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BY GEORGE BOWLES,

Author of "Strange Enough to Be True," "Headless Horseman," Etc.



"YOU done this before in your travels?" I confessed that I had not made such a long drive before on my trip, and that it did seem a very long day's travel for such roads as I had traversed.

"Did you not pass many good camping places on the way, were you not strangely preoccupied and deeply impressed with a sense of being close to nature, and did you stop as usual at noon?"

I told him that I had passed many beautiful camps on the banks of running streams, but had not thought of stopping for the night at any of them, nor had I stopped to lunch at noon. I also said I had been much impressed with the beauty of the scenery and the sublime environment of mountain, crag and cliff.

"Ah, yes, I have felt it often in the years I've dwelt among these eternal, constant hills, each one of which I feel to be my brother in nature. The narrow boundary of your creed will not allow your soul to wander forth into the fields of thought. I, too, have felt that inexpressible, ever present something dragging me forward all day until in spite of my weight of years I am ten miles further on my way tonight than I expected to be this morning. I'll tell you what it was that urged you forward and that lifted my aged feet over rough stones and up steep hills, it was the invisible hands of the spirit world, urging each forward to meet the other. I, to unburden my soul of a secret that I have carried for years, and you to hear that story which may, perhaps, change in a way your theory as regards the human soul.

"I shall not waste the time by going into tiresome detail of how my early years were spent. I come of a family of proud old southern cavaliers whose ancestors were princes and nobles. They settled in the Carolines, when that country was a wilderness, and generations of Weldons had lived and died in the old, gray, ivy-covered house where I was born. Ours seemed to be an ill-sated family. My brothers and sisters all died in childhood. My mother died when I was but a little boy, and my father led a sad and brooding life until he, too, passed away when I was yet a youth.

"Perhaps my solitary childhood

had much to do with the shaping of my course through life. I can just remember my little sister who died when I was but four years old. I used to sit on the old doorstep in the dusk of the evening, while the night birds sounded their strange sad notes, and as I listened to the wailing music of the negroes singing at their cabins in the valley, wonder where my little playmate, whom I loved so well, had gone. Sometimes I seemed to hear little feet pattering upon the old veranda floor, but when I looked she was not near me. Often I thought I heard her voice in bits of childish prattle, but when I bent my ears to listen more intently, only the winds that moaned in the pines and the rustling of the palmetto trees answered me. Sorrow in man's prime, and loads of grief in age are sad, but saddest of all life's phases is a little child surrounded by gloom, and whose mind has learned to wander in the mystic labyrinths of thoughts before his body is strong enough to sustain the wisdom that profound thinking brings.

"Thus was my childhood spent, with every luxury wealth could buy, but not a ray of love,—that sunshine that should make childhood the happiest stage of life—surrounded by a combination of scenes and circumstances that early began to make me wonder why this, that, and the other thing was so, and to prompt my baby mind to try to solve the problem.

"It was not that my father did not love me, for I remember once when I was about six years old, he took me in his lap as he sat in a rustic chair upon the veranda at night. The moon was shining, and a dim lamp was burning just inside a window that was near, and as I lay wondering why a vacant chair that stood close by made two shadows on the floor, my father thought I was asleep, and I felt hot tears falling on my face, and he kissed me, and said:

"Poor little Jim, he is all that is left me. I ought to love him more, but I can't, my very soul went from me when his mother died."

"He was a man of strong passion, and loved my mother with a love few mortals know, and so I spent my childhood in study with a tutor, who taught me the rudiments of science and the fear of the devil, as it happened, without

killings my longing for love and my hope of heaven.

"When I was sixteen years old, I was sent to Princeton College, because my people had all been Presbyterians. When I was twenty-one I was a graduate, and while I was spending the summer at home, my father died. As I stood beside his coffin, pondering over the mystery of death, I found myself asking the question of my childhood, 'Where is sister gone?'

"I could not contest myself at home after this. I had no desire to travel, but an intense longing for knowledge. My father's estate had been left in the hands of a distant and only relative, who was a bachelor, and had absolute control of all my property until I should reach the age of twenty-five. He told me I was rich, and might choose any thing I desired. I decided to enter Harvard. For four years I delved into the printed volumes that constituted the world's library of metaphysics and psychology. In my other studies I was a fair scholar, but in that branch I excelled. My classmate called me by the names of ancient Greek philosophers, and shunned me because I would not enter into the sports that they enjoyed.

"I lived in college for four years, and never went home until I graduated in 1848. When I reached home, I found the trustee of my property ill and unconscious. That night he died before midnight, and while I was under the stress of sadness, I took a long walk to the westward on the plantation. I did not note time, but when I turned about, a light was in the east. At first I thought it was the rosy morn, but soon flames shot up, and I realized that the home of my father,—my home—was burning. I hurried on, but when I reached the spot a seething mass of flames and glowing coals was all that was left of the proud old mansion. The frightened servants could tell me nothing. They had slept, and, 'it just burned.' The body of my guardian had burned with it, and again the question came to me, 'Where did his spirit go?'

"All these years I had never thought of business, and knew no more than a child of how the management of an estate should be conducted. That day I went to the county seat, and found a lawyer, who examined the records, and told me that all the lands I supposed were mine, had passed into other hands by the recent foreclosure of a deed of trust. Further investigation showed that I was entirely without means.

"With all my learning, I was unfit for any business, and the following year, after eking out an existence as best I could, I joined a party bound for the goldfields of California. I shall not dwell upon the hardships of mining life. Let it suffice that I returned to the old South State in 1856 with a little money. I tried to be contented there, but I had the western fever, and left in '58 for Texas with no difference purpose in view. Reaching San Antonio, I joined the ranger service. Rough life in mining camps had made me a physical giant. I loved and outdoor life,—and was happiest when I could lie on the ground at night and watch the stars as they twinkle like little eyes of guardian angels, ever watchful of the welfare of the little mites of humanity

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that inhabit the earth, and the moon in her eternal constancy as she made her nightly tour of the heavens. At such times I wove weird fabrics of fancy about the unfathomable mysteries of the sky and the world beyond.

"I became restless again, and after a year of this life resigned from the position I occupied. I quit the ranger service in '59, and one day, while loafing about the plaza, I met a ranchman who told me he had a ranch on the Gaudalpe and wanted an extra man who knew how to fight, as the Indians had been stealing stock in that locality. I hired to him, and as he was on the way to Austin, he gave me directions how to go, and I came on by myself, over the same road you have traveled today only it was just a trail at that time. On my trip that day I felt the same inexplicable force driving me forward that you cannot explain. A stronger will than mine forced me ride sixty miles, and just as the sun was setting, I dismounted from a jaded horse at the old ranch house that stood in the valley, less than five miles from here. A field of wheat now covers the place, and not so much as a stone marks the spot where I pulled the friendly latch string, and there in the golden light, as the setting sun burnished the cypress boughs along the river, turning them into a magic forest of greenish flame, I met my fate, and no man has known a stranger one.

CHAPTER IV.

WELDON'S FIRST EVENING AT THE RANCH.

"Mr. Carsted, the ranchman who had hired me, did not tell me that his family lived at the ranch.

He was a rather gruff, but pleasant man of about fifty, who might not be a bachelor. I had not thought to question him as to who was in charge of the ranch in his absence, and he had not seen fit to volunteer the information.

"The main house, as I approached, I had noticed, was a rough, one-story affair, with walls of upright posts and stones, and a roof of clapboards. Several jacales, or huts, stood near, as quarters for the Mexican ranch hands, all being in a rather large enclosure formed by a high wall of rough loose stones. Another larger lot adjoined this, fenced in the same manner, in which were stables and pens for stock.

"As I approached the house, a pack of deep mouthed hounds apprised the inmates of my presence, and when I reached the threshold, I was greeted by a kindly voice, which said:

"Good evening, sir, won't you come in?"

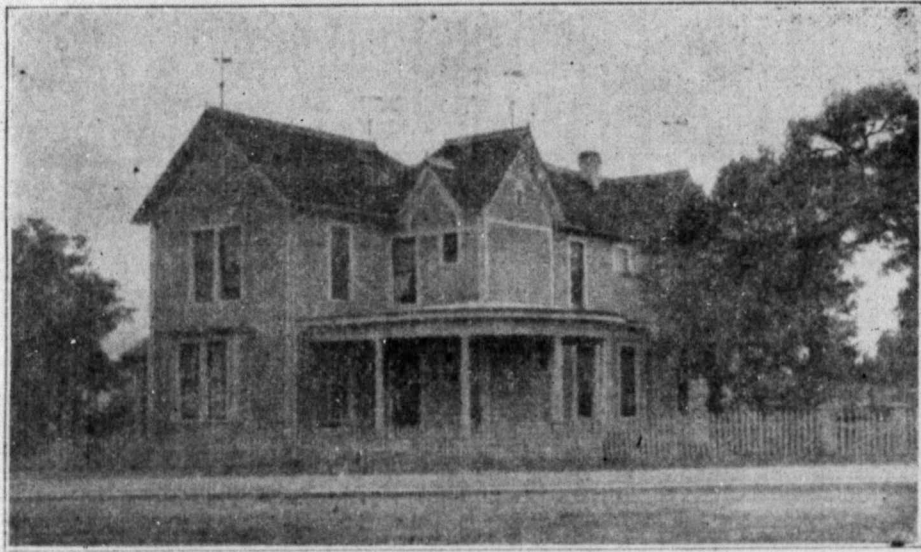
"I turned my head and saw sitting huddled in a rough homemade chair at the end of the long porch, or gallery that ran across the front of the house, the grotesque figure of a man, that brought to my mind an impression of some ancient Greek myth. The figure had a large and thick hair head, with massive brow, thick hair and flowing beard of a rich golden brown. The leopine head, strong, deep chest and shoulders and long lithe arms, and finely shaped hands, might well have been an artist's model; but as he scrambled from the chair, I saw that he was a dwarf. His lower limbs were shrunken and distorted, and all the lower part of his body was strangely out of proportion to the manly beauty of his face, and the strength

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A PRETTY RECEPTION.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ENTERTAIN IN A ROYAL MANNER AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. D. H. COMPARETTE. ENTERTAINMENT WAS GIVEN IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS. EDWIN STARKEY.

Thursday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock, the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Comparette, at the



HOME OF MR. AND MRS. D. H. COMPARETTE. Where the Woman's Home Mission Society Entertained in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Starkey, of Greeley, Colorado.

corner of Tivy and Jefferson streets, was the scene of a happy gathering, representing the church and social circles of the city. The reception was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Starkey, of Greeley, Colorado, who are visiting relatives in Kerrville.

The parlors of the Comparette home were tastefully decorated with evergreens, winter vines, ferns and flowers. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Comparette.

The feature of the evening was an excellent program of music, vocal and instrumental.

At the conclusion of the program the beautifully decorated dining room was thrown open and the guests invited to partake of a delicious luncheon, appropriate to the occasion.

The attendance was large and the occasion a most happy one. At a late hour the guests departed with many expressions of thanks and kindly wishes for the host and hostess, and for the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Starkey, who will leave in a few days for their home at Greeley.

Tuesday Musical Club.

On account of the inclement weather, the Tuesday Musical Club has been postponed till January 19th.

COMING! COMING!!

The National Stock Co. will play a week's engagement at Pampell's Opera House, commencing February 8. This is one of the strongest companies on the road and every performance will be worth the money.

Married.

J. J. Denton and Mrs. M. E. Taylor were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage, this city, Thursday evening at eight o'clock, Rev. T. N. Barton officiating. The contracting parties are both well known in this city. Mr. Denton was formerly county commissioner from the 4th precinct. Mrs. Taylor has long been a resident of Kerrville. Many friends will join in wishing them happiness.

M. G. Lowry and son, W. E. Lowry, left last Sunday for southern California.

DISTRICT COURT.

Present Term Least Expensive to County in Many Years.

The January term of district court for Kerr county is still in session, but a recess was taken from Wednesday until Saturday, when a civil case will be heard in which Judge Burney is disqualified. Judge Camp of San Antonio will preside.

This term of court has been the least expensive to the county of any term held in the past decade. The jury for the first week was

notified to not appear. The jury for the second week, composed of Peter Hendricks, A. L. Corbath, Allen Nelson, William Nimitz, Willie Lich, Thos. James, Walter Coleman, Albert Smith, H. G. Eden, T. A. McBryde, Chas. Leinweber, Chas. Eddings, Fred Boerner, Guy Burney, Moritz Boernert, James Howell, R. C. Sauer, J. C. Raiford, Otto Pankratz, P. A. Crenshaw, E. L. Sublett, Wm. Boeckman, Sam Crider, R. A. Shelburne.

There were only two jury cases tried, one for theft under value of \$50 in which a verdict of acquittal was rendered, the other a pistol case resulted in a mistrial.

The court docket, both civil and criminal, is practically cleared and the county's affairs in so far as they in any manner appertain to court matters are in excellent condition.

Don't buy your spring slippers get my prices and see the new styles, a full line to arrive next week for men, ladies and children.

Ernest Pampell made a trip to San Antonio the first of the week, returning home Tuesday.

We have a few pair of Men's ladies' and children's shoes. One pair of a size, you can buy them at half price, not damaged.

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OLD LADY'S ERROR.

"I tell you," went on the old lady at a hotel, getting quite angry, "I won't have this room. I ain't going to pay my money for a pigsty, and, as far as sleeping in one of them folding beds, I simply won't do it!"

"Get on in, mum," said he, with a weary expression on his face. "This ain't your room; it's the elevator."

HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items From Town and County.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Watts, on the 10 inst., a girl.

Cakes and Crackers; a fresh line just opened at the Famous.

Flower Pots all sizes at the lowest prices at the Famous.

Alf Brodie, of Fredericksburg, was in Kerrville Sunday.

Fresh oysters every Thursday at the Famous.

This week all mens and boys caps only 25c each. THE FAMOUS.

E. H. Green, of Japonica, was a guest at the St. Charles hotel Tuesday.

Floyd Lewis, the popular stationery salesman was a guest at the St. Charles Wednesday.

Alex J. Hamer and wife of Junction, were guests at the St. Charles hotel last Sunday.

Otto Dietert and J. L. Vining left Tuesday for Mexico on a business trip.

H. S. Davis, of Rock Springs, was a guest at the St. Charles Tuesday.

Plant them now your onion sets and early garden seeds, we only handle the best. THE FAMOUS.

Oscar Tedford, of San Antonio, attended court in Kerrville this week.

State Senator Julius Real left last Sunday for Austin to assume his duties at the convening of the 31st legislature, which occurred Tuesday.

R. C. Walker, of Austin, was a guest at the St. Charles hotel Wednesday. Mr. Walker was en route to Rock Springs where he will spend some time.

Bring your butter, turkey, chickens and eggs to the Famous, will pay you the highest market price cash or trade. THE FAMOUS.

Miss Alice Shuford, who had been spending the holiday vacation with her grand mother, Mrs. S. M. Barton, left last Saturday for Georgetown to re-enter the South Western University.

47 lots, worth \$3,350.00, in this town, the county seat, to trade for land of equal value, in the neighborhood of Kerrville.

31-4t J. C. BERY.

S. H. Huntington made a trip to San Antonio Thursday to purchase instruments, costumes and equipment for the Cotton Blossoms Minstrel Company. In addition to musical instruments and other equipment, the company has secured an entirely new and complete repertoire of songs, solos, quartettes and choruses.

NOT NECESSARILY.

"Pop," said the smart little boy, "I suppose they can never have forest fires like ours in England, can they?"

"Why not, my son?"

"Because they always have a reign going on there."

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PROFESSIONAL AID.

"Do you desire my professional advice?" said the specialist to the seedy visitor.

"I merely desire confirmation of a pet notion of mine that thorough mastication is essential to digestion."

"Certainly it is."

"Exactly. I am glad to find we are in agreement. Perhaps you could spare me a quarter. I'd like to put our admirable theory into practice."

NOTICE.

I will prosecute anyone hunting with dogs or gun in the Reservoir pasture, North of town.

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Catch an Eight-Foot Shark.

Tampico, Mexico, Jan. 12.—An eightfoot shark was caught in the Panuco River by a party of tarpon fishers. He made a stiff fight, but was safely landed with a tarpon rod and reel.

A Higher Health Level.

"I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pill," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded at Rock drug store, 25c.

Tuberculosis Exhibit at Lockhart.

Lockhart, Tex., Jan. 12.—Dr. Dudley Miller was in Lockhart arranging for a tuberculosis exhibit Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Dr. Miller is a special representative of the Texas division of the International Tuberculosis Association. He will also lecture.

Rank Foolishness.

"When attacked by a cough or a cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery," says C. O. Eldridge of Empire, Ga. "I have used New Discovery seven years and I know it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Known the world over as the King of throat and lung remedies. Sold under guarantee at Rock drug store. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free.

It Does the Business.

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to and old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c. at Rock drug store.

Boat Accident Proves Fatal.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 12.—Walton Cone, a student of the university residing at Austin, died today of pneumonia, contracted by being overturned in the river while out boating.

A Cure for Misery.

"I have found a cure for misery malaria poison produces," says R. M. James, of Loullen, S. C. "It's called Electric Bitters, and comes in 50 cents bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee at Rock drug store.

HE KNEW WHEN HE WAS HAPPY.

The soul of an editor who died of starvation was being conducted to the Elysian fields. As they passed the portals of the infernal regions, he asked his guide if he might not go in and look around. The guide consented, but warned him to stay only a few minutes, as he could not wait long.

A long time passed, and the editor had not returned; so the guiding angel went in search of him. He found him before a cage in which a number of doomed wretches were being toasted on red-hot griddles. Over the cage was the sign "Delinquent Subscribers."

"Come," said the guide; "we must be going."

"Don't wait for me," replied the editor, "I'm not coming. This is heaven enough for me!"—Lippincott's.

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all druggists.

TOLD BY ROARING MUSCLES

Strange Sounds in Human Body That Enable Physicians to Diagnose Disease.

"If a writer wrote of roaring muscles, you would laugh at him. Joints crack, the stomach thunders, but muscles, you would say, don't roar. That is your mistake. They do."

The speaker, a physician, put his finger in his ear.

"I hear a muscle roaring now," said he. "Try it, and you, too, will hear the sound. And to prove that it is the sound of a muscle, put a plug of wood in your ear instead, and you will hear nothing."

"Contracted muscles give out a roaring sound; relaxed muscles are silent. This fact is of use in diagnosing certain diseases. The stethoscope makes the muscular roars audible, and those strange voices proclaim the presence of such diseases as tetanus, meningitis or strychnine poisoning; while silence on the muscles' part is, so to speak, a sullen admission of the presence in their midst of atrophy, degeneration, paralysis."

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This is a common form of muscular rheumatism. No internal treatment is needed. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely twice a day and a quick cure is certain. This liniment has proven especially valuable for muscular and chronic rheumatism, and is sure to give quick relief. Chamberlain's Liniment is also most excellent for sprains and bruises. Price, 25 cents; large 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

OVERTIME FOR BEES.

"I have just shipped my bees to California," said a beekeeper. "My bees work overtime. No hibernating for them."

"In the spring I send them down south, and they toil like blazes among the southern flowers. In summer I bring them here to the east, working them till the honeysuckle and the clover are quite gone. The autumn season finds them in Florida, where they make a peculiarly rich and aromatic honey from the Florida flowers. California gives them all they can do in the winter."

"It's a splendid idea, isn't it, to keep one's bees in a perpetual state of work? I got the idea from those hotel keepers of Europe who have winter hotels on the Riviera and summer hotels at Dinard or Trouville. My traveling bees yield thrice as much honey as stay-at-home ones. Thank goodness, there are no labor unions among these insects."

Don't Take The Risk.

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis, or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by all druggists.

SAYINGS OF MRS. SOLOMON.

Being the Confessions of the Seven Hundredth Wife.

(Translated by Helen Rowland.)

Hearken, my daughter, and hear my counsel! If thou hast a secret, tell it unto thy man friend; for he is as a patent ink bottle, wherein much goeth, but nothing spilleth out. But a woman friend is as a paper bag with a hole in the side.

Yea, a man friend is as discreet as a hammock on the side porch or a cozy corner in a dark parlor; but a man that boasteth of his conquests and sneereth at other women, beware of him, for he is as a placket without hooks ready to betray thee and hold thee up to ridicule.

Lo! how wise is the man that hath been long married! He commandeth the barber that he perfume not his hair; he eateth cloves and cheweth sen-sen, he putteth on a soiled necktie when he contemplateth taking his stenographer to Coney Island and changeth it at a haberdashery. Verily, he avoideth the appearance of evil.

Yet, I say unto thee, it is as difficult to persuade him to stay with thee after thou hast married him as it was to persuade him to leave thee before thou didst marry him.

For he desireth variety, and thou art of a sameness like unto the daily hash of the boardeng-house luncheon.

When he taketh thee fourth to a theater he refuseth to don his dress suit; he smootheth his top hair and picketh up his cane, saying, "Behold, I am arrayed! Why tarriest thou?"

He walketh two feet ahead of thee and bundlith thee into a street car. He rideth four blocks out of the way that he may procure transfers and yawndeth beside thee in a seat in the first balcony. He hurrieth the home that thou mayest not note the glitter of the restaurant signs.

For a wife is as a horse which is securely hitched to a post, a tame deer which need not be chased but will come at the call, a book that hath been read, a puzzle which hath been solved. Yea, verily, she is as three meals a day which have become a habit; but an affinity is as a lobster supper with intoxicating wines. Selah!

The Pure Food Law.

Secretary Wilson says: "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven. as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by all druggists.

THE EXPLANATION.

"No wonder graveyards are haunted," said the home grown philosopher.

"What's the explanation?" queried the party of the other part.

"After a man has been kicked and cuffed all his life, it's only natural that his ghost would enjoy a quiet sitdown in the moonlight occasionally for the purpose of reading his epitaph," answered the philosophical person.

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ROOSEVELT AS POLICE CAPTAIN.

No administration in the history of this country has shown such a tendency toward imperialism as that of Roosevelt, which will expire next week. Theodore Roosevelt has been credited with many good things, some of which were his own work, but the great majority of those creditable actions were forced upon him. It is childish, and even foolish for those who disagree with the president in political belief to attempt to prove that he had done no good thing; on the other hand it is disgusting and disgraceful for citizens of a democratic government, who are receiving favors from the administration, to worship Roosevelt as a demi-god, and to decry the outspoken criticism of the public press and of men in authority of all political beliefs, upon Mr. Roosevelt's recent escapade as police captain in the government service. There are forty-six more days of Theodore's reign. Through practically eight years he has been playing to the galleries, coquetting with sensational newspapers and magazines, and striving in every conceivable manner to gratify his insatiable desire for notoriety. Had this fit of pattering after "Knights of old," and "Free lances of the highway" struck him in his youth he would no doubt have placed a feather in his bonnet, mounted a "saw horse" and set out to be, "a bold highwayman."

The curtain has just rung up on the final "spasm of vaudeville." Roosevelt, the Remorseless, attacking Tillman the Terrible, is the title of the farce. There are newspapers in America that hoot at the poor weak-minded ballet dancer on the cheap vaudeville stage for having her picture taken in pink tights, and lying about stolen diamonds, in order to secure notoriety, and yet will discuss, seriously, on the same page the "eccentricities" of the president along with "Imbecillie behavior of vaudeville queens." It is only a question of "whose ox." At the end of eight years in authority it is nauseating to find the president of this great country stricken with a spasm of political virtue, (†) which goods him like a maddening dream to be hot on the trail of southern senators in an attempt to discover something that will offset the iniquities of Foraker and other renegades from his own ranks.

Davis, of Brazos, fired the first gun in the fight between the House of Representatives and Gov. T. M. Campbell. Governor Campbell made a very strenuous effort to be the whole circus, from clown to ringmaster, in the 30th, and now that there is no necessity for curbing his desires in that direction in order to secure a second term, there will evidently be open warfare between the legislative and executive departments of the state.

The daily press is now reviewing ancient history. Late papers contain a statement that Colquitt is a candidate for Governor.

It is become a case of "les majesty" for the United States Senate to cheer a speech made by one of its members. This is the new rendering of the expression "A Free Democracy." "Government of the people, for the people; by the people" A la Fairbanks.

The English Society for Physical Research has discovered that the soul weighs two ounces. We know men whose souls could turn a double summersault on the point of a pin and never be in danger of falling off.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

One would infer that there were at least a few of the bad bunch in Tennessee that did not come to Texas.

BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB MEETS.

Officers for the Ensuing Year are Elected. Carpenter Re-Elected President. No Contests Were Had, All Officers Elected by Acclamation.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Kerrville Business Men's Club, held at Pampell's Hall Tuesday night, the principal business was the election of officers. A president, two vice presidents, treasurer and a board of directors were elected by acclamation, and are as follows:
W. G. Carpenter, President; W.

RUIN IN A CALABRIAN CITY.



Disastrous Results of a Prior Earthquake in Italy When Ferruzzano Suffered Almost Total Destruction and Many of Its Inhabitants Were Killed by the Upheaval.

The gauntlet has been thrown down between Governor Campbell and the Commercial Secretaries Association. There has never been a clearer case of "extremes meeting" than is represented in this instance, and as is usually the case in such circumstances, both are wrong. If the strength of the two factions is about evenly divided the country will probably fare well, but if either faction has full control, harm is likely to result to the State.

The recent extreme cold weather caused some suffering among the poor in Texas cities, and especially in San Antonio. The associated charities did excellent work in the matter of relieving suffering.

As a general rule the man who carries a chip on his shoulder is of so little consequence that no self-respecting citizen will stoop to knock it off.

Kennedy's election as Speaker of the House of Representatives, is score one for the Commercial Secretaries.

Senator Chas. Culberson has shown abundant courage of his convictions in the wrangle between the president and senate.

SEND HIM TO TEXAS.

In a certain nearby town there is a citizen that buys all he can get on a credit from his own home merchants, and spends what little cash he can rake and scrape in Atlanta. A man like that ought to be sent to Texas—Matieta (Ga.) Courier. Send him on, neighbor. If Texas can't teach him decency and common honesty he is a hopeless case.

A. Fawcett, A. C. Schreiner, directors.

On motion the president was instructed to appoint such committees from time to time as conditions might require.

The election having taken up considerable time, nothing outside of routine work was discussed. The Club is now thoroughly equipped, and ready for business, and much good work is presaged by the harmonious action of that body in its election.

Permanent quarters for the club will be arranged for in the near future.

PRESERVE HOME OF BALZAC

His Place of Refuge in Paris Turned Into Museum for Souvenirs of Writer.

Admirers of Balzac who come to Paris will hereafter have an opportunity of visiting a museum specially devoted to souvenirs of the writer. It consists of the quaint old house and garden in the Rue Raynouard at No. 47, which he inhabited many years and where he wrote a number of his best works. Curiously enough, the house recalls one of the most difficult periods of his life, when, it is said, he was hunted and persecuted by debtors to an alarming extent. He selected the house, it is stated, purposely as a sort of harbor of refuge from duns. It has no direct entrance from the Rue Raynouard, and one has first to pass through the hall of another house and go down two flights of stairs to a courtyard below. The house, which is a small building and which the French would only call a "pavilion," is entered from this courtyard and has a little garden at the back. At one side of the garden there is a steep wall down the side of the hill, giving the place the appearance of a little fortress.—London Telegraph.

A Country of Homes.

Did you ever give thought to the fact that it is largely due to the material aid and encouragement given by banks and bankers that this is a country of homes and home owners?

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HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items From Town and County.

H. V. Scholl made a business trip to Comfort Tuesday.

J. O. McNealy, of Ingram, was in Kerrville Wednesday.

Miss Clara Herzog will be the soloist at the Presbyterian church tomorrow night.

For kodak supplies see Mrs. O'Neal, the photographer.

F. F. Coker, of Center Point, was among the visitors in Kerrville Monday.

When you need groceries, go to grocer, when you need dry goods, go to the dry goods store, when you need photo supplies go to a photographer. MRS. O'NEAL.

Miss Kathleen Higgins returned last Saturday from a visit to her home at DuQuoin, Ill.

Dr. Edward Galbraith,



Dentist

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B. F. Corder, a prominent Kimble county stock man, whose ranch is near Junction, was among the visitors in Kerrville Wednesday.

There will be a special song service at the Presbyterian church, Sunday night, December 17. Everybody cordially invited to be present.

O. B. Fleming, a large land owner and stockman, of Kimble county, was in Kerrville Wednesday on business.

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T. A. Hibdon, of Bluff, was in Kerrville Thursday.

No reason why you should not get good kodak pictures in winter, if you use the Anseo cameras and films, and have your finishing done by Mrs. O'Neal, photographer.

J. F. Davenport, of the Elm Pass community, was in Kerrville Thursday.

Henry Cowan, of the Bear creek community, was in Kerrville Thursday.

Anseo hand cameras, Anseo films, a little advice about the handling of the kodak, and the right kind of finishing, will get you good kodak pictures. Call and see Mrs. O'Neal for kodak finishing and supplies.

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31ST LEGISLATURE PYTHIANS ENTERTAIN. CONVENES.

A. M. KENNEDY, OF McLENNAN, ELECTED SPEAKER BY VOTE OF 69 TO 63 OVER JOHN A. MOBLEY, OF HENDERSON.

Austin, Texas, January 12.—The 31st Texas Legislature convened today. In the House, A. M. Kennedy, of McLennan county, was elected Speaker, defeating John A. Mobley, of Henderson, by a vote of 69 to 63. Mr. Mobley moved that Kennedy's election be made unanimous and motion was carried amid a storm of applause.

Bob Barker, the Beau Brunel of the Texas legislature, prince of good fellows, and chief clerk of the House since "a time to which the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," was re-elected to that office. Sebe Newman, who served the 30th as sergeant-at-arms was re-elected.

IN THE SENATE.

The Senate organized and reported ready for business Tuesday. The organization was perfected in the usually stately and routine manner in which that function is usually performed in the Upper House. With Lieutenant Governor Davidson presiding, Senator J. M. Terrell, of Texarkana, was elected president, pro tem.

A committee of Peeler, Perkins and Terrell was appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate was ready for work. Clyde Smith, of Paris, who had served in that capacity before was re-elected chief clerk of the Senate.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE OAKS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. S. Gammon Entertain with Tacky Party at their Pleasant Home Near Kerrville.

The Oaks was again the scene of happy, harmless and satisfying revelry Wednesday night, when Mr. and Mrs. Gammon entertained a large company at a "Tacky Party."

Prizes were given for the most "tackily" attired guests—In the men's class Rev. Fred S. Carter won first prize, Fiske, second prize and R. S. Newman third prize—Among the ladies Mrs. J. B. Love was the first winner, with Mrs. G. H. Coleman a close second, and Miss Nealy Coleman a splendid third.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coleman, as Si Bunion and wife, and Rev. Fred S. Carter and Miss Nealy Coleman as their son and daughter Joab and Sary, captured the prize and brought down the house as the "wusset fambly" for tackiness in this here state.

After all contests had been satisfactorily settled refreshments were served

MENU.

- Sody Crackers,
- Baylonéy Sassage
- a la Cross Timbers.
- Dried Apples—Au Natural.
- DESSERT:
- Kisses—Extra Dry,
- Pink Lemonade
- Trimed in Silver
- Taffeta and green Chiffon.
- Favors—Green Chalots
- for button hole boquets.

The reputation of Mr. and Mrs. Gammon for the success of the entertainments given at their home is unique, in that they never fail of perfect success. Wednesday night they outdid all former efforts, and the large attendance at the party spent the evening in hilarious happiness, and at a late hour left for their homes with thanks on their lips, and benisons in their hearts for the warm hearted hospitality of which they had been recipients.

KERRVILLE LODGE NO. 166, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ENTERTAINED KNIGHTS AND LADIES AT A PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND A BANQUET, AT CASTLE HALL TUESDAY NIGHT.

In their usual gratifying manner the Kerrville Lodge Knights of Pythias entertained the members and their ladies at a public installation and oyster supper Tuesday night of this week.

The officers installed were: A. B. Williamson, C. C.; S. F. Howard, V. C.; E. Galbraith, Prelate; W. G. Carpenter, M. of W.; McCollum Burnett, K. R. & S.; A. Enderle, M. P.; Morris Granville, M. E.; Dr. Thigpen, M. A.; John H. Ward, I. G.; R. A. Shelburne, O. G.

The installation ceremony was performed by Deputy Grand Chancellor J. H. Ward. After the installation an oyster supper, and general spread of good things to eat was served. The inclement weather prevented a full attendance of the members, but the company, although it did not represent a full roster of the Knights and Pythian Sisters, was a most happy one. The evenings exercises were conducted along well known lines of open hospitality that characterize the Pythians in all their doings. Everyone who attended was amply repaid for having braved the storm.

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Church Debt Liquidated.

The Kerrville Baptist church made the last payment on the pastor's home last week and the church is now out of debt. Speaking of the matter Rev. R. A. Cohron, pastor the church said:

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GOOD ROADS.

CONGRESSMAN J. L. SLAYDEN
WRITES LETTER ON SUBJECT
OF GOOD ROADS, AND SECURES
SERVICES OF GOVERNMENT
EXPERT ENGINEER FOR KERR
COUNTY ROAD EXPERIMENTS.

The Kerr County Good Roads Convention will meet at the courthouse in Kerrville at 2 o'clock this afternoon, (Saturday, January 16.)

The following letters touching the matter of good roads for Kerr county will be interesting to those who are working for the success of the movement.

Washington, D. C.
January 9, 1909.

Mr. J. E. Grinstead,
Kerrville, Texas.

My Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter that I have just received from L. W. Page, Director of the Office Public Roads, and a blank application for an engineer of the Department of Agriculture to advise in your contemplated road construction. You will observe the limitations indicated in the letter of Mr. Page.

I am in such complete sympathy with the "good roads idea" that I am almost a "crank" on the subject. For twelve years I have been trying to get legislation that would control and ultimately do away with interstate traffic in convict made goods. I want, if possible, to compel the consumption of convict made goods in the state in which they are made. I want to do that for two reasons, to wit, it will take the products of penal slaves out of competition with those made by honest, free labor and it will have the effect of helping to send the prisoners to the public road work. I think that both reasons are good and that either should suffice to secure the legislation.

Some years ago—about ten I think—I grew so enthusiastic for good roads work that I addressed an open letter to the legislature of Texas urging legislation in the line of highway development. I am not discouraged because the arguments I advanced then were not convincing.

We need some new and broader laws to govern the construction of the public highway of our state. I shall not undertake to discuss in detail what I think should be done. However, I will go so far into it as to say that experience of other states has shown that we should have standards fixed and competent officials employed to enforce adherence to the standard.

We ought to have a capable state road engineer, a man of education and experience, paid out of the state treasury but ready and able to serve with advice the enterprising counties that undertake this progressive work. He ought not to be a cheap man, for cheap men are always in the end the most expensive. By having a standard and one directing head, like this proposed state engineer, we will have a uniform development from Red River to the Gulf.

Ultimately we hope to have good, first class macadam (or some other satisfactory type) of roads all over the state and the words "good roads" ought to mean the same thing in Kerr or in Bowie. When we shall have that sort of a system we will be measurable independent of railroads for the major part of our transportation of people and goods. For the haul of a few miles only our people will use their own teams that will go quickly and easily over first class roads carrying a load three times as heavy as that they now move.

I have already said that there is no economy in cheap men. The same thing can be said of cheap construction. If we are to build roads they should be the best that money and experience can provide. The people entitled to them. The posterity that will help to pay for them would be cheated if we did not band on to them something that will be worth more to them

than the money they will have to pay out to meet interest on the bonds that will be issued or to retire the bonds.

Such a system of roads as I have in mind will be incredibly cheap in the long run.

Cladius Appian built a road from Rome toward the sea 325 years before Christ. It is in all essentials a better road today than any in Texas.

Over a river in Spain there stands and is in daily use a bridge of stone and cement that was built by the Roman General and Emperor Hadrian nearly two thousand years ago. It is a beautiful specimen of bridge architecture and the centuries for which it has uninterruptedly served, the people of that country testify to its usefulness.

Hadrian's bridge and the Appian road both cost a considerable sum of money and human energy but if you will try to divide their first cost and repairs among the sixty generations of men who have used them you will see that each of the millions of people who have benefited by these two monumental works has paid an inappreciable amount. Such works as these ought to be paid for by future generations for two very evident reasons. First, they receive them as legacies; second, the building of them will add to the value of property that will be inherited by the children of the future.

Go on with your good work. The power of the press is irresistible. Hammer away at it every day. Bombard the legislature with arguments and educate your readers to an appreciation of the importance of good roads and you will deserve, even if you don't get a monument, I suggest as a motto,—"Bad roads are always expensive." Sincerely yours,
JAMES L. SLAYDEN.

Washington, D. C.,
January 8, 1909.

Hon. James L. Slayden,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 5, and in reply I am pleased to enclose a blank form upon which all applications for the assistance of this Office in object lesson road building have to be made.

In this kind of work the community must furnish all labor, teams, materials, and necessary machinery, and the assistance of this Office is confined to furnishing an engineer to make the survey, prepare the plans, specifications and estimates, and to superintend the construction.

The work of this Office, as authorized by Congress, is advisory and educational, and wherever we send an engineer to superintend the construction of an object lesson road we expect the local road officials to spend enough time on the work to learn the methods as demonstrated, in order that they may continue similar work after the withdrawal of our assistance.

This Office is placed in the Department of Agriculture because our work is intended to benefit rural communities, and in consequence we limit our advice to the subject of country road construction and maintenance, and do not include advice in regard to city street work.

Very respectfully,
L. W. PAGE,
Director.

GOING SOME.

As the large man in the red sweater entered the lunchroom and seated himself at the little table the waiter placed a new record on the phonograph.

"What tune is that?" asked the new patron.

"When de Harvest Days Am Obah, boss," whispered the waiter. "Dat gemman am an iceman."

Presently another man entered and seated himself at the second table. On went a new record.

"What's that, Sam?" queried the new patron.

"Why, 'When de Harvest Days Hab Cum.' Dat gon'man am a plumbah, sah."

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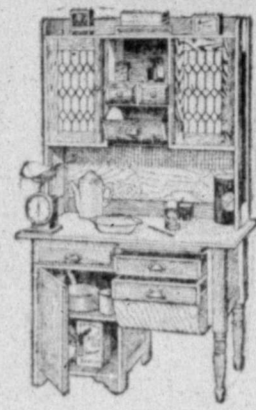


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HEAT AND COLD IN WAVES

Prof. Bigelow Explains Reason for Sudden Changes in Temperature.

An unusually hot day in summer or a mild one in winter in the United States is due, not to an increased amount of heat received directly from the sun but to the transportation of heated air from a warmer region. The same is true of the so-called "cold wave." This is brought out clearly in a recent investigation by Prof. Bigelow of the United States naval observatory. An increase in solar radiation will add to the heat of the tropics, but owing to the fact that it causes an inflow of cold air from the poles it decreases the temperature in middle latitudes. All this is specially true of countries spreading over wide continental areas, as the United States does. In an investigation of the weather records of the whole country Prof. Bigelow finds that the Pacific states form really a part of the tropical system, in which the atmosphere is generally quiet, being free from the great circular storms characteristic of the rest of the continent. Thus the eternal summer of southern California is due to the fact that just here the tropics thrust up a calm area into the more turbulent region mis-called the "temperate" zone.

THE PHARISEE.

"He's forever prating about what his conscience tells him. What does his conscience tell him, anyway?"

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INGENIOUS DEVICE.

When the members of the British Institution of Electrical Engineers paid a visit of inspection to northern Italy lately they were interested in a device used to protect the overhead transmission lines of an electric traction system from lightning discharges. The device consists of jets of water, which form a permanent "earth" at the Monbegno generating station on the Valtellina line. The electric resistance of the jets was said to be sufficient to prevent a serious loss of current, while not too great to enable them to serve for protection against lightning.

BIG ODDS.

"Gee! He gave big odds on the election."
"Why, I understood him to say he'd bet only a hat."
"That's so, but it was his wife he bet with."—Kansas City Times.



YES, HE HEARD IT.

"Have you ever heard the call of the wild?"
"Yes, my landlord wanted his rent this morning."

VARSITY REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TIVY HIGH SCHOOL.

Prof. J. L. Henderson, Representing the State University at Austin, Visits Tivy High School, Makes an Address to the Board of Directors, and Compliments the School on Excellent Work Being Done.

Prof. J. L. Henderson, who is making a tour of the schools in

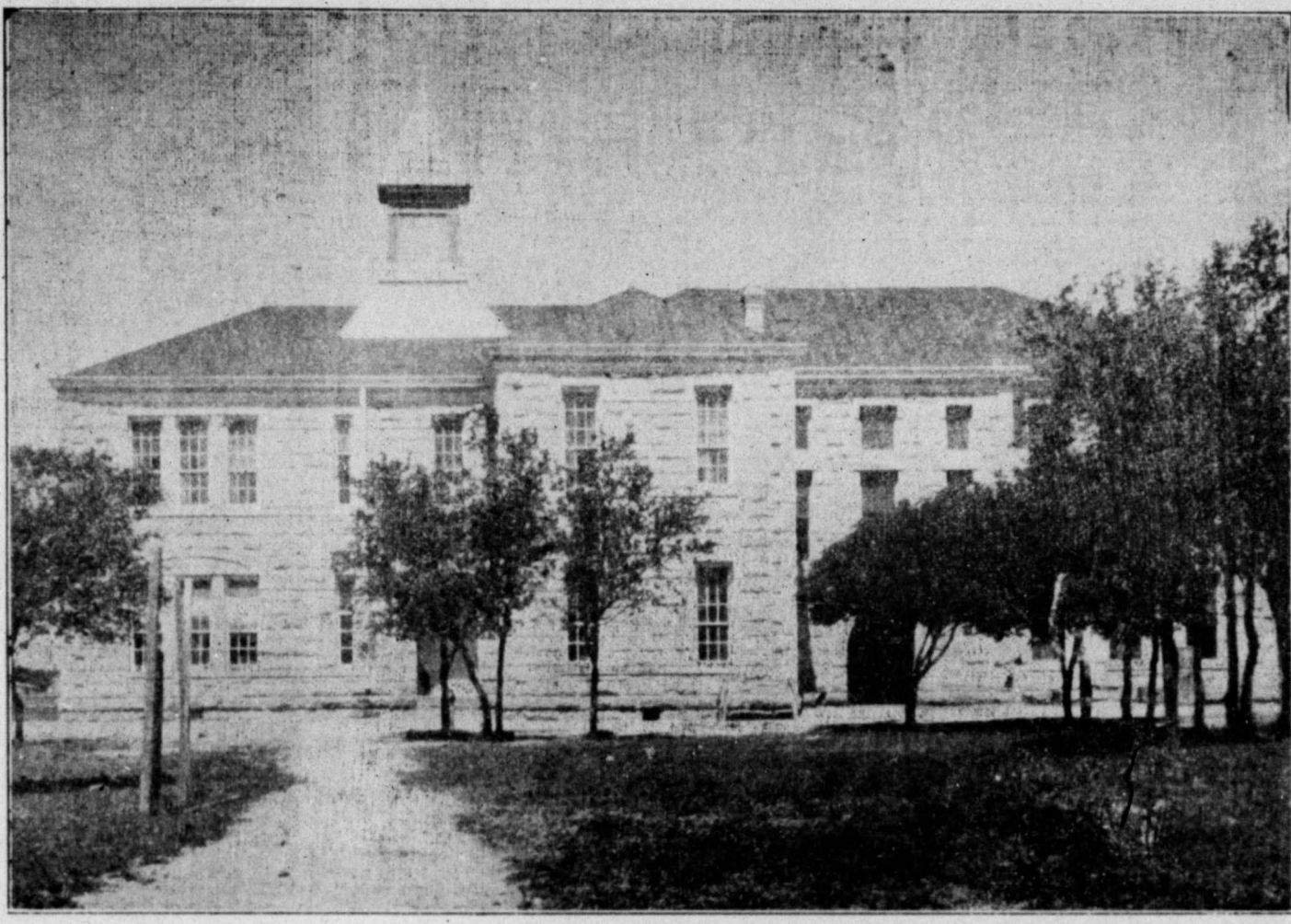
this state that are affiliated with the University at Austin, spent Tuesday in Kerrville inspecting the Tivy High School, and in the afternoon delivered a very pleasing and able address to the Board of Directors.

In the course of his remarks Prof. Henderson stated that it would require but little more work in our schools to place them in the first rank of affiliated schools in this state. With the exception

of President Richards, a full board was present at the meeting, as was also Superintendent H. W. Morelock.

The board will decide the matter of further affiliation with the University, that is, of extending the course of this school to cover a greater number of subjects, in the near future.

Prof. Henderson left Wednesday morning to continue his itinerary of inspection.



TIVY HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Tivy High School Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll of Tivy High School for the month of December, 1908:

1st Grade—Newton Scott, Herman Saenger, Morris Hannis, Jessie Grinstead, Thomas Morris, John Henry Harper, Ethel McMilliam, Ruby Allen, Curtis Dawson.

2nd Grade—Ruby Hicks, Mamie Heinen, Ernest Heinen, Jack Ligon, Lee Watts, Lena Vowell, Annie Rees, Agnes Wilson, Maggie Combs, Laura Henke, Annie Mosel, Irvin Wells, Tony Bessan, Leslie Burns, Zula Peterson, Hilda Hamilton, Hilda Rosenthal, Bernice Tarver, Evaline Palmer.

3rd Grade—Eugene Lathrop, Jennie Dietert, Lillie Pfeuffer, Earl Newton, Mamie Sublett, Mary Horne, Ina Coleman, Helen Dietert, Mary Brambella.

4th Grade—Kate Hamilton, Bess Raines, Ruth Hicks, Hester Schreiner, Nellie Hodges, Clara Tarver, Paul Wilson, Karl Mosty, Willie Dietert, Kendrick Everett.

5th Grade—Emil Peschel, Ervin Mittanek, Gerald Walther, Jesmyr Fordtran, Osear Rosenthal, Carver Palmer, Mary McCay, Lucille Williamson, Gladys Howard, Katie Lee Graves, Lula M. Parker, Alta McDoniel, Lula Parker, Alma Stieler, Gussie M. Brown.

6th Grade—Annie Mae Morriss, Addie B. Mosty, Lucy B. Stone, Emma Pfeuffer, Johnnie Skinner, Mabel Hagens, Meta Henke.

7th Grade—Everett Lumpkin, Robert Saenger, Robert Horne, Charlie Mason, Dora Nimitz, Albert McCown.

8th Grade—Harold Prisch, Olive Wells, Kate Remschel.

9th Grade—Joel Burney.

Woman's Club.

The Woman's Club met on Wednesday at the home of Miss Herzog. Socially, as well as intellectually, they had a delightful afternoon.

The lesson on Italian history proved especially interesting on account of the prominence this unfortunate country has been having since the terrible catastrophe so recently occurring there.

After the regular program had been carried out the hostess served most delicious refreshments.

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Hutchison House arrivals: Jas. McDannel, Hyde; Miss Della Dowdy, G. E. Dowdy, S. D. Moore, Ingram; James Sellers, Center Point; Enoch Hatch, J. M. Hatch, S. B. Ford, W. D. McBryde, Japonica; Jessie Stratman, Houston; Homer Mage, W. M. Hanson, Roek Springs; D. D. Arrde, Battle Creek; J. W. Shropshire, Lockhart; E. G. Hines, Geo. Peters, Mrs. Marie Hall, Lee Cook, San Antonio; Elias A. Aread, Abdo Elias, Kenedy; J. W. Hanning, Mobile, Ala.; W. M. Reddell, Junction; W. H. Hewitt, San Angelo; G. D. Johnson, Mt. Calm; J. P. Fruman, Medina; S. J. Kendall, T. O. Stanley, San Saba; H. W. Cranson, Sanson; Lee Billing, Harper; Lee Carson, Roosevelt.

A Few Words to Kerr County Citizens.

If you have not bought a lot or two in the Lowry addition to Kerrville, the choicest, best located, and lowest priced residence property in Kerrville, let us urge you not to delay longer. There are only twenty-five out of one hundred and twenty-five lots left.

We give below a list of the purchasers up-to-date. Look over the list. These people are friends and acquaintances of yours, ask them what they think about it.

A small investment in this property will make you money. Our terms are very easy. Will accept small cash payment down and balance to suit purchaser. We couldn't afford to make these terms if we didn't know the lots will greatly increase in value.

We especially invite the ranchmen and farmers to invest in this property. Buy a lot or two for your children. They will be worth much more money soon, than we now ask for them. Again let us urge you to buy before it is too late.

Following is list of purchasers:

L. A. Schreiner, 4	John Anderson, 4	Otto Doebbler, 2
W. D. Hope	and W. D. McBryde, 4	E. Galbraith, 1
E. E. Palmer, 2	H. V. Scholl, 2	Thos. Frayne, 4
Hy. Staudt, 2	Chas. Heinen, 2	George Morris, 2
J. E. Grinstead, 2	B. M. Hixson, 2	W. A. Fawcett, 2
J. M. Hamilton, 2	P. J. Kirkland, 1	P. J. Haag, 3
Geo. Benson, 1	Wm. Watson, 2	Jno. P. Michon, 1
Lee B. Miller, 2	Ernest Schwetbielm, 2	Hy. Henke, 2
Adam Morriss, 3	H. Remschel, 2	J. T. Moore, 2
W. H. Rawson, 2	Miss Mary Gowan, 2	C. T. Weston, 2
W. G. Wherton, 6	J. S. Lowrance, 4	Bruno Schott, 5
Miss Mabel Davey, 3	A. B. Storey, 1	R. C. Saner, 5
J. C. Lawson, 2		W. H. Reno, 1

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Our hardware department is always up-to-date.

Vehicles and Machinery

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BRIDE OF BANDERA PASS

and symmetry of his neck hands and arms. His voice, though deep, full and strong, had not the roughness common to the voice of men, but was strangely soft and musical. In his presence I felt a deep respect that no man had ever commanded of me before, and removing my hat, I said:

"My name is James Weldon. Mr. Carsted hired me at San Antonio, and sent me on here. Following the directions he gave me has brought me to this place. Am I right in taking this to be his ranch?"

"Perfectly right. Mr. Carsted is my brother, and the owner of this ranch. When did you leave San Antonio?" said he.

"I replied that I had left the city of missions at sunrise of that day.

"You have had a long day's ride, and must be very tired," said the dwarf. I stated that it was quite a long way, but that I was used to riding and did not feel the least fatigued, that my horse, however, seemed pretty badly fagged.

"I will show you where to put your horse, then you will please return to the house. I would go with you, but as you see I am badly handicapped in the matter of traveling."

"As he spoke, a most beautiful smile of resignation lighted his face and eyes. I was with Milton Carsted much in after years, but the impression that I got in that hour never changed. He was the noblest man I ever knew. As he turned to show me the way to the barn, I heard a footstep near me, and looking up saw standing in the open doorway, a woman's form. Our eyes met for an instant, but in that fleeting glance I learned enough, had no books ever been

written on the affinity of souls, to know that telepathy existed.

"Milton Carsted approached us, and with the easy grace of a courtier, introduced me to his niece, Miss Mary Hamilton. She frankly extended her hand to me, and gave mine the hearty clasp that was so typical of the true Texas hospitality of frontier days. She spoke, and her voice was soft and musical, an exact feminine counterpart of the voice of her uncle.

"I then went away to care for my horse, and when the animal was stabled for the night, and my saddle and a few other belongings safely housed in a shed in the yard, I returned to the house, and was invited by the dwarf to have a seat on the gallery.

"There is no such a thing as a true Texas ranch house, such as they had in the old days, now in existence. There was no such thing then in existence as a ranch-house that was 'a home of ease and elegance,' as some writers would have you think. It was a rough life in a rough country, and every way you turned, you could see where something was needed. All furniture and household conveniences were homemade, unless it was hauled by wagon from Indianola, a port on the gulf coast several hundred miles away.

"But little was said for some minutes, and as I looked up and down the valley and across the river to the blue mountains in the distance, my host seemed to be scrutinizing me closely. For some time I sat pondering on the peculiar chance that had brought me to this place, and asking questions in my mind.—Who were these people? Where had they come from? Here, near me, sat a man whose every word and gesture be-

spoke the grace and ease of a polished gentleman. His niece, whom I had met, was a frank, simple, country girl, perhaps, but bore no trace of that shyness so common to girls who have spent their lives in rural districts. How many other members were there of this strange household, and what were they like?"

"While there were among the frontier settlers of Texas many men and women whose strength of character, big-hearted hospitality, and strong-conclusive grasp of things in general, was equal to that of any people in the world, yet, there was not in this section of the state, at that time, many people of the class these people appeared to represent. As I sat meditating upon the strange incongruities we sometimes see in the world's make-up, Mr. Carsted spoke:

"Would you like to wash your face and hands before supper?" he said.

"I replied that I should like to do so. Without speaking further, he led the way around the corner of the house to where a giant live oak stood. Beneath the tree was a well, with a curbing* of rough hewn stone, two large flat rocks forming the top, a windlass made of a hackberry log, a gourd hung on the short stub, where a little branch had been cut from one of the boughs of the tree. A shallow trough was near, containing water for the hounds. I drew a bucket from the well, poured some into a battered tin basin that set on a cypress block by the old tree, and washed the dust of travel from my face and hands.

"I have described this old well minutely, because it was the altar

before which I afterward offered up my soul."

CHAPTER V.

THE SUPPER SCENE.

My aged guest had told so much of his story in a voice unusually full and strong for a man of his years. When he made the statement that the old well was the altar where "he afterward offered up his soul," he stopped talking, and refilling his pipe, drew a burning twig from the fire and lighting the fragrant tobacco, smoked several minutes in meditative silence.

The night was passing, the camp fire had burned low, the chill night air had hushed all insect life to sleep, the mocking bird had finished his repertoire of love songs, and all was still except the muffled roar of the rapid in the river, which came to us like some far off incantation of many voices. I had followed closely the narrative of this ancient wanderer, and as he sat in silence, I fell into a deep reverie myself. As I was wondering if 'twere possible that

spirits roamed this eerie wood at night, I was startled when my eccentric guest resumed his tale by asking:

"Have you ever loved a woman?"

I told him that in my younger days I had thought myself to be violently in love with several women at different times. That when I left college I had become so thoroughly convinced that I loved one particular woman that I had intended marrying her, but that my poor health had so prevented by taking that important step. I could see that my apparent levity did not please him, and he continued:

"If you truly love each other as God intended for men and women to love, you can feel the presence of her soul, awake or sleeping, every hour you live. It has been forty-two years since the day I met Mary Hamilton, and my heart is unchanged. I love her tonight the same as I did when our souls met in that mystic bond, telepathy, at the old ranch, and her spirit is with me now the same as her body

(Continued Next Week.)

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