  
"Yes, so to speak, a weak and visit."

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**OUR PUBLIC FORUM**

**W. D. Lewis**

On Mission of the Farmers' Union



W. D. Lewis, president of the Texas Farmers' Union, whose tenure of office expires by limitation in August, has issued the following farewell statement to the Texas farmers:

"The Farmers' Union stands before the public of Texas today proud as a King; glorying in its achievements and boasting of its possibilities of rendering a service to the men who follow the plow. The Union summons the bugle call of organization, summoning every yeoman to rally around its colors. In business it stands for education and co-operation; in the home it stands for Sully and the babies; in government it stands for constructive statesmanship. At the moment it directs the attention of the farmers to warehousing and financing the present cotton crop. Fellow farmers arise and salute King Cotton, a sovereign in whose reign the prosperity of this State is involved and a ruler whose scepter turns the fleecy fibre into gold. A King at whose loom nature weaves, and an imperial potentate at whose shrine millions kneel and sing his praise. Strike for your home, your family and your country by joining the Union and becoming a part of the great economic force that is uplifting this state and nation. The Farmers' Union is the plowman's hope. Without organization he can neither help himself nor be helped by others, and through organization he is all powerful. When the Texas Farmers' Union holds its annual convention in Houston, August 3rd, every farmer in Texas should pause and bow his head in honor of the men gathered there to render a patriotic and unselfish service to agriculture. This organization, born in the cotton fields of Texas, has grown until, geographically, it covers almost the whole of the United States, and economically, it deals with every question in which the welfare of the men who bare their backs to the summer sun are involved. It has battled for a better marketing system, rural credits, cheap money, diversification, scientific production, agricultural legislation and has carried on its work of education and co-operation in season and out. The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of Texas brings the question of organization squarely before every farmer in this state. The farmers of the nation contribute more and get less from government; than any other class of business. They have better securities and pay a higher rate of interest than any other line of industry. They market more products and have less to say in fixing the price than any other business, and they have had more political buncombe, and less constructive legislation than any other class of people. The farmers can only acquire such influence in business, in government and economics as will enable them to share equitably the fruits of their labor through organization, and every farmer on Texas soil who desires to help himself and his fellow plowmen, should rally around the Union."

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The average cotton production of the world is 13 bales per 1,000 population, and the average for Texas is 1,000 bales per 1,000 population.

Texas has more cotton gins, compresses and cotton seed oil mills than any other state.

**U. S. Agricultural Man is Here**

D. A. Gilchrist, of the U. S. Biological Survey, was here last Thursday demonstrating the compounding of poison for prairie dogs. While here, he made up 43 bushels of grain to be used in poisoning prairie dogs and rats. Quite a number of our ranchmen were present and taking notes.

And on the 5th of next 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 feterita 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.

**Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cushing Entertain**

Last Friday evening the doors of the Cushing home, near Konohasset, were thrown open to about seventy-five guests; and until midnight enjoyment, inspired by that hospitality peculiar to the denizens of West Texas, reigned supreme.

At 8 o'clock the spacious drawing room of the Cushing home, brilliantly lighted and fittingly decorated, was filled with the young and gay who had come from town and country to make obsequence at the shrine of Terpsichore and chase old dull Care to his darkest caverns. The dance was begun with a grand march led by Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Millspeugh, and until the clock struck the hour of midnight the dancers marked time to the strains of sweet music as only the light-hearted West Texan can.

In the meantime, the Cushing table, with its wealth of silver and cut glass, was laden with rich viands, and there each guest enjoyed a banquet, the memory of which will always be a bright spot in his life.

There were those of the guests who did not dance, but they, also, had their entertainment, for Mr. Cushing had provided games and other entertainment in his smoking room, where they enjoyed themselves to the limit.

Guests from Big Springs, Garden City and Sterling, as well as from the neighboring ranches, are a unit in voting Mr. and Mrs. Cushing a pair of royal hosts.

**B. Y. F. U.**

Sunday, January 23

(Company B)

Subject: What Changes did God Work in Me When I was Converted.

Opening exercises by the captain, Finous Conger.

Reports of committees.

Leader in charge: Lesuer Black.

Write subject on blackboard and emphasize it.

Song No. 81.

Short prayer by each member of company in charge of program.

**Scripture quotations:**

John 6:28, by Joe Emery.  
John 6:47, by Elsie Lowe.  
John 5:24, by Nannie E. Davis.  
John 10:27-28, by Mary Tom Allen.  
Eph. 2:8-9, by Elsie Tweedle.  
What Conversion Means. Short talk by Lee Reed.  
God Changes our Minds About Sin. Short talk by Mabel Gamble.  
Our Hearts Have Changed. Short talk by Edith Finney.  
Special song by Allie Lyles and Elsie Tweedle.  
All be present at 2:30, sharp.

**TEXAS FACTS**

**MANUFACTURING.**

We have 228 cotton-seed oil mills in Texas that manufacture \$30,000,000 of products annually.

Fifteen years ago Texas was without a rice mill. We now have 19 of these establishments.

Texas is the second state in the Union in the manufacture of rice.

The Texas rice mills turn out \$8,142,000 of products annually.

There are 372,000,000 pounds of rough rice milled by the Texas plants each year.

The refining of petroleum ranks fifth among other Texas industries and Texas ranks fourth with other states in this respect.

We have 12 malt liquor establishments in Texas that are valued at \$7,027,000.

The annual output of the Texas breweries is valued at \$6,454,000.

The first ice factory ever built in the United States was at Jefferson, Texas.

The cold storage capacity of Texas is 2,500 cars.

There are 182 ice factories in Texas.

There are 143 foundry and machine shops in Texas.

There are 385 bakeries in Texas.

There are 13 cotton mills in Texas.

There are 25 furniture factories in Texas.

There are 67 tobacco and cigar factories in Texas.

Texas has 127 steam laundries.

There are 253 central electric light and power plants in Texas.

In pumping petroleum from the Texas fields to the refineries, 2,100 miles of pipe lines are constantly in use.

The longest oil pipe line in the world is in Texas.

We have 8 oil refineries in Texas.

The known petroleum area of Texas covers 400 square miles.

Port Arthur is the leading oil exporting port of the world.

Texas petroleum and its products enter every market in the world.

The annual petroleum production of Texas is 11,755,000 barrels, valued at \$8,858,000.

Crude and refined oils to the extent of 136,225,000 gallons, valued at \$6,500,000 are exported from Texas ports annually.

The first petroleum production in Texas was in 1889, when 48 barrels were produced in the Corsicana field.

Texas ranks second with other states in asphalt production.

Texas produces 60,000 tons of asphalt annually, valued at \$800,000.

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The Marlin hammerless repeating rifle is a fine-appearing, beautifully-balanced gun, without any objectionable bumps or bumps; no holes on top for gas to blow out through or waste to get to; it freezes 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 gun ever built. Six shots in 12 and 16 gauge, and in 20 gauge.  
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Not Like Him. Crank—Jack Speed, our boss baseball catcher, is playing in vaudeville this winter.

To Fortify the System Against Winter Cold. Many users of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHIN TONIC make it a practice to take a number of bottles in the fall to strengthen and fortify the system against the cold weather during the winter.

Just One Glance. Phyllis—She married for money. Maude—How do you know? Phyllis—I've seen him.

Even the worm will turn—perhaps into a butterfly.

WHY "ANURIC" IS AN INSURANCE AGAINST SUDDEN DEATH!

Sufferers from Backache, Rheumatism and Kidney Trouble. Before an Insurance Company will take a risk on your life the examining physician will test the urine and report whether you are a good risk.

Experience has taught Dr. Pierce that "Anuric" is the most powerful agent in dissolving uric acid, as hot water melts sugar; besides being absolutely harmless it is endowed with other properties, for it preserves the kidneys in a healthy condition by thoroughly cleansing them.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong, sick women well. No alcohol. Sold in tablets or liquid.

BETTER THAN NOTHING.

At Least There Was One Thing in Which Equine "Had One on" the Automobile.

They were speaking of the love that some people have for the old-fashioned when Congressman Harry H. Dale of New York was reminded of the following appropriate incident:

A farmer who lives in one of the back counties was approached by an automobile salesman, but the eloquence handed out made no impression on Uncle Josh.

"Nothin' doin', mister," he said, with an air of finality. "Ye can't beat the boss with one of them things. The boss has the advantage every time."

"You said that before," responded the salesman. "In what particular do you think the horse has the advantage?"

"Wa-al," returned Uncle Josh. "When a boss dies ye kin skin an' git a dollar for his hide."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Couldn't Win Cadetship. Although during war time the standard of the entrance examination for army cadetship has been slightly lowered, it would probably even so prove too severe a test for some of our public men, the London Chronicle observes.

"As I looked through these," the prime minister wrote on returning them. "I could not but feel very grateful that no such examination was necessary to qualify his majesty's ministers for their office, as it would seriously increase the difficulties of forming an administration."

Married Niece—Harry wired me last night. "Financial Aunt—What an absurd expression! As if you were a champagne bottle or a cheap bouquet."

Some men want to make hay in February and cut ice in August.

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Flattery is the stuff dished out to other people—never to us.

One remedy with many uses—Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh. Adv.

Nature Work. "Why do you take a camera when you go fishing?" "Why, old chap, the fish are such Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Dr. B. F. Jackson, Celebrated Physician, handed down to posterity his famous prescription for female troubles. Now sold under the name of "Femenina." Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

Slightly Embarrassing. The public is invited to sympathize with a quiet and retiring citizen who occupied a seat near the door of a crowded street car, when a masterful woman entered.

Madam, gasped the man, as his face became scarlet. "I fear I am not deserving of such an honor."

Intensely Practical. "What is your idea of a practical philanthropist?" "There are various types of practical philanthropists."

Her Notion. "Mandy, you seem to have a mighty fine husband." "Yes, indeed, Ah has, mum, but sometimes Ah can't help wonderin' how fine he would a-been if he'd been unfortunate enough to have married a woman who wasn't strong enough to work."

Does Yours? "I wish you wouldn't contradict me, my dear." "I don't!"

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A WORD ABOUT PEONIES

Peonies should be planted in the autumn early if they are to do well the first year, October being the best time for the work.

Peonies are propagated both by seed and by division; the former plant, however, is lengthy and troublesome, as the majority of a batch of hybrids will be found worthless, and a large plot of ground is necessary as a place of trial.

They can only be obtained true to name by division of the roots; but this should not be attempted until the plant has been in one place for two or three years, as they do much better when undisturbed.

During a drought in summer (particularly when the plant is young) an occasional soaking with water will benefit the peony, and every spring (in March) a mulch of rich soil or holed material should be laid over its roots.

When peonies are grown in a separate bed an edging of daffodils will be effective with the crimson shoots of the peonies in April.

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TRY AMARANTHUS

The amaranthus is a much-neglected plant. It can be made more effective than the canna or the caladium.

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Some House Plants.

DESIRABLE HOUSE PLANTS

By ELIZABETH VAN BENTHUYSEN. Asparagus plumosus is one of the most beautiful pot plants. The dark green leaves are lacelike and fine for cutting.

Asparagus sprengeri is for vases, hanging baskets and brackets. The branches droop gracefully in long, delicate lacelike sprays and are occasionally covered with delicate sweet-scented white blossoms which are succeeded by scarlet berries.

War Relics for Australia. An interesting set of war relics is being collected in Australia. The latest addition to a list that already includes guns and fittings from the Essex is one of the pontoons used by the Turks in the endeavor to cross the Suez canal in their operations against Egypt.

Green as the Plant. Mistriss—Did you water the rubber plant, Mary? New Maid—Why, no, mum; I thought it was waterproof.

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Good Guess. "What sort of play is this we are about to see?" "I can give you some idea of it. The first act shows the heroine in negligee, smoking a cigarette and reading a novel as she reclines in her boudoir."

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