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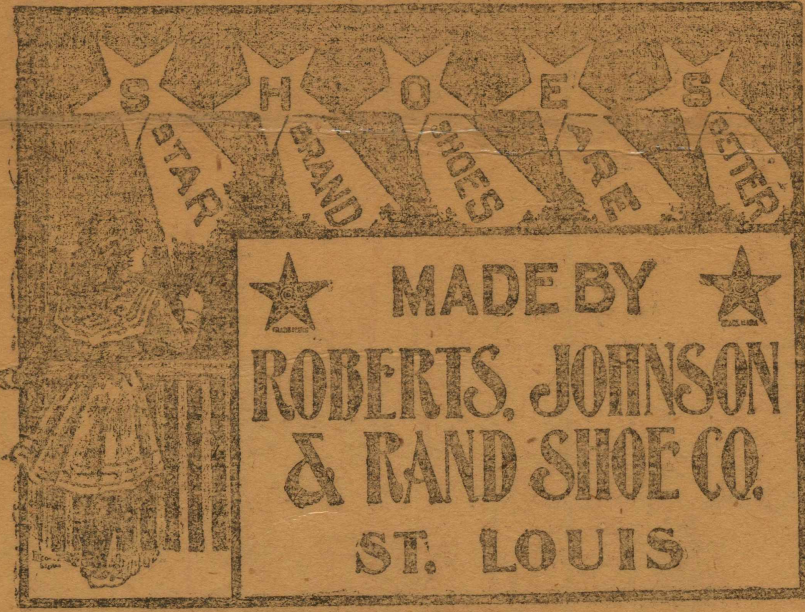
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SONORA, TEXAS. August 25 1900.

#### Belgian Hare Industry.

There is no discount on the Belgian hare as an article of diet. The sleek, bright, active little creature, unfortunately for himself, perhaps, but fortunately for the higher order of animal called man, is admirably adapted to please the palate, satisfy the appetite, and nourish the body of the human race. Probably no better meat is found in any animal within reach of hungry people, says Rural California. It is an easy matter for almost any man who is permanently located in his home to have on hand all the fresh Belgian hare meat needed for himself and family at any time. The simplest and cheapest kind of an enclosure is sufficient to keep and shelter the little animals, and the cost of supplying them with food and drink is not very great. If farmers would eat more fresh, pure hare meat, and less hog product, they would be better off physically and also financially. In buying animals with which to start a rabbitry it is best always to get the finest stock to be had, for they will prove the cheapest in the long run. Twenty-five dollars seem to some people like an enormous price to pay for

a couple of Belgian hares; but if the animals are first class in every respect, and are properly fed and cared for the investment is sure to be a good one.

In this connection it is in order to mention the fact that about three weeks ago R. M. Hatch & Son of Ontario, shipped to San Francisco the largest single lot of hares as yet known to have been sent over the rail anywhere on this coast. The shipment comprised more than 500 animals, of various sizes and ages, all of them being in fine condition. There was a carload, and seldom, if ever, did a railroad car carry so many passengers at one time.

As the Belgian hare industry in California and other coast states has reached enormous proportions, involving the attention of many people and the investment of a large amount of capital, every fact and every wise suggestion pertaining to this growing industry is valuable. It is undoubtedly true that no bred of hares has ever proved quite so profitable as the Belgian. Many of the animals are bred and kept merely for interesting family pets, but the most part they are produced for the more substantial reason that they furnish excellent food for mankind, and at a minimum cost. No other industry in the line of fancy stock raising offers such inducements to persons of limited means, or to the average farmer, fruit grower, poultry raiser, or city residents who have time and room to devote to the business.

Without entering upon a long argument concerning the merits of pure bred stock, we will say that the first step for the beginner in this industry is to study carefully

the disposition and habits of the hare, and then apply such practical common sense and business judgment as would be required in almost any other undertaking. It is of first importance that the best of stock is obtained. The animals should be not less than eight months' old when propagation begins, and they should all the time be well fed and protected from inclement weather, in case such weather is liable to prevail.

There are various ways of building shelters that are satisfactory. In fact, old barns and sheds can often be utilized for a rabbitry to good advantage and at much less cost than the construction of quarters specially for the animals. If new buildings are to be erected and the rabbitry to be conducted on a large scale, the most economical construction of a building would be a shed 18 by 12 feet, 10 feet to the comb, 4 feet to the eaves on each side, hatches 3 feet wide by 4 feet deep, a row on each side of the building, with a passageway in the center of the building. The building may be made tight on all sides except for a door at each end of the passageway, which may be made of wire netting. Wooden floors may be laid in the hatches and a ground floor in the passageway, or the entire surface may be covered with plank. The floor of the hutch should slope toward the back, which will give good drainage. Use an inch and a half mesh and a two-foot wire netting between each hutch, nailed to a rail at the top and a twelve-inch board at the bottom. Cover the entire front of roof with a three-fourth-inch mesh netting. Doors may be provided for each hutch opening into the

passageway. At the rear of each hutch provide a hole opening into the runway outside the building. Arrange a door to cover the hole by having it lap over the hole one inch on each side, with cleats or grooves to hold it in place. By using a cord starting from the door outside of the building and running over pulleys in the passageway inside, the door can be opened and closed at will.

A nesting box should be provided in one corner of the hutch—a box with a hole cut in one end, and a lid half the surface of the top, hinged with leather straps. The nesting box is to be used by the doe for her young. Clean straw or hay must be provided for her to make the nest.

A day or two after the young have appeared raise the lid of the box and examine the litter for dead ones. Also note the number of youngsters.

On the outside of the building runway may be arranged, the width of the hutch by 8 or 10 feet deep. When runways are provided a redwood board should be placed in the ground edgewise around the entire enclosure and between each runway; wire netting should be used around the outside of the enclosure, nailed to a rail at the top and the board at the bottom, netting dividing off the runways. To guard against rats and other small vermin use three-fourth-inch mesh over the top. To guard against cats or dogs use two inch mesh. It is wise to use all precaution against rats, cats, etc. "An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

A very inexpensive hutch may be provided for out of a dry goods box. Take out the end to be used as the front. Make a small door, covering it and the front with wire netting. Set the box to lean toward the rear for drainage, and provide nesting box as already described. Be sure that everything is so arranged that the animals will have plenty of fresh air without draughts.

Experience has proven that successful rearing and best results are not obtained by feeding Belgian hares as you would your swine. Clean and fine dry alfalfa (free from beards), hulled oats, middlings and corn bran have proven to be the best forage for rabbits. A rack should be provided, either independent or fastened to one side of the hutch; also porcelain pudding dishes for grain and water. Keep some kind of grain before them continually. Plenty of pure water is necessary.

When dry feed is used water may be kept before the rabbits at all times, but when green feed is provided no water should be used at all. Green alfalfa can be used to advantage, providing it is not used to excess with water. The alfalfa should be wilted before feeding. By no means feed stale vegetables or sour feed of any kind. Fresh carrots with the tops on are a good thing to feed two or three times a week. Until the young are weaned, keep the water out of their reach.

Many other details less important than those herein mentioned will naturally suggest themselves to any person who devotes to the hare raising business such attention and care as the industry requires in order to insure satisfactory results.

Constipation, impaired digestion and a torpid liver, are the most common ailments that are responsible for that tired, listless, fagged-out feeling that makes the summer a dreaded period to so many people. HERBINE will cure constipation, it improves the digestion and arouses the liver to

Las Vegas, N. M., August 16.—Former United States Senator John J. Ingalls died at East Las Vegas, N. M., at 2:25 a. m. today, surrounded by his wife and two sons, Ellsworth and Sheffield. The funeral will be held in Atchinson, Kan. Senator Ingalls' illness dates from March, 1899, when at Washington his throat began troubling him. He was treated by several specialists without relief and on their advice returned with his family to Atchinson. At home he grew no better. Ten months ago he sought another climate, traveling through New Mexico and Arizona.

#### Labouchere on Americans.

We have a great field for the study of American characteristics at the inauguration of the United States pavilion—a ceremony that was combined with the handing over the building to the French government. The visible sign of transfer was a golden key, with the spread eagle serving for the handle. This symbol of ownership was given to the French President of the exhibition commission, M. Picard.

He was asked by Mr. Peck, the head of the United States commission, to wear it with his other decorations. The ladies were endless. There was not a plain face among the young ones. All were pleasing who were not strikingly pretty. Each seemed in the habit of governing her own life and of finding admiring companions in the unmarried of the other sex. The married people did not mix much with the unmarried. Mr. Simms, however, as secretary to a branch (the press-branch) of the American commission, was attentive to the possible wants and wishes of the lady journalists. He is at the opposite pole of the how-not-to-do-it circumlocution official. Mr. Simms, always knows how to do it, and never seems tired of rendering good offices. Mrs. Simms is an American lady of whom Uncle Sam may be proud. How the old man's heart must often swell with pride and pleasure at the endless noices!

The crowd was stifling. All Americans in Paris were invited through the papers. Of course, there was a "free lunch." That is an essential part of an American afternoon celebration. Sousa's band played. It reminded me of the band one hears at the Tivoli in Hanover and in front of the Casino at Baden-Baden. French police could not appreciate, like our ambassador, American ways. They looked with almost angry

ness of their weather of "American guard." Two of the latter stood laughingly back to back in the middle of the company to see who was the taller. Another pair shook hands across the shoulder of a United States Senator, who, I was told, was a billionaire. He did not seem to resent the freedom of the American guards, but the French policemen did. The inauguration was through and through on democratic parties, and every one seemed to enjoy it. Though guards were so free and hearty, I did not see one that was in the least rough, and all stood back to make way for the ladies. How the latter were idolized, but in a companionable way! The female infant born in the United States draws a good ticket in the lottery of life.

I thought of what Mrs. Beecher Stowe said about the melancholy undertone of George Eliot's novels—"She needs to go and pass a few years in our hearty, laughing, country." Of course, General Horace Porter, United States ambassador, attended the inaugural and transfer ceremony. He is robust of mind and body and most hearty and affable. The general modestly attributes his rapid rise in the United States army to "mortality, not merit." He was on General Grant's staff during the civil war. The polytechnic school here turns out privates. But West Point, where General Porter graduated, does not, I could imagine him achieving splendid successes as a political orator during the canvass for the Presidency. He has the off-hand manner, the far-reaching voice, the original forms of speech and the fine spirits that carry all before them at a convention out West. And yet no professional diplomat could beat General Porter in a close game in which American as against other interests were the stakes. He is intensely shrewd and could not be indiscreet.

General Noyes, who served also under General Grant and was United States minister here, was a of kindred mind, spirit, physique and disposition. I believe he was a lawyer before he went into the army. His robust, old-fashioned, somewhat florid and original speaker were racy of Ohio soil and delightful.—London Truth,

## CHAS. SCHREINER.

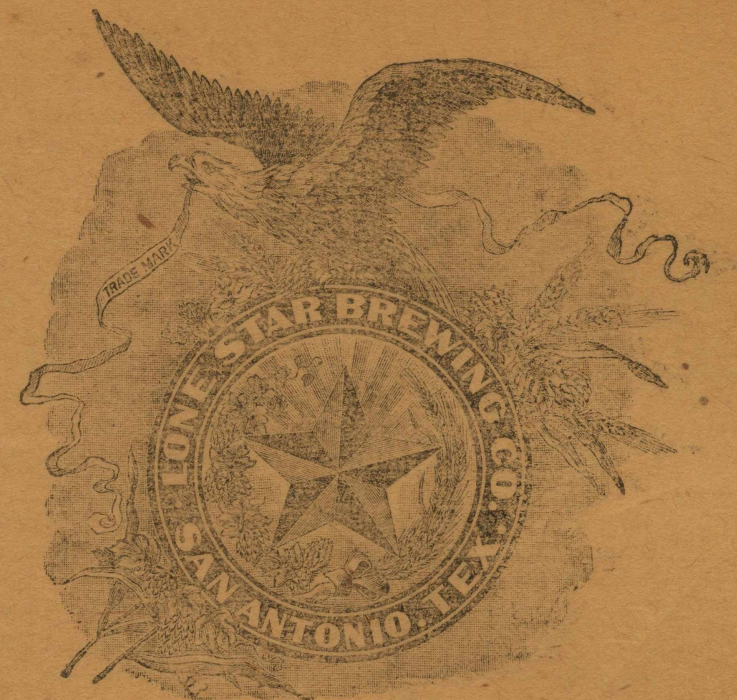
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By the courtesy of Edgar Saunders, assessor of Taxes for Sutton county, the News herewith gives a synopsis of the valuations, taxes, the purposes for which assessments are made and the rate of taxation of Sutton county.

The total valuations last year were \$1,521,434 and the total tax \$15,081.72 showing an increase this year in valuations \$102,265, and \$619.25 in taxes.

Resident roll—76,673 acres of land value \$87,514; value of Sonora property \$79,556; horses and mules \$3,998, value \$41,115; cattle \$4,205, value \$81,966; jacks and Jennets 77, value \$341; sheep 56,649, value \$18,213; goats 6,889, value \$12,959; hogs 966, value \$140,000.

Telephone line value \$500. Total valuations of county \$1,632,749. The total state and county tax due from the above rolls is \$15,559.97.

Don't Want To Talk Peace.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20—The American reply to China's latest appeal for a cessation of hostilities received today from Mr. H. C. Coing, has not yet been made known, and it is likely that the matter will be one of the main subjects of consideration at the Cabinet meeting tomorrow.

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Georgetown, Ky., August 18.—We, the jury, find the defendant guilty and fix his punishment at confinement in the penitentiary for the rest of his natural life.

This was the wording of the verdict in the case of ex-Secretary of the State Caleb Powers, charged with being an accessory before the fact of the murder of William Goebel.

When the verdict of guilty was returned, Powers, for the first time during the weary six weeks of the trial, betrayed his feelings. Under all of the trying incidents of the trial he had maintained a changeless expression, the same whether things were going favorable or against him.

"Have you made a verdict, gentlemen?" inquired the court.

"We have," the jurors assented, and at the same time Mr. Stone the foreman, passed the verdict to the clerk, who read it aloud.

Powers, always pale, grew ghastly as soon as the verdict was read, and his face betokened great mental anguish. This was only for a few seconds, however, and then, somewhat regaining his composure, he turned to the Misses Dangerfield, who had been in conversation with him, and said: "I was not expecting that."

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Capt. Wilde nodded and answered: "Well, I am a bit embarrassed just now; but there is ammunition aboard and my guns are in excellent condition."

The Icelanders have a most curious custom, and a most effectual one, of preventing horses from straying, which is entirely peculiar to this island. Two gentlemen, for instance are riding together without attendants, and wishing to alight for the purpose of visiting some object at a distance from the road, they tie the head of one horse to the tail of the other, and the head of his to the tail of the former.

More over, while Li Hung Chang asks that the allies cease hostilities, he gives no assurance that he has the power to make the Chinese army and the rebellious Boxers cease their hostilities.

A tale of horror and bloodshed was told yesterday at the Fourth Street Recruiting Station by Alexander Grant, late a private in Company D of the Sixth regiment, United States infantry.

Grant, whose home is at 1535 Vine street enlisted with the Sixth at the opening of hostilities with Spain, and saw much service in the Philippines. He but recently returned from the islands, he having received on the 20th of May his honorable discharge.

He declared yesterday that the things he saw on the islands and the orders he was compelled to carry out, have sickened him of all desire for army life.

"During all my services in the Philippines," he said, "about all Company D did was police duty on the island of Negros, where most of the Sixth is. Most of the time we were in and around the town of Isabella, where we had a little scrap with a band of Filipinos. Shortly after that battle, or skirmish—for only one man of the company was wounded, and we had been re-enforced by some of Company K—we got into a little town some miles west of Isabella. We were ordered to search the town for proof against the fellow they call by some peculiar name in that country, who occupies the position of chief of police of the town, as it was suspected by the officers that he had been assisting the rebels.

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"Every word I have spoken is the God's truth, and my story will be vouched for by any and every man who was in company D. Why, just before I left one of the men was to be court-martialed for bringing home about 500 Filipinos who had been receiving."

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A Bold Fraud.

A man passing under the name of C. W. Fisher presented a draft to the Uvalde National Bank on Thursday afternoon for forty-five hundred dollars.

"If our representative, Mr. Fisher, calls, please notify to go ahead and contract for balance of Moore cattle."

When Mr. Fisher presented his draft, he also presented a telegram from John Woods Sons, San Antonio, saying, "We will advance forty-five hundred, your wire came."

"I was discharging on May 20 and was kept at Isabella for ten days and again at Iloilo ten days longer. The excuse given was that there was no transport to take me to Manila. Finally I paid my own way there, and after waiting around there until about the middle of July was allowed to sail on the United States transport Warren for San Francisco.

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WELINGTON CLUB WHISKEY is the finest article that has ever sailed over the San Angelo bars. No headache guaranteed. For sale only at the Corner Saloon San Angelo.

Extreme hot weather is a great lax upon the digestive power of babies; when puny and feeble they should be given a dose of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. Price, 25 cents at J. Lewenthal drug store.

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Sonora, Texas, - August 25, 1900

#### Announcements.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is authorized to announce the following candidates for the office specified.

#### FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

S. T. Taylor as a candidate for election to the office of District Attorney of the 31st Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

#### For Treasurer.

John R. Word as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

Basil M. Hubert as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county, at the ensuing election.

M. Y. Sharp as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

D. H. Burroughs as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

#### For County Judge.

J. F. Cannaday as a candidate for election to the office of County Judge of Sutton County at the ensuing election.

J. O. Rountree as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of Sutton county, at the ensuing election.

W. A. Anderson as a candidate for election to the office of Judge of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

#### Sheriff and Tax Collector.

Sam Merck as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

P. A. Danforth as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

#### District and County Clerk.

T. C. Cabill as a candidate for election to the office of District and County Clerk of Sutton county.

J. B. Hill as a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of Sutton county.

S. H. Stokes as a candidate for election to the office of District and County Clerk of Sutton county.

#### For Tax Assessor.

E. C. Saunders as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

#### For County Attorney.

Randolph Robertson as a candidate to the office of County Attorney of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

#### For Surveyor.

John McNeal as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Surveyor of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

#### Justice of the Peace.

D. B. Woodruff as a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 1 Sutton county, Texas, at the ensuing election.

#### Commissioner.

D. B. Woodruff as a candidate for election to the office of Commissioner for Precinct No. 1 Sutton county, at the ensuing election.

#### For Constable.

Henry Sharp, as a candidate for the office of Constable of Precinct No. 1 at the November election.

#### \$100. Reward.

I will give one hundred dollars to learn who threw a rock into my house on the night of July the 4th.

W. A. ANDERSON.

## E. S. BRIANT,

PROPRIETOR OF THE

### SONORA DRUG STORE,

#### SOLICITS YOUR TRADE

NEW STOCK OF DRUGS AND DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES.

NEW STORE IN ALLISON BUILDING.

PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED BY OTIS MITCHELL.

I KNOW YOUR WANTS AND WANT YOUR TRADE.

Ice, Ice, at C. M. Deere.

Jim Lebew is in Sonora the week laid up for repairs.

Will Ogle and family were in from the Whitehead ranch Tuesday shopping.

If you want to buy stock, ranch or town property, see Caruthers & Allison's list for sale at a bargain.

L. A. Reed of Lampasas and Llano, was in Sonora Tuesday attending to some business.

Joe Wyatt the well-to-do young stockman was in town Monday attending to court.

12 1/2c Dimity for 7c. Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Dr. J. M. Newman, a Magnetic healer of San Angelo, is in Sonora and has his office at the Traweck Hotel.

Chris Hagerstein senior member of the firm of C. & G. Hagerstein Co. of San Angelo, was in Sonora Monday attending to business.

Sam Palmer the sheepman was in from his sheep on Dry Devil's River this week on a visit to his family. Says his sheep are in fine fix.

Try Echo Springs whiskey, it is a strictly hand made sour mash and can be depended upon in sickness and for family use. Satisfaction guaranteed. It can be had at the Bank Saloon. 90-1f

Mrs. C. C. Yaw is entertained at her home on Middle Valley ranch, 20 miles east of Sonora. Mrs. Dudley Tom and daughter, Miss Mamie Sue, and Miss McConnell. -San Angelo Enterprise.

Plump cheeks, flushed with the soft glow of health, and a pure complexion make all women beautiful. HERBINE imparts strength and vitality to the system, and the rosy hue of health to the cheeks. Price, 50 cents at J. Lewenthal drug store.

John McKee the stockman from Gunzer ranch is in Sonora this week getting his head worked over by Dr. Taylor.

H. F. Williams, who went to New Mexico, with E. F. Smiths sheep, was in Sonora this week enjoying himself.

Mr. and Mrs. El Decie and children were in Sonora Thursday on their way home to the ranch, from a visit to San Angelo.

Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns and bruises which heal slowly. **PERU LINIMENT** is applied. Pains, 25 and 50 cents at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Walter McDonald left for Palestine, by way of Dal Rio Tuesday. Walter was accompanied as far as Dal Rio by Miss Causey and Miss Pearl Mills and Clyde Mills.

Dr. J. D. Fields left for his home in Manor, Travis county Thursday, after spending a few days at the ranch of his son W. J. Fields. The doctor says this country is in fine shape.

HERBINE clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, cures headache, regulates the stomach and bowels, stimulates the liver, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of the health. Price 50 cents, J. Lewenthal, druggist.

San Angelo has decided to have the following attractions at the Fair Grounds on the 15th, 16th and 17th days of October: First—a cattle show; second—a cattle roping contest; third—a gun club shoot, fourth—a horse, mule and jack show, fifth—a sheep and goat show; sixth—a horse race, seventh—riding contests. They have about \$1,500.00 to be given in prizes.

For mosquito bites, or stings of insects, animals or reptiles, apply **BALTIMORE'S SNOW LINIMENT**. It counteracts the poison in the wound, subdues the inflammation and heals the flesh. Price, 25 and 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal drug store.

Miss Millie Phillips arrived Saturday from Comanche en route to Sonora, to visit her sister, Mrs. T. D. Newell. She will also take charge of a music class at Sutton's bustling capital city. Miss Millie is a musician of rare attainments, and a young lady of most lovable character, and we feel sure that the big-hearted Sonorites will extend to her a warm and generous welcome. -San Angelo Enterprise.

**The Appetite of a Goat.**

Is envied by all whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. But such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, give a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c at E. S. Briant's Drug Store.

Miss Winnie Buchanan returned from a visit to friends in Ozona, last Friday.

J. W. Hill the well known lawyer of Rock Springs, was in Sonora for a few days this week attending county court.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K.

DEVILO'S RIVER NEWS:

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Very Respectfully,  
Mrs. Lovelace and Mrs. Sessum.

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That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25c. Money back if not cured. Sold by E. S. Briant Druggist.

#### Commissioners Court.

The Honorable Commissioners court of Sutton county met in regular session at court house in Sonora on Monday Aug. 13th with J. O. Rountree county judge presiding. R. U. Dawson, S. H. Stokes, Geo. J. Trainor, A. A. Williamson, commissioners of precincts Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively being present and E. S. Briant sheriff and J. B. Hill clerk in attendance.

The quarterly reports of the following officers were examined and approved D. B. Woodruff, Justice of the peace Precinct No. 1; W. A. Anderson, county attorney; E. S. Briant, tax collector; J. B. Hill, county clerk; R. M. Farquhar road overseer precinct No. 1, and account for \$80 allowed.

Report of D. T. J. Dodson health officer and account, for quarantine purposes allowed quarterly report of county Treasurer W. H. Cusenbary by E. S. Briant approved.

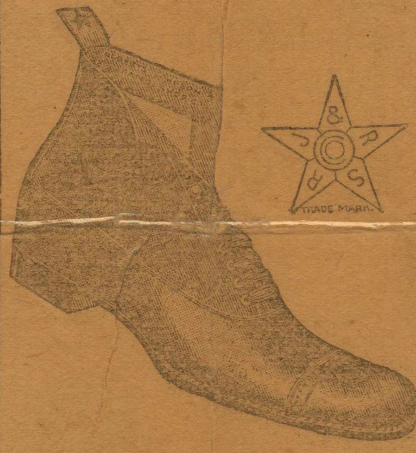
Ordered that \$525 be transferred from Court House fund to general fund and that \$200 be transferred from the Road and Bridge fund to the general fund.

The tax roll for 1900 presented by County Assessor E. C. Saunders, examined and approved being found correct in every particular.

The order of November term, agreeing to pay T. D. Newell of the Sonora water works \$50 per annum for fire protection was revoked and the Court entered another order agreeing to pay T. D. Newell \$40 per annum.

The court allowed the following account necessitated by the quarantine: D. T. J. Dodson \$25; Tom Camp \$8; Henry Sharp \$8; Frank Galloway \$5; W. H. Lightfoot \$45; Jim Pettigrew \$32; Fred Trainer \$28; W. D. Thoman \$42.50; Hagerlund Bros & Co. \$7.65; E. F. Vander Stucken Co. \$11.20; J. A. Ozon \$8.10; Telephone Co. by C. M. Deere \$5.50, making a total of 243.95.

#### HEAD QUARTERS FOR THE



#### HAGERLUND BROS. & CO.

Kuykendall Bros. the tank builders were in Sonora this week from Whiteheads ranch.

Roland Sandherr was married to Miss Mary Crockett of Sheffield, last week, at Fort Stockton.

There will be an election at Ozona, on Dec. 11th 1900 to see about building a \$80,000 court house

#### It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, etc. the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cts. Sold by E. S. Briant, druggist.

Dick Turney the cattleman from the Black water hole neighborhood, in Edwards county, was in Sonora last week on a visit to his daughter Mrs. J. C. Barksdale Jr.

Special price for Ladies' Home Journal and Saturday Evening Post at the Postoffice. Both publications for \$2.

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Tom Gentry and Henry Wetjen were in from the Gentry ranch Saturday for their week's supply.

Ladies' Home Journal and Saturday Evening Post, both for \$2 per year. Subscribe now at Post Office. This offer is limited.

E. E. Sawyer was in from his Fort Terrett ranch, Monday attending county court.

Cost sale on summer dress goods at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Sam Foot the well known lawyer of Ozona, was in Sonora this week attending county court.

Dr. T. J. Dodson left on Thursday morning stage for Bartlett, on a business trip.

When you want a nice cool glass of beer and a quiet, orderly place to sit down and rest or read, go to the Bank Saloon. Your patronage will be appreciated and the service will be the best. 90-1f

J. A. Schwabe the stockman was in Sonora Thursday attending to some business.

Alex McGonagill returned from his trip to El Paso and other points Saturday, and says he had a fine time.

#### SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL FAIR

OPENS OCTOBER 20,  
Closes November 2, 1900.

Ed Bleeker representing Mrs. Alice Caldwell of San Angelo, was in Sonora Thursday attending to some business.

Miss Amelia Caraway, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. I. N. Brooks for a few weeks, left for her home in Robert Lee, Tuesday.

#### To Whom It May Concern.

Owing to the increase in the price of groceries, meats, provisions, etc., we the undersigned, feel compelled to raise the price of meals served at our respective houses; therefore on and after this date the price charged for meals will be 35 cents.

Very respectfully,  
G. T. KIRKLAND.

Mrs. ADA STEWART  
Mrs. LAURA DEKKE  
Sonora, Texas, August 15th, 1900

Dan Wallace a prominent farmer of McGregor, Tex. is here on a visit to his cousin Sam Merck. Mr. Wallace has some cattle out at Sams, and came out to see how they were getting along and to see the country. Mr. Wallace is very much pleased with this country.

#### WALTER WHITE.

Windmill Builder and Repairer.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

Shop at M. V. Sharp's Blacksmith shop.

Sonora, Texas.

T. J. E-py the cattleman left last week on a visit to Lampasas.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hurst intend leaving today on a months pleasure trip to the Alpine country.

The News is indebted to Oscar Ruffini, the San Angelo architect and to Ira Wheat the Edwards county cattleman for the return of copies of the News of July 28th.

T. E. Thrasher of Travis county, arrived in Sonora Saturday. Mr. Thrasher went out to the Rountree & Tayloe ranch to look after some cattle he is interested in with W. C. Page.

Austin Callan, the talented editor of the Menard County Enterprise and wielder of one of the most versatile quills in West Texas Journalism, was in Sonora last Saturday for the purpose of accompanying home Mrs. Callan, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Calhoun. Mr. Callan met many old Coleman friends during a short evening in town.

The News regrets to learn that Hood Murchison the Schleicher county cattleman, notice of whose serious illness appeared in the News last week, departed this life at Uvalde, on Tuesday August 21st and was buried at Uvalde Aug. 22. The News extends its sympathy to the relatives friends and family of deceased.

Piles are not only in, and of themselves very painful and annoying, but often grave and painful affections, and should, therefore not be neglected. TABLER'S BUCKEY PILE OINTMENT is a great boon to sufferers as it will cure them. Price, 50 cents in bottle. Tubes, 75 cents at J. Lewenthal drug store.

## THE SAN ANGELO NATIONAL BANK,

SAN ANGELO, TEX.

Capital - - - - - \$100,000.  
Surplus and Profits - - - - - \$83,946.97.

Offers to Depositors all the Accommodations which their Balances, Business and Responsibility Justify.  
M. L. MERTZ, President. C. W. HOBBS, Vice-President.  
A. A. DeBerry, Cashier.

#### FIRST NATIONAL BANK, -OF- SONORA, TEXAS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF  
COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. JUNE 28, 1900.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SONORA, in the town of Sonora, in the County of Sutton and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking.

Now therefore I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Sonora," in the town of Sonora, in the County of Sutton and State of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In Testimony Whereof witness my hand and Seal of office this twenty-eighth day of June, 1900.  
T. P. KANE,  
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the currency.  
No. 5466.

Sam Goiman was in from the Sam Merck ranch this week.

Best quality oats, hay, flour and bacon can be found at C. M. Deere's. 90

Dave Chesser was in from the ranch Wednesday on business.

Fred Koenig, Johnnie Johnson and E Jackson were in from the Koenig ranch Monday.

G. H. Allen the tank builder, was in from the Whitehead ranch Monday for supplies.

Mat Kerns and Mrs. B. F. Byrd were in Sonora Monday shopping.

Bob Martin sold about 250 head of stock cattle to Green Justice at \$15 per head.

J. D. Russell the stockman from the South Llano, was in Sonora Monday on county court business.

The Alliance Milling company of Denton, Texas, received a gold medal at the Paris Exposition for the best exhibit of soft-wheat flour.

Try the El Principal cigar for sale at the Bank Saloon. 90-1f

Miss Millie Phillips of Stephenville, arrived in Sonora Monday on a visit to her sister Mrs. T. D. Newell.

Jim O Taylor the well known stockman from the Juno country, was in Sonora Tuesday attending to some business.

Mrs. Maggie Clark and children and Miss Annie Adams left for Sanderson Tuesday, where they will locate, their brother John Adams accompanied them.

Geo Howell of the well drilling firm of Smith & Howell was in from the drill Monday. They are drilling for Decie & Miers on Mail Trail on Dry Devil's River and are down 225 ft.

Ranchmen see my D. P. Flour before buying elsewhere, its the best, C. M. Deere.

#### First Class Board. DAY, WEEK or MONTH, at Mrs. Ada Stewart's

Two doors south of Postoffice.

Mike O'Meara and Thos. Savell made a business trip to Ozona, last week

Chris Wyatt the stockman was in Sonora Tuesday and took his family out to the ranch.

## THE RED FRONT LIVERY - STABLE,

H. C. HUNT, Proprietor.

## J. LEWENTHAL,

CHEMIST and DRUGGIST.

PERFUMERY, FANCY TOILET ARTICLES, PIPES, CIGARS, WINDOW  
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A CATHEDRAL.  
The minister's mystic walls appear  
In times rich hues against the sky;  
Fair censures that year by year  
Have watched slow centuries go by.  
Within such perfect calm doth reign  
As by no word may be expressed;  
For, though without men war with pain,  
Here weary souls awhile may rest;  
And, resting, gather strength anew  
Mid dim memories of the past;  
The faith our fathers held holds true  
Of'er divine ways lover's light to cast.  
-M. Paine in *Clanahan's Journal*.

### HAVE EYES AND SEE NOT.

Everyday Matters That Some People  
Seem Never to Notice.

"Can you tell me if collections of the mail are made today?" asked an elderly man of a young man in a Pennsylvania avenue news store last Sunday.

"Yes, there are several collections made in this city on Sunday," was the answer.

"Do you know the hour?"  
"My friend, in front of this store is a mail box, and on the front of it is to be found a card with the hours of daily collection neatly tabulated. Examine it."

"Thanks."  
"This is an example why some of the old men are pushed to the wall in the struggle for life and why it is not always the old practitioner who is the best," said the young man. "For a man of apparently 70 to ask in the city of Washington such a question as that gentleman just addressed to me is little short of criminal and well exemplifies how woefully deficient some people are with reference to matters of common knowledge which ought to be in the possession of every schoolboy at the age of 10."

"There are certain wrinkles of metropolitan life that some people seem never to grasp. The running leeway of the street cars, their termini, the streets through which they pass and the districts they trip, the running time between Washington and the principal cities of the railroads, a thorough knowledge of the environments of the city, the minor questions of the mail service and a thousand and one matters which, if not directly acquired by learning, should be by absorption, ought to be at the finger tips of every person who enjoys the privilege of metropolitan life."—Washington Star.

**Fixed For Her Photo.**  
Many a refusal to sit for a picture has been given because of a knowledge of advancing years and fading beauty. It remains for the Devonshire folk, however, to give a new point on "making a good thing better." The portrait of Gould's "Book of the West" supplies the incident.

The looks of Devonshire and Cornish lassies are proverbial. A complexion of peaches and cream, a well proportioned body and well molded features are the characteristics. West country women, as they are called, cannot forget they were once young.

A woman of 75 years was brought forward to be photographed by an amateur. No words of address could induce her to speak until the operation was completed. Then she put her fingers into her mouth.

"She said: 'You wouldn't 'ave me took w' my cheeks failed in? I just stuffed The Western Moraine News into my mouth to fill 'a out.'  
**Battery Place.**  
Battery place is the traditional spot where, on May 6, 1626, the Indian owners of Manhattan bartered it to the Dutch for beads worth 60 guilders.  
As early as 1893, there being a war with the French, it was proposed that the outmost point of rocks under the fort be designated as a suitable place for a battery, and the council was called upon by Governor Fletcher to furnish 38 cords of stockades, 12 feet in length, for the purpose of building same."  
In 1785 a really imposing battery, with a no less imposing title, "The George Augustus Royal Battery," was erected by Governor Cosby, and "The Battery" has remained on our city map ever since, associated though it has been with the pleasures of peace to a much greater extent than with the art or practice of warfare.—New York Sun.

**Squelching an Encore Plead.**  
The long, solemn gentleman with the piercing eyes looked gently on the shoulder of the encore band in front of him.

# DONTI WOMEN.

Don't write to a woman, when the roof leaks. Write to a carpenter. Don't write to a woman when the water pipe bursts. Write to a plumber. Don't write to a woman when you are sick, write to a doctor. But why such superfluous advice? Simply to call attention to the fact that "women" who are not qualified physicians offer medical advice, in advertisements worlded in such a deceptive manner that you are apt to overlook the important fact that the woman is not a physician.

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**When Not to Keep Books.**  
She decided that the only way to run a house economically was to keep a set of books, so she made all necessary purchases, including a bottle of red ink, and started in.

It was a month later when her husband asked her how she was getting along.  
"Splendidly," she replied.  
"The system is a success, then?"  
"Yes, indeed. Why, I'm \$60 ahead already."  
"Sixty dollars!" he exclaimed. "Heavens! You'll be rich before long. Have you started a bank account?"  
"No, not yet."  
"What have you done with the money?"  
"Oh, I haven't got the money, you know! That's only what the books show. But just think of being \$60 ahead!"

"Um, yes! But I don't exactly see—" "And all in one month too!"  
"Of course. But the money? What has become of that?"  
"I don't exactly know," she said doubtfully. "I've been thinking of that, and I think we must have been robbed. What do you think we had better do about it?"

He puffed his pipe in solemn silence for a moment and then suggested: "We might stop keeping books. That's easier than complaining to the police."—Atlanta Constitution.

**The Lecturer's Blunder.**  
One of the institutions of New York that are praised by all the public without reserve is the course of free lectures in the public schools. These lectures are given before splendid audiences and, as a rule, by persons of veracity and intelligence. Occasional, however, in one to get a lecture on a rare subject great risks are run.

Recently a lecture was given by a person who had been on an excursion to the North cape. Among other wonderful things he saw there was the eclipse of the sun. He gasped for breath as he told of the weirdly grand sight. He told of the streamers of fire that blazed from the obscured orb to all quarters of the heavens. But his frenzy carried him too far for a public school audience, for he declared that among the stars made visible in the midst of day he saw the planets circling in their courses. He even called the planets that he saw by name, but he made a fatal mistake. He said he saw Neptune.

This statement called for a round of scarsest applause that he mistook for commendation, for he smiled in a happy way as it echoed through the halls. Evidently he did not know that Neptune is invisible except with the most powerful telescope.—New York Mail and Express.

**Saved His Honor.**  
"Vat ces est, Jean?"  
"Monsieur, ze doctaire comes today to vaccinate monseur."  
"Nevaire! I vill die first! Eot ces degrading! Eot ces an insult!"  
"But, monseur, cet ces also ze law."  
"Shameful! How can I suffer a beast of a doctaire vil hoes brutal weapon to stab me—me, ze Count de Mouscalong? Nevaire!"  
"But cet ces ze law, monseur."  
"Perfidious law! Ah, I have eot! I have eot now! Beautiful! Listen! You vill prepare ze swords!"  
"Ze swords, monseur?"  
"Prepare ze swords. On ze point of zis sword, monseur, ze doctaire vill rub his vaccinee matiere. See? Zen he vill diffaire from me on a question. I vill feel insulted, I will challenge ze doctaire. He will accept, naming swords as ze weapons. We will fight at once, and here ze doctaire takes ze prepared swords. See? One, two, three. Ze doctaire pricks me slightly in ze arm. Ha, ha! Honor is satisfied! I am vaccinee!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

# MADDENED ELEPHANTS.

The Great Beasts Often Driven Wild by Feared Tusk Aches.

"Zanzibar," said Robert Crawford, "is the greatest market for South African Ivory, which is brought there in large quantities from the interior. This Ivory is placed in large warehouses from which it is either sold at once or else held therein for a better market. The man in charge of these warehouses was a very interesting character, an expert in Ivory. He told me many curious things about it and among others pronounced the following theory as an explanation of why elephants go mad and occasionally run amuck."

"In the warehouse were a pair of magnificent tusks, measuring fully 14 feet from tip to tip, which in life must have been carried by a veritable Goliath among elephants. The expert in showing me these tusks pointed out the flawless and natural meniscus flow. When once this important function is started, a healthy life will usually follow. Many women, young and old, owe their lives to Wine of Cardui. There is nothing like it to give women freedom from pain and to fit young women for every duty of life. \$1.00 bottles at druggists."

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# WINE OF CARDUI

### FISHES WITH LUNGS.

QUEER CREATURES THAT LIVE ON LAND OR IN WATER.

One Specimen That Lives Burred Under the River Bed During the Dry Season—India's Clamming Perch and Slan's Inland Trout.

Every one knows that most fishes breathe in a different manner from that of the greater number of animals and that they get the oxygen necessary for their life from the water and not directly from the atmosphere. Water dissolves a certain amount of oxygen, and the gills of fishes take this out of the water as air lungs take it from the mixed air we breathe. The gills are bundles of fine blood vessels, covered by a delicate membrane that permits oxygen to pass through it to the blood so long as it is moist, but usually when a fish is taken out of water the gills dry, and suffocation follows.

The gills are very thin and may be torn or injured by slight violence. Mud, sand, sawdust, or any of the many similar impurities in water may irritate or irritate them, so nature has put filters, like combs, just in front of them to strain such foreign matters out of the water before reaching the real gills. These filters are called "gill rakers" and act as do the gratings put over gutters to hold back trash that might clog them.

These are the lung fishes, or dipnoi, as naturalists call them, and the accounts of them seem to border on the marvellous. In one group of these animals the "swim bladder" is a kind of lung instead of a mere float, as it is in most fishes, and in some strange fishes in India there is a hollow space in the skull that acts as a lung, the walls of it having clusters of blood vessels about it, just as the vesicles of our lungs have. These fishes can bury themselves deep in the mud when the dry season comes on and live through it till the rains fill the rivers again.

A fish in the Gambia river makes a cocoon of mucus and mud, in which it has been brought from Senegambia to London, where the cocoon was gently washed off and the fish found to be living. The naturalist Nuttall discovered a similar fish in the Amazon, but this one, the lepidosteus of science, is one of the rarest specimens in museums.

In the United States there is a fish, the bowfin, that can be drowned by stretching a net below the surface of the water so that it cannot get to air. Dr. Hector, the government geologist of New Zealand, reported finding some fish about 3/8 inches long among the roots of trees at a depth of four feet in soft mud. "This genus," he says, "they were found in some 37 feet above the Hokitika river, where there had been a backwater during a time of flood. The mud fishes are common in New Zealand, and the early settlers were surprised to dig up fish with their potatoes, as farmers on Long Island are said to be in doubt whether their spades will unearth potatoes or clams.

The most famous of the lung fishes is the climbing perch of India that has often been found several feet up the mangroves. These animals migrate overland when their own streams fall dry and are caught in great numbers by the natives, to whom they are great delicacies. Ceylon has several species of them. The island is dotted over with beds of thick, chocolate colored mud, covered by a sod of reeds and grasses, and this mud teems with fish. The Cingalese clear off a space and wait till the fish come up to fill their air bladder, when they catch them in strong dip nets.

Sir John Bowring says that some lung fishes in Siam go as much as three miles from water and that they have been seen flapping along a dusty road.

# THE HOSPITAL DOCTOR.

Why He Did Not Visit the Patient Who Was Dying.

Hospital doctors were under discussion. Every man in the party had had hospital experience at some time or another, and each had a good word for his particular doctor when the discordant man came in. "I tell you what it is," said he; "there are some mighty cold blooded men among them. I was in one of the big hospitals not long ago, visiting a doctor friend of mine. It was night and there was not much going on. There were four or five doctors besides my friend around, and some one suggested a game of poker."

"We hadn't been playing long when a nurse knocked at the door and said, 'Doctor, I think the patient in No. 8 is dying; won't you come?' 'Yes, right away,' said the doctor. 'I'll draw three cards.' He filled his hand and played it, and he kept right on playing for about 15 minutes, when there came another knock at the door and the nurse said: 'Really, doctor, that man's condition is very serious. I know he's dying; won't you come?' The doctor said: 'Yes, yes, oh, I forgot; I'll be there in just a minute—I'll raise you a quarter, doc!'"

"Well, he played that hand out the next one, and then he said he guessed he'd go see the patient. The nurse met him half way down the stairs and told him the man was dead. Now, what do you think of that?"

"Well, they get hardened, they see so much suffering," said one of the party apologetically.

"If he'd gone when he was first called, he probably couldn't have done anything to save the man's life," said the second.

"Yes," said the discordant man, "but just as a matter of form he might have quit after he filled that first hand."

"He might," assented all the party. "But the man was going to die anyway."—New York Sun.

### A QUEER OCCUPATION.

Gathering the Down of Cattails in the Jersey Meadows.

One of the queerest industries has grown up on the Hackensack meadows, an otherwise apparently useless bog upon which it is unsafe for man or beast to venture. In the summer certain parts of the meadows are covered with a dense growth of cattails. They grow particularly rank and large. Sometimes the tall, or furry part, is a foot or more long and thick in proportion. This part, furry down is long and soft, bearing a close resemblance to down when first taken from the stalk.

Certain people always more or less quick to see the advantages of a waste product have begun gathering the seed down from cattails and are making it a considerable business. Just before the ice is gone in the spring is the time selected. Provided with a large sack in which to store the feathery products, the gatherer goes about among the tall grass, pulls off the down, deposits it in his sack and takes it home. It is not a particularly pleasant piece of work, because the little bit of down for all over one, getting in the eyes, the nose, the mouth and ears, and completely cover one's clothing. But it furnishes work for men and women.

It is taken from the sack, carefully spread where it will dry thoroughly, and it is then ready to be used in pillows or wherever else genuine animal down is advisable. It doesn't last long, because its fibers lack elasticity, but for a time the pillow will be as soft as any.

Those who gather it make reasonably fair pay at it, though hardly enough when the danger and the disagreeable character of the work are considered.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

**The Cat Catcher.**  
The dog catcher is not the only person in the city who is sincerely hated by both man and animal. There is a cat catcher as well, and he comes in for his full share of antipathy. He makes a living at the business, and a very good one, it is said. Few are aware of the fact that pussy's fur is a very desirable article of commerce. There are many number of dealers in this city who are glad to pay all the way from 50 cents to \$1 for a cat's skin, according to size and quality. The method of catching the unsuspecting cat is a particularly mean one. It is a well established fact that cats are very fond of catnip and will stop for a man who carries a bundle of it. This greed leads to the undoing of pussy, who will come to a stand if a bit of the herb is thrown on the ground and is thus made an easy prey. A bag and a chloroformed sponge do the rest, and many a household pet, the disappearance of which caused sorrow, can be accounted for in this way.—Philadelphia Press.

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