

EARLY SPRING OFFERINGS

January and February are the months that you have plenty of time to prepare your spring dresses and underwear; realizing this fact, we have already gotten in a large line of embroideries, linens, nainsooks, dimities and other goods especially adapted for early spring wear.

WE MENTION ONLY A FEW BELOW.

<p>Swiss and Nainsook Embroideries, all new designs and nice materials, good edges, 7 1-2 to 50 cents per yard.</p> <hr/> <p>Solid Colors in Dress Linens, mercerized; nothing better for Dresses. We have it in blues, pinks, lavender and cream, at 40 to 50 cents per yard.</p>	<p>A Good Assortment of White Waistings, in all the new fabrics, at very reasonable prices, quality considered.</p> <hr/> <p>A Better and Larger Line of Fancy Linens than ever before shown in Canyon, stripes, checks and solid colors, from 20 to 50 cents.</p>
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THE LEADER

URY CRANFORD PASSES AWAY.

Popular Young Official is Called to His Last Home—Some of His Life's History.

At the beginning of this new year the Grim Reaper has visited our midst calling to his ranks the life of one of its most popular young men who has ever lived in this city. This time James Ury Cranford is the man who severed these earthly ties and went to the Great Beyond.

Mr. Cranford had been sick for about a fortnight being troubled with a combined case of pneumonia and yellow jaundice, a complication which almost defies the efforts of any medical science. His intense suffering was brought to an end about 8:30 o'clock last Sunday morning. The funeral services were held at the residence of J. H. Hall, where Mr. and Mrs. Cranford were rooming on Monday afternoon at one o'clock after which the interment was had at the city cemetery under the auspices of the local lodge of Knights of Pythias to which order Mr. Cranford was a member. Despite the very disagreeable cold weather which was on hand Monday a large number of friends congregated at these last sad rites, mourning deeply with the bereaved wife, brothers and other relatives.

Mr. Cranford was a Texas boy having been born at Sulphur Springs in Hopkins county twenty four years ago. He was the son of the Hon. John W. Cranford who represented the old fourth Congressional district of Texas in congress for a long time.

In January 1906 Mr. Cranford led to the altar in marriage Miss Wilma Hunt, daughter of Judge J. C. Hunt of this city. In June 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Cranford came to this city to make their home which they did until the month of February 1908 when they moved to Cordell, Oklahoma, where they lived until the first of last December when they returned to this city and Mr. Cranford took up his duties as Assistant District and County Clerk of this county under Clerk M. P. Garner.

He secured a good education and was in the very best condition for the highest type of prosperity and benefit for the human

race. He was a member of the Baptist church and those who knew him knew that he could always be depended upon for all things pertaining to moral advancement. He lived a clean, honest life and made friends wherever he went.

Coming as it did in the very beginning of this promising young man's life, death has dealt a blow which is keenly felt by almost every citizen of this city. None knew Mr. Cranford but to speak well of him. Flowers of eloquence at this time cannot avail anything. Mr. Cranford was one of the few men who elicited words of praise during his lifetime. We mourn because we feel our own personal loss.

Cured of a Severe Attack of Bronchitis by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"On October 18th, last, my little three year old daughter contracted a severe cold which resulted in a bad case of bronchitis," says Mrs. W. G. Gibson, Lexington, Ky. "She lost the power of speech completely and was a very sick child. Fortunately we had a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house and gave it to her according to the printed directions. On the second day she was a great deal better, and on the fifth day, October 23rd, she was entirely well of her cold and bronchitis, which I attribute to this splendid medicine. I recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy unreservedly as I have found it the surest, safest and quickest cure for colds, both for children and adults, of any I have ever used." For sale by the City Pharmacy.

Almost a Bad One.

But for the timely notice of people in the room a very bad and dangerous fire would have resulted from a flue in the Rogerson hotel last Monday afternoon. The day was very cool and a hot fire was burning and the heat from the pipe ignited woodwork which was near. Fortunately it was discovered before much damage was done and therefore a heavy conflagration avoided as the building is a frame one and is located near other buildings of a flammable nature.

Books with cattle bills of sale.

BANKS ELECT THEIR DIRECTORS.

Personnel of Directory Remains About the Same in Each Bank—A Very Prosperous Year.

Last Tuesday was almost what you term the financial day of this city in this that both of the national banks of this city held meetings of their stockholders and elected their directors for the ensuing year.

At the Canyon National Bank the old directorate was elected and consists of R. W. O'Keefe, J. M. Black, I. L. Hunt, W. C. Baird and R. H. Wright. The directors elected R. W. O'Keefe as president; Dr. J. M. Black, vice president; I. L. Hunt, cashier and R. H. Wright, assistant cashier.

The shareholders in the First National Bank decided to reduce the number of directors from seven to five, after which they elected L. T. Lester, D. A. Park, R. G. Oldham, L. C. Lair and I. W. McClure as the directors. No meeting of the directors was held and the election of the officers has been deferred until the return of Mr. Lester who is away on a trip to banks in cities south of this place, in which banks Mr. Lester is interested.

These two banks are in very flourishing condition and the officers report that they have been enabled to declare nice dividends in addition to passing large amounts to the reserve funds, and also that the deposits are larger than ever before.

Brown's Barn Burns.

Last Monday a small boy, a match and a barn, the barn belonging to Fulton Brown, got mixed up in some manner or other and when the event was over the barn and contents were a complete loss. A cow which was fastened in a stall came near being burned, but neighbors appeared in time to let her out and she therefore escaped with a badly singed coat of hair. A quantity of alfalfa hay and some feed was burned with a total loss of about \$200 with no insurance.

R. G. Oldham left last Sunday for Kansas City where he will attend the National Implement Dealers Association which is in session at that place this week.

Prof. E. C. Bristol of Amarillo will be in Canyon on Monday and Thursday of each week to teach violin, mandolin and viola.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Gatis, last Sunday morning, a fine girl.

Mrs. A. N. Henson left last Wednesday for a few days visit with friends at Roswell.

Mrs. D. A. Park returned last Monday from a visit with the family of M. S. Park near Amarillo.

August Stamp has arrived with his cars of household goods and will build on his land east of this city.

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L. Hearte came up from Lake Arthur, New Mexico, the first of the week looking after some of his business interests here.

L. T. Lester and son, Frank, left Tuesday afternoon for a tour of the counties and cities south of here where Mr. Lester is interested in several banks.

W. B. Skinner, one of the firm of Gillcoat & Skinner who are erecting the new court house for this county, will leave the last of this week for points in Oklahoma and for Dallas where he will purchase a portion of materials for the new court house which that firm is to erect for Hemphill county at Canadian. They expect to begin work on the new building for Hemphill county about the first of February.

Doby Williams Makes Bond.

Reports to this city this week state that Doby Williams, who was granted bond in the sum of \$4,000 by Judge Browning in a habeas corpus proceeding in this city a couple of weeks ago, has given the required bond and that he was released from jail at Hereford where he had been conveyed upon the order of Judge Browning. Williams is under indictment in connection with the killing of John Armstrong at Bovina last November.

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For bargains in fine up-to-date pianos see W. T. Gilliam. 411f

Ceta Rustlings.

Butchering was the order of the day among the farmers here last week.

Wednesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Derr entertained the young people with a nice fruit supper.

The little son of R. Wesley, who has been quite sick with croup, is better.

W. W. Claunch is another new neighbor; surely he is warmly welcomed.

It is reported that Mr. Dobbs has sold his farm to one of the land men from Nebraska.

Prof. Breithaupt was a happy visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis and Mr. Hammond were all Canyon City visitors last week.

Julius Hushaw and wife, after a two months' visit here left Saturday for their home at Attica, Ind.

Isaac Hushaw spent Friday with his brother George in Swisher.

R. Dobbs and I. Hushaw were Tulsa visitors last Tuesday.

J. M. Evans was called Sunday to Canyon City to be with his daughter who was quite ill.

W. B. Walters and family spent Sunday with I. Hollabaugh and family.

I. Hushaw and wife and Misses Minnie Walters and Grace Hollabaugh attended church at Denlah Sunday.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Beasley is quite sick.

It is reported that Mr. Briggs has sold his ranch consisting of three sections to a gentleman from Nebraska who will take possession as soon as he can do so.

A Record Breaker.

Billy's father is the owner of a thorough-bred race-horse, and being taken to the track at a district fair he became very familiar with the expressions of the jockeys. After the excitement of the day his mother was hearing his prayers, which were uttered in such a rapid, incoherent manner that he could scarcely be understood. When he had finished he triumphantly turned to his older brother and exclaimed: "I tell you, bubber, I made that in two-ten.—The Delineator.

With The City Churches.

The churches of the city invite all persons to attend the services at their various places of worship. The times of the regular meetings are given below.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:00. Sunday school 10 a. m. D. A. Park Supt., Miss Angie Meyers Sec. Senior League Sunday 4 p. m. Dr. F. M. Wilson, Leader. Junior League Sunday 3 p. m. Mrs. John Hibdon, Leader. Home Mission Society Tuesday afternoon at church, Mrs. John Hibdon, President.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. B. White, Pastor. Services Sunday morning 11 o'clock and evening at 7:00. Sunday School—9:45 a. m. Lee Vansant, Supt., Travis Shaw, Secretary. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00. Choir practice Friday 7:00 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. S. Groves, Pastor. Regular services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. H. J. Cavet, Supt., Miss Frankie Gober, Sec. Junior Endeavor Society, 4:15 Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Nixon, Leader. Senior Endeavor Society, 6:30 Sunday evening, Miss Bessie Groves, Pres.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

Services Sunday a. m., 11 o'clock and Sunday p. m., 7 o'clock. Wednesday evening testimonial service at 7 p. m. V. Edna Henson, C. S., first reader. Sunday school 10:15 a. m. All children under 20, welcome. Only teachers, officers and children present. Mrs. Ava R. Hall, superintendent.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. M. Harder, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:00. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. J. C. Hunt, Supt., Miss Columbia Redfearn Sec. Ladies' Aid Society, meets at pastor's home every first and third Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. J. A. Harbison, president, Mrs. Carl Coffee, secretary.

Fruits and confectionery at Cowart's confectionery store. East side.

Thompson Hardware Co.

Call and See Us on the East Side of the Court House

WE KEEP ALWAYS ON HAND A FULL STOCK OF

<p>Shelf Hardware Heavy Hardware Wagons and Buggies Eclipse and Star Windmills Pipe and Casing Pump Rods and Cylinders</p>	<p>Water Supplies, Tanks Planters, Listers Cultivators Gangs, Drills, Rollers Cutlery China and Crockery</p>	<p>Harrows Binders, Mowers, Rakes Barbed Wire, Nails Hog Fence and Staples Stoves and Ranges Harness and Saddles</p>
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MANY OTHER THINGS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION

We Respectfully Solicit Your Business

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ROCK ISLAND EXTENDING ROAD.

Active Work on Amarillo to Tucumcari Line of Railway Has Been Resumed.

That the line of railway for the Rock Island system will be completed at an early date from Amarillo to Tucumcari, N. M., is now almost an assured fact. Teams and men are at work preparing for the building of the road from Wildorado, the present terminus, to Tucumcari.

In an interview at Dallas last Monday B. F. Yoakum, who is at the head of the Rock Island affairs, stated affirmatively that the extension would be made and that at once.

Came Near Choking to Death.

A little boy, the son of Chris D. Peterson a well known resident of the village of Jacksonville, Iowa, had a sudden and violent attack of croup. Much thick stringy phlegm came up after giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. Peterson says: "I think he would have choked to death had we not given him this remedy." For sale by the City Pharmacy.

Well Pleased Again.

About a year ago Peter Weber, a prominent farmer of Odessa, Kansas, was induced to come to Randall county and take a look at the country. He came down at that time and was so well pleased that he invested very heavily in lands here. During the past week Mr. Weber made his second trip to the county and to the News reporter stated that he was very highly pleased with his investment here and that he was utterly surprised at the very large amount of advancement that has taken place even during the short time of a year since his last visit. Said he, "This is certainly a very promising town and the country offers inducements very greatly above any

that I know. I believe that in ten years this section will be unsurpassed as a farming country. You have raised good crops of almost all kinds whenever they have been attended to in anything like the proper manner, and that not only this past year but every year since there has been any farming attempted here on a proper basis. I can not move to Randall county at the present time but it is very probable that I shall do so as soon as my arrangements have been made."

We believe in giving value received, and we believe we have done so only when we give a man the full worth of his dollar in satisfaction and service. We believe working, not waiting; in laughing, not weeping, and it is a pleasure in selling our goods.

CANYON LUMBER CO.

A Letter From California.

We are this week in receipt of a nice letter from Raymond W. Wansley, a twelve year old son of a former resident of this county but who now lives at San Diego, Cal., and we would like very much to give the letter in full but our preparations for moving and the limited space prevent.

The County Judge desires us to state that he is now prepared to execute deeds to all persons desiring lots in the cemetery, upon the payment of \$10 the price agreed upon by the cemetery committee.

J. W. Jones of Portland, Tennessee, came in Tuesday for a visit with the family of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Johnson. Mr. Jones may decide to locate here.

We believe in the goods we are selling and in our ability to succeed. We believe that honest goods can be sold at honest methods. CANYON LUMBER CO.

Mr. Business Man.

As we have announced we intend to issue a large special edition of our paper at an early date. This edition will contain pictures of prominent people and views of places of interest.

We desire very much to have a picture of the representative business people of this city and therefore request that every man engaged in a mercantile line of any kind meet with other business people at the photo studio next Monday morning at half past ten o'clock so that we may get a good picture of the business people.

There is no expense to you in getting this picture of these people further than the time to get together and surely you can spare a few moments in order to advance the interests of the town.

Be prompt and don't forget the time, 10:30 Monday morning, January 18th.

Will Enlarge School Building.

There has been such a rapid increase in the number of school children who have moved into the Nina school district about eight miles south of this city that the trustees have found it necessary to increase the size of their building. We have not been able to ascertain just the amount of increase which they propose to make but we understand that they will make it sufficiently large to meet the demands for several years to come.

We believe in today and the work we are doing, in tomorrow and the work we have to do, and in the sure reward which the future holds. We believe in courtesy, in generosity and in good cheer. May we serve you?

CANYON LUMBER CO.

Newt Reeves went to Amarillo last Tuesday afternoon to attend the Nordica concert.

Mrs. J. W. McDorman was a visitor to Amarillo the first of the week and while there attended the Nordica entertainment.

Wanted—One or two dozen young Plymouth Rock hens.

42-1tp W. E. GROENDYCKE, With Keiser Bros. & Phillips.

Wanted—Two boarders, man and wife, or two ladies. S. W. of School Building.

42-1tp Mrs. L. A. PRESLAR.

A Sprained Ankle.

As a rule a man will feel well satisfied if he can hobble around on crutches in two or three weeks after spraining his ankle, and it is often two or three weeks before he is fully recovered. This is an unnecessary loss of time, as by applying Chamberlain's Liniment, as directed, a cure may be effected in less than one week's time, and in many cases within three days. Chamberlain's Liniment also affords great relief in cases of chronic and muscular rheumatism. Twenty-five and fifty cent bottles. Sold by the City Pharmacy.

Modern Order of Praetorians.

J. M. Vanderslice, a representative of the order, has been in this city during the past week organizing a council of the Modern Order of Praetorians. A large number of people have signified their intention of joining and it is expected that when the permanent organization is made next week, the largest lodge of the kind in the city will be the result. 42-1t

Notice to Tax Payers.

All state and county taxes must be paid by January 31st or a penalty of ten per cent will be added. Be sure and come in before the time expires.

R. H. SANFORD, Tax Collector.

Theatre Party to Amarillo.

Mme. Nordica, the famous singer was the attraction at the Grand Opera House in Amarillo last Tuesday night and a crowd of people from this city attended reporting that the entertainment was very fine. Those who composed the party going from here were, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Shaw, Mrs. W. S. Keiser, Mrs. Van Vorhies, Miss Haney, Fred Luke, C. N. Harrison and W. E. Thompson.

Be a News subscriber.

That Weather Man.

The people of the United States are continually fighting trusts. Now they had better get after that weather-man who seems to have joined forces the first of this week with the coal men of this city. Anyhow Sunday morning a cold wind came in from the north without any assistance from the people generally and by Monday morning the thermometer registered one degree above zero, the coldest weather we have had in several years. Monday we had a small snow after which it began to warm up until yesterday we had bright and clear weather.

Notice to Public.

Canyon City, Texas, Jan. 15, 1909.

We, the undersigned business men of Canyon City, hereby agree to close our respective places of business promptly at 7:00 p. m., such action to take effect on the above mentioned date, namely, January 15, 1909, and to thus continue until otherwise agreed.

- CANYON MERCANTILE CO.,
Dry Goods, Groceries & Hardware.
- THE LEADER, Dry Goods.
- H. E. MULDRON, Barber.
- W. B. BAILEY, Barber.
- CANYON SUPPLY CO.,
Dry Goods and Groceries.
- J. M. KING, Groceries.
- THOMPSON HARDWARE CO.,
Hardware and Implements.
- THE WHITE SWAN GROCERY CO.,
Groceries and Meat Market.
- CITY MEAT MARKET.

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The News will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publisher.

Railway Time Table.

MAIN LINE, WEST BOUND.
No. 37 to Clovis..... 2:30 p. m.
No. 201 to Carlisbad..... 10:15 a. m.
No. 77 Local Freight..... 6:00 a. m.

MAIN LINE, EAST BOUND.
No. 38 from Clovis..... 10:00 a. m.
No. 202 to Kansas City..... 2:30 p. m.
No. 74 Local Freight..... 2:40 p. m.

PLAINVIEW BRANCH, NORTH B'ND
No. 38 to Amarillo..... 10:00 a. m.
No. 94 Local Freight..... 6:00 p. m.

PLAINVIEW BRANCH, SO. BOUND.
No. 37 to Plainview..... 2:30 p. m.
No. 93 Local Freight..... 8:10 a. m.

Trains No. 37 on the Main Line leaving Canyon City at 2:30 p. m. is made up here, and Train No. 38, on the Main Line arriving from Clovis at 10 a. m. stops at this place.
Local freights and trains Nos. 37 and 38 don't run on Sunday.

What Changed the Old Town's Name?



Mr. Brown of SLEEPYTOWN,
He wouldn't advertise;
So along came Mr. Strong
And took him by surprise.

Mr. S., as you may guess,
Was strictly up to date;
Knew the game and played the same
At early hours and late.

Strong is still in WAKEFULVILLE,
The merchant of the town;
He advertises and still surprises
Such chaps as Mr. Brown.

GET UP AND HUSTLE.

Much has been written from time to time relative to the best methods of advancing the interests of the town and county as a whole. Of course some of the people do not like to have it thrown up to them that they are not doing all that they might do in order to advance the interests of this city. It gets to be a sore spot after a while and well it might be. It ought to be sore for the continual "rubbing it in" that they get is all that the people who are trying to advance the interests of the town ever get out of them. On the night of January 5th the Chamber of Commerce of Wichita Falls held a rally and jollification and had reports from the various officers. These reports are not under discussion in this article but there is one thing that happened to which we desire to call the attention of the people of this city. During the meeting a fund of \$10,000 was raised for the purpose of demonstrating to the world the excellencies of that city and surrounding territory. Wichita Falls is progressing and

she deserves to progress. We venture the assertion that every fifty dollars of the amount subscribed will induce some new citizen to locate in their town, and for each five cent piece there will be someone hear about Wichita Falls that never before knew anything about it. It takes money to advance and money expended judiciously is certainly well spent in the cause of publicity. As to actual "natural advantages," Randall county has that county "beat a city block" in everything except the raising of cotton and we can and do raise many things that Wichita county can never hope to raise. Then by far a greater per cent of the land in this county is tillable than in that county—but Wichita Falls has a live, wide awake citizenship who do not fail to take advantage of every opportunity of advertising her resources.

R. C. Dial has purchased from John E. Cooke the plant of the Clarendon Banner-Stockman and has taken charge of the editorial department having issued his first paper last week. Mr. Dial is an experienced newspaper man and we welcome him into the ranks of the clan in the Panhandle. We regret, however, to lose Brother Cooke. This editor has long been personally acquainted with John, in fact we began careers as "devils" together in the Denton County News office at Denton, both of us having begun work the same morning that the first case was laid in that office. Ill health on the part of the wife of Mr. Cooke caused his retirement from the journalistic field in this country but will no doubt resume the work in another field. We trust that Brother Dial will receive the same amount of encouragement in his new field as Cooke did at Clarendon.

Many people imagine that his or their neighbors should do the work of advancing the interests of the community. Why should they? Are the neighbors to be more materially benefited than the one who doesn't help? If the neighbor gets the greater benefit he should have it. He worked for it.

Somebody take a step to organize that fire department. We need it and you know it. Every week the necessity is more firmly impressed upon each of us, yet we sit still like idols—doing nothing and waiting only to be praised. We don't need any praise. Condemnation is our portion and we deserve it.

The small boy and the match had another inning last Monday destroying a barn filled with feed stuff. We wonder if any leather was used afterwards. Mighty good in such cases.

We had another fire last Monday and still we have no fire department. Gradually the circle is narrowing toward the business section. It is coming.

How about you? Do you think you are doing your best? If so the best in some of us does not amount to much.

US AND SOME OTHERS

Lack of railroad facilities and an indisposition of the owners of big cattle ranges to sell their land has retarded the development of western Texas, but these difficulties are being rapidly overcome. Railroads are being built and others are projected which are certain of construction, opening to settlement vast stretches of this fertile country. The Stamford & Northwestern railroad, which will be completed to Dickens county by next fall, alone will mean the settlement and development of more than 3,000,000 acres. The ranch owners are discovering that their lands are too valuable for longer use as cattle ranges and are

opening them to settlement, the breaking up of the Spur and Matador ranches alone placing somewhere near a million acres within the reach of settlers.

There is no occasion for jealousy on the part of other sections of Texas. The rich, well watered and timbered regions of East Texas will continue to grow more valuable, while the fertile prairies of Central and North Texas will for untold generations bring wealth to owners and greatness to Texas.

The marvelous development of the West should be a matter of pride and satisfaction to every Texan, for it but demonstrates the proud boast that ours is the greatest state in the Union with the most boundless natural resources of any section of the globe. Fort Worth has special cause for gratification, for the development of western Texas means more to this city than to any other city in the state. As the gateway to this vast storehouse of agricultural wealth, Ft. Worth is destined to become a great city and to be a great base of supply for this region and the natural market for its boundless wealth of products. The present, however, is an age of keen commercial competition, and the construction of the Orient railroad through this section places it in close touch with Kansas City, and should impress our people with the prime importance of building a direct line from Fort Worth to Stamford and on further west.—Ft. Worth Record.

The great West is bound to grow. Nothing can keep it back and we will hail with joy the time when our city shall have more direct railroad connection with Fort Worth or with any other large market. We will get it, for this country is offering inducements to railroads that railroad builders cannot ignore. Tonnage is the main thing with railroads and any good road offering direct connection with the good markets and the coast can certainly get plenty to haul from the West.

If you owned Longview, what would you do with it? We would like for our readers to discuss this question purely from a business standpoint, and see if we can't get up a greater interest in our town's growth and development.—Longview News-Item.

If any competent business man owned Longview, or any other good town, he wouldn't let it go slipshod, ramshakled or disreputable in appearance. He would try to maintain its value by maintaining its good looks. He would lay side walks where they are needed; he would demolish old eyesores in the way of crude and dilapidated buildings; he would paint fences and residences; open the drains; grade or pave the streets; keep down the weeds; brighten the store fronts, remove dilapidated awnings and remove swinging signs. He would not be a knocker.—Dallas News.

We wish some good man owned certain departments of this city if he would run it along the lines indicated by the Dallas News, and the ownership could extend to cover a multitude of civic sins committed here.

Floyd county has not yet been heard from, but we believe when her report comes it will be a favorable one. The Enterprise believes this method of securing a railroad is practicable and one that will appeal to the people in a general way. No one needs to be told of the vast benefits in various ways that will accrue from railroad connection with the outer world, for none are in better position to realize these benefits more sensibly than we who are deprived of them. The people along this proposed line can have this road if they will go at it right and stay at it right. It cannot be accomplished by fits and starts, but there must be a good substantial walking up in the collar; no balking, no flying back, no kicking over the traces, but good honest, steady pulling.

It has been moved and seconded that a committee of five be appointed from each of the three counties of Briscoe, Randall, and Floyd to confer with each other at a time and place hereafter to be selected, looking to the formulating of a definite and feasible plan by which the county seats of these three counties may be connected by a railway, either steam or electric. Are you ready for the question?—Silver-

ton Enterprise.
Let the people of Silverton set a date, preferably some Saturday or Monday and notify all the counties interested and we think there will be a response that would be rather unexpected. Canyon City is not centrally enough located or we would suggest a meeting at this place. Issue a call, man. That's the way to get after it. There are "things doing" in the railroad world now and we must get after them and do it now.

Live Stock and Agriculture.

"The secret of successful farming will be found in live stock," said Mr. James J. Hill, the railroad magnate of the Northwest a few weeks ago. "Our farmers must learn how to farm. Every year they are robbing the soil, taking away and putting nothing back. Every year the crops grow smaller under that kind of farming. The only redemption is to feed as much of the products as possible to live stock and return the manure to the land. The farmers of other countries know more than we do. They have been farming for thousands of years and their lands are richer today than ever. We must learn how to breed and feed live stock—that is the secret. Establish stock shows, and the whole country should be interested in such events."

"In 1950 the population of the United States will be 200,000,000. It will take the products of all our agricultural lands to feed us and if we destroy the producing power of our lands instead of building it up, we will starve. The future of the country depends upon agriculture. The only successful agriculture is that built upon live stock as a foundation."

Mr. Hill is right but already the people are waking up and the interest in live stock is evidenced by the growth of such live exhibitions as the National Show at Denver, which opens its Fourth annual event in the new Amphitheatre on January 18th.

Tell This to the Marines.

The old sea captain, in brass buttons, sat smoking comfortably by his fireside, when Jack, his sailor son, burst in upon him. "Weather too rough," explained the son; "so we've put in for a day."
"Too rough?" exclaimed Mr. Tar, with visions of his own days on the briny. "Why, sir, I was once sailing around the cape, when a storm came on and it blew down the mainmast, and mizzenmast was swept away; but we didn't think of putting in!"
"Well, you see," explained the son, "this storm was so bad it blew the anchors off the captain's buttons, took the paint off the ship's bows, and—"
"Stop!" cried the old man. "You do me credit, Jack—you do me credit!"
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COUNTRY LIFE COMMISSION.
 Randall County Citizen Writes Interesting Letter to Chairman of the Central Committee.

There has been considerable discussion of the work and plans of the Rural Life Commission appointed by President to investigate the conditions existing among the farmers in the various sections of this country. This commission served without any pay whatever other than their actual traveling expenses and are now preparing their reports. Of course the newspapers throughout the entire country have commented upon the matter both pro and con.

C. S. Whittier, a resident of this county has given the matter much thought and is deeply interested in the outcome of the work. Acting upon the request of the Commission that the citizens write them giving their thoughts and ideas about the matters in their charge, Mr. Whittier has forwarded a letter. We give an extract from the letter forwarded below:

Canyon, Texas, Nov. 30, 1908
 To the Rural Commission,
 Care of President Roosevelt.
 Gentlemen:

An article in the Kansas City Journal startles me, because it creates a doubt in my mind as to favorable outcome to the work assigned you, and from the first I have been deeply interested in it and very hopeful of beneficial results. The article is entitled "Rainbow Chasing" and is an attempt to ridicule President Roosevelt's Rural Commission, and show that the whole idea is whimsical.

My only excuse for writing is the fact of my deep interest and the belief that if the commission fails. I shall always regret having neglected to make an effort to strengthen your hands.

I will introduce myself as a man of 70 years, that was reared on a northern farm and has lived in the "South land" (mostly east of the Mississippi river) for about 19 years. Have generally been farming, but have worked at carpentering and school teaching considerably and have traveled from house to house on foot, thousands of miles in the rural districts.

Several years ago I formulated a plan—not wholly original—for the betterment of rural life, and tried to put it into execution, but found myself too weak, single handed and alone, to fairly test its merits. Admitting my own flat failure it seems entirely clear to me that you are now in position to accomplish much if you will but adopt the general course that I shall attempt to outline.

There is a consensus of opinion among prominent educators that the education of the masses should be more closely connected with actual life and the art of good living in the country and not too much attention paid to polish, varnish and finish for polite society in the cities. B. T. Washington says—in substance—"It is almost a crime to take the young from their country homes and educate them in a way to vastly increase their wants, without teaching them how to supply their wants and therefore drive them to the cities to live by their wits and in many cases to become gamblers and street walkers, instead of returning to their old father's farm and showing him how to produce more from an acre.

No general reform, of a people can be brought about in a single generation. With us old people the "die is cast" and the cast is set but the young mind can be moulded and the moulding can be seen and felt away down the generations. So I take the position, that the proper course for you to take is to recommend action along educational lines and I use the word education in its broadest sense,

(that is, the formation of character. We do not need more nor better, higher institutions of learning. We have plenty of these and they are good, and available to all who have the necessary means, but we do need more and better schools that are within the reach of the poor boys and girls of the country—schools that will teach them how to live better, do better and be better, and how to build homes, that will be more suitable for the rearing of good families right where they (the to be parents) were born and are destined to rear their families.

Some department of our own (probably the Agricultural) has issued a bulletin, entitled (I think) "A German School with a Garden," in which is described such schools as are run in some provinces along the Rhine and it has recommended a trial in our country of that plan and the school garden idea has been tried with success in many large cities but the cultivation of the soil is not a novelty to country children as it is to the city children.

Germany, France and Switzerland, I believe have been pioneers along industrial lines for schools and many of our best educators strongly recommend this course. The people of the United States are not lacking means, facilities and ability to train properly the young, but they lack system and a judicious harnessing or uniting of the various powers into one harmonious force for the betterment of our own people in coming generations. We have as means at hand the several common school systems of the different states, with their large funds and the machinery for collection and distribution, colleges and universities, agricultural colleges and experiment stations, the Agricultural Department of our government with its representative in the cabinet, the most liberal congress in the world with all of its machinery, thousands of periodicals for the distribution of information, the various Christian Churches with their ramifications, the most generous rich people in the world and wealth and trained ability without limit and I believe it has been left to me to discover the connecting link that is to connect these various powers together and direct their united force toward the grand achievement of bettering and making more attractive the rural life of our people. This connecting link is what I see fit to call "The School Farm."

Let us stop building those "Little red school houses" on those 4 acre tracts out in the woods and out on the prairie without fence or tree or garden or shrub or flower upon the outside, nor ornament upon the inside of them, and let us stop employing such teachers as can teach only such things as they have learned from books. Let us have our country school house on a farm that is owned by the school district with a dwelling, a barn, an orchard, a garden, some vines, some shrubs, some flowers, some bees, some stock, some poultry and a team and tools and let it be under the management of the school board. Then let the school board hire a man and his wife, who are practical farmers, home builders and teachers, by the year, to run that farm and teach that school. Let us require that teacher, that to be the correspondent for that district and be constantly in touch with the Agricultural College and Experiment Station, the Agricultural department of the government and with such societies and churches as may want to "lend a helping hand" in this glorious work of trying to improve rural life. Let us give that teacher and that board a free hand to develop that school and that farm largely in their own way, but require of them that they become a center for the distribution of thoughts and

things and that they put on exhibition object lessons in agriculture, orcharding, gardening, home-building, house-keeping and kindred arts and that they teach these several arts to the children.

It seems to me that this could and would become a social as well as an industrial center where such things as farmers' organizations, farm labor, good roads, postal facilities and sanitary conditions would be discussed and where such ideas as are taught in the higher institutions would be brought home to the people right where they live.

Our agricultural colleges and experiment stations are good things but they do not reach more than one per cent of the people that they should reach, and the people need to know the lessons that they teach. If these state and national institutions could have a foothold in say one-tenth of the districts, right at the homes of the people, where they could have something to say about methods and where they could co-operate with someone who was favorably inclined and who was in the business of improving rural life. They could exhibit where it "would do the most good" specimens of whatever they wished to introduce, whether plants or other things. Let us require of these teachers that they make regular reports of their work for publication, and let us encourage a friendly rivalry among the teachers of such schools.

I do not recommend that every district in every state be forced to take this step, but I do recommend that there be selected one or more states, and in those states one or more counties, and in those counties one or more districts where there are generous, ambitious and patriotic people enough to do for themselves and their offspring and for their neighbors and their neighbors' offspring these things and report the results. If the scheme is worthy it will spread and grow, if unworthy it will die out.

Suppose, for illustration, that a man was authorized to go into each of the districts of a single county and explain what is wanted and say to the people of each district, if you people will with your own money, buy and deed to your own district 40 or more acres of land for a school farm, build or move onto it a suitable school house (using the public school fund to build the house) and then make some other improvements upon it with your own means, we (the U. S. government or the state government) will make as many and as valuable improvements as you do. In other words, we will duplicate every dollar that you put onto your own school farm in improvements, and your share of the public money shall go toward paying the teachers, for that will be the public school of your district. Is it not reasonable to suppose that some districts in each county can be found that would accept such an offer and make the start and then the reports? My experience has satisfied me that such districts can be found in any county.

I must tell you of one case to the point. While living in the mountains of South Carolina I offered, at a religious meeting, to give one year's services to any district that would furnish the land, make it a school farm and start an industry. One district called a special meeting, discussed the subject, and two men offered to furnish jointly all the land needed, (it was good land with a creek and water power) and deed it to the district. By vote they accepted my offer and instructed the board to go ahead and build a canning factory. A little money was raised, some more promised, some canvassing done, and then for want of more money and faith the whole thing stopped and I became satisfied that, in that district at least, it would take more than one man's

naked hands as capital to start and run such an enterprise. But if I could have had something like the backing that you would have in your present position, it seems clear to me that even there it would have been a success.

We human being look too constantly and too persistently for immediate results, and are too apt to ignore the most valuable achievements because their results are in the distance. A man, when compared to the universe, is but a very small speck and the life time of a man when compared with eternity is but as one tick of a watch, yet it sometimes happens that the little speck during that tick of eternity's clock starts a movement which produces great results during eternity's later hours.

Gentlemen of the commission: You for the moment stand at the "dividing of the ways." In your hands may now rest the destiny of untold thousands who have or will have bright minds in healthy bodies to be made useful or detrimental to those around them. Do not, I pray you, let the shallow wit of a flimsy editor nor the prating of a pessimist dissuade you from the noble task that our splendid leader has assigned you, but go fearlessly though cautiously on studying faithfully and profoundly the situation in all its bearing, and recommend whatever in your candid judgment is best for the whole people in this and in all coming generations, and may the "God of our fathers" amply bless you.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,
 C. S. WHITTIER,
 Canyon, Texas

Make Every Day Count.

The one who starts out in the morning with a determination to do something during the day that will amount to something, that will be distinctive, that will have individuality, that will give him satisfaction at night, is a great deal more likely not to waste his day in frivolous, unproductive work than the man who starts out with no plan.

Make up your mind at the very outset of the day, that you will accomplish something, that you will not allow callers to chip away your time, and that you will not permit the little annoyances of your business to spoil your day's work. Make up your mind that you will be larger than the trifles which cripple and cramp mediocre lives, and that you will rise above petty annoyance and interruptions and carry out your plans in a large commanding way.

Begin every day, therefore, a program, and determine that, let what will come, you will carry it out as closely as possible. Follow this up persistently and you will be surprised at the results.

Make every day of your life count for something, make it tell in the grand results, not merely as an added day, but as an added day with something achieved.—O. S. Marden, in Success.

Didn't Want the Job.

During a recent examination of applicants for the position of mail carrier, a colored boy appeared before the civil service commission. "How far is it from this earth to the moon?" was the first question asked him. "Say boss, if you's gwine to put me on dat route, I doesn't want de job," and with that he left as though he was escaping from some calamity.—Ex.

It Makes a Difference.

Dyer—What do you call your machine, an automobile or a motor car?

Hartley—I call it either when it runs. When it doesn't, I call it other things.—Human Life.

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LOCAL GRAIN MARKET

The quotations here given are from the Canyon City grain dealers and show the market the day before the issue of this paper. The prices are for grain in sack unless otherwise stated.

Wheat, No. 2, bushel.....	\$ 98
Oats, best, bushel.....	50
Maize and Kafir in heads, new crop, ton.....	11 00
Millet hay, per ton.....	8 00
Johnson grass hay, ton.....	9 00
Alfalfa, per ton.....	11 00
Corn, best.....	60
Maize, threshed, bushel.....	52
Kafir corn, threshed, bu.....	52
Chickens and Eggs	
Fryers, per dozen.....	\$3 50
Eggs, per dozen.....	20
Butter, country, pound.....	25

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The Absentminded Doctor.
"Yes, dear, my husband is a doctor and just the nicest, dearest fellow in the world, but so absentminded," she explained to her schoolgirl chum. "Just imagine—during the wedding ceremony, when the time came for him to place the ring on my finger, he felt of my pulse and solemnly asked me to show my tongue."

BE STRONG.
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift. We have hard work to do and loads to lift. Shun not the struggle; face it. 'Tis God's gift.

Be strong! Say not the days are evil—who's to blame?—And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh, shame! Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong! It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong. How hard the battle goes, the day how long. Fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.

The Dog Wasn't Touched.
"Madam," said the conductor as he punched a ticket. "I am very sorry, but you can't have your dog in this car. It is against the rules."
"I shall hold him in my lap all the way," she replied, "and he will not disturb any one."
"That makes no difference," said the conductor. "Dogs must ride in the baggage car. I'll take and fasten him for you."
"Don't you touch my dog, sir!" exclaimed the young lady excitedly. "I will trust him to no one," and with indignant tread she marched to the baggage car, tied her dog and said: "Remember, please, I don't want a soul here to touch my dog or untie him. You understand?"

The baggage crew said they did. As the train approached her station the young lady, hailing the conductor, asked, "Is my dog all right?"
"I don't know, miss," replied the conductor.
"Don't know?" she replied. "Why don't you know? It's your business to know. You haven't touched him or untied him?"
"No, we didn't touch or untie him, and that's just it. You tied him to a trunk checked for two stations back. The trunk had to be put off, and so we threw the dog off with the trunk!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Prophecy Fulfilled.
Rouelle, one of the early fathers of chemistry in France, drew crowds of enthusiastic students to his classroom. "Gentlemen," he said on one occasion, "you see the cauldron on this brazier. If I were to cease stirring a single moment an explosion would ensue which would blow us all into the air." In addressing the students Rouelle actually forgot to stir. There was a horrible crash, the windows blew out, and some of the walls went down, while several were blown bodily into the neighboring garden. No one was killed, and the only damage sustained by Rouelle himself was the loss of his wig.

An Ideal Sitter.
A Washington artist, while sketching in North Carolina, was one day in search of a suitable background of dark pines for a picture he had planned. At last he found the precise situation he was seeking, and, best of all, there chanced to be a pretty detail in the figure of an old colored woman in the foreground.

The artist asked the old woman to remain seated until he had sketched her. She assented with the greatest good nature, but in a few minutes asked how long the artist would be. "Oh, only about a quarter of an hour," he answered.

Three minutes or so later the old darky again inquired—this time with manifest anxiety—how long the operation of sketching would take.
"Not long," was the reassuring reply. "But why do you ask so anxiously?" "Oh, nuthin', sah," the old woman hastened to respond, "only I's sittin' on an ant hill, sah."—Judge's Library.

A Grand Ovation.
"I finished my peroration," said the couceted orator, "and stood there with the thunders of applause ringing in my ears. It was a grand ovation. The people crowded up to shake me by the hand and to touch my garments, so impressed and enthusiastic were they over by effort. I was gracious and shook hands with all who made the proffer to me. Finally one man, weeping because I had played so feelingly on the harp of his emotions, leaned forward to kiss my shoe."
"I drew back. 'Stop,' I said. 'I am but human.'"

The Champion Ham Eater.
Bandmaster Sousa says a southern negro is responsible for the following story:
"Down on our farm we've got a man named Jim. Jim's de champion ham eater of all de country round. Unc' Henry hed charge o' de farm, an' when Unc' Henry tol' any of us to do anything 'us jus' done it, 'cause we had conf' dence in him."
"Folks come 'om all de country round jus' to see Jim eat ham, fo' de way he could tuck ham away was amazin'. Jim set by de fence one day a-catin' one ham after another like ez of dey was cakes or biscuits! 'Twas ez easy to him as pickin' teeth. He'd got down eight hams an' de ninth was a-follerin'."

but I reckon it was 'om a old hawg for some gris'le got in his throat an' stopped his breath, so we was a-feared dat we was a-goin' to lose Jim."
"But up got Unc' Henry sort o' easy-like, an' he went over to de fence—de fence was a lot o' slabs on top o' de fence—an' he went over to de fence 'ard Jim, an' he sez, 'Jim, git down on all fours!' Right in front o' Jim was a big pile o' stones, but Jim had conf' dence in Unc' Henry, so he got down on all fours an' waited, an' de gris'le in his throat, why, dat waited too. Unc' Henry patted Jim's coat-tails an' 'listed de slab an' give Jim a hit, an' Jim went head first on to dat pile o' stones. When he struck dem stones dat piece o' gris'le 'lowed it had bimeess some whar else. An' Jim riz up an' hollered, 'Gimme anudder ham!'"

Art in Humble Things.
Two street sweepers were quarreling one day about their talent in street sweeping.
"Well, Bill," said one, "I admit that you can clean up the middle of a street all right, but you ain't capable of doing an ornamental piece of work, like sweeping around a trolley pole."

Why They Applauded.
A theatrical troupe after an unsuccessful tour finally arrived in a small New Jersey town. That night, though there was no furor or general uprising of the audience, there was enough hand clapping to arouse the troupe's dejected spirits. The leading man stepped to the footlights after the first act and bowed profoundly. Still the clapping continued.

When he went behind the scenes he saw an Irish stage hand, laughing heartily. "Well, what do you think of that?" asked the actor, throwing out his chest.
"What d'ye mane?"
"Why, the hand clapping out there. They are giving me enough applause to show they appreciate me."
"Whol, that's not applause! That's the audience killin' mosquitoes."—Everybody's.

Couldn't Hit Her.
An Englishman was being shown Chicago by some friends who had been entertained by him in London. They couldn't interest him. He was bored at everything. Finally in desperation they took him to see a vaudeville show. The big act of the night was an "impalement" act, where a young woman stood against a board and a man threw knives at her, outlining her on the board.

The Englishman watched for a few minutes. Then he yawned and said: "Well, old chaps, let's be going. Deuced bore, I call it. 'E's thrown at her 'alf a dozen times and 'asn't 'it'er once!"

The Vizier's List.
The sultan bade his grand vizier to prepare a list of all the fools in the kingdom. In due course the vizier brought his list of fools to the palace, and, lo, at the head of the list appeared the sultan himself.
"Why, O' vizier, is my name at the head of your list of fools?"
"Sun of the universe, did you not but last week commission two entire strangers—Franks they represented themselves—to purchase six motor cars for you, and did these two strangers not depart with 100,000 sequins from the royal treasury?"
"Yes. What of it?"
"They will never return," said the vizier, "and therefore on my list."
"But suppose they do return?"
"Then, sire, I will erase your name and place theirs in its place."

The Unwise Salesman.
A young fountain pen salesman, to his great joy, succeeded on his first trip in persuading a stationer to order 500 pens, but all of a sudden the stationer's manner changed to the young man.
"I countermand that order," he barked and hurried into his private office, slamming the door behind him.
Later in the day his bookkeeper said to this stationer:
"May I ask, sir, why you so suddenly countermanded your order for those fountain pens?"
"The young salesman," the other answered, "booked my order in lead pencil."

A Fortunate Young Man.
President Roosevelt met a well known young writer and asked abruptly, "Do you know Spanish?"
"No, Mr. President, I do not, I very much regret to say," was the reply.
"I am sorry to hear it," commented the chief magistrate, and the subject was dropped.

Deeply impressed with the idea that had been known Spanish he might have been appointed to a high office in the diplomatic corps, the young man set to work assiduously, dropping everything else, and soon acquired a proficiency in that language. He called at the White House and was cordially welcomed. In the course of conversation he said: "By the way, Mr. President, I know Spanish well, I both talk and read it with ease."
"Oh, you don't say so! Then you ought to be one of the happiest men in the world. You can read 'Don Quixote' in the original."

Professional Pride.
"Literary fame is not always highly regarded by the people," says William Dean Howells. "I remember when I was in San Remo some years ago seeing in a French newspaper this notice by a rat trap maker of Lyons:
"To whom it may concern: M. Pierre Loti of Lyons, inventor of the automatic rat trap, begs to state that he is not the same person and that he has nothing in common with one Pierre Loti a writer."

In Memoriam.
The end for which we were all born has overtaken our Brother Knight, James Ury Cranford, he having departed this life January 10th, 1909.

Whereas, Brother Cranford was a member, in good standing, on Canyon City Lodge, No. 275 Knights of Pythias, and was a faithful and consistent exponent of the principles of brotherly love.

Therefore, be it resolved by Canyon City Lodge No. 275 Knights of Pythias that the family of our deceased brother, this lodge and our community have suffered an irreparable loss. That we meekly accept the workings of an inscrutable providence and recognize that the affairs of life are guided by a loving Heavenly Father. That Brother Cranford was a faithful Knight, a true friend, a good citizen and, above all, a manly man. He was faithful in all things committed to him here and we know that he shall receive his reward in that land from which no traveler returns:

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of this Lodge, that a copy be furnished to the family of our deceased brother and that a copy be furnished the Randall County News for publication.

Committee { A. S. Rollins
C. P. Hutchings
W. E. Lair

Main Ditch Dug.
The big ditching machine that has been working on the city sewers has finished the main ditch, from the disposal place to the west end of Pennsylvania avenue. The tiling has been laid in this ditch and work is now being done on the laterals, beginning on the west side of town and working back to the east.

The machine is a ponderous affair that does the work of seventy-five to one hundred men digging a ditch to a depth of six feet at a rate of seventy-five or more feet an hour. In one day's run, netting eight hours, over 600 feet of the ditch were dug and the depth was at least six feet. The machine is set for the lowest depth of the ditch and run towards the shallow end and gradually and automatically gauges the depth so that the slope is always right. It has been a center of attraction and has greatly interested those who watched it at work.—Hereford Democrat.

John Williams Gives Bond.
Last Tuesday Sheriff R. H. Sanford of this county approved the bond of John W. Williams in the sum of \$8,000.00 and Williams was released from the custody of the sheriff of Deaf Smith county where he was sent for safe keeping. Williams is one of the men granted bond by Judge Browning in the habeas corpus proceedings held in this city two weeks ago. He is charged by indictment found in the District Court of Farmer county for the killing of John Armstrong in November. The case comes up for trial in the district court of this county which begins on Monday, February 1, the cause having been transferred to this county on a change of venue from Farmer county.

Granted \$5,000.00 Bail.
Before Justice of the Peace K. K. Kerr at Amarillo, Jim Keeton, the former jailer of Potter county who stands charged with the killing of Doc Thomas, a ranger, an examining trial was waived and the bond of the defendant placed at \$5,000 which he gave at once and is now at liberty.

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WOMAN SAYS "LET MEN SMOKE."

Philadelphia Physician Astounds Sisters at Club Meeting.

"Let men smoke. Good tobacco, used moderately, is a sedative for the nerves. You can no more stop men smoking than you can stop them breathing."

This opinion, uttered by Dr. Rachel Skidelsky, was the bomb which created consternation at the meeting of the Woman's club in the home of Mrs. A. B. Nesbit, the other day, says the Philadelphia North American.

When she had finished half a dozen women wanted the floor simultaneously. There was a long discussion, in which "my husband" was frequently quoted as an authority.

The temerous statement of Dr. Skidelsky was made in reply to a remark made by Dr. Harriet P. Westbrook, who was a speaker at the last meeting of the National Municipal league. She was shocked and embarrassed, she said, because nearly all the men were smoking.

"This," she said, "was not only boorish, but most unpleasant to me, as I could not get rid of the smell of tobacco in my clothes for a week."

OTHERWISE THEY'D BE EXTINCT.

Logical Certainty That There Were Microbes in the Ark.

John W. Gates was talking about the accident that befell the Mauretania recently.

"When that propeller broke," he said, "the screw seemed to run away with the great ship. She was racked as though a host of giants with sledges were heaving on her sides. We all felt for a moment as lost as—lost as those creatures whom the ark left behind."

Mr. Gates smiled.

"Speaking of the ark," he said, "I saw a little boy at play with his Noah's ark the other day. I watched him put aboard all the people, all the painted animals, and then I saw him place carefully in a sheltered spot two tiny splinters of wood.

"What are they, my son?" I asked.

"Them's microbes," said he.

"It had never occurred to me before," Mr. Gates ended, "but there must, of course, have been a pair of microbes in the ark."

The Original Daedalus.

According to mythology, Daedalus was the original sky sailor. He was a fine mechanic, and is said to have been the inventor of the saw, the auger, the plummet, and other mechanical devices. The king of Crete got him to build a labyrinth to keep the minotaur in. Afterward, for some indiscretion the king put Daedalus in, and his son Icarus, also. There his mechanical genius stood him well in hand, for he made a pair of wings out of feathers and wax, for himself and his son, and with these they flew out of the labyrinth. As they soared aloft, Daedalus warned Icarus to be careful, not to fly very high, for the sun might melt the wax. But Icarus, like a great many boys these days, forgot, in the joy of his flight, his father's advice, and so went so near the sun that its hot rays melted the wax that held the feathers in place, and so poor, disobedient Icarus tumbled headlong into the sea, which sea has been known as Icarion, ever since.—Ohio State Journal.

A Mislaid Colony.

The government of France has mislaid a colony, and the government of Mexico has found it.

It is Clipperton island, a little isle in the Pacific ocean, ten degrees north and 109 degrees longitude west. It is one of a large group of islands which is visited periodically by a French warship.

Some time ago, when the warship visited the island, the French sailors found soldiers there in Mexican uniform, and the Mexican flag floating serenely over the island.

The island is directly east of the mouth of the Panama canal, which gives it a certain amount of importance.

The matter has been placed in the hands of the French foreign office, and "communications are pending." The warship discovered that the French government had mislaid the island two years ago.

The Main Point.

The Englishman and the American were talking about honesty among men.

"Speaking about honest men," said the American, proudly, "our George Washington was the most honest man the world has ever known. Why, he took a hack at the cherry tree and

then told his father about it.

The Englishman pondered in silence for a long time. Finally he drawled: "It may be deuced clever in George telling his father about taking the hack, but tell me this."

"Well, what is it?"

"Did he pay the driver?"

Seeing and Believing.

"What must you do in order to become a psychic researcher?"

"I don't know exactly," answered the hard-headed person. "But as near as I can make out the requirements, you must be able to believe everything you see and also to see everything you may feel like believing."

Quarrel in the Woods.

"You're lots more of a coward than I am," declared the squirrel.

"Maybe, but I'm not nearly so much of a tall-bearer," answered the rabbit, wiggling its nose insultingly.

Bird Snaring in Connecticut.

Reports from hunters who have made trips to different points where game usually can be found indicate that snaring has prevailed this season to a greater extent than ever before. Evidence is abundant in any locality frequented by game, the telltale snare, not infrequently still holding its prey, being a dumb but sure witness that lawbreakers are numerous and are almost thoughtless in their boldness.

Some idea of the magnitude of this law-breaking work in this state may be gained from the fact that one man alone had shipped some 300 birds to another state within a few weeks after the close season was on.—Hartford Courant.

Another Touch.

"Maria," said Mr. Stubb, as he looked through his waistcoat, "where are those two ten-dollar notes I had?"

"Why, I took them, John," responded Mrs. Stubb, innocently. "Didn't you say I could have anything I found under a dollar?"

"Yes, but—"

"Well, they were both under a dollar. The dollar was on top."

Down the Old Road.

Silas—Took Mandy out driving last night and tried to kiss her.

Cyrus—And wouldn't she stand for it?

Silas—Yes, but the blamed old boss wouldn't. He ran away.

NO NAPKIN FOR THE PRESIDENT.

How "Fighting Bob" Kept Discipline on a Man-o'-War.

As a flag officer, I have always required of the commissary officer of each ship a bill of fare, prepared a week in advance, stating just what would be served at each meal. This, forwarded through his commanding officer, came to me and after examination was passed to the paymaster of the fleet for filing. To be sure that this bill of fare was followed, and the food properly prepared and served, I frequently went on board some ship of the fleet without any previous notice and directed the captain to have a table set for me on the mess deck among the men, and there, in company with the members of my staff and the captain and commissary officer of the ship, took my dinner. The meal was served to us exactly as it was to the men and nothing was permitted on the table which they did not have, is the declaration of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, in his navy articles in Hampton's Broadway Magazine.

On one occasion I took the president to dine in this way with the crew of a battleship, and he had a most enjoyable dinner. The captain was shocked that the president had no napkin to wipe his mouth on, and proposed to send for one, but I assured him that I would not permit one on the table. This custom of mine, like some other of my performances, would have turned the captain of 60 years ago white-headed. However, that may be, it convinced the men, and also the commissary officer, that I intended to see that those under my command should be properly fed, and the first effect was to stop a vast amount of growling and discontent in the fleet.

WAS NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES.

Why Guest at Banquet Sought Knife That Was Blunt.

A. J. Drexel Biddle, whose original and brilliant mind, coupled with his wealth, youth and high social position, has made him for some years one of Philadelphia's most prominent figures, was talking at York about boxing.

"Every man should know how to box," said Mr. Drexel Biddle, who is one of the best amateur boxers in

America. "In the case of attack by pickpockets, or in defense of a lady, indeed in a hundred crises, how deplorably awkward it is to be unable to box."

"The man ignorant of boxing is apt to make a great fool of himself. Ignorance nearly always makes fools of us. I remember a man, ignorant of etiquette, who once sat beside me at a public dinner.

"I noticed that this man, as soon as he was seated, took up one by one the knives at the right of his plate, and began to try their edges on his thumb. "A waiter behind him leaned forward and said in a hurt tone: "The knives are all sharp, sir."

"The point is," said my neighbor, "I'm looking for a blunt one. Last time I attended a banquet hers I cut my mouth."

Interpreting a Gift.

Last Christmas a Philadelphia man sent as a present to his son and daughter-in-law one of the new gold eagles, and with it the following letter:

"The woman on the face of this coin is for you, Clarence, because men usually like good-looking women. The eagle on the reverse, with the feathers on its legs, is for Lottie, because women are supposed to like birds and feathers."

"The E pluribus unum," which you know is translated "One of many," means that of the many of them you would like to have this is the only one you get.

"The 13 stars, being an unlucky number, indicate the hard luck many of us have in our efforts to gather in the quantity of these coins we really have need for, but then the 46 stars around the rim tell you that by working like 46 days in the week you can probably accumulate enough to see you through."

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