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BILL TAYLOR IN WYOMING

The Desperado is Now a Member of Notorious Gang—Story of Escape From Texas.

Ernest Cook, the negro who helped the noted train robber, Bill Taylor, to escape from the Brownwood jail five years ago, has returned to Brownwood after spending two years in the state penitentiary and roving over the West for two or more years. Cook says that as soon as he got out of the penitentiary he went straight to where he knew Taylor in Wyoming and got the reward that the bandit

had promised. He says Taylor paid him \$450. The negro says Taylor is with a band of train robbers and tough characters and that their headquarters is in a mountain fastness known as "The hole in the wall." He says there is only one outlet to the place and that it resembles a cave. A picket is kept on guard at all times day and night and entrance to the place is well screened by several large thick ets. Nearly one hundred tough characters men and women live there and operate their marauding expeditions from that place. The negro says Taylor told him if he would help him escape from the jail here he would pay him well and to come to Wyoming as he would make direct for that locality. Cook

says he stayed with Taylor for nearly a month and was treated royally. The "Hole in the wall" is thirty-five miles west of Fort Russel, where a troop of negro calvary is stationed.

Cook says Taylor asked many questions about Brownwood and as to what the people thought of his escape. He said that he and Martin and woods, who escaped with him were within five miles of town on the next day when the country was being searched for them. He says they went down the Bayou and hid in the brush. Ex-Sheriff Denman and another officer rode within shooting distance at one time and the bloodhound took their trail and came within one hundred yards and they started to shoot him and decided not to. He says they went to Mills county during the next night and caught a freight train on the Santa Fe and beat their way to Kansas and from there to Wyoming. Taylor says there is one man in West Texas that he wants to kill before he is caught. He did not state who the man is.

Cook says that Taylor has plenty of money and has no fears of being recaptured. A member of the old Black Jack gang is leader of the band in Wyoming.—Brownwood Bulletin.

FOUND—Pocket book with money in it. Apply to J. H. Burroughs.

Ingalls on Death.

The following gem is from the pen of the late John J. Ingalls, Senator from Kansas:

"In the democracy of the dead all men at last are equal. There is neither rank nor station nor prerogative in the republic of the grave. At this fatal threshold the philosopher ceased to be wise, and the song of the poet is silent. Dives relinquishes his millions and Lazarus his rag.

The poor man is as rich as the richest, and the rich man as poor as the pauper. The creditor loses his usury and the debtor is acquitted of his obligation.

There the proud man surrenders his dignities, the politician his honors, the worldling his pleasures; the invalid needs no

physician and the laborer rests from his unrequited toil. Here at last is nature's final decree in equality. The wrongs of time are repressed, injustice is expiated, the irony of fate is refuted, the unequal distribution of wealth honor, capacity, pleasure and opportunity, which makes life so cruel and inexplicable a tragedy, ceases in the realm of death.

The strongest there knows no supremacy, and the weakest needs no defence. The mighty captain succumbs to the invincible adversary who disarms alike the victor and the vanquished."

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves signature is on each box. 25c.

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When it is well made and is up to the latest modern styles. We make it our special aim to carry the product of the best factories of the country. Our customers may be sure of finding at this store ALL THE LATEST STYLES in good furniture. With the very latest styles we combine quality and low prices. We can furnish you with anything in our line from a single piece to a full set. When in Angelo come and see us.

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Wednesday Night's Storm.

There was a severe sand storm throughout Coke county Wednesday night and a considerable portion of our population was somewhat fearful that it would terminate into a bad storm. There was an angry looking cloud, vivid lightning and the wind blew a regular gale for about an hour, but no rain, nothing but dust. Lights could be seen in most every home and many beat a hasty retreat to their storm house while others wished they had storm cellars and many visited their neighbors storm house. It is told on postmaster W. B. Hamilton that he started to L. V. Hamilton's dugout across town from his home and the sand was so dense that he got lost and after the wind had ceased he found himself down on Mountain Creek. They also say that Gray Reed awoke when the storm was at its highest and beat a hasty retreat to the storm cellar and when he got in and had the door securely fastened it dawned on him that he had forgotten to awaken his family who were still asleep.

John Patteson and Uncle Jack Green it is said are still domiciled in their dugouts and refuse to come out under any conditions.

Clarence Jones was out early Thursday morning smiling and declaring that the wind, rain or atmospheric conditions had no effect on him.

The storm continued throughout Thursday and Thursday night and was one the worst ever experienced in this country.

—Windmill and pump pipe fittings of all kinds at the Lane Hardware Co.

My New Spring Stock Has Arrived

And includes everything correct to wear both for gentlemen and ladies.

Let Me Save You Some Money!

When it comes to something good to eat, I have it—The best line of groceries to be found.

J. L. BARRON,

Easter Services.

Easter service at Methodist church Sunday morning was a success.

The Junior League met at 2.30 in the afternoon and carried out an interesting program.

After adjournment in company with about half dozen of the fathers and mothers. They marched two and two through town and down near the brink of the river where the children had quite an interesting time in an Easter hunt, to all who attended.

After they had found all the eggs they were ordered in line by the Superintendent to see if all had been so lucky as to find an egg. They were then marched back to the church and quietly dismissed.

There will be preaching at the Methodist church Sunday night. D. A. McGuire.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup

Immediately relieves hoarse croupy cough; oppressed, rattling and breathing. Henry C. Stearns' druggist, Shulbourn, Wis., writes, I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle they come back for more I can honestly recommend it. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

H. H. Sigman & Co., at San Angelo, wants your hides at the highest market price.

A Dandy For Burns

Dr. Rergin, Pana, Ill. writes; "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment always recommended it to my friends as I am confident there is no better made. 'It's a dandy for burns.'

Those who live on farms are liable many accidental cuts, burns, bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

Cotton Seed For Sale

The genuine Storm proof and woodall five lock. This cotton has averaged a bale to the acre the past year. C.A. Gates.

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SMITH & ROBERTSON, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

J. H. BURROUGHS, Local Representative.

Your Birthday Party.

The ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church will give "Your Birthday Party" at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Pillans on the evening of the 12th.

An interesting program will be rendered and refreshments served. "Rebeckah at the Well," will be among the many entertaining features of the occasion.

All proceeds will be used in putting the church building in good state of repairs. When you get the sack remember the 12th and bring it back. All are invited to attend.

—New line of hose any lengths just received at the Racquet store.

Cures Coughs and Colds

Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St. Topeka, Kans. says "Of all cough remedies Ballard's Horehound Syrup is my favorite; it has done and will do all that is claimed for it—to speedily cure all coughs and colds—and it is so sweet and pleasant to taste. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

Notice

On Thursday, April 11, the undersigned committee will receive bids for the erection of an I.O.O.F. Hall building in the town of Robert Lee. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A copy of the plans and specifications will be found at Robert Lee Bank.

J. L. Morrow Chairman,
J. N. Buchanan
W. B. Green
Committee

To My Patrons

I have adopted the cash system for the future, and all work done at my shop will be cash hereafter. I appreciate the patronage received the past year and desire a continuance of your patronage and friendship. TOM CROSS.

Mrs. T. D. Evans, teacher of the Friendship school was at home Saturday and Sunday visiting home folks. Mrs. Evans has a splendid school which is growing fast. She is recognized as one of the best and most thorough teachers in the county and is giving splendid satisfaction to both patrons and pupils.

A Guaranteed Cure for Piles Itching, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money if pazo salve fails to cure.

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Such as

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Full and complete line of Wicker Goods, Folding Cots, Hammock Chairs, Hammocks etc. In fact everything else in the general furniture line and its all

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To the Tax Assessors of Texas Austin, Tex., Mch 29, '07.

To the Tax Assessors of Texas:

You are directed to give notice to taxpayers in your respective counties to call and correct their assessments and give in any money and notes or other property not heretofore given in, and place the full value on all property. Instruct them that if they do not do this, you will ask the Commissioners Court to place the proper valuation on same.

W. J. McDONALD.

State Revenue Agent.

The Tax Assessors' Association of Texas in session this date in this city passed a resolution requesting all the State and county papers of Texas to publish the foregoing notice by the State Revenue Agent.

H. L. TILLERY
Secretary Tax Assessors' Association of Texas.

The Operetta Friday Night

The Operetta at the court house Friday night given by Misses Carder was greeted with an overflowing house of pleased patrons. The entertainment was one of the best and most universally enjoyed of any like entertainment ever given here. Miss Mattie Carder is possessed with rare musical talent and fully demonstrated her ability both as a teacher and musician on this occasion.

Miss Bessie Carder stands at the head as an elocutionist and teacher. The recitation by her of the "Marble Dream" and Naughty Zella, was superb.

The program as carried out reflected credit on those who took part and also the teachers.

It would be a hard task to enumerate the best numbers and leave out any for all were good.

The Observer force is under many obligations to the Misses Carder for complimentary tickets.

Two men near Waco held up a printer and forced him to saw wood. They pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and were fined \$500 and given fifteen months in jail. A man who would force a printer to saw wood should spend the remainder of his life in the penitentiary.

But this printer must have been a terrible coward, for the majority of the printing fraternity will go against anything before the woodpile.—Terrell Times Star.

The only regret is that the men were not drawn and quartered without benefit of clergy.

The idea of a printer being compelled to engage in wood-sawing is so preposterous as to excite abhorrence.—Ft. Worth Record.

For the Home.

Matting, wall paper, iron beds, bed springs, baby buggies, suits of furniture or anything in the furniture or house furnishing line see W. K. Simpson. Always headquarters for all kinds of paints and painters supplies.

—Just received, a full gross of screen door fillings and screen wire at W. K. Simpson's.

For bran, hulls, meal, chops, hay and grain go to Neely Bros., San Angelo.

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LUBIN FELIX

The German Coach Stallion will make the season at Johnson & Spinks Stable, Bronte, Texas.

Terms, \$25 Insured.

Arrangements have been made for good pasture and special attention and care will be given all mares left in our care. YOURS FOR BETTER HORSES.

GERMAN COACH HORSE CO.

JOHNSON & SPINKS, KEEPERS.

OUR AUSTIN CONTRIBUTOR

By John E. Davis

Austin, March 25.

It is becoming more and more evident every day that the members of the Thirtieth Legislature are tiring of their duties here and are getting extremely anxious to get through and go home. The continual grind through the long hot days, and especially the \$2 per day wage scale, accelerates this desire.

Leave important Measures for the Last.

One measure that is always a necessity with every Legislature is the general appropriation bill, which makes appropriations for the support of the two fiscal years to follow. This is always left until the last thing and it has been the custom heretofore to leave this over for an extra session. This time the Legislature has a question to deal with that ranks in importance next to the general appropriation bill, and that is the revenue bills. Several bills have already passed which carried additional appropriations and provided for new departments to the State government, purchasing battle fields, etc. Several bills have also passed which cut off sources of revenue and as the revenues of the State were already insufficient to meet the expenses, the question of raising additional revenue now becomes absolutely imperative. These two measures have been left for the last and the moment they are taken up and finally passed it practically means that everything else will die on the calendar.

April 20—the Date.

For some time it has been the prevalent opinion here that there would be no extra session of the Legislature, as the Governor and those in strong sympathy with him have succeeded, it appears in convincing those members who wanted to adjourn early after the expiration of the first sixty days and force an extra session in order to raise their pay back to \$5 per day, that such a course would be a bad breach of faith. It having been accepted, generally, that there would be no called session, the only question now is at what time final adjournment will occur. Speaker Love has been quoted as saying that April 20th is the latest date and that he feels sure the work can be completed by that time.

Take Junketing Trip.

In his speech at the State Convention in Dallas, Governor Campbell, in accepting the nomination for Governor, said that he was going to have the Legislature to fulfill the platform pledge if he had to hold their noses at the grindstone until they die. Some of the newspapers unfriendly to Col. Campbell and who were feeling a little sore over the defeat of their candidates tried to use this remark in such a way as to bring about unpleasantness between the nominee for governor and the Legislature but they failed to do that. It is but justice to the Governor to say that he has done all in his power to carry out his promises in this regard and he has done it in such a way that no member of the Legislature has reason to feel that he has tried to coerce them into it. The passage of the anti-pass bill and other platform demands is distinctly a Campbell victory, as is the adoption by the House of a resolution, giving platform demands precedence over all other measures on the calendar. The adoption of this resolution means that many of the other measures that might have passed will never get up for consideration.

County Printing Bill Passed.

The bill offered in the House by Representative Kennedy of Mart, to require all the county printing in the several counties of the State to be let to the lowest and best bidder in the county has finally passed both branches of the Legislature but was amended by the Senate so that blank books could be done anywhere in the United States. If the House adopts this amendment and the bill is approved by the Governor it will mean much to the local printing offices throughout the State.

Three Quiet Days.

The last three days have been the quietest in Austin since the Legislature convened early in January. Several times both branches have adjourned from Friday night until Monday, but on account of the recess this time extending from Thursday night until Monday, and the further fact that members who desired to visit their homes would have one day longer to stay than they have had before and the attraction of the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth and the Bailey reception at Gainesville, served to take the members out of town and the Capitol presented a deserted appearance for the three days, very few of the members being in town.

Always Gets a Hearing.

There are many good speakers in the House, but so much speech making takes place that the members get tired of it, and often some of the best orators get but an indifferent hearing. Representative Brown of Wharton is not one of these. Whenever he gets recognition to make a speech the members gather around him so they will catch every word he says. Mr. Brown is not only an able man but a very plain talker and his inimitable addresses always furnish amusement and entertainment.

Woman's Suffrage Killed.

The resolution proposing the submission of a Constitutional amendment giving to women the right to vote, which was offered by Representative Baker of Hood, has been reported adversely by the House Committee and the proposition, as far as this Legislature is concerned, is dead.

Noes at the Grindstone.

A few weeks ago I called attention to the fact that the Legislature had, contrary to custom, taken no junketing trip this time, and that there was none in sight. That, I considered, was complimentary to the Legislature. However, the compliment doesn't go now, as adjournment was taken from Thursday of last week to Monday of this to permit the members to go to Fort Worth in special cars, provided free, to attend the fat stock show, and incidentally to let some of the Bailey partisans attend the reception to Senator Bailey in Gainesville Saturday. The salary and other expenses of the Legislature went on just the same as had they remained in session. They have also accepted the invitation of the citizens of Victoria to attend the inland waterway jubilee there on April 4, though acceptance in this instance may mean a mere matter of courtesy and they may not adjourn to go.

Two-cent Fare Bill Meets Opposition.

Those who thought that the only opposition to the bill reducing passenger fares to the rate of 2c per mile would come only from the railroads themselves have found that they were mistaken, as many commercial organizations and others throughout the State are bringing strong pressure to bear to defeat the measure. They say that the population of Texas is not dense enough to justify the reduction; that a reduction in the rate means a reduction in the facilities and the cutting off of homeseekers and excursion rates that have done much to develop the State.

They also urge that it would be better to reduce freight rates if the conditions justify reduction anywhere.

Occupation Tax Repealed.

The bill repealing occupation taxes on useful occupations, which was enacted during the E. J. Davis administration in the re-construction period, has been finally passed and approved by the Governor. This is a measure that has been demanded by the people of Texas for many years, but has always been defeated in the Legislature before on the grounds that the State could not afford to suffer the loss in revenue that its repeal would bring until additional revenue was provided from some other source. The Retail Grocers' Association and other commercial organizations have been actively advocating its repeal before the last three or four Legislatures.

The Passing of the Pass.

If there ever was a time when the House adopted a measure that it wanted to see killed it was the anti-free pass bill, the final enactment of which was accomplished last week. It was really amusing to a looker on to see them voting for the measure because they dared not do otherwise, but at the same time hoping against hope that the enemies of the bill would be able to accomplish its defeat. There were some members who were willing to vote against the bill, and did so, but when they saw the bill was going to pass, made haste to change their votes from "no" to "aye" before the clerk could announce the result.

The Governor's Reception.

The leading event of last week and the principal social function in Austin this year was the reception given in honor of the Legislature on Wednesday evening, March 20th. The Governor's mansion, which presents a much more attractive interior than exterior, had been beautifully decorated for the occasion and the guest list was so large that every room was filled to overflowing all the evening. As the reception was in honor of the Legislature, all the members and officers were, of course, invited and it goes without saying that a great many of the members do not belong to the society folk.

May Affect Gambling Legislation.

Taken in connection with the bills increasing the penalty in gambling cases, which have been before the Legislature for some time, the killing of County Attorney McLean by a gambler in Fort Worth, Friday night, has created considerable talk in Austin and the general opinion is that the feeling of resentment aroused toward the gamblers by the cowardly slaying of the fearless and faithful Fort Worth official will tend to insure the passage of more stringent laws against gambling.

To Elect U. S. Senators by Direct Vote.

The Senate committee on Constitutional Amendments has reported favorably Senator Senor's resolution petitioning Congress to call a constitutional convention to prepare an amendment to be submitted to the Federal Constitutional providing for the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people. The indications are that the resolution will be passed unless it dies on the calendar by reason of adjournment taking place before it can be reached.

Pure Food Law is Signed.

The Blanton Pure Food bill as finally passed has received the approval of the Governor and is now the law. It is patterned very much after the Federal law on the same subject. It provides for a Dairy and Food Commissioner at a salary of \$2,000 per year and a deputy commissioner at \$1,200 per annum. Their offices will be at the College of Industrial Arts at Denton.

Making Headway.

Although the Legislature was in session only four days last week, the week's work was a record-breaker of the session. An indication of the progress may be given in the statement that on Thursday, the last day in which the Legislature was in session, the Senate passed finally twenty-seven bills. Every indication is that this week's record will exceed that of last week.

It may be that no man is a hero to his valet, but every bachelor is a hero to some girl.

H. H. Sigman & Co., at San Angelo, will pay you the highest market price for your hides

The Price of Health.

"The price of health in a malarious district is just 25 cents—cost of a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Ella Slayton, of Noland, Ark. New Life Pills cleanse gently and impart new life and vigor to the system. 35c. Satisfaction guaranteed. Sold by Evans and Lyster.

FOR SALE—3-quarter Steel Dust Stallion. His Sire in an old Virginia 1 mile horse. Price \$200. Call on Thad Green.

The Blue Front Livery Stable.

We have bought the above named stable on the south side of the square and have refurnished it with good

Fresh Horses and New Vehicles.

We also own the Sweetwater and Robert Lee Mail Line and this end of the Robert Lee and San Angelo Mail Line. Besides a general stable business we will give special attention to handling passengers and express over the mail lines and want your patronage.

PERRY & McAULEY, Proprietors,
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

James to Have Paper.

Ben Ford was in town Monday after his newspaper plant which he will open up at James, the new town on the Orient thirty miles south of here in this county. This town has only been located about six months but Mr. Ford informs us that there is now something like fifteen business houses there, a bank with a capital stock of \$25,000 organized, and many other improvements such as churches, a school house etc. are now under headway or will be shortly.

This town is located in one of the best farming districts of the county and is sure to make a city in a few years. While its growth thus far has been very rapid, yet with the establishment of a good, live newspaper to pull for it and laying of steel into the town, we expect to see it double in population within the next twelve months.

Here is success to you Ben, and may your efforts be crowned with success.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather bot. my wife and myself contracted colds which developed into pneumonia with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Egleston of Maple Landing, Iowa. Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough remedy aiding the same with a double dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip."

Sold by Evans and Lyster.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

At First Baptist Church
Opening Exercises.
Leader—Miss Bertie Dickey.
Reading, Jeremiah 17:18-27—by Leader.

Prayer.

The Jewish Sabbath and the Lord's Day—Hattie Pearce.

Recitation—Miss Bessie Carder.

Song.

What the Lords Day does for us.

A reminder—H. H. Pearce.

An opportunity for learning—J. Madera.

An opportunity to work—J. E. Greer

As a day of Fellowship—H. P. Powers.

As a day of rest—J. F. William

How I like to observe the Lord's Day—Ruby Schilling.

Closing Exercises.

Wanted: Person to travel in home territory; salary \$8.50 per day and expenses. Address J. A. Alexander, 125 Plymouth Place, Chicago, Ill.

Pneumonia's Deadly Work

Had so seriously affected my right lung," writes Mrs. Fannie Connor of Rural Route 1, Georgetown, Tenn., "that I coughed continuously night and day and the neighbors' prediction—consumption—seemed inevitable, until my husband brought home a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, which in my case proved to be the only real cough cure and restorer of weak lungs." When all other remedies utterly fail, you may still win in the battle against lung and throat troubles with New Discovery, the Real Cure. 50c. and \$1.00. Sold by Evans and Lyster.

GENERAL REPAIRING.

We have recently opened up a blacksmith shop north of the Rob't Lee Real Estate Co., and are prepared to do your repair work.

ADAMS & MANNING...

I WILL STAND

My Mammoth and Maltese

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This season at my place 5 miles North of Robert Lee

\$5.00 to insure.

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—When you Want—

New or Second-Hand Furniture

or anything in second hand goods at the very lowest prices go to or write

T. W. HENNING,

San Angelo, Tex.

Plow and Wagon Work.

I am ready with plenty of good material to do your plow work or make any repairs to your vehicle or fix up any kind of machinery. Horse shoeing on short notice.

J. J. VESTAL,

AT ROCK SHOP.

I HAVE MOVED

From Bronte to Robert Lee, where I will be found at the post office building with a full line of Books, Daily Papers, Stationery and Racket Goods. Subscriptions taken for all papers and magazines.

H. D. PEARCE.

TO THE TRAVELING PUBLIC

I am now proprietor of the Robert Lee and San Angelo Mail line and I want to serve you when traveling between these points. I have a first-class service. Fare, one way, \$2 round trip, \$3. Time limited to one week, Special attention given express and packages.

DAWSON, PERRY & McAULEY,
PROPRIETORS

Stockmen of Coke County!

I have recently purchased a fine

Hamiltonion and Morgan Stallion

\$10 SEASON, \$12.50 TO INSURE.

This Stallion will make the season at my place at Hayrick. He is one of the best all purpose horses ever brought to the county.

W. F. STEVENS.

Partners of the Tide

By JOSEPH C. LINCOLN, Author of "Cap'n Ez"

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Continued from last week.

ent state of this corporation's finances wasn't be considered a widow's mite. Well, this ain't what I was after, but it's none the less welcome, as the cat said when it found the mouse swimmin' in the milk pail. Swing her in, Barney! Now we'll go back and have another try for the Mary D.'s anchor."

They had some long talks together concerning their new venture, which up to date, although they had made some money, had not given them the opportunity for a "big job" that they hoped for.

"Brad," observed the captain as they were walking up from the wharf one evening, "are you gittin' discouraged?"

"No, not yet. I didn't expect anything different this first summer."

"What do the old maids say?"

"Oh, they believe I'm going to get rich, of course."

"Of course. Well, maybe they ain't any further out in their rock'n' one way than Simmons and the rest are the other. What does that little Baker girl have to say about it?"

"Oh, well, she didn't quite like it at first, but the more we talk about it together the better the plan seems to her."

"I presume likely you and she talk about it a good deal?" There wasn't the slightest flavor of sarcasm apparent in this question, so Bradley admitted that he and Gus did have a good many talks on the subject.

And this statement wasn't an exaggeration. It had become a regular thing for the junior partner in the anchor dragging concern to drop in at the Baker homestead of an evening after supper was over and discuss happenings and plans with Gus. The feeling that the girl was not so wholly at one with him in his hopes and ambitions as she used to be had galled Bradley. He resented her criticisms of the new venture on the evening when he first told her of it. Five years before he knew she would have thought it "splendid" simply because he thought so. He had come home expecting to find her unchanged, forgetting how much he had changed himself, and now he determined that he would compel her to believe in him and his work.

Dancing was one of the subjects on which they didn't agree. Bradley considered dancing nonsensical and a waste of time. Gus, on the other hand, was very fond of it.

"I'd rather saw wood myself," declared the former one evening. "There'd be about as much work in it, and considerably more fun."

"But, Brad, I do like dancing, and there are dances here once in awhile, such as they are, and—well, I wish you danced."

"I suppose I could manage to navigate through a quadrille without wrecking more than half the set, but a waltz would have me out of soundings in no time."

"Will you try to learn if I teach you?"

"Think 'twill pay for the wear and tear on your nerves—and the furniture?"

"I'll risk the nerves, and we need some new furniture anyway. Come, we'll begin now—I'll hum the tune, and you can imagine that Bennie D.'s three piece orchestra is playing 'Annie Rooney' with their own variations, and that you're waltzing—well, with Georgiana Bailey."

"Great Scott! Let's imagine something pleasant to begin on. All right, now go on! Get out of the channel, Windfield."

One evening toward the end of the month Gus said to him: "Brad, if you were I would you go to the ball on the evening of Decoration day at the town hall? I've had two invitations."

"Humph!" The answer was somewhat hesitating.

"I supposed you didn't know. Otherwise, of course."

"I should have invited my dancing teacher to go with me. Gus, would you have liked it if I had invited you?"

"I should."

dressing room at the hall and took his arm Bradley noticed that the eyes of half a dozen young men followed her and that they whispered to each other.

Gus' "order" was filled in a few minutes after the first number was over; there were more applicants than dances. Bradley danced a quadrille with Clara Hopkins, who was pretty and jolly, and he enjoyed it thoroughly. He labored through a cotillon dance with Georgiana Bailey and didn't enjoy it as much, although that effervescent young lady purred that she had had a "perfectly lovely time," and he was "lookin' so well" and why didn't he call at the house.

Miss Bailey's blue silk gown had an imposing and very troublesome train, and she smelt like a perfumer's shop.

Captain Titcomb came up the stairs. He had a dripping umbrella in his hand.

"Why, hello!" exclaimed Bradley. "I didn't know you were comin'."

"Hello yourself!" retorted the captain. "I didn't know you was comin' either, so we're square on that hitch. It's blowin' up a rog'lar snorter outside," he added.

"Georgiana's gayer'n a tin peddler's cart, ain't she?" continued Titcomb. "Cap'n Jabe's the only moultin' pullet in that coop."

He broke off suddenly and was silent for a minute or more. Bradley asked him what the matter was.

"Oh, nothin'!" was the hasty reply. "Quite a crowd here tonight. Who's the little clipper in the white with blue pennants in her fore riggin—the one dancin' with Jonadab Wixon's sister's boy?"

"That's Clara Hopkins."

"Humph! You don't say! Jim Hopkins' girl. I wouldn't have known her." And the captain subsided once more.

A little while after that, as Bradley was dancing his Virginia reel with Gus, he noticed a disturbance among the crowd of waltzers at the door. He was in the middle of the line at the time, and "Snuppy" Bick stood next to him.

"Hello!" exclaimed "Snuppy." "Why, it can't be! By thunder, it is! Sam Hammond's come. I didn't know he was expected."

Hammond it was, and in all the glory of city clothes and unlimited self confidence. When the reel was over, he came across the floor to where Gus and Bradley were standing.

"How d'ye do, Gus?" he said, extending his hand. "I'm down for a few days. Got a vacation that I wasn't looking for. Came on tonight's train and thought I'd run up here for a little while, soon as I could get away from the home folks. Let me see your order. Hello, Brad! How are you?"

He was well dressed, still in the rather conspicuous way, and he had an easy, masterful air about him that none of the country fellows had, though they all envied it. And he was goodlooking. That couldn't be denied.

The last dance was the lanciers, but as "Bennie D." arose to "call off" he announced that there would be, by special request, an "extra" waltz. Bradley had seen Hammond talking with the prompter and with Mr. Bangs, and he knew whose the "special request" was. Under other circumstances he



"This waltz belongs to Bradley," wouldn't have cared so much for that waltz, but now he wanted it very much, indeed.

He walked over to where Gus, flushed and laughing, stood talking with Black, her partner in the lanciers. Just as he reached her side Sam came hurrying up and pushed in front of

him without ceremony.

"Gus," said Hammond, "I made Ben give us this waltz on purpose so that we might have it together. You haven't been half generous to me tonight, and now I'm after my pay. Come!"

He offered his arm, and for a moment the girl seemed about to take it. Then she looked at Bradley, who, disappointed and chagrined, stood silent in the background.

"Thank you very much, Sam," she said, "but this waltz belongs to Bradley. Come, Brad, the music is beginnin'."

If any one had told Bradley previously that he would thoroughly enjoy a waltz he would have laughed, but he enjoyed every moment of this one. He saw Sam's scowl as Gus stepped past him, saw the smile on the faces of Black and the other bystanders, and then they whirled away. Round and round and round. "Bennie D.'s" music wasn't the best in the world, but to Bradley just then no grand opera orchestra could have played more sweetly. His feet seemed almost as light as his partner's, and they kept perfect time.

It was over all too soon.

CHAPTER X.

BREAKFAST next morning was hardly begun when "Blount's boy"—his name was Ulysses Simpson Grant Blount, but no one but his parents ever called him by it—came to the dining room door with a note for Bradley. It was from Captain Titcomb and read as follows:

Dear Brad—There's a three masted, loaded lumber, piled up on the Boneyard. Come on down quick. Looks as if here was the chance the Titcomb-Nickerson Wrecking syndicate had been praying for. Yours truly, E. D. TITCOMB.

The junior partner in the "syndicate" let Miss Frisay's clam fritters go by default and hurried down to the Traveler's Rest, where he found the captain waiting for him. A few hours later the officers and crew of the Lizzie were gazing over that vessel's rail at the tumbling froth that covered the Boneyard shoal and at the hapless lumber schooner trembling in its midst, a dismal, lonesome sight.

She had struck almost bow on, but the strong tide had swung her stern over until she lay broadside to the shoal. She had heeled but little, and her deck load of pine boards was, for the most part, still lashed in place. The main and mizzen masts were gone, but the lower part of her foremast still stood, and the great waves, striking against her stern, sent the light spray flying lengthwise almost as high as its top. The broken cordage streamed out in the wind, and a swinging block creaked and whined. On the rail by the afterhouse they could read her name; she was the Ruth Ginn of Bangor.

"The pint life savin' crew got the most about 1 o'clock this mornin'," remarked Captain Titcomb. "Skipper tried to anchor to ride out the gale, then got scared and tried to make an offin', got her into irons, and the tide did the rest. Her masts went just after they took off the men. What do you think of her? Total loss, ain't she?"

Bradley hesitated. "Well," he said, "I should say she was, so far as being any use as a schooner is concerned. That lumber, though, is a different matter. The weather would have a good deal to do with that, I should say."

"The weather's goin' to clear, if I'm any judge," observed his companion. "What do you say, Barney?"

"Looks like fairin' off to me," replied Mr. Small. "Wind's cantin' round to the west'ard. However, I ain't no weather prophet. You want to ask Peleg Myrick if you're after weather news; he seems to have a special tip from heaven on gales and calms."

The Lizzie sailed away from the wreck that, with one screaming sea gull balancing himself on the broken foremast, looked more sad and lonely than ever and anchored in the little harbor in the lee of the Point. Two or three catboats were moored there, and among them was one that the captain recognized.

"Hello!" he exclaimed. "There's Obed Nickerson's boat. I guess that settles it; some part of her's insured anyway."

They walked through the soft white sand and coarse beach grass up to the life saving station. The lookout, in the observatory on the roof, rapped on the window of his cage and waved a hand to them as they reached the plank walk leading to the door.

Inside, seated around the table of the living room, they found Captain Knowles, commander of the station; Obed Nickerson, the Orham agent of the underwriters; the skipper of the Ruth Ginn and two or three others. The skipper, a sunburned, gray haired man, with a worried look on his lean face, was telling for Mr. Nickerson's benefit the story of how his vessel came to be in her hopeless plight. To a layman it would have been an interesting yarn, but the present company had heard too many similar experiences to find anything novel in it.

"Insured, is she, Obed?" asked Captain Titcomb.

"Cargo is, schooner ain't," replied the underwriters' agent.

Captain Ezra signaled to Bradley,

and they went out on the porch.

"Brad," whispered the captain, "they can't call her anything but a total loss. The underwriters'll pay the insurance on that lumber and then dicker with somebody to save what they can of it. You and me want to be that somebody. Hello, here's Peleg!"

The versatile Mr. Myrick had tramped over from his hermitage and now, with Skeeticks shivering at his heels, was deep in conversation with Barney Small.

"Peleg says we're goin' to have clear weather for quite a spell," remarked Barney. "Let's see; when did you say you had the next storm scheduled, Peleg?"

"Well," drawled the weather prophet, looking becomingly important, "nigh't I can figger, Cap'n Ez, she'll fair off by afternoon and stay clear more'n a fortn't. We ain't due to have another real genuwine blow for more'n a month. I knew last night's gale was comin'. I told Cap'n Knowles so. Says I, 'I don't care what the gov'ment folks say, it's goin' to blow,' says I, 'like time, and them that's afoat wants to stand by,' I says. Now—"

"That's right, Peleg," broke in the captain. "I'll back you against the weather bureau eight days in the week and twice on Sunday. How's clams these days?"

"Clams," replied Mr. Myrick, "is scurce'n all git out. I don't know why, unless 'twas the terrible hard winter. I was afraid of it last fall. Course I knew the hard winter was comin' and I told folks so. Oh, that reminds me! What's this I hear 'bout Sam Hammond's spendin' more'n \$4 for cigars last time he was home? Do you call late that's so?"

They left Barney to relieve Mr. Myrick's anxiety concerning the cigars and walked down to the beach. On the way Captain Titcomb said:

"Brad, we've got to git this lumber job. It's the kind of job we can do with the Lizzie, and, figgerin' on a commission basis, it'll give us pretty nigh money and start enough to warrant our havin' a new schooner built, one with power and strong enough to handle the real big things. Wait here by the dory till Obed comes out. I'm layin' for him."

Mr. Nickerson, accompanied by one of the village boys, was on his way to the catboat, but the captain interfered.

"What in the nation are you goin' home in that clam shell for, Obed?" he asked. "Come on aboard the Lizzie with us. Brad and Barney and I will land you at the wharf afore that cat of yours is out of shore water. Let Dan there take your boat home, and you come with us. I've got a cigar I want you to take out some fire insurance on."

So, after some persuasion, the underwriters' agent consented to make his homeward trip in the schooner. The cigars were lighted, Barney Small took the wheel, and the captain, Bradley and Mr. Nickerson made themselves comfortable in the little cabin. Then the conversation was judiciously piloted toward wrecks, and the wreck of the Ruth Ginn in particular. Obed admitted that the full insurance would undoubtedly be paid on the cargo, although, of course, the official "three man survey" must come first. Bradley asked what would be done after that.

"Oh," answered the agent, "then I guess I'll send word to the Boston Salvage company and make a deal with them to git out what they can of the lumber."

"Yes," observed Captain Titcomb, "and they'll charge you 75 per cent of the value. What's the matter with Brad and me doin' it?"

"You? What with—this tub?"

"Yup, this tub. If you've got a loose tooth a string and a door'll snake it out as quick as the dentist will, and you don't have to pay for silver plated pinchers and a gilt name plate. Come, now, tell you what I'll do. Brad and me'll git that lumber out for 60 per cent on what we save."

"How yer goin' to do it? You haven't got a towboat, nor even power in your own schooner."

"Don't need 'em. You couldn't start that wreck with a towboat without yackin' the bottom out of her. The only way to fetch her off the shoals is with anchors and cables, and you know it. We can do that as well as any Boston company that ever was. Give us a chance, Obed. You ought to encourage home talent, as Bill Samuels said to the schoolteacher that found fault with him 'cause he told his boy to spell cat with a K. What do you say?"

Obed had a good deal to say, and no decision was reached that forenoon. Next day the survey was made, and that evening the captain spent at the home of Mr. Nickerson. It was after 11 o'clock when he returned to his room at the Traveler's Rest, where Bradley was waiting.

"Well?" said Bradley anxiously.

"Well!" exclaimed his partner, tossing his cap on a chair and wiping the perspiration from his hot forehead—"well, Brad, I've used up jaw power enough to pretty nigh work that wreck off, but the job's ours at 50 per cent of the value of the lumber we save. There's nigh on to \$5,000 worth aboard, and if Peleg's forecastin' works have not got indigestion we ought to clean up close to every stick of it. Brad,

and they shook hands. The opportunity they had been waiting for was theirs at last.

The partners talked for another hour before they separated. Three extra hands at least, so the captain figured, would be needed on the Lizzie.

So the next forenoon Bradley took the train to Harniss, where he found Alvin, eldest of the Bearse "boys," a gray headed, leather faced youngster of fifty-five, and engaged him for the sum of \$3 a day and his keep. He was to report on board at half past 7 the following morning. Then, having accomplished his share of the hiring, the junior partner returned to Orham to inspect the Lizzie with nervous care and to listen to the remarks of a dozen or more disinterested acquaintances who, having heard of the contract, had come down to the wharf to prophesy and offer advice.

Bradley called on Gus that evening. He had been so busy with Captain Titcomb, planning and working for the new contract, that he had seen her but once and then only for a moment since the night of the ball. But now, full of hope and the triumph of having secured the chance he had longed for, he looked forward to telling her the good news and receiving her congratulations.

The windows of the Baker "best parlor" were lighted up—a most unusual occurrence—and he vaguely wondered if they had "company" and who it might be.

Gus herself opened the door in response to his knock.

"Why, hello!" she said. "I wondered if you had forgotten me entirely, Mr. Contractor, now that you really are a business man and the talk of the town."

"Then you knew?" he exclaimed in surprise.

"Why, of course I knew! I haven't heard anything else all day. And, to make it certain, Melissa called on grandmother this afternoon, just after she had been at your house."

Bradley smiled ruefully. "You must have heard an encouraging yarn from her," he said. "Have you got company?"

"Oh, only a friend of ours that you know. Come right into the parlor."

He walked across the threshold of that sacred apartment to find Sam Hammond seated in the haircloth rocker and looking very much at home. Neither of the young men appeared, particularly happy at meeting the other, but, truth to tell, Hammond was the more self possessed.

"Hello, Brad!" he said easily. "I've heard nothing but you and Cap'n Ez since breakfast. I'm glad for you; it's a nice little job, if you can carry it out."

The contract had seemed anything but a little one to Bradley, and this nonchalant way of referring to it took him down a bit. Hammond continued in the same condensing way.

"I don't believe I should know how to handle a job like that," he observed, "without power or towboats or things of that sort. It would be like working with your hands tied. Our people have everything to do with, and they'd have that lumber off in no time. Did I ever tell you how we raised the Margravs for the Barclay line folks, Gus? That was a job there was some fun in! Sue was a big iron steamer that ran



Sam did most of the talking, on the ledge at the mouth of Boston harbor and went down. We got the contract right in the face of the salvage company in their own town."

Sam did most of the talking, Gus listened, and Bradley brooded. Perhaps, he thought, he had made a mistake in leaving the big city; perhaps, after all, he was destined to become nothing but the "longshoreman" Gus had intimated might be his fate. Captain Titcomb didn't think so, but he might be mistaken. He grew more downcast every minute.

"I tell you, honest, Brad," said Sam, with apparent earnestness, "I don't see how you and the cap'n are going to make much out of this business or get to be anything more than just anchor draggers. Speaking as a man with some experience in wrecking, your chances against the big chaps, like our crowd, look small to me. You may win out, but—" He shook his head

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Coke county lies in west central Texas, is about two thousand feet above sea level, and has a rainfall sufficient to grow all kinds of farm products.

Robert Lee, a town of 1100 inhabitants, situated on the North bank of the Colorado river and within three miles of the geographical center of the county, is the county seat. The soil of this county is red soil with clay foundation from 14 to 24 inches of the top of the ground and is very productive. We have made 30 to 40 bushels of corn and 50 to 70 bushels of oats. Wheat does well here, making as much as 20 to 30 bushels to the acre. Feed crops, such as Kaffir Corn, Milo Maize, Sorghum, Millet and the like, as well as garden vegetables, Melons, Kershaw, and Pumpkins grow to perfection. Peaches, Plums, Apricots and Grapes are the principal fruits of the country that have been tried.

This is strictly a cotton country. One man can make more of it here than anywhere. One man can cultivate twice as much land here as he can further east. We have no boll weevil, and we usually have fine weather for gathering crops. While these lands have gone up in price within the last two or three years, 50 to 100 per cent, they are yet cheap as compared with lands in other parts of the state and the man who invests now will make better money than has ever been made before.

As a stock country, the Colorado river country is known far and wide as the best in the southwest. We have such a variety of feed which is necessary to the growth and development of stock, and many of the finest herds are bred here.

The climate is invigorating and healthy. The county is blessed with first-class public schools throughout, the graded school or class system being in practice in all schools of the county. Her inhabitants are a law abiding, thrifty and sociable people. Churches of all denominations abound.

The county is watered throughout with the Colorado river and its tributaries, and surface wells which can be had from 20 to 200 feet.

Along the streams are pecans and other tall timber, with mesquite throughout the county in sufficient quantity for posts and fire wood.

Peaches and other fruits, so far as have been tried, do capitally here. The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad will soon be in operation through the Eastern part of the county, and there is a strong move on foot to extend a railroad from Kerrville to Colorado City on through the Panhandle country which will come through Robert Lee, the same being in a direct line.

If you want to live in a healthy and productive country, and among law abiding people you would do well to stop with us. Perhaps you can find something in the

following list which suits you, if not, tell us just what you want and we will send that to you.

1. 640 acres, one-half tillable, 75 acres in cultivation, two wells, one windmill and cistern, 4 room house with chimney, 8 miles west of Robert Lee, price per acre \$10.
2. 320 acres, 9 miles west of Robert Lee, 60 acre farm, new 2-room house, well and windmill, 2 miles from Paint Creek school house. Price per acre \$7.50.
3. 160 acres good land and very well improved, 4 miles north of Robert Lee, 400 yards of school. Price per acre \$19.
4. 560 acres, one-half tillable, well improved. Price per acre, \$10.
5. 328 acres near Robert Lee, 60 acres in cultivation, per acre, \$6.50.
6. 160 acres of land, very well improved, one mile from school. Per acre \$19.
7. 200 acres one and one-half miles from Robert Lee, 60 acres in farm, 10-horse power irrigation plant on farm, new. Price per acre, \$25.
8. 640 acres 3 miles northwest of Robert Lee, unimproved. All cash except \$560, on which amount good time can be had. Price per acre \$5.
9. 320 acres, mostly tillable, good farm and houses, one half mile from school. Price per acre \$12.25.
10. 1012 acres, good portion tillable, good farm and ranch combined, 5 miles north, half mile of school. Price per acre \$10.
11. 1452 acres, 500 acres tillable, plenty of water, 3 houses, 2 springs, wells and tank and creek, plenty of wood and grass. Half cash, balance land notes at 8 per cent interest. Price per acre, \$25.
12. 240 acre tract, 75 tillable, 33 under irrigation, general improvements very good. Price \$3500, \$2500 in cash or trade that can be used. \$1000 to be assumed by purchaser.
13. 640 acres good land, Pecan Creek runs through this section, school on joining place, 1 mile from church, third cash. Per acre, \$8.
14. 620 acres, all fine tillable land, 225 acres in cultivation, 3 sets of houses, one has 7 rooms, one 4 rooms and one 3 rooms. Barns, buggy house, good pens, 8 miles of cedar post wire fence on place, good well, cistern and phone line to Robert Lee, plenty of wood. Half cash, the rest to suit purchaser at 8 per cent. Per acre \$20.
15. 2 sections, one in Coke and one in Mitchell county, 800 acres tillable, very good improvements near Silver. \$3000 cash, ten years time on balance, at 8 per cent. Per acre, \$10.
16. 160 acres, 90 acres tillable, 72 in cultivation and very good house, etc., will take some trade and give terms on part. Price per acre \$9.
16. 320 acres near Valley View, 5 miles south of Robert Lee, nearly all fine, level land, 160 acres in cultivation, 5-room house, good barn, at per acre, \$25.
17. 180 acres, 100 acres tillable, 75 in cultivation, 2 sets of houses, well and

- windmill, cistern, barn and lots, in one and one-half miles of school, one-fourth mile of post office. \$800 to be assumed by purchaser. Will take Robert Lee property in part payment. Per acre \$12.50.
18. 229 acres, 320 tillable, 80 acres in farm, 35 head of stock cattle, 8 mares, 1 good stallion, 1 good jack, good outfit of farming tools, well and windmill on the place, all for \$7000 cash, the purchaser to assume \$640 due the state.
19. 640 acres, 75 acres tillable, 25 in farm, well and windmill, plenty of wood and water, 2 sets of houses. \$2,640, \$1,000 cash, balance easy.
20. C. A. Adams' Gin property. Will sell half interest for \$2,600. Will take property in part payment. Gin situated on 5 lots. All been overhauled and machinery new. Owing to the fact that I have more than I can attend to without a partner, am compelled to sell.
21. 160 acres, 125 acres good land, 50 acres in farm, four room house with hall and galleries, at \$250 per annum, one mile of Robert Lee. Price per acre \$25.
22. 387 acres, 200 acres fine land, 75 acres in farm, good two room house. Price \$6000, \$4000 cash, terms on balance.
23. 365 acres, 160 good land, 100 acres in farm, balance in two pastures, tank on place, one three room house with gallery, one house with room about 78 miles N. W. of Robert Lee, half mile of school, 4 miles at Edith. \$1,250 cash, balance on good time. Will take wagon and team for first payment. Price per acre \$5.
24. 320 acres, 175 acres tillable, 90 acres in farm, three room house, with gallery, well, storm house, etc., part cash, good terms on balance. Price per acre \$8.
25. 825 acres, 700 acres tillable, 310 acres in farm, three houses on place. This is a well improved place in reach of Robert Lee school, one third cash, plenty of time on the rest at 8 per cent. Price, per acre, \$20.
26. 302 acres, 200 acres good land, 110 acres in farm, one three room house, and one house well and windmill, three and one-half miles of Robert Lee. \$2000 cash, balance on good time. Price per acre \$14.
27. 4 sections; one section in Nolan county, is grazing land. Price on this section is \$1.50 per acre bonus and \$1 per acre due the state, to be assumed by purchaser, 3 sections in Coke county, all joins, 1000 acres tillable, two farms, 55 acres in one with two room house, corals, sheds, etc., 35 acres in other body of land, cut up into four pastures each, being watered by large tank, 2-room house, 17 miles N. W. of Robert Lee, half cash, three years time on balance. Price per acre \$7.
28. 320 acres, 240 acres tillable, 95 acres in farm, 3-room house, 2 wells, 2 tanks, one acre in orchard, 8 miles west of Robert Lee, two miles of school, all cash except \$312 due the state. Will take two wagons and two teams on this. Price per acre, \$11.
29. 640 acres, 20 acres tillable, unimproved, purchaser to assume \$675 due the

- state, balance cash. Price per acre, \$2.75.
 30. 297 acres fine land, one and a half miles north of Bronte. Will cut this into three tracts or will sell altogether at half cash and good terms on balance. Price per acre \$30.
 31. 325 acres, all good land, 125 acres in farm, one good 5-room house, well finished, 2 good tenant houses, a good store house now rented to McCallum, Reed & Co., who are running a general merchandise business in it. Edith postoffice in the store. Well, windmill and cistern, \$1000 cash, good time on balance. Per acre \$16.
 32. 160 acres, all good land, 150 acres in farm, 2 houses on this place, good terms. Price per acre \$16.
 33. 540 acres nearly all tillable land, 140 in farm, 2 4-room houses on place, two good wells, one cistern, well improved in every way, \$6000 cash, 6 years on balance. Price per acre, \$20.
 34. Eight sections and a half in Nolan county, six sections in one pasture, two and a half in the other, well improved for farm and ranch purposes, \$12900 cash, balance easy time. Price per acre \$3.50.
 35. 1200 acres, mostly tillable, will sell altogether or will cut it as follows: Will sell 320 acres including improvements as follows—a good 3 room house, barn, stock pens, well and windmill, etc., at \$16 per acre, and will cut the rest up at \$13 per acre, terms half cash, good time on balance.
 36. 2 sections, ten miles south of Robert Lee, a fine body of land. We will sell one section of this with their improvements consisting of a 5 room house, good barn, farm, etc., at \$12 per acre and cut the other section at \$9 per acre, or will sell all together, one third cash, good time on balance. Price per acre \$10.50.
 37. 2240 acres, six miles southwest of Bronte, 300 acres good farm land, the rest is good pasture land, two good tanks on the place, two room house, plenty of wood and posts for fencing, part cash, good time on balance, at 8 per cent interest. Price per acre \$16.
 38. 800 acres, well improved with two sets of houses, two wells, with windmills, two farms, plenty of wood and grass, 12 miles from Robert Lee, good terms, price \$8500.
 39. 15 sections, well fitted up for ranch and farming, 9 sections owned, rest leased, this place is a bargain. Price per acre, \$4.
 40. 25000 acres between San Angelo and Robert Lee, \$10 per acre, or will cut off any size tract from 100 acres up, at \$15 per acre, one third cash, balance in five annual payments. We can sell you railroad land at from \$1.25 up to \$4.50 per acre, one-fifth cash, rest in four annual payments.
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MILLIONS OF CASH ESCAPE TAX

Charles E. Anderson Compiles a Statement Showing Vast Extent in Dodging Taxes—State Department Heads Show No Cash.

AUSTIN, TEX., March 24.—Charles E. Anderson of this city, has compiled an interesting statement which reveals inequities in tax assessments and a startling prevalence of tax dodging. Anderson has been going over the assessment rolls in the Comptroller's office and reports that he finds that not one of the heads of the State department is assessed as having a dollar in cash.

He gives the result of his investigation as follows:

To the members of the thirtieth legislature—Gentlemen: I wish to call your attention to a few facts and figures compiled from the 1905 tax rolls in the Comptroller's office. From the compilation you will see that laws should be enacted to catch tax dodgers, and the following figures should help point out why the revenue of the State are inadequate for its support.

The amended proposed tax bills remind me that when a boy at Rusk, I with a few others went after melons in Capt. Bob Martin's patch. On our way we passed some boys coming out loaded with melons. Were discovered and the hounds set after us. We ran to where we had passed the boys and when the dogs came up we "sicked" them after the other boys. By that means we were passed up.

I fail to find a single dollar in cash assessed by any of the heads of the State departments.

Only three Senators had money, amounting to \$770 between them. Two Senators and six Representatives assessed only poll taxes in their counties.

The Comptroller of Currency at Washington shows individual deposits in banks alone in Texas Dec. 31, 1905, to be \$97,374,807.12.

The tax rolls for 1906 show only \$118,377.00.

Unassessed \$93,216,570.12.

And this does not include State

banks, trust companies, private banks, nor cash hidden in tin cans, stocking or elsewhere.

You will find the average assessed value of all land in this State is only \$8.76 per acre. In many of its counties the people did not assess one cent in cash for 1906.

Following the above a list of all counties in the state was given and the average assessed value of land and the total amount

of money rendered in each county. For want of space we only mention Coke and other near by counties as follows:

Coke county, land value per acre \$2.11, money rendered \$31,012.

Mitchell county, land value per acre \$3.34, money rendered \$58,875.

Nolan land value \$2.97, money rendered \$783.

Runnels county land value \$4.04 money rendered \$120,250.

Sterling county, land value \$1.67 money rendered \$1,400.

Tom Green county, land value 2.32, money rendered, \$2,050.

The Commercial Hotel

B. F. TUBB & SON, Proprietors.

Board by day, week or month. Our table is supplied with the best the market affords and our rooms are tidy and pleasant. When you visit the city stop at the Commercial.

THE HOMELIKE HOTEL.

Woman's Home Mission Society.
Society to meet at the home of Mrs. P. D. Coulson April 8th, 8 o'clock p. m.
Leader—Mrs. Morrow.
Song
Scripture Lesson.
A bit of Deaconess history, by Mrs. Tolliver.
Some Lessons we have learned by Mrs. Lewis.
The Deaconess as a Pastor's assistant—Mrs. Sims.
Song.
Closing Exercises.

Take your hides to Neely Bros., San Angelo. They pay highest prices.

Bitten by a Spider
Through blood poisoning caused by a spider bite, John Washington of Boqueville, Texas, would have lost his leg, which became a mass of running sores. Had he not been persuaded to try Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The first application relieved, and four boxes healed all the sores. Heals every sore. 25c. Sold by Evans and Lyster.

The Peoples Bank

We make an earnest effort to accommodate all classes. Our aim is to make this in every respect the Peoples' Bank; a bank where all may feel at home; a place where those of moderate means may expect the same treatment as those more favorably situated.

The First State Bank,

BRONTE, TEXAS.

Doing Business Again

"When my friends thought I was about to take leave of this world, on account of indigestion, nervousness and general debility." Writes A. Chisholm, Treadwell, N. Y., and when it looked as if there was no hope left, I was persuaded to try Electric Bitters, and I rejoice to say that they are curing me. I am now doing business again as of old and am still gaining daily." Best tonic on earth. Sold by Evans and Lyster.

—Fishing tackle at the Rack-et Store.

Rheumatism Makes Life Miserable

A happy home is the most valuable possession that is within the reach of mankind, but you cannot enjoy its comfort if you are suffering from rheumatism. You throw aside business cares when you enter your home and you can be relieved from those rheumatic pains also by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application will give you relief and its continued use for a short time will bring about a permanent cure. For sale by Evans and Lyster.

Junior League

Subject—Watchfulness.
Leader—Lee Roe.
Scripture Lesson.
The Key Text—Herbert West.
Central Truth—by Marvia Simpson.
Lesson Story—by Superintendent.
Song.
Recitation by Ruth Simpson.
The result of not watching.
Math. 26-40-41—Clydine Stickney.
Math. 26-69-75—Maggie Fiach
How Nehemiah Saved the City
Margaret Pearson.
A Wise Servant Math- 24-43.
John Barron.
Song and Benediction.

Rest is the great restorer. We tire our muscles by exercise and then rest to restore them; yet a great many of us do not stop to think how little rest we give to our stomachs. As a usual thing no part of our bodies is so generally overworked as our digestive organs. A tired and overworked stomach will give signs of distress to which we pay no heed until at last Dyspepsia takes hold. Indigestion is just a warning and if we heed the warning we can easily avoid further consequences. Kodol is a most thorough stomach relief. It digests what you eat and gives the stomach the needed rest and greatly assists in restoring it to its normal activity and usefulness. Kodol is sold on a guarantee relief plan. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

Cotton Not all Out

We are reliably informed by a farmer that last year's cotton crop isn't yet all picked out. A. J. Danner was picking cotton Monday on his place in the edge of town. This has been the most prosperous year in the history of the county and farmers are gathering their cotton clean. This is an unusual sight in any section to see cotton picking as late as April.

—You can now get all kinds of pipe fittings at the Lane Hardware Co.

NEW ARRIVALS Of Spring Goods

Our immense line of new Spring Goods has arrived and is now on display at our store. Our buper was in the market early and thus secured the pick of more than a dozen lines. The result will be shown you when you visit our store, and we will guarantee that you will be more than pleased. A nice line of

Ready-to-Wear Clothing

FOR BOTH GENTLEMEN AND LADIES.

Look through our lines before you buy. If its something correct at moderate prices you want you can find it here.

OUR STOCK OF FRESH GROCERIES

is the most select to be found. If you want to dress well and live well at moderate cost trade at

McCallum-Reed Co.

THE HOUSE THAT SELLS EVERY THING.

Buy your feedstuff of all kinds from Neely Bros., San Angelo. Good goods at low prices.

What is it that tastes as sweet as maple sugar and quickly relieves coughs and colds? Mothers who have used it will answer: "Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup." The pleasant cold remedy that expels the cold through its laxative action on the bowels. Conforms strictly to the pure food and Drugs Law. Contains no opiates. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

LOST—Between Bronte and Robert Lee a long black martin fur. Finder please leave at Tubb Hotel or Enterprise office at Bronte.

Money to Loan.

If you want to sell your land notes or borrow money on land, see me at once. J. E. Greer.

We Want Correspondents.

The Observer would like to have a correspondent in every town and community and will be glad to furnish stationery and stamps to anyone who will write us the local happenings of their section.

Caught Cold While Hunting a Burglar

Mr. Wm. Thos. Lanagran, provincial Constable at Chapleau, says: "I caught a severe cold while hunting a burglar in the forest swamp last fall, Hearing of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I tried it, and after using two small bottles, I was completely cured." This remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds. It will loosen and relieve a cold in less time than by any other treatment and is a favorite wherever its superior excellence has become known. For sale by Evans and Lyster.

—We are always in it when it comes to shoes. Robert, Lee Mercantile Co.

It Is Unlawful To Ship Whiskey C. O. D.

SEND \$3.50 TO

Eddie Maier, San Angelo,

And get the best gallon jug of Whiskey you ever bought for the money

MONEY IN THE BANK

gives you a feeling of independence and security that adds to your good cheer, brings contentment, and makes your whole life easier to live. These happy results do not require a big bank balance. Every dollar saved and deposited is just that much more placed between you and the ever possible time of need. Begin with any small amount you can spare and add to it regularly from your surplus earnings of these prosperous days. We will welcome your account and give careful attention to your banking needs. We offer you every protection of modern, conservative banking.

ROBERT LEE BANK

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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

LOCAL NEWS.

—All kinds of flower and gar-seeds at Evans & Lyster.

Mrs. T. E. Durham of Sauce was here last week.

For that tired feeling take one at J. C. Rabb's cold drink parlor.

Mrs. Edgar Lockhart and baby of Bronte is here on a visit to her father, W. W. McCutchen.

—Both tanglefoot and poison fly paper at Evans & Lyster.

W.W. McCutchen sold 300 steers to J.K. Barfield at \$18 around.

—Proof Paint at W. K. Simpson's, 75 cents per gallon.

Postmaster Hamilton was confined to his room Monday, but is now able to be at his post of duty.

—Corn, oats, chops and bran at W. H. Bell & Co.

Patteson, Merchant & Co. sold this week lots 7 and 8 in block 32 to W. C. Barron for \$150.

—Photo envelopes, very handy in mailing photos, at Evans & Lyster.

R. L. Hall went to San Angelo Tuesday on business for the Observer.

—Full line of sporting goods such as Base Ball, Lawn Tennis and Croquet sets at Evans & Lyster's.

Patteson, Merchant & Co., sold to Will Green a section of ranch land at \$2- per acre. The tract is situated near Cedar Hill.

—When you get thirsty and want to be refreshed go to J. C. Rabb's cold drink parlor. Ice cream and all kinds of iced drinks

Alf Key, one of Edith's good citizens was in to see us this week and set figures ahead on the Observer.

Interesting and instructive Easter services were held at the different churches Sunday and was well attended.

Rev. Warren Graham returned Tuesday from Miles where he attended the Association of the Baptist church. He reports a large attendance and a splendid meeting.

—New shipment of fancy candies just received at W. H. Bell and Co.

The members of the Junior League participated in an Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon on the river near the pump house.

—All kinds of tin repairing, guttering, valleys, also a full line of stoves. L. Schott.

Frank Connor who has been at Gomez for the past year, but who is visiting his brother Silas at Silver, was here Tuesday.

Do you ever wear good shoes? Then see the Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

—Fishing tackle at the Racket Store.

Sam Martin one of our readers at Tennyson was in the city Saturday and remembered the Observer on subscription.

—Best 5 cent cigar in town at the Racket Store.

Elder Kennedy of Colgate, I. T. is conducting a revival meeting at the Church of Christ. Every body is invited to come out, take part and enjoy the services.

—Best 5 cent cigar in town at the Racket Store.

We are informed that the machinery for the new gin at Sanco has been placed on the ground and will be in position at an early date.

—Fishing tackle at the Racket Store.

—Ladies and men's handkerchiefs at the Racket Store.

E. Ellison and H. B. Bomer, with the International Harvester Co., are here putting in the Irrigation for Judge J. D. Jowers.

—Ladies—Don't fail to inspect our millinery. Our stock is most complete and we can suit you.

Geo. Cunningham and R. N. Jackson of San Angelo who are working in the interest of a Colonization Company in the northwest are here on business

—See the nice new millinery at the Robert Lee Millinery Co. The order of Odd Fellows have made all arrangements for the erection of their handsome lodge room and business house and are now advertising for bidders for the erection of the building.

A new spring and summer hat that will please you, at low cost, is what you want. See the line at the Robert Lee Millinery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Popplewell and little daughter Alta Belle left Tuesday for San Angelo. Mr. Popplewell goes to San Angelo on business and it is likely they will be absent several days before returning.

—Fishing poles at the Racket Store.

ROBERT LEE
Summer Normal

WILL OPEN JUNE 25 AND
CLOSE AUGUST 2, 1907.

The Normal will be under the direction of the State Department of education.
For Information Address,
W. L. BISHOP,
CONDUCTOR.

—We always have good shoes at the right prices. Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Beeman who moved to San Angelo some months ago will return to Robert Lee in the near future to make this place their home again. The Observer welcomes them back.

—A nice line of the best harness ever brought to Robert Lee. All kinds, grades and prices. Lane Hardware Co.

Painters are busy repainting the roof of the court house and otherwise repairing it, all of which is a step in the right direction. When they complete the work our capitol building will look fine.

—Fishing poles at the Racket store.

I want to correspond with owner who has from 320 to 1250 acres of land to sell cheap, near Robert Lee. Improved and unimproved. Address J. E. Mcpherson, Venus, Texas.

"Nothing is so good as Cascasweet" writes a mother who has used it. "It saved my baby's life," writes another. Cascasweet is a vegetable corrective for the disorders of a child's stomach. Contents on the bottle in plain English. 50 doses for 25cents. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

Card of Thanks
I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the people of my neighborhood for their kind assistance during the illness and death of my father.
Louis Tucker.

Trespass Notice
Notice is hereby given that all trespasses for hunting, fishing, driving cattle, cutting or hauling wood on my ranch on Mess Box north of town will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
W. C. BARRON

Mrs. G. A. Beeman who has been on a visit to her mother. Mrs. J. C. Newton the past week left Monday for San Angelo to prepare to move back to Robert Lee. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Bessie Newton.

Lawn Tennis Club.
Our young people are organizing several Lawn Tennis Clubs to while away the long summer afternoons, and they expect to have some great sport in the future.

Good for everything a salve is used for and especially recommended for Piles. That is what we say about DeWitt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve. That is what twenty years usage has proven. Get the original. Sold by Evans & Lyster.

FOR SALE—Brown Leghorn Cockerels at \$1.50 a piece. Also have eggs for sale 16 for \$1. My chickens scored 92 to 94 points at Temple Fair, winning first prize. Call on me at my poultry yard 6 miles West of Robert Lee or address me at Robert Lee.
S. S. Wolf.

The new additions and repairs on the Methodist church has been completed, and the roof painted. W. G. Pendergrast, the painter, is now painting it and when he finishes putting on the finishing touches, the Methodist people will have one of the handsomest church buildings in the city.

—Phone your orders for fresh groceries, best goods and lowest prices. W. H. Bell & Co.

SPRINGTIME IS HERE!

THE TIME FOR

Ladie's Muslin Underwear

We have a splendid line of these goods, and among the selection, you will find some real dainty articles, good servicable ones too.

We Always Keep Something Nice.

If you don't see what you want, call for it.

The Robert Lee Mercantile Co.,

—Fishing tackle at the Racket Store.

In another column of today's paper appears the advertisement of the splendid Hamiltonian and Morgan Stallion of W. F. Stevens. Stockmen will now have the opportunity to grade up their horses and no doubt will avail themselves of this opportunity.

—Fresh line of chocolates and onbons at the Racket store.

Prof. W. L. Bishop conductor of the Summer Normal which will open June 25, has secured the services of B. H. Fisk of Tom Green county and J. H. Beard of Eunnels county as members of the faculty. Prof. Bishop was very fortunate in securing the services of these well known educators.

See Adams & Manning for cold tire shrinking. They have the latest improved tire setter on the market. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Throat Coughs

Ask your doctor about these throat coughs. He will tell you how deceptive they are. A tickling in the throat often means serious trouble ahead. Better explain your case carefully to your doctor, and ask him about your taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Ayer's
We publish our formulae
We banish alcohol from our medicine
We urge you to consult your doctor

Who makes the best liver pills? The J. C. Ayer Company, of Lowell, Mass. They have been making Ayer's Pills for over sixty years. If you have the slightest doubt about using these pills, ask your doctor. Do as he says, always.
—Made by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.—

—When anything is wanted in tinwork, roofing, valleys, guttering and tank building see us. Lane Hardware Co.

—Best 5 cent cigar in town at the Racket Store.

A new residence not completed in the south part of town being erected by W. N. Cason blew down Wednesday night during the storm and the lumber was considerably damaged.

WANTED—Person to travel and collect in home territory; weekly salary of \$1072 per year and expenses. Address, Joseph Alexander. Robert Lee, Texas.

To The People of Sanco And Community.

I have recently received one of the best lines of **FRESH GROCERIES** in the county which I am selling at the lowest prices. Let me fill your next order.

W. O. Tubb, Sanco, Texas.

MONTHLY MISERY

is one of woman's worst afflictions. It always leaves you weaker, and is sure to shorten your life and make your beauty fade. To stop pain take Wine of Cardui and it will help to relieve your misery, regulate your functions, make you well, beautiful and strong. It is a reliable remedy for dragging down pains, backache, headache, nervousness, irritability, sleeplessness, dizziness, fainting spells, and similar troubles. A safe and efficient medicine for all women's pains and sickness.

Mrs. J. L. Broadhead of Clanton, Ala. writes; "I have used Cardui for my disease, which was one peculiar to women, and it has completely cured me."

AT ALL DRUG STORES, IN \$1.00 BOTTLES

WRITE US A LETTER
describing fully all your symptoms and we will send you Free Advice in plain sealed envelope. Ladies Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. 310

WINE OF CARDUI

"Cold Slaw."
A Woodbury, Conn., man who had been enjoying himself greatly felt hungry when he got home about 1 o'clock in the morning. "Where did you put the cold cabbage, dearest?" he called up stairs to his wife, who had coughed loudly to let him know it was useless to take off his shoes. "On the second shelf in the pantry," she answered harshly. He found the cabbage and the oil, vinegar, salt and pepper, cut up the cabbage, dressed it to his taste and ate it with appetite. "George, why didn't you eat the cabbage last night?" asked his wife when he appeared, rather shaky, for breakfast. "I did, it was fine!" said George; "so thoughtful of you to keep it, dearest." "Why, it's on the pantry shelf," she cried. Filled with apprehension, Mrs. George searched the second shelf hurriedly. There she had left four yards of lace, worth \$20 in a bowl to starch. The lace was gone.—New York World.

Health is Youth
Disease and sickness bring Old Age. Herbine, taken every morning before breakfast, will keep you in robust health, fit you to ward off disease. It cures constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, fever skin, liver and kidney complaints. It purifies the blood and clears the complexion. Mrs. White, Whitney, Texas says, "I have used herbine, and find it the best medicine for constipation and liver troubles. It does all you claim for it. I can highly recommend it. 50c. Sold by Evans & Lyster."

Don't Neglect Mother.
We make no apology for clipping this pretty and worthy tribute paid the noblest of human creatures by the Kaufman Post. Honor your devoted mother. Time has scattered snow flakes on her brow and plowed deep furrows in her cheeks, but isn't she sweetly beautiful now? The lips are pale and shrunken, but those are the lips which have kissed many a tear from the childish cheeks, and they are the sweetest lips in the world. The eye is dim, yet it glows with the radiance of a holy love, which can never fade. Ah! yes, she is a dear old mother, the sands of life are nearly run out, but feeble as she is, she will go further and reach down lower for you than any other person on earth. You can never enter a prison whose bars will keep her out, can never mount a scaffold too high for her to reach, that she may bless you in evidence of her deathless love. When the world shall despise and forsake you by the wayside to die unnoticed, the dear old mother will gather you into her arms and carry you home and tell you your virtues until you almost forget that your soul is disfigured by vice. Love her tenderly, and cheer her declining years with holy devotion.

Take your hides to H. H. Sigman & Co., San Angelo.

ARKANSAW HER NATIVE STATE

Texas Mother-in-law Searching for a Spindle Shanked, Goggle-Eyed Prodigal Son.

A tall woman wearing a sun bonnet came into the office of Chief of Police, and sitting down hard on the end of the bench, wiped her nose and snapped her eyes at the Chief, and asked in a voice that reminded one of the sharpening of a saw, "be you the galoot that locks people up?" "I regret to say that I am obliged to resort to such extreme measures with refractory persons."

"I know all that, but be you the galoot?"
"Yes madam."
"Why didn't you say so when I asked you?"
"I did."

"You didn't sir. If you don't treat me like a lady I'll feel you up and sit down on you," and she snapped her eyes some more like a tiger.

"What do you want?" asked the official, looking as if he needed reinforcement right away and plenty of them.

I want that dirty little whelp that married my darter; I want to talk to him on business, but he evades me. If I could only get a chance to caress him once more," and she breathed hard and gritted her teeth until the official felt in his pocket for a police whistle.

"What did he do?"
"He told my darter that he would give three-hundred and twenty acres of land with a gold mine on it, to anybody who would amperate my jaw with a boot-jack. He said my mouth was like the gate at the fair grounds; he meant, I suppose that it was never shut, I do not see how he came to make such a ridiculous comparison as all of that."

"Did you ever remonstrate with him?"
"You bet I did. I drew him across the kitchen table by the hair, with one hand, while I basted him with a long handle skillet, and you should have heard him calling me, 'mother,' darling and pet, but providence was against me, his hair gave way and he lit out before I could reason with him any more. Just as like as not we will never meet again." And she sighed heavily.
"Be calm madam, do not excite yourself."

"I am calm. I like to talk about family secrets, it calls back sacred recollections. It makes me think of my darter's first husband. It was real fun to remonstrate with him. His hair didn't give. He was game. He sassed bac, but lord what a time they had holding the inquest."

That was in Arkansas, before I moved to Galveston. There was some of the remains in one corner of the yard, a few more remains hanging on the fence, and there was some of him wrapped around the ax handle. The jury knew me, so they brought in a verdict of justified suicide or homicide or something like that. And think of this worthless spindle-shanked, goggle-eyed whelp getting clear off, excepting a few pounds of hair. I want you to find him for me. You can know him by the brands I put on him with a hot skillet. Wanted to amperate my jaw, the little brassy whelp, said my mouth was like a gate."

The official said that he would look for him, and as she went out she snapped her eyes at the official and remarked, "You had better find that prodigal son or there will be music in these here quarters."

Misinterpreted

The story is told of a young Oregon girl, a favorite of society but who was poor and who had to take care not to get her evening gowns soiled, as her number was limited. At a dance not long ago a great big, red faced prespiring man came in and asked her to dance with him.

He wore no gloves. She looked at the well-meaning but moist hands desparingly, and thought of the immaculate back of her waist. She hesitated a bit and then she said with a winning smile:

"Of course I will dance with you, but if you don't mind, won't you please use your handkerchief?"

The man looked at her blankly a moment or two. Then a light broke over his face.

"Why certainly," he said. And he pulled out his handkerchief and blew his nose.—Selected.

—Each 50c cash purchase entitles you to a coupon, one of which gets the \$85 buggy now on exhibit at our store. Robert Lee Mercantile Co.

Notice Trespass.

Notice is hereby given that I own and control every acre of land in Grape creek pastures situated in Coke and Tom Green counties, and that all trespassers for hunting, fishing, hauling wood, gathering means, working stock or any other trespass will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. N. M. March San Angelo, Texas.

FEELING LIVER-ISH This Morning?
TAKE
THE FORD'S Black-Draught
Stops Indigestion and Constipation
25¢
A Gentle Laxative and Appetizer

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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Before You Purchase Any Other Write THE NEW HOME SEWING MACHINE COMPANY GRAND 235.

Many Sewing Machines made to sell regardless of quality, but the "New Home" is made to wear. Our guaranty never runs out. We make Sewing Machines to suit all conditions of the trade. The "New Home" stands at the head of all high-grade family sewing machines Sold by authorized dealers only.

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The Robert Lee Livery Stable,
POSEY & ROE, Proprietors.
Hay, Corn, Bran, Oats and All Kinds of Feedstuffs
My horses are all good drivers and my vehicles are the very best. I want to serve you.

Always Remember the Full Name
Laxative Bromo Quinine
Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in Two.
E. H. Snow on Box. 25c.

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