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### Goats as Brush Eaters.

W. L. Black of Fort McKavett, Texas, says: The brush question is a most serious one in a great many of our States. As long as land can be kept under cultivation the brush can be kept down; but, when it is once thrown open to pasture, briars and brush of all descriptions begin to grow and soon cover the entire surface. Even in our State of Texas many millions of acres in the west are growing up into brush thickets, and will, sooner or later, become worthless for pasturing cattle; and, in many of the western territories the same conditions exist. It is supposed that this has been produced by an increase in the rainfall; but I am inclined to think it is not altogether due to this fact. That brush and trees are indigenous to many of our so-called arid districts can be very easily proven by the great quantities of roots that the present inhabitants dig out of the ground for fuel purposes. Not a tree can be seen for hundreds of miles, yet these great roots can be found almost everywhere on the prairies, and are a substantial witness to the fact that there was an abundance of trees there at some time or other. Before this portion of the United States was occupied by the white man, it was a common practice of the Indians to burn the high prairie grass every fall, or winter, in order to hunt wild game that was so abundant in this part of the country. Buffalo and deer were as common then as cattle and sheep are now, but the grass was so high, in places, they could not be seen, and the Indian would burn it off to be able to hunt them more readily. This, undoubtedly, destroyed much of the growth of trees, and, in my opinion, is the true explanation of the roots that are now found in many parts of West Texas, New Mexico and other Western territories. The question is a very important one, and if the goats can be used to keep this growth back, it is certainly well worth the attention of many of our land owners, who may, in a few years, find their land practically worthless.

Moore's Pills are a guaranteed cure for all forms of Malaria, Ague, Chills and Fever, Swamy Fever, Malarial Fever, Bilious Fever, Jaundice, Bilioussness, fetid breath and a tired, listless feeling. They cure Rheumatism and the lassitude following blood poison produced from malarial poisoning. No Quinine. No Arsenic, Acids or Iron. Do not ruin stomach or teeth. Entirely tasteless. Price, 50c per box. Dr. C. C. Moore Co., No. 310 North Main Street, St. Louis, Mo. or at J. Lewentals drug store.

When Nelson's famous signal—"England expects every man to do his duty"—was given at Trafalgar, a Scottish sailor complained to a fellow countryman, "No a word o' pair auld Scotland." "Hoots, Sandy," answered his pal, "the admiral kens that every Stockman will do his duty. He's just givin' the Englishers a hint."

Two Hungarians, Messers, Pollak and Uirag, who some little while ago discovered a system of very rapid telegraph, are now said to have invented a system by which 60,000 words per hour can be transmitted, and which is more wonderful printed in ordinary characters on a slip of sensitized paper at the receiving end. The slips comes out of the receiving instrument ready to be gummed on to a form for delivery.

Don't forget your coupons at Hagerlund Bros. & Co. and J. Lewentals.

## Study THESE Figures

### EXAMINE THE GOODS

And You Will Take Advantage of Our Few Days

# COST SALE

### Boys 2 Piece Suits:

Former Price \$3 and 3.50	now \$1.75
" " 4.	" 2.55
" " 4.50	" 3.00
" " 5.	" 3.25
" " 5.50	" 3.50

### Youths 3 Piece Suits.

That we sold for 6.50	now 4.00
" " " 7.50	" 5.25
" " " 8.	" 5.50
" " " 4.50	" 3.00
" " " 8.50	now 6 and 6.75

### MENS SUITS.

6.50 SUITS	Now go For	4.00
7.50 " "	" "	5.50
8 and 9 " "	" "	6.88
12 " "	" "	9.35 to 9.50
12.50 " "	" "	9.90
15 " "	" "	11.50
16 " "	" "	12.50
20 " "	" "	16.00

Good Shirts for 55, 65 & 75c

All wool Fancy Worsted, were 12 1-2 to 15 c	now 8 c
" " " " 20 c	" 10 c
" " " " 25 c	" 11 c
" " " " 40 c	" 25 c

### WARNERS RUST PROOF CORSETS,

--If they Rust bring them Back--

No. 33 High Bust,	now 90 c
No. 67 Medium waist	now 90 c
22 1-2 Yards of Calico	for \$1.00.
25 Yards of Shirting Calico	for \$1.00:

REMEMBER These Prices Hold Good until Jany. 1st.

## The Rush Is On

AND WE HAVE ONLY TIME TO GIVE A FEW OF THE BARGAINS IN STORE FOR YOU.

### EVERYTHING IN OUR DRY GOODS LINE

## GOES AT COST AND LESS FOR CASH

SHOES, HATS AND ALL.

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### No Use For the Water.

"They tell a good many jokes about Kentucky colonels and their natural aversion to water," said a fat drummer in the hotel corridor the other night, "but the richest thing in that line I ever knew to come off in real life happened over in Alabama when old man Briggs was trying to sell his summer hotel. Briggs had a pretty piece of property in the Alabama highlands, and its star feature was a magnificent big spring that welled into a sort of basin and was as cold as ice all the year round. He had good prospects of making a popular resort out of the place, but he got the California fever and offered it at a sacrifice to a race horse man from Kentucky who had an idea that he was cut out for a landlord.

"The race horse man was a typical Kentucky colonel of the old school and a mighty fine fellow. He came down to look over the ground in person, and Briggs started out with him to point out the principal attractions. At last they came to the famous spring. 'This, colonel,' said Briggs, stopping at the edge of the basin and swelling with pride, 'is a wonderful natural reservoir of crystal pure water, inexhaustible in volume and ice cold in temperature. It is undoubtedly the finest spring in the south.'

"Hum-m-m" grunted the colonel, sizing up the bubbling pool. 'I reckon I'll have to have this hole filled up if we close our deal, Mr. Briggs.'

"Filled up!" exclaimed Briggs in horror.

"Yes, suh," replied the colonel calmly. 'You see, I'm not a calculatin on keepin' any stock on the place.'—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### Her Sacrifice.

The Rev. Cyrus E. Brady says in his book of missionary reminiscences: "I was once preaching about missions, urging the congregation to make some sacrifice for the missionary cause and indicating to them several methods by which they could follow my advice. Among other things I suggested that they refrain from purchasing any book which they very much desired and donate the money to me instead for my missionary work. I happened to have perpetrated a book myself.

"You will therefore understand my feelings when a very bright woman in the congregation came up to me and handed me \$1 with the remark, 'I had intended to buy your book and read it, Mr. Brady, but I have concluded to follow your advice and give you the money for missions instead.'

"I accepted the situation gracefully and told her I would lend her my own copy of the book to read. She smiled and thanked me, and as she did so I voiced my thought in this way, 'But after all Mrs. R., there does not seem to be any sacrifice on your part in this transaction, conscientiousness of having given the money for missions and yet have the book as well.'

"No sacrifice?" she replied. 'Why, I have to read the book!'

### How the Burmese Make Fire.

One day a Burmese messenger brought me a note. While he was waiting for the reply, I observed an object something like a boy's popgun suspended around his waist. On asking what it was he showed me that it was an implement for producing fire. It was a rude example of a scientific instrument employed by lecturers at home to illustrate the production of heat by suddenly compressed air. A piston fitted into the tube; the former was hollowed at the lower end and smeared with wax to receive a piece of cotton or tinder, which when pressed into it adhered. The tube was closed at one end. Placing the piston at the top of the tube, with a smart blow he struck it down and immediately withdrew it with the tinder on fire, the sudden compression of the air having ignited it. I was so much struck with the scientific ingenuity of this rude implement that I procured it from the Burman and sent it to the Asiatic society of Bengal, with a short description of its uses.—"Recollections of My Life," by Surgeon General Sir John Payer.

### A Parson's Pun.

A writer in The Cornhill Magazine credits the late Canon Bingham with the following bit of wit:

He was driving one day with other clergy to a clerical meeting, when the conversation turned upon the meaning of the two places they were nearing, Wool and Wareham, in the county of Dorset.

"How do you account for the origin of these names, Canon Bingham?" asked one of the party.

"Don't you know this is a sheep county," replied the canon, "and at Wool you wool the sheep and at Wareham you wear 'em?"

### Not Sensitive.

Sophy (who accepted Mr. Charles Fleetwood the night before)—Does Mr. Fleetwood strike you as being a sensitive man, Pauline?

Pauline (who doesn't know of the engagement)—Gracious, no! A man who has been rejected by 14 girls within six months and gets fat on it cannot be sensitive. Why, Sophy, what's the matter?

She had fainted.—London Fun.

### Led In One Thing.

"Is there anything in which you excelled when you went to school?" asked Miss Cayenne.

"Yes," answered Willie Washington. "I made more blunders than any other boy in the class."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### Usually the Case.

Askington—Who was your friend whom I saw you walking with this afternoon?

Toller—Hoh! He wasn't a friend. That's my brother-in-law.—Harper's Bazar.

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CRAIN, HAY, OATS, ETC.

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THE BEST WAGON AND FEED YARD.

At the old Marx place.

Sonora, Texas.

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You Can Get What You Want at  
KIRKLAND'S RESTAURANT.

EVERYTHING FIRST-CLASS.

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Dealer in Saddlery, Saddlery Hardware, Double and Single Buggy Harness, Rebes, Collars, Harness, Leather, Bridle Bits, Spurs, Etc.

I have in my employ the Best Skilled Workmen in West Texas and do not turn out any "Shoddy" work from my store.

MY SADDLES ARE GUARANTEED NOT TO BREAK, CRAWL OR HURT. Call and see me when you are in the city.

**SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.**

Concho Avenue, Opposite Landon Hotel, Phone No. 133.

Mrs. L. Taylor and children arrived in Sonora Friday.

Geo. Black sold his residence to Sam Taylor for \$1800.

Sam Taylor sold to Geo. B. Black, 65 head of 3 and 4 year old steers at \$25 per head.

Mr. and Mrs. Cart Mayfield were in from the ranch Tuesday shopping.

Concho Valley celery for sale at C. M. Deere's.

Chris Wyatt the stockman was in from his ranch on the Llano, Wednesday.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-1f

J. D. Bird, formerly of Sonora, but now of Eldorado, brought the mail in Thursday night.

J. D. Russell sold his ranch on the line of Sutton and Kimble counties to Ira Cloud for \$2,500.

Died on Friday morning, Dec 21st, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Mart Tankersley.

Jim Taylor, E. S. Franks and Frank Maddox, returned from a business trip to San Angelo, Thursday.

Sonora's public school closed Friday evening for the Christmas holidays, and will open on Monday day Dec. 31.

O. T. Word & Son of Sonora, sold to George Mapes of San Angelo, 30 head of cows, and bulls at \$18 and \$22 respectively.

Jesse Ake of Trichham, Coleman county, arrived in Sonora Thursday on a visit to his daughter Mrs. R. S. Caruthers.

Parachute, Balloon and Man ascension will take place Christmas eve at 6 o'clock from in front of C. M. Deere's business store. Everybody is invited to see.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fields and children left for Manor, Travis county Wednesday, where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Fields parents.

R. A. Mitchell the stockman who is running his cattle in one of Sawyer's pastures on the Llano, was in Sonora Thursday for wind mill fixings and supplies.

Red Cloud, Yellow Wolf, Gold Dollar, Pigeon, Valentine, Naome, Veona and the local horses are expected here for the Christmas races. Carter Johnson is looking as trim and fit as any defender.

Geo. Mapes (known as the Chief) the well-known stock buyer of San Angelo, and his son George, were in Sonora this week and bought 60 head of bulls and cows from G. W. Whitehead Sons, at \$22 and \$18 respectively.

J. C. Barksdale, C. T. Turney and Billie Forbes returned from their bull purchasing trip to Ballinger Monday. In addition to the purchases reported in last week's News, Mr. Barksdale bought two thoroughbred Hereford bull calves at \$100 each.

Fresh goods for fruit cakes, at C. M. Deere's.

Bill Thurman arrived Friday with Veona and Gussie a two-year old filly.

Sonora's merchants are offering their customers great bargains. Prices of merchandise has gone up everywhere but in Sonora where they are lower than ever.

## Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles, as well as women and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Blaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at E. S. Briant's Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

## Report of the Condition OF THE First National Bank of Sonora, at Sonora,

In the State of Texas, at the close of business, Dec. 31, 1900.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$75,424.70
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,077.14
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	230.97
Banking house, Furniture and fixtures	3,783.83
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	30,971.40
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,232.11
Due from approved reserve agents	17,039.65
Internal revenue stamps	124.25
Notes of other National Banks	\$30.00
Fractional paper, currency, tickets, and cents	61.95
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	1,270.00
Legal tender notes	3,900.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$143,879.12</b>

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,494.83
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Banks	124.11
Due to State Banks and Bankers	99.49
Individual deposits subject to check	67,158.72
Notes and bills rediscounted	4,503.03
Bills payable	13,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$143,879.12</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF SUTTON, I, W. L. ALDWELL, Cashier, do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. Aldwell, Cashier.

S. G. Taylor, Notary Public, Sutton County, Texas.

Correct-Attest: D. A. Cuthorn, R. F. Vander Stucken, R. F. Raibert. Directors.

A Letter of Thanks.

Orphans Home, Tex. Dec. 10, Mrs. A. R. Watson, Sonora, Tex. Dear Sister:—I write to thank you for the splendid box containing 19 quilts and other articles, given by the people of your town. This, with the \$17.00 cash recently received, speaks well for the generosity of these good people. A work of genuine charity is always appreciated by good people. It is not known to everybody that the charity of Buckner Orphans Home is not circumscribed by State or Territorial lines but that it is open to all the States and Territories alike, as it is to the children of all denominations and of unbelievers.

There is hardly a section of any size but what is represented here. I want to say in addition to this that newspaper men are among our best and most valuable friends. The secular press has been greatly helpful to this work; and I do not now call to mind more than one adverse criticism of any consequence among all the papers of Texas.

Very truly yours, R. C. BUCKNER.

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

Chris Hagelstein of the windmill and hardware firm of C. & G. Hagelstein Co., of San Angelo, was in Sonora Wednesday on his way to Rock Springs, John Rawls accompanied him.

Disease and danger lurk in the vital organs. The blood becomes vitiated and the general health is undermined whenever the stomach and liver fail to perform their functions as nature intended. Herdine will tone up the stomach, regulate the liver, where other preparations only relieve. Price, 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

J. W. Herford, of Galveston, National bank examiner was in Sonora last Saturday checking the First National. Mr. Herford is an agreeable gentleman and complimented Cashier Aldwell on the condition of the bank and the completeness of the organization.

Arthur Mann, a pleasant young gentleman and prosperous stockman of San Angelo, was here this week on a visit to his cousin, Joe D. Mann.

The election held here last Saturday to determine whether or not intoxicating liquors should be allowed sold in this precinct, resulted in the precinct going dry by a majority of 69 votes. Very little interest was taken in the election, only 307 votes being polled.

Col. J. R. Bettis of Blanket, Brown county, recommends the following cure for blind staggers: Take one tablespoonful of salt peter and dissolve in one pint of water, mix that with a pint of whiskey and give to the horse. In two hours give him another pint of whiskey and a pint of water and let him sleep his drunk off, and he will be alright.—Coleman Democrat.

Highest market price paid for hides and pelts at E. F. Vander Stucken Co's.

An attractive woman thrive on good food and sunshine, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her form glows with health and her face blooms with its beauty. When troubled with a costive habit, she takes a few doses of Herbine to cleanse her system of all impurities. Price, 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

John Pearl was indicted by the grand jury in Brown county on Wednesday on a charge of murdering an old German named Tuscon near Bangs, and his trial set for Jan 44. It seems that the old man was a bachelor, had rented a farm near Bangs, made a good crop and had employed Pearl and family to help him gather his crop. Pearl claims to have bought all of Tuscon's property and that the old man had gone back probably to Germany. Suspicion was aroused, search made and the body found sunk in a tank near by with a bullet hole entering the back part of the head and passing out in the front.—Coleman Democrat.

## Seeds that Surely Grow.

The cost of seeds compared with the value of the crop is so small that a few cents saved by having second rate seeds will amount to many dollars lost when the harvest is gathered. Farmers have found out by many costly failures what a risky thing it is to buy seeds without being pretty sure that they are reliable and true to name. The latest catalogue of the seed house of D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Mich., is a reminder that thousands of farmers in the United States and Canada have pinned their faith to the reputation of this great firm. During a business career approaching half a century in time Ferry's seeds have won an annual increase in popularity, which is perhaps the best evidence that they grow and give satisfaction. Ferry's Seed Annual for 1901 is a useful guide in selecting seeds for the farm, the truck garden and the flower garden. It is sent free on application.

FRANK SPARKS.

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THE BANK SALOON Headquarters For Fine Wines, Liquors and Cigars. THE PATRONAGE OF THE PUBLIC SOLICITED. We Make a Specialty of PURE WHISKIES FOR FAMILY AND MEDICINAL PURPOSES.

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# The Choicest, Prettiest, Finest Presents

Personally selected from the best houses in the Eastern and Northern Markets and consisting of

JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, CUT GLASS, MEDALLIONS, Table Cutlery, Leather Goods, Novelties, Etc

DOLLS AND TOYS IN ENDLESS VARIETY. BOOKS by Standard Authors and Other Lines innumerable.

IF YOU DON'T FIND WHAT YOU WANT

AT LEWENTHAL'S ITS NOT IN FASHION.

You are Invited to attend the GRAND OPENING OF CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY GOODS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 5th.

My Holiday Goods Must be seen to be Appreciated. COUPONS WITH YOUR PURCHASES.

J. LEWENTHAL.

The secretary of war has sent to the senate the reports of the board of engineers concerning the effects of the Galveston storm of last September on the jetties in the vicinity of that city. The board finds that \$100,000 will be necessary to repair the jetties at Galveston and \$150,000 for the repair of the Brazos river jetties. The board places the loss of life at 5000. The damage to fortifications is placed at \$92,000.

## Paid Dear For His Leg.

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville, Tex., in two years paid over \$300.00 to doctors to cure a Running Sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles 25 cts, a box. Sold by E. S. Briant druggist.

"Richmond," the celebrated Hereford prize winner, was sold by Nell & Babington to Frank Aason for \$500.

C. C. Hudson bought from Uncle Billy Babb, 232 head of stock cattle at \$15.

J. F. Taylor bought from C. C. Hudson, 28 fat cows at \$200.

Dan Hanks bought from C. C. Hudson, 100 choice cows and calves at \$20.

Roland Hudson bought from Uncle Billy Babb, 10 choice cows and calves at \$26.—Coleman Democrat.

J. R. Hamilton has returned from New Mexico where he has bought up about 10,000 head of sheep. He reports wool selling at good prices in that section.

Range Bros., of Galveston, sold from their Menard county ranch, 201 fat cows to Tom Holmesley, of San Angelo and Comanche, at P. L.

Mr. D. K. McMillan has returned from Missouri, where, at Kansas City, he marketed two loads of 720 pound cows, at \$2.75. While in that city he visited some of the fine Hereford farms and took the pick from them, for himself and Murph March, buying six bull calves and six heifers, all registered Herefords, and five ones, at prices ranging from \$100 to \$150. They will be kept on full feed until January 5 to 10, when they will be sent to College Station, and there be under the care of Dr. Francis for treatment preventive of Texas fever.—San Angelo Standard.

## YOUR COUPONS PLEASE

The ladies of the Baptist church want all who have not promised their coupons to others to save the coupons for them in order to try and get the organ for the Baptist church. Those wishing to assist the ladies may hand their coupons to Mrs. A. R. Watson Mrs. W. A. Anderson or Mrs. J. L. Davis.

There are other votes to be counted in the buggy and organ contest, coupons only at Hagerlund Bros. Co's. and J. Lewenthal's.

## ARTHUR MARTIN.

Windmill Builder and Repairer. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. Shop at M. V. Sharp's Blacksmith Shop Sonora, Texas.

## FOR RENT.

The most desirable business property in Sonora will be for rent early in January. The property is the Geo. S. Allison block on corner of Main street, and Concho avenue. The buildings have a frontage on Main street of 40 feet and are 40 feet deep but will be, if desired, made to 60 feet deep. The stand is a good one and adapted to any line of business. For further particulars address: GEO. S. ALLISON, Sonora, Texas.

## Eccentric Testators.

Joseph Dalky takes the opportunity afforded by his will of insulting his son-in-law in terms which doubtless had a pungency once, but which are hardly comprehensible to the modern reader: "I give to my daughter, Ann Spencer, a guinea for a ring or any other trifle she may like better; I give to the lout, her husband, one penny to buy him a lark whistle, and this legacy I give him as a mark of my appreciation of his prowess and nice honor in drawing his sword on me (at my own table, naked and unarmed as I was, and he well fortified with custard). A gawsonic legacy is that of Phillip Thicknesse: "I leave my right hand, to be cut off after my death, to my son, and I desire it may be sent to him in hopes that such a sight may remind him of his duty to God after having so long abandoned the duty he owed to a father who once affectionately loved him."

Another father seems apparently to have begun his will with the determination of punishing an unruly son, but, as the fairy stories say, all ends happily. We refer to the will of Richard Crawshaw, the founder of the famous Welsh ironworks. It runs thus: "To my only son, who never would follow my advice and has treated me rudely in very many instances, instead of making him my executor and residuary legatee (as till this day he was) I give him £100,000."—Chambers' Journal.

## Extreme Attention.

A young man whose fathered suit the trials of European hotels boarded a street car and said to the conductor: "I go six blocks. How much?" "Oh, only a nickel," the conductor answered. But the young man handed over 15 cents, saying, "Buy yourself a glass of beer and a cigar on me." The conductor gave thanks for the tip and added, "Just back from Europe, hey?" And to his interrogation the young man nodded assent. On the back platform afterward the conductor described the episode to a couple of passengers. "He asked me what the fare was for six blocks," he said, "and then he gave me a tip. It was a case of fake absentmindedness. He has just returned from Europe, where you pay by the distance on the street cars and where you tip the conductors, and he pretended to forget he wasn't in Europe still."

"He thought I'd question him about his strange conduct, and I would have, too, if the trick wasn't an old one to me. Here and in New York, especially in New York, you are constantly running up against people who forget and work European customs on you. They do it so you'll know they have been abroad."—Philadelphia Record.

## An Old Time English Election.

The only contest which occurred at Gotton within historic memory was curious enough. Sir Mark Wood, who had been one of its members for several years, had as his colleague in the parliament of 1812 Sir William Congreve, the inventor of the famous "Congrove rocket." The latter resigned in 1816, and the baronet wished his own son to fill the vacancy.

There were only three voters in the constituency, Sir Mark, his son and his butler, named Jennings, but as the son was away and the butler had quarreled with his master an opportunity was afforded for a singular revenge. Jennings refused to second Sir Mark's nomination of his son and proposed himself, and a deadlock was averted only by Sir Mark coming to terms with the refractory butler, whose nomination he seconded in order to induce him to act as seconder to his son.

Matters being thus put formally in train, Sir Mark arranged with Jennings that the former's vote should be alone given, and the final state of the poll at Gotton's only known contest stood thus: Wood (Tory), 1; Jennings (Whig), 0.—Westminster Gazette.

## How He Knew It.

We had outspanned the wagons on the veldt between Prieska and Klenhard. The donkeys had been driven to the veldt, and we, my friend and myself, were talking in the "taal" to a Dutchman named Gert Maans about the wonders of the universe. We mentioned that the world was round, Maans said that he knew it. This answer was unusual for a Boer, so we asked him how he knew. He replied: "I started to ride to Poortjie one dark night through the veldt, and I rode hard all the night, and next morning I found myself at the place I started from, so I know the world is round because I rode round it."—London Standard.

## Estray Notice.

In compliance with law and upon the return of Geo. J. Trauer County Commissioner for Precinct No. 3, Sutton county, Texas, I hereby give notice that there has been found running at large, and not estrayed, the owner of which is unknown, one dark bay horse, about three years old, unbroke, about 14 1/2 hands high, branded as follows (after E) on left thigh, if not legally proven away by the owner thereof, within twenty days from date hereof, the same will be advertised, and said commissioner will proceed to sell the same according to law.

Dated at Sonora, Texas, this 1st day of Dec. 1900. S. H. STOKES, County Clerk.

WELINGTON KLUB 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

\$150.00

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Sonora's

RACE MEETING

Dec 25th and 26th

FINE Turkey Shoot CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Grand Free Ball CHRISTMAS NIGHT

SPLENDID Christmas Tree CHRISTMAS EVE.

**To Our Friends and the Public Generally, Greeting:**

The Management of The **FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SONORA, TEXAS**, extends its best wishes to you for A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We are thankful to our Customers and the general public for the generous patronage accorded us in the past and solicit a continuance of the same. Citizens of the Stockman's Paradise who are not banking with us are invited to investigate our methods, resources and responsibility.

We are pleased to state that our business has been most encouraging and satisfactory and constantly improving.

Again wishing you the Compliments of the Season and inviting you to make the First National your headquarters, we remain

Yours Truly,

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, OF SONORA, TEXAS.**

**Success Succeeds.**

In this issue the News takes pleasure in publishing the statement of the condition of the First National Bank of Sonora, Texas, at the close of business December 8, 1900.

This statement is made at the request of the Comptroller of the Currency and applies to all National banks.

The showing made by the First National is very creditable and indicates that the institution is a prosperous one and enjoys the confidence and support of the people. Attention is called to the item of loans and discounts: \$75,424.70; individual deposits \$67,153.72 and available cash \$54,428.45.

As nothing succeeds like success the First National of Sonora is evidently it and is quickly coming to the front as a strong and ably managed bank. The News knows of no other \$50,000.00 bank doing a business anything like equal to the First National and there are many \$100,000 institutions that cannot make so good a showing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Adams and children were in from the ranch Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Lewis Mayfield is helping E. F. Vander Stucken Co., during the holidays.

E. F. Vander Stucken Co., will pay the highest market price for hides and pelts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield after their trip to New Mexico left on a visit to their old home at Norse, Bosque county, Texas.

We thank R. S. Holland the insurance man for a nice callender of the Aetna Fire Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn.

Ruff and Jim Winn the young stockmen of Edwards county were in Sonora Wednesday attending to some business.

Dick Reader the handsome young stockman returned Tuesday from a visit to his home in Borque county.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mayfield and baby returned from their prospecting trip to New Mexico last Friday. Lewis likes the country very well and expects to move out there in the spring.

My stock is new and complete. Prices right. C. M. Deere.

D. K. McMillan the San Angelo stockman, was in Sonora Monday on his way down to his ranch.

W. H. Huggins and Jeff Russell were in Sonora Monday attending to some land business.

Mark Fury the stockman from the Hackberry neighborhood, was in Sonora Sunday on his way down the draw, on a business trip.

Will Whitehead was in from the ranch Saturday attending to some business, and while here received a letter from Ardmore Ind. Tex., that his brother-in-law died there recently.

W. L. Locklin the well known stockman, was in Sonora Saturday for supplies. Mr. Locklin has 3200 of the best mutton sheep in this part of the country, and they are for sale.

Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment has been thoroughly tested for many years, and is a positive cure for this most distressing and embarrassing of troubles. Price, 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents, at J. Lewenthal's 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.

Les Moss was in from the ranch Saturday for supplies.

E. E. Sawyer the Fort Terrell stockman, was in Sonora Saturday.

Graham flour in stock at C. M. Deere's.

Ed Dacie the stockman passed through Sonora last Friday on his way to San Angelo, on a business trip.

Jim Brotherton one of the old timers, who is running Gid Hill's sheep was in Sonora Monday, shaking hands with his many friends.

W. C. Pigg the stockman from the Cone ranch in Sawyers (a true), was in Sonora Saturday for supplies.

Asa Robertson the well known stockman of Menardville, was in Sonora Monday, on his way to Ozona on a business trip.

Wm. S. Semeyer the stockman was in from the ranch Tuesday for supplies and to get the latest war news.

C. Ramsey who has been with J. Q. Sharp for about 18 months left for his home in Austin Wednesday to spend the holidays.

D. W. Wallace who is looking after John Ford's ranch on the Llano, was in Sonora Tuesday for supplies.

J. P. McConnell left for Menardville last week to attend to some business and will leave there for Brownwood, to attend Bill Taylor's trial.

For family use in numbr eases ways Ballard's Snow Lotion is a useful and valuable remedy. Price, 25 and 50 cents at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Abs Mayer and baby, were in Sonora Monday from the T half circle ranch. Mrs. Mayer and baby are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe North.

Mrs. R. W. Callahan arrived home Friday from a few months visit to friends and relatives in Comanche, Erath and Eastland counties.

E. L. Burchett, representing John Findlater Jr. the wind mill and hardware man of San Angelo, was in Sonora this week attending to business.

Worms take refuge in the small intestine, where they can easily multiply. White's Cream Vermifuge will destroy these parasites. The verdict of the people tells plainly how well it has succeeded. Price, 25 cents, at J. Lewenthal's.

Lige Hill of Democrat, Comanche county and J. W. Keating of Zepher, Brown county arrived in Sonora Monday on a prospecting trip. Mr. Hill is a brother of our Gid Hill, the commission man.

Buy your corn, oats and bran from C. M. Deere.

Praise the bridge that carries you over either a flood or cough. Ballard's Horehound Syrup has brought so many over throat and lung troubles, such praises are sung everywhere. Price, 25 and 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Miss Hattie Beavers niece of Mrs. J. Q. Sharp of Sonora died at the Kings Daughters hospital at Temple, Texas on November 22, 1900 in her 23rd year. Deceased is well remembered in Sonora where she resided with relatives from several years. Her parents died when she was quite young and she was buried from the home of her uncle James P. Murrah at Holland, Tex. on November 24. The News extends its sympathy to relatives and friends.

**A Keen Clear Brain.**

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by E. S. Briant Druggist.

**Devil's River News.**

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

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Advertising Medium of the Stockman's Paradise.

Subscription \$2 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora second-class matter.

SONORA, TEXAS. - December 22, 1900

D. B. and J. A. McKenzie cattle feeders of Temple arrived in Sonora, Saturday, on the lookout for bulls and 3 or 4 year old steers to put on feed.

J. B. Hudspeeth the Sheffield merchant, was in Sonora Tuesday on a visit to his daughter Mrs. Mart Tankersley.

Will Bentley and J. M. McCrary prominent business men of Sherwood, were in Sonora Saturday on a business trip.

**Medicated Salt Rock at Hagerlund Bros & Co.**

Rev. A. R. Watson of the Baptist church will hold services in Sonora Sunday morning and night at the usual hours.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morris are thankful to their neighbors and friends for the many favors and sympathetic consideration shown them during their recent affliction.

**Just Saved His Life.**

It was a thrilling escape that Charles Davis of Bowerston, O. lately had from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die of Consumption. Then he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cure have for 25 years, proved it's power to cure all throat, Chest and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at E. S. Briant's drug store.

Rev. Nath Thompson the new Methodist preacher needs no advertising. His hearers are like unto the pleased customer; they tell their neighbors and the neighbors tell their neighbors and the consequence is he always has a large congregation.

James A. Hagerlund of the general mercantile firm of Hagerlund Bros. & Co., returned from San Angelo Tuesday to which place he had accompanied Mrs. Hagerlund and Mrs. Aldwell by private conveyance on their trip east. Mrs. Hagerlund going to Austin and Mrs. Aldwell to San Antonio.

**GRAND REDUCTION SALE.**

Our Grand Reduction Sale is NOW ON and will Last until the Christmas

Holidays. This Sale includes all classes of winter goods such as:

**Mens and Childrens CLOTHING, Overcoats, Woolen Underwear, HEAVY WOOL SHIRTS, WHITE BLANKETS, DRESS GOODS, Ladies Capes and Jackets, Ladies and Childrens Union Suits.**

These are all NEW GOODS and in many instances the

**PRICE HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF**

We Have a Large Line of Ladies Wool Shirt Waists which are UP-TO-DATE both IN STYLE and MATERIAL

Which we will put in this Sale

**AT Exact Cost! -- ACTUALLY AT COST!!**

OUR CHRISTMAS GOODS THIS YEAR INCLUDE A LARGE LINE OF

**TOYS AND OTHER CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**

For the Children as well as Many Nice Things for the Older People.

We also have on hand a full line of all kinds of Christmas Eatables.

**E. F. Vander Stucken Company.**

Bring in your coupons to Hagerlund Bros. & Co., or J. Lewenthal after Dec. 1st so that they can be counted.

Sam McKee, the stockman was in from the ranch Thursday for Christmas supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Yaw were in from the Middle Valley ranch Wednesday shopping.

Geo. Howell the well driller was in Sonora Monday visiting some of his particular friends.

John Garrett, John Swanson and Nath Davis came in from the Rose ranch in Val Verde county, Monday where they had finished a fine rock tank.

W. H. Chandler of Kimble county who has been working on the H. Packenham ranch, west of the Peecos, for the past nine months, was in Sonora this week on the way to Junction to see his best girl.

Born on Wednesday Dec. 19th 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. Mart Tankersley a boy.

Good Shirts—at 55, 65, and 85c at—Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

John Hassard the steer buyer of San Angelo, was in Sonora this week on the lookout for big steers.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Black left for Green Bros ranch in Edwards county, Monday, where Geo. is going to work.

EVERYTHING AT COST—coupons with it—at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

W. B. and B. L. Acrey from Ribt Lee, passed through Sonora Thursday with about 1320 stock sheep on their way to Devils River.

Rev. Nath Thompson says he would rather be a cannibal and eat the flesh of his fellow than a gossip who attempts to destroy the character or usefulness of another by circulating scandle and falsehoods. Believe all men true and honest till you know they are not and then keep it to yourself for fear you may be mistaken.

Cape, shirts and Millinery goods BELOW COST at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brtrog, Capt. John McNeil, Joe Ross, Will Miers, John Keton and Jim Allford left for Brownwood, Monday to attend the Bill Taylor trial.

COST SALE at Hagerlund Bros. & Co., don't forget it.

Get the daily market report at Caruthers & Hill.

**J. LEWENTHAL, CHEMIST and DRUGGIST.**

PERFUMERY, FANCY TOILET ARTICLES, PIPES, CIGARS, WINDOW

GLASS, PAINTS, PUTTY, ETC. A CHOICE LINE OF

**WATCHES, JEWELRY and SILVERWARE,**

School Books and Stationery.

**E. S. BRIANT, PROPRIETOR OF THE SONORA DRUG STORE, SOLICITS YOUR TRADE**  
**NEW STOCK OF DRUGS AND DRUGGISTS SUNDRIES. STORE IN ALLISON BUILDING.**  
PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED BY OTIS MITCHELL.  
**I KNOW YOUR WANTS AND WANT YOUR TRADE.**

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A FAST BALL PLAYER

HE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE PLAYED WITH THE ROARERS.

Steve Speed, Who Could Beat His Own Throw to First and Who Could Get Behind the Plate in Time to Catch His Own Pitching.

"The fastest base runner I ever saw," said the fat ex-musket of the Lightfoot Lilies in comparing baseball of the present with that of the old days, "was little Sammie Salmon of the Lilies. But the fastest base runner I ever heard of was, or wasn't, as the case may have been, Steve Speed, who played, or who didn't play, I don't know, with the Ringtail Roarers. At any rate, whether he ever played with the Roarers or not, he was certainly the fastest that ever came over the crossways. You don't understand? Well, I'll tell you all about him.

"One afternoon about a month before the last game we ever played with the Ringtail Roarers the boys were all sitting round in the postoffice discussing our chances for the big contest. Captain Slugger Burrows, who was tending postoffice that day, was over in the corner reading the ball news in a Jones County Courier that had accidentally slipped its wrapper before delivery.

Suddenly he clutched the paper tightly and sprang to his feet. For heaven's sake, boys, listen to this. We have it from a high source, he began to read breathlessly, that the Roarers have unearthed a phenomenal base runner, with whose services they feel confident of wringing the Jones county laurels from the erstwhile invincible Lightfoot Lilies. The newcomer's name is Steve Speed. His extraordinary ability was first discovered while he was in the box one day last week. He stopped an easy grounder and tossed it over to first to catch the runner. The ball had no sooner left his hand than, to his horror, he discovered that first was unneeded. Without a moment's hesitation he made a dive for the bag and succeeded in reaching it just in time to catch the ball that he had thrown but an instant before, thereby scoring a put out and an assist unassisted.

"Boys," said the Slugger, crumpling the paper savagely in his fists, "to Lily park with you. Practice begins at once. Hustle!"

"Well, sir, that week we practiced. In the morning the boys would all go down to the station and race the trains as they steamed out of town. Afternoons they'd ease up a bit and just indulge in short sprints paced by the town trolley car. At night the daily practice would conclude with a brisk cross country run around the town square. The work began to show. At the end of the week we began to have some hopes of beating the Roarers after all. And then came a second copy of the Courier knocking our hopes higher than taxes.

"The wonderful baseball feat performed by Steve Speed," the article said, "which was published exclusively by The Jones County Courier, has been eclipsed by an even more astonishing performance by the same player, from which we obtained our former news that Speed has now become so proficient in running that he is able to pitch the ball from the box and by an incredibly quick start reach the plate in time to catch the ball behind the bat. The Roarers have released their catcher. Wouldn't that hasten your pulse? It did ours.

"And the next week's accounts were even worse. The Courier got straight from their own private high source that this guy Speed was even better than the week before. He was now so super at the game that he not only ran down behind the plate and caught the balls that he pitched, but in case the batter knocked a fly he darted out in the field and caught it himself. The Roarers had, according to the Courier, released their whole outfield. When we read that, Bull Thompson wanted to cancel the game, but the Slugger wouldn't hear of it. "The Lightfoot Lilies," he said, "may be made to look like tarheel thistles, but we won't witter before we're picked."

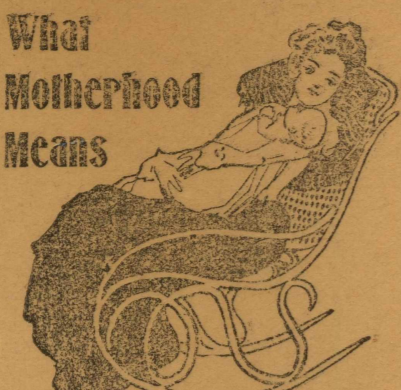
"When the big game finally did come off, the Roarers certainly had us on the run. For three innings they piled up runs almost at will. But then we began to get wise. Who was this fast running phenom? Cy Priest was still in the pitcher's box, and the whole outfield seemed to be in their usual places. Perhaps he was sick. The thought gave us courage, and we began to pick up a bit. You all know how we finally pulled the game out of the fire in the last half of the tenth. That's a matter of history now. Well, after it was over the Slugger went up to Cy Priest. "Say," he asked, "where's that hot base runner of yours, Cy?"

"You mean Steve Speed?" replied Cy, with a funny look in his eye. "Oh, we couldn't pay the salary he demanded and had to let him go. The last I heard of him he was touring the northwest, playing exhibition games to enormous crowds.

"Yes, sir; he was the best that ever was—if he was. As I said, I don't really know. Of course The Courier said that they had it from a high source, but then—Well, you know Cy Priest was over six feet."—New York Sun.

Art's Happy Discoverer. "Dauber has hit it at last. He's making fame and money." "How?" "People have begun to notice that he paints smaller hands and feet than any other portrait artist in town."—Chicago Record.

An English authority has estimated that if all the ministrants of the British isles should decide to attend church on a given Sunday 25,000,000 would be crowded out for lack of seating room in the churches.



What Motherhood Means

Motherhood means either happiness or misery. There is scant happiness for the mother, who in pain and weakness brings into the world a weakling babe which she can neither nurse nor nourish.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription fits women for motherhood. It strengthens the maternal organism. It tranquilizes the nerves, encourages the appetite and brings refreshing sleep. It makes the birth hour practically painless and gives the mother the nourishment to give her child.

There is no alcohol in "Favorite Prescription," and it is absolutely free from opium, cocaine, and all other narcotics.

Words cannot express how grateful I am for your kind advice and your "Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. D. J. Barrels, of Ferris, Campbell Co., Va. "I feel that it has cured me. I had been in poor health for four years. Suffered greatly with my right side, also with bearing-down pains, and my nerves were in a dreadful state after using four bottles of your "Favorite Prescription" I am now well. I am the mother of two children. With the first child I suffered twenty-eight hours, and with the second I used your medicine and was sick only three hours. I believe Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription to be the best medicine in the world for suffering females. I wish you great success, and hope that God will bless you in your noble work."

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in paper covers, is sent free on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Address: Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

A Jamaican Experience. For some years after my marriage I lived at Old Harbor, a small place about 20 miles from Kingston. One day when a visit to my Kingston dressmaker was a necessity I ordered a young negro boy to get upon the rumble and drive me to the town.

I paid my visit to the dressmaker, and, receiving my frock, a light summer thing, from her, I placed it in the box beneath the buggy seat and drove on to my sister's, where I went in to escape the heated part of the day, giving my boy sixpence and bidding him see the sights and return at 4 o'clock.

He turned up punctually, with the grin still on his face, and in due time we reached Old Harbor once more. When I went to take out my crisp machine, I found, to my consternation, it was a wet, sloppy mass. No rain had fallen, and even then—

I turned to the boy: "Salomon, what in the world does this mean? How?" But the look of utter helpless amazement on his face stopped me.

"Lor, missus, it ain't queer, but not so queer as what done hit me to me. Me bought a quattrig (1/2 lb.) wort of dat pretty ting dey calls 'lee' to bring home an show ma sister, an I put him in dar wid your dress to keep him safe, an now him gone for true, an how him get out I dunno wid you sittin on him all de time!"—Harper's Magazine.

\$5,000 For Twenty Words. One day Andrew Carnegie, in Pittsburgh, called up one of his New York lawyers by long-distance telephone. The steelmaker wanted to ask a question, but could not make himself understood clearly over the telephone, so he asked the lawyer to come to Pittsburgh.

The lawyer said he had an important appointment in New York next day and could not get away.

"Come over now, then," Mr. Carnegie said. "Can't get train," answered the lawyer.

"Hire a special," was the answer which came back from Pittsburgh. So the lawyer engaged a special train, went to Pittsburgh and saw Mr. Carnegie.

The steelmaker asked the lawyer's advice as to whether the question troubling him called for "yes" or "no."

"The lawyer answered, "No." "Thank you," said Mr. Carnegie. "Good night."

The lawyer had said less than 20 words, for which he received \$5,000, said "Good night, Mr. Carnegie," and took a special train back to New York in time to keep his appointment next day.—New York Herald.

The Professor's (Seemed) Bacteria. He was apparently an old man, wore large spectacles and carried a small satchel. Across the satchel was labeled, "Professor Todd, Chicago." He entered the waiting room of a suburban station and deposited the satchel carefully near the ice cooler. Suddenly those near saw the satchel fall and heard the sharp tinkle of breaking glass. The old man picked up the glass and muttered exclamations of distress. "To think I brought them all the way from Brazil!" he said.

"What were they?" inquired some one in the sympathetic crowd. "Bacteria of a strange Brazilian fever." "Quick, man! Crush them with your foot!"

"I can't, sir. They are now floating around in the air." There was a moment of horror. Then there was a rush, and a little later the old man was the only occupant of the waiting room. A window was raised from the outside.

"Just let them out easy, Pete," cautioned a voice. And the bogus professor obeyed. Satchels, grips and cases went through the window. After he had finished collecting the professor followed the booty. His false beard fell back in the room, but he did not attempt to reclaim it. The arrival of their train prompted those outside to venture in for their baggage. It had vanished, and the black beard told the tale.—Chicago News.

A Successful Strategem. When the electric telegraph was first introduced into Chile, a stratagem was resorted to in order to guard the posts and wires against damage on the part of the natives and to maintain the connection between the strongholds on the frontier. There were at the time between 40 and 50 captive Indians in the Chilean camp. General Pinto, in command of the operations, called them together and, pointing to the telegraph wires, said:

"Do you see those wires?" "Yes, general." "I want you to remember not to go near or touch them, for if you do your hands will be held, and you will be unable to go away."

The Indians smiled incredulously. Then the general made them each in succession take hold of the wire at both ends of an electric battery in full operation, after which he exclaimed: "I command you to let go the wire!"

"I can't! My hands are benumbed!" cried each Indian. The battery was then stopped. Not long after the general restored them to liberty, giving them strict instructions to keep the secret. This had the desired effect, for, as might be expected, the experience was related in the strictest confidence to every man in the tribe, and the telegraph remained unmolested.

Lincoln's Offhand Way. In 1861, when Mr. Lincoln was on his way to Washington to be inaugurated as president, his train stopped at Rochester, Pa., a station on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad. Mr. Lincoln alighted from the car to stretch his long limbs by walking on the station platform. His identity became known to the townspeople assembled there, and a friendly conversation with him ensued.

In reply to a reference to the threatening political outlook he said: "Oh, no one has been hurt yet." Seeing a tall man in the crowd, Mr. Lincoln remarked that he and the man were of about the same height and proposed that they measure. They took off their hats and stood together, back to back, while some one placed a hand above their heads and found Mr. Lincoln to be slightly the taller.

An Apt Amendment. Years ago a bill entitled "An act for the preservation of the heath hen and other game" was introduced into the New York house of assembly.

The speaker of the house, who was not especially interested in matters of this kind, gravely read it: "An act for the preservation of the heath hen and other game."

He was blissfully unconscious of his blunder until an honest member from the northern part of the state who had suffered from the depredations of the frontier Indians rose to his feet.

"I should like to move an amendment to the bill," he said mildly, "by adding the words, 'except Indians.'—Youth's Companion.

The Account. "I have called," said the reporter, "to see if you wish to add anything to our account of your wife's reception this evening. We have most of the details and a long list of names, including those who will assist her in receiving."

"No," replied the business man. "There's only one account that I'm expected to take any interest in, and that'll be no one to assist me with that."—Exchange.

No Puzzle to the M. D. Wilton—Do you know, I'm in a quandary. "Filton—Well, what is it?" "Wilton—Dr. Bloss gave me some stuff for my appetite, and it was so effectual that it costs me nearly twice as much to live as before. What puzzles me is whether I ought to pay the doctor or he ought to pay me something.—Boston Transcript.

The Devoted Wife. The Devoted Wife—Oh, hurry, please. This rubber plant tub has fallen on my husband, and I'm afraid he's smashed! Chorus of Rescuers (as they grasp the tub)—Now, all together! The Devoted Wife—Gently, please, gentlemen. Don't hit it too suddenly. It's got a new leaf just coming out.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Notice to Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. W. J. FIELDS, Sonora, Texas, Dec. 8th, 1900.

Notice to Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands owned or controlled by the undersigned in Schleicher and Sutton counties, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. THOMSON BROS., Eldorado, 9-S.

Notice to Trespassers. We hereby give notice to wood haulers and persons who are leaving our fences down by going over same with wagons, that any persons caught hauling wood from our pastures will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. 81-14 F. Mayer & Sons.

Disolution Notice. Notice is hereby given that the copartnership heretofore existing between E. Jackson and John Hefflin is this day dissolved by mutual consent. E. Jackson will continue the business of dealer in grain, hay, etc., and will assume all liabilities and collect all debts due the late firm. E. JACKSON, JOHN HEFLIN. Sonora, Nov. 24th, 1900.

For Sale or Trade for Cattle. About 20 head of well bred stock horses, four yearlings in the bunch by The Asp, and the mares all bred to The Asp last year. Enquire at the First National Bank, Sonora. 9S

C. H. ALLEN, WILL DO YOUR ROCK WORK, CHIMNEY BUILDING, CISTERN DIGGING OR ANYTHING IN THAT LINE. Sonora, Texas.

Send your order for SPURS AND BANGLE BIRS Rufus Sterling, Gunsmith and Machinist, San Angelo, Texas. Plain Spurs or Bits \$2.50. Silver mounted Spurs or Bits with enitals, brand and fancy carving \$5. All work First Class and Guaranteed for two years.

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