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## Men Who Think of Next Winter Buy Clothing Now

If we were now on the threshold of perpetual Spring it might be wise to worry along with that winter suit or overcoat which is not quite as presentable as you would have it. But that you'll need winter clothing next winter is as certain as taxes? And dozens of men know this and are taking advantage of the extraordinary clothing values here now. It does not pay manufacturers nor us to keep this clothing until next winter, but most decidedly it pays the individual to do so

## Do You Need an Extra Pair of Pants?

Well, come in and see us. We have a tremendous stock of pants and have sizes for every one. Our prices are very low.



# W. T. Read Merc. Co.

### Pros Call a Mass Meeting

Pursuant to the call signed by a number of leading citizens and published sometime ago a mass meeting of the friends of prohibition will be held at the Court-house Saturday, February 25th, at 2 o'clock to lay plans for the coming state-wide prohibition campaign. The general executive committee has asked that similar meetings be held in every county in the State on that date and all friends of the temperance movement are urged to be present. There will be no set program, but volunteer speeches will be called for.

### That Census

Sixteen cheerful souls sallied forth Wednesday and visited the homes of all our people for the purpose of securing the religious status of the people of Pecos. The work was purely a labor of love and was most kindly received by all our people.

The object is to ascertain data upon which our church workers can proceed. In a few days the facts will be known so a statement can be made public.

Next Sunday is rally day all over Texas and it is desired to report a million people in Sunday School on that day.

Let the people of Pecos attend their respective Sunday Schools and let us send out a good report.

It is certain that no town has a larger per cent of church going people than has Pecos. Let us keep straight ahead and push our work in every way becoming true christian people.

Most heartily,  
J. B. COLE

### Died

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Payne died Wednesday night and was buried Thursday afternoon in the Pecos cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Cole.

The little one saw light only for a few days and then went away to Him who said "suffer little children to come to me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The relatives have the loving sympathy of the people of this city.

At the Methodist church in this city February 12th in the presence of only a few friends, Rev. H. M. Smith spoke the solemn words which is to forever, "until death do part," join in holy wedlock Miss Zula Wadley to Mr. Archie Hart. They are both popular in Pecos society and have many friends who wish them a long, prosperous and nappy voyage on the sea of matrimony.

Mrs. E. A. Farnum is now busy opening a stock of millinery in the building just west of E. Couch's confectionery. She has returned from the northern and eastern markets where she purchased a large and complete line of all the latest fads in the millinery line. The goods are now coming in and you are invited to call and inspect them.

Ben Kraus returned from a business trip to El Paso.

## Reeves County Coming to the Front

### Many Improvements Planned for 1911 Which Will Greatly Enhance the Value of Her Lands

Messrs. Goedeke & Brock have secured fourteen sections of the VH ranch, including the headquarters ranch and springs, and are now preparing to dredge and clean out the springs so that they may have all the water for irrigation purposes. This is one of the finest bodies of land in Reeves county and will make homes for many sturdy and prosperous farmers. It is the intention of Goedeke & Brock to furnish water rights from these springs and in case they prove insufficient they will bore wells and put in pumping plants or artesian wells from which they will irrigate the remainder of the fourteen sections.

These are splendid business men and will not only make some money for themselves out of this proposition but for Mr. Cowan and for all who are fortunate enough to secure a tract of this fertile land.

Parties are also at work cleaning out the Nine Mile spring south of Toyah and will test this spring for a pumping proposition. This spring is nothing less than flowing artesian water and it is believed the supply is unexhaustible. This spring is in the center of a fine body of land and in the event it proves a strong one, and owing to the fact that it is known and proven that there is plenty of shallow water of the purest sort in this draw, this land will bring its owners splendid dividends.

Mark the prediction of the Record, this year 1911, will show more rapid improvements along agricultural lines in Reeves county than it has in the past ten years, and those who contemplate securing a Reeves county farm had better hurry, if they would look well to their laurels.

There is hardly a piece of land in Reeves county in which shallow water can be obtained for a pumping plant that will not advance 100 per cent in value in the next twelve months. Of course some unbelievers will sit and wait until the advance comes and then kick themselves because they did not grasp the opportunity when "fortune was knocking" at their doors.

Friends of the writer in Canyon—that splendid little city in the Panhandle—afraid, and with hands on their pocketbooks—sat and watched lands right under their noses advance from \$4 to \$40 per acre and are even now sitting back, holding their hands, and telling "what they could have done." They are still afraid and the land is still advancing, and worth the money, too.

Will you do the same?

Mr. and Mrs. D. Davis on their return from a visit at Toyah, stopped over in Pecos Sunday. Mr. Davis is a member of the firm of Davis Bros, of Saragosa, who are prominent merchants of that place.

J. W. Crenshaw has purchased the M. Mata store and stock of goods at Saragosa and has taken charge of same.

Austin Stuart, accompanied by Masters Jim and Charlie Hight, left Monday for his home near Pyote after visiting his brother-in-law, C. W. Hight, for a few days. The boys will visit their uncle for a while.

Dr. J. A. Leeman, who has been in attendance upon John Jr., the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mann of Putnam, returned yesterday. He reports the little fellow improving nicely. John Jr. was suffering with a severe bronchial trouble together with the measles.

Beware the grip. Do not let it get a hold on you.  
Pride has many a fall these slippery mornings.

Baseball talk has moved on from postmortems to forecasts.

An extraordinary duel was fought in France the other day. One of the duellists was hurt.

Chicago is the gem center of the world, but there is such a thing as wearing too many.

Baseball bids fair to girdle the globe. The Japs and the Cubans are taking kindly to it.

One man's attempt at suicide is attributed to too much housework. Is this a sign of the times?

We are told that an Illinois woman has put an end to herself by jumping into a cistern. Well, well!

What do you think of a hen that laid 4,000 eggs in 22 years, and never brooded? Can you beat it?

The house cat carries germs indoors and indulges out of doors in an excess of vocal expression.

Florida has a bride seventy-eight years old. And yet there are women of forty who have given up hope.

A New York publisher tells us that poor music sells best. So we should judge from the music we hear these days.

That proposed half cent coin would be about right for most of the things you get by dropping a 1 cent coin in the slot.

New York is to have a fifty-eight story building. Tenants on the top floor will be reasonably safe from porch climbers.

A new play in New York is called "Bought and Paid For." However, many a writer of vaudeville sketches has no such luck.

A Chicago man was shot for stepping on another's corn. Anybody who has ever nursed a pet corn will call it justifiable homicide.

A London man who was a contributor to Punch has just died, leaving a fortune of \$6,000,000, and we'll bet his jokes weren't worth it.

We are told that there will be no babies in these United States after the year 2020. Another reason for protecting our infant industries.

During the last 34 years, says an eastern paper, we have lost \$5,000,000,000 by fire. Even at that old "inadequate water supply" is still doing business.

Irkutsk, the capital of Siberia, is described as the wickedest city in the world. It is now up to New York, Chicago and Pittsburg to renew their efforts.

Aviator Paulhan, who has made \$200,000 out of his aeroplane, says he is going to retire from the game. This looks to us like knowing exactly when to quit.

Curing paralysis by artificially inducing fever reminds one of the ingenious practitioner who always threw his patients into fits and then cured the fits.

It is bad enough to be a deaf mute, but when one so afflicted is sued for slander, it is carrying the thing too far. Some persons evidently "just can't make their hands behave."

Pupils at Wellesley must learn how to spell before they are allowed to graduate. It may be a good innovation, but we fear that it will detract from the quality of Wellesley fudge.

An army officer has invented a multiplex telephone, and it is claimed for it that ten persons can speak over one line. As if we didn't have troubles enough already with the four-party wire.

Mount Etna continues to smoke, but the innocent bystanders have come to the conclusion that there is nothing doing in the way of lava. Many a time and oft have we heard of persons who "didn't know it was loaded."

Paris has decreed war against rats. This does not mean a battle against the rodents, but the downfall of the present style of dressing ladies' hair. But while the hobble skirt remains Paris fashions will not lack for striking features.

# THE STATE RAILWAY ORDERED TO BE SOLD

COSTS MORE TO RUN THAN IT BRINGS IN.

COST THE STATE \$500,000

A Miserable Ending to Texas Experiment in State Ownership of Railways.

Austin, Feb. 21.—Concerning the bill which he introduced to authorize the sale of the State railroad running from Rusk to Palestine, a distance of thirty-two miles, which road was completed under an act of the Thirty-first Legislature, Senator Henry B. Terrell of McLennan says:

"It will be remembered that the act made it the duty of the penitentiary board to dispose of the property upon the completion of the line out, as the project was one of Ex-Gov. Campbell's pet schemes, no effort was ever made, so far as I am advised, to dispose of this property operated at considerable loss.

"The recent report of the auditor of the system shows that this line of railroad, which cost the people of Texas fully \$500,000, is being operated at a loss of several thousand dollars per month, and Gov. Colquhitt, in his recent message, recommended the sale or lease of the property, and that some action be taken immediately.

"Under the provisions of this bill it is made the duty of the Frisco Commissioners and the Railroad Commission of Texas to place a minimum price on this property, taking into consideration the condition of the road and all of its equipments, and its value to the State under State management, operation and control.

"The Penitentiary Commissioners are then authorized to sell this property, and it is made their duty to make an honest and faithful inquiry to find and procure a purchaser for said railroad.

"Provision is also made in the bill that if sold or leased to any railway company now owning or operating a line in Texas it may operate this property in connection therewith and under the same supervision."

Seminole Closes Railroad Contract  
Seminole, Gaines County: The railroad committee closed a final contract with Col. Fred A. Beall of New York by the terms of which he to build his proposed railroad from Kerrville, to Tucumcari, N. M. through Seminole. This road will cross the Texas & Pacific at Odessa, and from there north through Shafter Lake and Seminole, and will cross the Santa Fe at or near Teico. Seminole raised and donated bonus of \$100,000 to be paid when reaches here, except \$10,000, which to be paid for the northern connection. Work will begin at an early date at Odessa and will be pushed to completion.

Handsome Farm Prizes in Dallas.  
Dallas: The agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce, in compliance with the board of directors, has reported a plan for awarding in prizes the \$1,000 offered by the Chamber to be given as cash prizes for the best yield of cotton and corn in Dallas County this year. The committee conferred with C. Henry Exall, president of the Texas Industrial Congress, in formulating the plan. This plan, which has been approved by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, is to offer \$300 as the first prize, \$200 the second, \$150 as the third and the seven \$50 prizes. They are to be offered for the best two acres of cotton and the best two acres of corn raised in Dallas County in 1911.

Terrell Raises \$100,000 Bonus.  
The \$100,000 bonus required for the building of the Memphis, Dallas Gulf railroad to Terrell, has been raised. The completion of this herculean task was announced by the firing of anvils and the ringing of bells and other evidences of general rejoicing. The campaign was waged under the auspices of the Terrell Commercial club backed by every business interest of the city. Mr. M. W. Raley, president of the First National bank, who has given notice that the money will be diverted to other enterprises unless the railway gets busy at a very early date.

Despondent Farmer Suicides.  
San Antonio: Despondency over financial reverses caused Charles Obst, aged forty-four, a farmer living six miles north of here, to hang himself in his feed house. The body was found by Thomas Blackwell, when he went to feed the horses.

# TEXAS NEWS HAPPENINGS

A seed corn contest will be held among Hunt County farmers at Greenville, Feb. 25, the village.

# GOOD NEWS EPITOMIZED

HAPPENINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE.

## BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

If It Was of Sufficient Importance You Will Find It Recorded Here.

Drilling for oil is now going on at Aquilla, and the excitement is intense.

Archimedes lodge K. of P., Huntsville, has accepted plans for a new castle hall.

Temple Elks are raising a fund for the purpose of building a temple in that city.

The G. H. & S. A. railroad has made considerable improvements at Cuero recently.

Dallas commission is asking for bids on water meters, preparatory to installing a meter system for all consumers of city water.

Theodore Roosevelt has decided to accept an invitation to speak in Reno, Nev., on April 3, on "Civic Righteousness."

The large creosoting plant of the International Creosoting Company, destroyed by fire at Beaumont last January is being rebuilt.

Anton Novodky, a Bohemian farmer living three miles south of Taylor, was kicked in the side by a horse, from the effects of which he died. He is survived by a widow and one child.

Three passengers were killed, two other persons were fatally injured and many seriously hurt in a wreck of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe passenger train at Stillwater, Okla., Monday night.

William Smith, Confederate veteran, and the engineer of the famous Confederate gunboat, R. W. McRae, which defied the Federal forces at New Orleans, after the surrender in 1865, died recently at his home in Long Beach, Miss.

The pension appropriation bill reported to the Senate, carrying \$156,688,000. This is \$72,000 in excess of the amount of the bill, as it passed the House, the difference being represented by salaries and expenses of the eighteen pension agencies throughout the country.

A fund of \$60,000 is being raised in Waco for promoting the Cotton Palace by the purchase of grounds and the erection of buildings.

A movement, bearing a promising appearance, is on foot to install a commercial canning plant at Hempstead.

Dallas won the 1912 convention of the Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association of Texas. The nearest competitor was Waco. Henry Marti, of Dallas, was elected secretary and treasurer.

President Taft served notice on congress through Senators Crane and Carter that there must be a vote on the reciprocity agreement with Canada or he would call Congress back in session almost immediately after March 4.

Work is being rushed on the big canal of the Valley Reservoir Irrigation company, which is to water the lands about Chapin. Five cars of machinery for the pumping plant were unloaded and have been placed.

Last week the Maine Legislature passed a bill submitting an amendment on September next to annul the Constitution wherein it forbids the manufacture and sale of all sorts of intoxicants.

Despite the strenuous efforts of the San Antonio Automobile Club to prevent Barney Oldfield from racing on the Fair Grounds track on February 25 and 26, the announcement is made that the auto speed king will positively race there.

The city council of Georgetown closed the contract for putting in a new pump, engines, dynamo and other electrical attachments for \$10,500, to be put in by June 1. The city purchased \$7,500 worth of iron piping to be added at once to the water equipment.

Algoa is arranging for the erection of a \$10,000 school house.

The Kansas woman's suffrage bill has passed both houses and it is now up to the voters to declare it a law.

The Cleburne Board of Trade has asked the city of Dallas to aid in securing an interurban railway between the two North Texas cities.

The case of Mrs. D. B. Henricks of Houston Heights has taken a turn puzzling to physicians and gratifying to her friends. Stricken dumb a year ago her speech has as suddenly returned.

Mrs. Jerusha Walker, aged 74, the first settler of Athens, died in that city last week.

Greenville has let contract for the new high school building to a local firm for \$59,000.

The boys' dormitory at the State orphans' home burned Thursday morning, the loss is \$15,000.

City officials of Taylor are busy planning a new and broader charter for that municipality.

George D. Harrison was crushed to death in the Santa Fe yards at Dallas early Friday morning.

Dalhart is making great preparations for the cattle men's convention to come off March 7, 8 and 9.

Because proper returns had not been made in the case of Walker Nicholson, charged with murder, Judge R. B. Seay of the criminal district court at Dallas imposed a fine of \$100 against Sheriff B. F. Brandenburg.

A number of petitions are before the commissioners' court at Palestine asking that public roads be opened in various parts of Anderson county. Blackfoot, a country district in Anderson county will vote on the issuance of bonds for building a modern school house.

The McKinney Commercial Club has inaugurated a move to promote a fair for Collin county, from which an exhibit shall be prepared to be sent to the Dallas Fair.

An election to determine whether Rusk should issue bonds for a system of waterworks was held in December, but the returns of that election were destroyed by fire. Another election was held last week and the proposition again carried.

American manufacturers paid an average price of 14.3c per pound for American upland cotton and 3.2c for linters during the year which ended Aug. 31, 1911, according to the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture.

The city of New York has gone into the milk business. Leases were authorized by the sinking fund commission for twelve pieces of property where stores are to be opened for the sale of milk of standard purity for the feeding of babies principally in the congested districts.

A bunch of the legislators went to Galveston Friday night, upon invitation of Col. Sterrett, game, fish and oyster commissioner, who promised them a trip upon the bay and an opportunity to eat oysters and catch fish and drink fine sea breezes.

The University of Texas Saturday entertained the Legislature, as did A. & M. the Saturday before. Both houses accepted an invitation by President Mezes. There were speeches, a barbecue and inspection of the various departments and buildings of the university.

Nathan Montague, a negro, was put to death by electricity in the State prison at Raleigh, N. C. Montague, in December last, assaulted and murdered Miss Mattie Sanders and also killed her father, J. L. Sanders, and the latter's little grandchild, Irene Overton.

An unknown woman of good appearance, about 60 years old, committed suicide in Fort Worth by drinking carbolic acid while sitting on the gallery of a small suburban store.

What promises to be the most elaborate and complete horse show ever given in the Southwest, will begin at the Fair Park coliseum on March 21 and continue until March 25, inclusive.

Fire insurance men declare that Dallas should install high pressure water system in the business district for the purpose of furnishing extra fire protection where immense property values are concentrated.

The Department of Agriculture notes that the average weight of hogs forty years ago was 275 pounds, today it is 210 pounds.

Thirty-two square inches of skin were taken from the body of one patient in the course of an operation at the Samaritan Hospital, Philadelphia, on Feb. 2. Five days later the same skin was grafted on the arm of another patient and eight days later was found to be growing all right.

J. W. Powell, aged 28, of Buchanan, killed his sweetheart, Miss Maude West, aged 18, with a shotgun, and then turning the weapon on himself ended his own life. The tragedy is thought to have been caused by jealousy.

The body of T. Bogojaviensky, Russian Consul General at Ispahan since 1908, was discovered in a well on the grounds of the consulate at Teheran, Persia. The official had been drowned and foul play is suggested.

The Bedford Development Co., Fort Worth organization now sinking a test oil and gas well at Bedford, some twelve miles northeast of Fort Worth, has encountered many strata of water, a four-foot vein of coal about 800 feet, and considerable gas. The boring will go on down as the signs are encouraging.

# PROMINENT PEOPLE

## POLICE JUDGE A SOLOMON



The author of the famous Pollard Pledge is William J. Pollard. He was magistrate of the Dayton Street police court in St. Louis, when one day a man was brought before him on the charge of having beaten his wife. The case against him was clear and he was sentenced to six months to the workhouse. Then the wife began to cry and to plead for the man she had brought before the court.

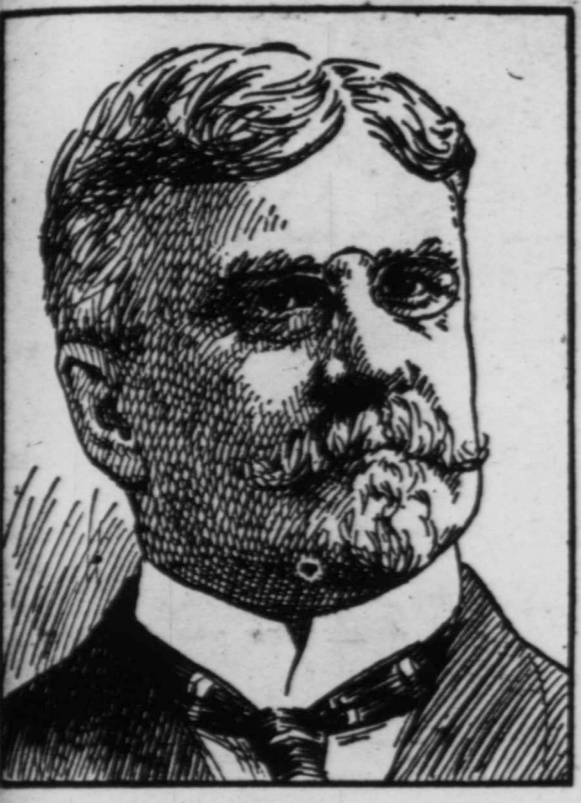
"He is the sole support of my six children and myself," she said. "If you send him to jail, Judge, we will starve. I would rather take his beatings and have food for my little ones. Please, judge, let him go."

Judge Pollard was in a quandary. He looked at the brutal face of the prisoner, and he gazed at the tearful wife. He picked up his pen and wrote a few lines on a sheet of paper.

"I have written here a pledge by which you promise to abstain completely from the use of intoxicating liquors for one year from date," said the judge to the prisoner, "and you will report to me at my home two evenings each week, that I may judge whether or not you are keeping the pledge. If you sign this pledge I will withhold sentence upon you, but if you ever violate this pledge within the year, I will send a policeman after you and send you to the workhouse for six months."

The prisoner signed the pledge and left the court room with his wife. So was born the famous "Pollard Pledge Plan" that has swept around the world. The man who had beaten his wife nine years ago when the pledge was created became a model citizen.

## "JIM" MARTINE OF JERSEY



One of the picturesque figures in the next United States senate will be James E. Martine of New Jersey. "Jim" Martine is new Jersey's first Democratic senator in 16 years. He is a man of many mannerisms that have caused some persons to call him eccentric, but it is claimed that Mr. Martine is not an eccentric person by any means. The fact is, in his home you would take him to be a southerner of the old days. On the streets of Plainfield you will see him strolling along, wearing his fedora hat (Kentucky colonel style) shading his eyes, and calling to first one man and then another.

Like all men who enjoy mingling with the public, Mr. Martine has his hobbies, and his pet ones are politics, farming and oratory. The last-named came to him as a birthright. As for politics, Mr. Martine is a politician for the love of it. Of his 61 years 43 have actually been engaged in politics. As a political sticker, Mr. Martine has an unusual record. Defeat after defeat has followed his battles, but nothing daunted him, and he at least had the satisfaction of running ahead of his ticket.

## NEW FEDERAL JUDGE NAMED



The recent appointment by President Taft of Representative Walter Inglewood Smith of Iowa to be a judge of the eighth circuit of the federal court to succeed Judge Van Devanter, promoted to the supreme court bench, has created considerable stir in political circles.

One of the principal reasons for political interest in the appointment of Judge Smith is connected with the fact that a candidate presented by progressives for the same position was Representative George W. Norris of Nebraska, insurgent leader, who directed the revolution last March which resulted in the ousting of Speaker Cannon from the rules committee. Judge Smith has been in congress since 1900.

Judge Smith was born in Council Bluffs, July 10, 1862. He received a common school education, studied law, was admitted to the bar in December, 1882, and was elected judge of the Fifteenth judicial district of Iowa in 1890, and re-elected in 1894 and 1898. He was elected to congress in November, 1900. He has been in the house of representatives continuously since that time and was re-elected last November.

## TOGA FOR TENNESSEE EDITOR



Luke Lea, practical owner of the Nashville Tennessean-American, and youngest leading politician in Tennessee, has been named by the general assembly to succeed to the seat in the United States senate held by James B. Frazier. His election is the last echo of the tragedy in which ex-United States Senator Carmack was killed.

At the time Carmack was shot he was editor-in-chief of the Tennessean. Lea is generally spoken of as "the man who made Governor Patterson" in the first place, and the one who contributed more subsequently than any other in defeating him, after he had pardoned Colonel Cooper, imprisoned for the Carmack killing.

Lea is 32 years of age, a graduate of the University of the South at Ewatee, and is the second Luke Lea to attain prominence in the politics of Tennessee. He is the son of Overton Lea, a descendant of Andrew Jackson.

He came into prominence locally in 1905 when he took charge of the Home Telephone company's fight against the Cumberland Telephone company for a franchise in Nashville. In 1907, when the county unit primary plan was adopted, Lea supported Senator Carmack.

# READY FOR SPRING

To all the People in the Surrounding Country

At your convenience we are ready to serve you.

Our preparations for the approaching season have been on a more elaborate scale than ever before.

Magnificent stocks have been assembled.

Many new lines have been added.

Our facilities for handling business have been increased.

Delivery service has been improved.

There seems from our point of view nothing left undone that would contribute to the interests of the people generally.

**Advantages to be Gained**

These are many. Deliveries are quicker. Smaller stocks may be carried. Purchases of goods only as needed may be made.

**Why We Can Serve You Best**

We have the goods—as comprehensive in their range of styles and qualities as may be found anywhere, adaptability to this State and section considered. We make the prices—buying of the same original sources of supply as other progressive houses, freighting by water to Galveston, saving every item of freightage possible.

**Testing the Matter**

Put us to the test—the approaching season will offer a most favorable opportunity. Come and inspect carefully and critically our various lines and learn at first hand the many advantages offered by us.

**Our Showings for Spring Include Everything in Dry Goods and Kindred Lines**

Dry Goods, Notions, White Goods, Laces Embroideries, Underwear, Hosiery, Suspenders, Gloves, Furnishings

Visiting People Are Invited to Make Our Store Headquarters.

**Pecos Dry Goods Company**

HOUSE OF OPPORTUNITIES

## SILLO FOR DAIRYMEN

Good Silage Will Keep the Cow in Vigorous Health.

Most Important Rule in Profitable Dairy Is to Keep Cows' Milk Flowing Freely—What Missouri Men Think.

(By H. E. McNatt, Dairy Department, University of Missouri.)

This is the time of year when the dairyman or dairy farmers, who owns a silo likes to talk about silage. Good silage comes as near being June pasture in January as any feed with which the dairyman is familiar. Its succulent or juicy nature especially fit it for stimulating the milk flow, and keeping the cow in vigorous health.

Probably the most important rule in the profitable dairy is to keep the cows' milk flowing as freely as possible after the flow has once been started by parturition or calf-birth. To do this demands right feeding and good care. Silage is almost necessary to right feeding. Silage is a cheap feed to put up, and valuable to use. It is grown on the farm. This fact is of importance in this day of high priced mill feeds.

Read what a few Missouri dairymen have recently said about silos and silage.

Messrs. J. R. White & Son, near Aurora, Mo., say: "We consider silage one of the best feeds we ever used to keep up the milk flow in winter. Since we began feeding silage we have never had a cow off feed and we are feeding a cow all she will eat."

Mr. John Hosmer, proprietor of the well-known Hosmer farm near Marshfield, Mo., has this to say: "Have a silo by all means. If intending to get into the dairy business and don't plan a silo, stay out. If dairying and are not fitting on a silo, get out. For in either case, the modern dairy methods of the fellow who has and uses the silo will put you out."

Shepard Brothers of Hughesville, Mo., say this: "A silo is one of the very best things a man can invest his money in if he is in the dairy business. You can get more feed for less money out of a silo than any other way we know of."

P. P. Lewis, Crescent, Mo., recently said: "I have used silage continuously for the past six years and am thoroughly convinced that it is not only the cheapest feed a farmer can produce, but because of its succulence, is a great help in the digestion of other feeds."

### Lime and Fertilizer.

Repeated questions arise regarding the effect of lime on acid phosphate and other fertilizers. If a soil needs lime, make the application. Mix the lime with the surface soil, and let it give you a sweet soil. Then use any kind of fertilizer you want to use. The chemists may or may not know what will happen chemically, but fertilizers are more effective in a limed soil than in a sour one, and effectiveness is about all you need care for.

## General Farm Notes

Study the silo question. Concrete is a good conductor of heat.

Meat for smoking should be lean and contain no bone.

The milk house should be separate and apart from the stable.

Cold weather never affects sheep, but dampness is fatal in time.

Cut out and burn all dead wood of blighted apple and pear trees.

Is the manure pile growing into a mountain? Get it on the fields.

Sheep return to the soil 80 per cent. of fertility from the food eaten.

Grit is essential to the health of fowls and to economy in feeding.

The value of alfalfa for feeding hogs is not fully appreciated as yet.

What this country needs is more individual farmers and fewer tenants.

Look over the canned fruit and vegetables and work over all that is not keeping well.

Live stock farming means that a considerable portion of the farm must be in pasture.

Remove and burn all dried up peaches from the trees. They cause the spread of disease.

Cornstalks, it is claimed, make a horse's coat rough, but for an idle horse this objection need not be considered.

The average yield of potatoes in the state of Maine for the ten years 1899 to 1908 was 171 bushels per acre.

At a sale of Shorthorn cattle in Iowa 60 head brought \$16,183. The largest price paid was \$1,450 for a young bull.

Keep plenty of pure water before the fowls every day all the time. Scald the drinking vessels two or three times a week.

## PROFIT IN BREEDING MULES

Many Good Qualities of Sturdy Beasts More Than Offset Many Little Trifling Objections.

(By W. H. RILEY.)

The objection many farmers raise to the use of mules is that they do not breed, that they are stubborn, often vicious, and that they are entirely unsuited to pleasure purposes.

Those objections are worthy of consideration, but the many good qualities of these sturdy beasts seem to more than offset them.



A \$400 Virginia Mule.

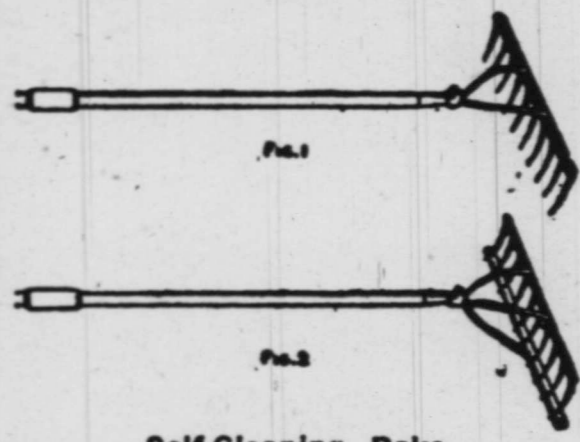
From a commercial standpoint, it may be well to remember that a pair of six-year-old mules, well-matched, well-broken and well-grown, weighing from 1,100 to 1,300 pounds each, will bring from \$550 to \$600.

More mules should be raised by the farmers all over the country. Breed your heavy-set mares to a good-sized, stylish jack, and when your colts come, take care of them and they will prove to be about the most profitable stock on the place, either to work or to sell.

## SELF-CLEANING GARDEN RAKE

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Self-Cleaning Rake.

grasps the end of the handle while the other hand, sliding in a downward and backward movement, comes in contact with a lever which slides forward and pushes a rod that turns the inner fork downward over the rake teeth, thus cleaning them at every stroke of the rake.

### Starting Beets.

Start a few beets to transplant to the open about May 1. When transplanting it is important that conditions be as nearly right as possible to prevent wilting. Wilting may stunt the growth and prevent the full development of the roots.

### Transplanting.

When transplanting into the cold frame it pays to discard weak plants. This is especially important if you want plants of uniform size for the trade.

### Banking the Frames.

See that the frames are well banked. Nothing quite so good for this purpose as straw horse manure. Old sods are also good.

### Turkey Eggs.

The eggs of a very fat hen turkey may be fertile and soft-shelled. Turkeys are liable to lay on fat in winter.

### Early Vegetables.

It is always embarrassing to hear the neighbors telling of early vegetables when one's own are just getting started.

When you are at a loss to know what to get for dinner, supper or breakfast go around to Ed Vickers; or if it is too muddy to go, just phone. This week your attention is especially called to our

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The telephone is the improved public highway of information and is as valuable to the farmer in selling his products as good roads are useful in hauling his products to market.

The item of main importance to the farmers of Texas is not increased acreage, for the Texas farmers are already farming more land than they can properly cultivate, but is increased production on fewer acres.

The irrigating canal makes a large gift of permanent value to contiguous property. It takes the desert and swamp lands and makes fertile fields and blooming gardens and fills uninhabited places with prosperous and happy homes.

At Sweetwater the recent freshet broke the large dam at the Santa Fe reservoir, north of that city, and 8,000,000 gallons of water was released and went down the creeks. The damage is estimated at about \$10,000 and work of rebuilding the dam has commenced.

The Texas Almanac and Industrial Guide, gotten out by the Galveston-Dallas News, has been received at the Record office. Price 30c delivered to any address. It is a storehouse of useful information for Texans and those interested in Texas. It should be placed in every Texas home.

Texas extends to the homeseeker a warm welcome. The laws of Texas protect the homestead from forced sale. They also afford complete protection to capital and all legitimate enterprises. The framers of our Constitution looked well after the interest of the farmer. All farm products in the hands of the producer are exempt from taxation, for one year, live stock under one year of age is exempt from taxation. The constitution guarantees to the farmer the right to buy and sell whatever he pleases and no municipality or political division can levy a license against him for that privilege, neither can an occupation tax be levied against the farmer.

### Coming to Pecos.

Las Cruces, N. M., Feb. 20.—Herbert Stewart will leave Las Cruces within the next few days for Pecos City, Tex., where he will have charge of the substitution of the Texas experiment station, which is located there. He is a New Mexico Agricultural college graduate.—El Paso Herald.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association urges the Texas farmers to read the daily and weekly press more and points out to the farmers that the papers of the state are the farmer's best friends in that they constantly compile and publish information calculated to increase the production and lessen the labor of the farming classes. The ability of a farmer can be as easily adjudged by the literature he reads as by the crops he harvests, and the progressive farmer reads the newspapers and keeps in touch with the outside world.

All Episcopalians and others who may desire to do so are requested to meet at St. Marks Church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of organizing an Episcopal Sunday school and to outline the church work in Pecos. Starting with Sunday, March 5th, services will be held every Sunday morning at this church, the Presbyterians having engaged other quarters.

M. Somes, wife and little daughter, came in yesterday from Waco and will go out to their ranch in the Barillo country via the P. V. S. in the morning. Mr. Somes informs the Record that he has disposed of his business in Waco and has come to stay this time.

King Bros. have opened an eating house in the building south of the Orient where they are putting up good meals and short orders at a small price. Call and see them.

Pat Wilson and family came in from the ranch and spent the Sabbath with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vickers, returning home Monday.

J. S. Turner, J. P. at Panama, is one of the men who believes in doing things. He proposes to show 'em how to garden this year and reports quite a nice start in that direction.

Harry Woods and mother came in from their respective ranches this week. Their three years' sentence was up last Sunday.

D. W. Bozeman was here from Brady prospecting. He is a druggist.

County Surveyor John G. Allen, came in today from New Mexico where he has been surveying.

C. L. Heath made a business trip to Balmorhea Monday.

J. D. Walker visited Pecos Tuesday on an important business trip. He says Pecos is doing fine and has a large and growing trade.—Carlsbad Current.

### Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Reeves. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of San Saba county, on the 8th day of April, 1908, by W. V. Lean, district clerk of said county, for the sum of nineteen hundred forty-three and 70/100 (\$1943.70) dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of E. Campbell in a certain cause in said court, No. 1644, and styled E. Campbell vs. J. P. Skelton, placed in my hands for service, I, C. Brown, as sheriff of Reeves county, Texas, did, on the 4th day of February, 1911, levy on a certain real estate, situated in Reeves county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All of section 26 in block C3, public school land in Reeves county, Texas, containing 656 acres, also all of section No. 25 in block C3, public school land in Reeves county, Texas, containing 421 acres originally sold by the State of Texas to A. E. Henry by State abstract number 1686 and 1687, and levied upon as the property of J. P. Skelton. And that on the first Tuesday in March, 1911, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the courthouse door of Reeves county, in the state of Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. P. Skelton.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Reeves County Record, a newspaper published in Reeves county.

Witness my hand, this 6th day of February, 1911. C. BROWN, Sheriff 12-3 Reeves county, Texas.

### Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any constable of Reeves County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon E. O. Royce by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 70th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Reeves County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Pecos City, Texas, on the third Monday in February, A. D. 1911, the same being the 20th day of February, A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1911, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 673, wherein the First National Bank of Pecos, Texas, is Plaintiff, and E. O. Royce Defendant, and said petition alleging that defendant is indebted to plaintiff in the sum of \$64.30, besides interest thereon from November 30th, 1910, at 10 per cent, and 10 per cent of said amount is attorney's fees; said amount being due plaintiff on a promissory note executed delivered by defendant to plaintiff in the sum of \$20.50 dated October 30th, 1910, due on 30 days after date payable to the order of plaintiff, signed by defendant, drawing interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from maturity, and providing for the usual 10 per cent attorney's fee; also upon open account for the sum of \$34.00 heretofore due from said defendant to Mrs. J. H. Wilhite, and transferred by said Mrs. Wilhite to plaintiff, plaintiff being the legal owner and holder of same; said open account being evidenced by an itemized verified account attached to plaintiff's petition on file in said court to which reference is hereby made.

Plaintiff also sues out a writ of garnishment in said cause; plaintiff also sues for 10 per cent attorney's fee upon above said amount.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Max Krauskopf, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, of Reeves County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Pecos City, Texas, this the 31st day of January, A. D. 1911.

MAX KRAUSKOPF, Justice of Peace, Precinct No. 1, 11-14 Reeves County, Texas

### Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Reeves. In the district court, Reeves county, Texas. November term, A. D. 1910.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the district court of Reeves county, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the first day of December, A. D. 1910, in favor of the said Pruett Lumber Company for the sum of \$318.70, and in favor of the Pecos Valley Bank for the sum of \$1067.91, with 10 per cent interest from date against the said R. C. Medaris No. 669 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 9th day of February, A. D. 1911, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the county of Reeves, State of Texas, and belonging to the said R. C. Medaris to-wit: 440 acres out of the south side of section 10, in block 4, H. & G. N. R. R. Co.'s survey in Reeves county, Texas; and being all of said section except 200 acres off of same heretofore set apart and designated by defendant as his homestead; and on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1911, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the said day, at the courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said R. C. Medaris in and to said property.

Dated at Pecos, Texas, this 9th day of February, A. D. 1911. C. BROWN, 12-3t Sheriff of Reeves county, Texas.

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### Repairing, Revarnishing and Upholstering

All next week we will sell New Iron Beds at cost to lay them down here. I got a big reduction on them and must sell so the price is ONE-HALF. If you expect to buy an Iron Bed any way soon it will pay you to see these. They are new and as we got a big cut on them we extend the favor to you.

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## Church Announcements

### METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY—9:45 a. m., Sunday School, C. S. McCarver, Supt. 11 a. m., Preaching.

4 p. m., Juvenile Missionary Society (1st Sunday only) Mrs. Ben Randal, Lady Manager.

4:15 p. m., Epworth League, A. J. Curtis, President.

7:30 p. m., Preaching.

TUESDAY—Missionary Society, 1st and 3rd Tuesday's, at 3p. m. Steward's meeting 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY—Prayer Meeting at 7:30.

FRIDAY—Teacher's Training Class at 7:30 p. m.

SATURDAY—Choir Rehearsal at 8 p. m.

Note that the Missionary Society will have their monthly tea at the parsonage Tuesday at 3 p. m. Everybody in Pecos is expected to be at Sunday School next Sunday, that being Rally Day all over Texas. The sermon in the morning service will be in this topic: "Neglect of others self-destructive."

Responsibility for attendance upon Sunday School next Sunday rests with the parents. Let the head of each family see that every one is present.

You will be welcomed.

HUBERT M. SMITH, Pastor.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching and Communion at 11 a. m.

Junior C. E. at 4 p. m.

Senior C. E. at 6:45 p. m.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday.

A hearty welcome extended all.

HOMER L. MAGEE, Minister.

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services next week as follows: 9 a. m. Sunbeams meet.

10 a. m. Sunday School.

11 a. m. preaching. Subject, "Elijah, the Prophet."

4:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U.

7:30 p. m., Preaching.

7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

7:30 p. m., Saturday, Choir Meeting.

Next Sunday is Sunday School Rally Day. Let all our people be on hand at Sunday School.

Good fires will make the house comfortable and we will all be happier for going.

Welcome to all.

J. B. COLE.

### A Big Minstrel Show

The Pecos Commercial Club Band is arranging a program and will give a Minstrel on Friday evening, March 10th. It will be an "Old Fashion Georgia Minstrel," and it is expected that among the leading features will be selections by a noted old-timer with the fiddle, as well as "a wild Irishman" direct from the sod. Watch for further announcements.

### TWO GOOD PAPERS

Subscribe to your home paper first, then take the El Paso Herald. All the Texas news, the southwest and the world at large is published day by day in the El Paso Herald. The Herald is the constant advocate of Texas interest, while the Reeves County Record keeps you in the closest intimacy with all the conditions of Pecos and the Pecos Country.

Buggy and horse for sale. For particulars phone 81.

J. H. Wilhite.

J. W. Moore has on exhibition at his office a sample of alfalfa—this year's growth—measuring twenty inches in length. It was grown on T. B. Pruett's property in Pecos.

### Citation by Publication

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Reeves County. Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of J. D. Shelton, deceased, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Reeves County, to be held at the courthouse thereof, in the town of Pecos, on the 4th Monday in April, 1911, being the 24th day of April A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 16th day of February, 1911, in a cause numbered 745, wherein Mrs. J. D. Shelton is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of J. D. Shelton are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Suit for the partition of the following described property, to-wit: Lots Six (6) in Block Seventeen (17) in the town of Pecos, Texas, as shown by the plat of said town, recorded in Book 2, Page 259 of the Deed Records of Reeves County, Texas; also Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) all in Block Twenty-nine [29] of the Deed Records of Reeves County, Texas, as shown by the plat of said town, recorded in Book 2, Page 259, of the Deed Records of Reeves County, Texas; also Lots One and Two [1 and 2] in Block Fifteen [15] in the town of Toyah, Reeves County, Texas; also Lots Three (3) in Block Sixteen (16) in said town of Toyah, Reeves County, Texas; it being alleged in plaintiff's petition that plaintiff and said unknown heirs are the sole owners of said property that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple title of an undivided interest in one-half of said property and said unknown heirs the joint owners in fee simple title of the other undivided one-half interest; it being alleged in said petition that said J. D. Shelton, deceased, died on or about the 10th day of Sept., 1910, in Pecos City, Texas, and at the time of said death he and plaintiff were lawful husband and wife, and that said property was the community of said plaintiff and her said deceased husband.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your

county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, H. N. McKellar, Clerk of the District Court of Reeves County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the town of Pecos, this the 16th day of Feb., A. D. 1911.

SEAL H. N. MCKELLAR, Clerk of District Court of Reeves County, Texas.

Issued this the 16th day Feb., A. D. 1911.

H. N. MCKELLAR, Clerk of District Court, Reeves County, Texas. 2-17-4-7

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## VALUE OF ROTATION

### Single Crop Idea Not Successful on Irrigated Farm.

Much Emphasis is Laid on Value of Quantity of Humus in Soil, Which Eastern Farmer Calls "Very Life of Soil."

The basis of farm success is organization, system on the farm; the basis of organization on the farm is crop management; on the successful management of the crop largely rest the following five fundamentals:

1. Economy of business.
2. Maintenance of soil fertility.
3. Productivity of the soil.
4. Subsistence for live stock.
5. Farm profits at end of season.

The term "rotation of crops" is used to designate a system of crops which give a recurring succession of field plants with different plant food requisites. This covers a period of years and are maintained in different or alternating fields of the same farm. The primary purposes of a crop rotation are: First, prevention of "crop sick" soils, the result of continuous cultivation of the same crop for a period of years; second, the elimination of weeds, insect pests and crop diseases; third, increase in the productivity of the field crops by conserving the soil fertility.

The first crop to be grown to any appreciable degree "under the ditch" was wheat. Wheat followed wheat, year after year, until its yield fell below 50 per cent of what it first gave the farmer. This was especially true in northern Colorado, the Arkansas valley, the San Luis valley, and the river plain farms of Utah, where water was first used. It is like feeding the family a diet of bean soup three times a day for an indefinite period. Nature wants a change. The single crop idea is not successful on the irrigated farm, any more than it is in the South where cotton has so long proven the need of a rotation of crops.

The San Luis valley wheat grower, in his despair, sent to the chemist of the State Agricultural college. He told the farmer that his soil was "crop sick," too much wheat growing for the soil. He recommended field peas. They were tried, and were a successful crop, from the start. These practical farmers brought in lambs from other parts, and thus they "drive the pea crop to market." It has proven the beginning of good husbandry in this large valley.

Our Rocky Mountain soils are of granitic origin, ground out of the solid rocks of our hills. Granite is decomposed, forming that superior ballast used for railroad and street surfacing. The next step is for it to separate, in the natural processes which follow, into the elements of which it is composed; quartz, feldspar and mica shist. From the quartz comes our sand, from the feldspar our clay. By the process of erosion and through the decaying of animal and vegetable matter, some organic matter gets in, and thus we obtain humus, or vegetable mold, which holds nitrates in the soil, and a good percentage of moisture.

The different elements contain different foods upon which the plants feed. Since all plants take their food in solution, the food must be soluble in water—we can see there must be a fineness of soil just right, and we must have the proper amount of moisture in that soil for the plant to obtain food. We have many different plant foods in all soils, but the fertility of a soil is determined by the amount of potash, phosphoric acid, and nitrogen in the form in which the plant can use it, which that soil contains. These are considered the barometer of a soil since the lessened amount of any one of these three most seriously affects general crop culture. Right here we need to emphasize the

## PLANT CANTALOUPE IN ROWS

Care Must Be Taken Not to Overcrowd Ground With Vines as Pony Melons Will Result.

With irrigating furrows six feet apart, cantaloupe rows may be planted one on each side of the furrow. The hills should be ten feet apart in the rows, breaking joints between. By this plan the ground will be quite uniformly occupied with a distance of about six feet between adjacent hills. Each hill is planted by making a small furrow a foot or so long just above the water line. About ten seeds are dropped in this groove, covered an inch deep and the soil pressed down lightly with the blade of the hoe. After the early plantings are in and all danger of frost is over a second set of hills may be planted alongside the first, ten days or two weeks later. While the plants are still small they must be thinned to one or two of the strongest plants to each hill. Care must be taken not to overcrowd the ground with vines as a high percentage of pony melons will

value to the irrigation farmer, of the quantity of humus in his soil, which the down-East farmer calls the "very life of his soil."

It is this important element that helps the farmer, after he irrigates, to store the water in the capillaries that abound in humus and enables it to hold water like a sponge, and acts therefore as an underground storage reservoir from which the tiny rootlets can draw at will, and which enables those soils to liberate quantities of plant food in the form the plant can use it.

Our western soils are rich in potash, but deficient in humus and nitrates. Hence we need early in our cropping to take such steps as shall enrich our soils in humus. It is the easiest plant food to supply, but it is considered the most costly to buy. Therefore, the one thing the irrigation farmer needs to impress on himself is this: Get humus into the soil. Feed the soil constantly that it may in turn feed your crops!

## KEEPING SWINE ON ALFALFA

Fields Should Be Divided So as to Change From One to Other to Insure Success.

In answer to the question, "How many hogs may be successfully kept on one acre of alfalfa?" That would depend on the character of the land, the advantages of irrigation, etc. To raise hogs on alfalfa with no other feed would not be profitable, writes Elias Gallup in the California Cultivator. Small pigs require grain, milk or some other feed. Hogs at six months old in good thrifty condition, will continue to grow on alfalfa alone, but to be thrifty and profitable, they should have grain or some other food. Brood sows and sucking pigs fed on slop and skim milk and middlings with alfalfa pasture make rapid growth for their pigs. To raise hogs successfully on alfalfa we should have our fields divided so as to change from one field to another.

To secure the best results with alfalfa, we should not allow the hogs to root, nor feed too close. To insure good health to hogs, fresh pasture is very essential. Never allow hogs to have mud holes, stagnant water or filthy quarters. A good wallow in clean water is good for the hog, but they should not be allowed to wallow in old filthy places. I have been raising and selling pure bred hogs for breeding purposes for 28 years, and would not know how to get along without the alfalfa pasture.

To raise hogs requires study, care and education, but to answer the question, how many could be raised on one acre, would depend on the education of the owner and the care he gave them.

## BIG MISTAKE IN IRRIGATION

Common Error in Watering Potatoes is to Turn a Large Head in Each Furrow.

The most common mistake made in the irrigation of potatoes is to turn a large head in each furrow, permit it to flow rapidly to the bottom of the rows and then shut it off. This way of applying the water wets only the surface layer and if it is now followed up immediately by cultivation two days of sunshine will rob the soil of most of the water which has been applied and seal over the surface with a hard crust. In this condition the crops soon begin to suffer and the unskilled farmer fancies that the only remedy lies in applying more water. A better plan is to turn only a small amount of water into a deep furrow and permit it to run without stopping for hours or even for a day or night. In this way the top layer is not saturated, the soil around the roots and beneath them receives a larger supply and the surface may be cultivated shortly after each irrigation so as to check evaporation and retain the moisture in the soil for the benefit of the crop.

follow. Under dry conditions the six foot spacing of hills with not more than two plants in the hill gives best results.

## POULTRY NOTES.

Sweet skim milk is excellent in finishing off broilers.

Plan to save the butchering refuse and feed it to the hens.

Expensive poultry buildings are unnecessary.

Rock salt is dangerous in the poultry yard.

Nice warm bran wash is a good thing to serve on the bill of fare for the old hen.

Game fowls command higher prices than any of the old breeds, but eggs, though small, are well flavored.

For laying hens it is better to have the corn cracked rather than to feed it whole.

Some poultry authorities put the average production of the farm hen at 64 eggs a year.

Let the eggs from your valuable, reliable breeders be surely fresh and fertile.

## FOR AFTERNOON TEA TABLE

Novel Little Cakes With Which Hostesses May Please the Guests in Her Home.

The hostess who likes novel little cakes for afternoon tea will find these palatable. A sort of sweet biscuit, shaped like a ladyfinger, is made from the well-beaten whites of three eggs, into which is beaten almost half a pound of confectioner's sugar. Add four ounces of melted butter, and stir in quickly at the last four ounces of pastry flour.

Put this paste into a pastry bag and force through a tube on well-buttered baking sheets. Form finger shapes not too close together, as they spread, and bake in a moderate oven until a delicate brown.

For an almond cake, beat to a cream three ounces of butter and half a pound of soft A sugar, then add gradually half a pint of milk and enough flour to make a light dough. Stir in a quarter of a pound of blanched and minced almonds, lightly floured. Put on a floured board, roll about a quarter of an inch thick, and cut into diamonds and squares.

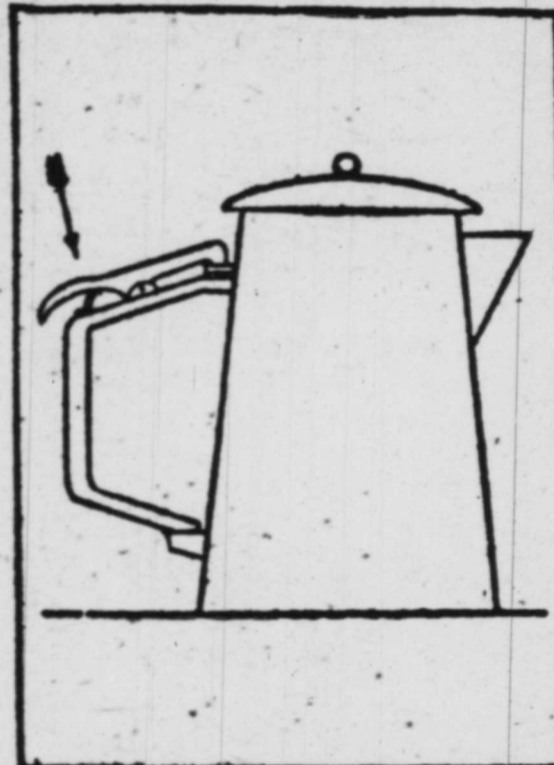
Almond macaroons are made by beating the whites of three eggs to a stiff froth, then stirring in half a pound of confectioner's sugar and the strained juice of half a lemon, and last half a pound of ground almonds. Put paper on a flat baking sheet, drop the mixture on by teaspoonfuls, and bake in a quick oven until a light brown.

Little German caraway cakes are made by mixing two cups of flour, a cup of butter, a cup and a half of sugar, flour and eggs, two teaspoonfuls of rosewater, and half a cup of caraway seed. Drop on baking sheet and bake in a slow oven from twenty minutes to half an hour.

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## Tapioea Broth.

Put a knuckle of veal in a soup kettle with whatever vegetables are convenient, these having been cooked previously. Pour over this half a gallon of water and let simmer gently until the meat is done. Strain the broth through a cloth into a bowl and let stand until cold. Then remove the layer of grease from the top and put the broth into a saucepan on the fire. When it comes to a boil add enough tapioca to thicken the soup. Let it boil for 20 minutes and turn in to a hot turgen.

## Butternut Fruit Cake.

Two cups flour, one cup brown sugar, one cup sour cream, one cup chopped raisins, one cup chopped butternuts, one-quarter pound citron cut fine, two tablespoons molasses, butter the size of a large egg, two eggs, one teaspoon soda, and one teaspoon (each) cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg.

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SYNOPSIS.

The story is told by Nicholas Trist, his chief, Senator John Calhoun, offered the portfolio of secretary of state in Tyler's cabinet, is told by Dr. Ward that his time is short. Calhoun declares that he is not ready to die, and if he accepts Tyler's offer it means that Texas and Oregon must be added to the Union. He plans to learn the intentions of England with regard to Mexico through Baroness von Ritz, secret spy and reputed mistress of the English ambassador, Pakenham.

CHAPTER II.

By Special Dispatch.

In all eras and all climes a woman of great genius or beauty has done what she chose.—Ouida.

"Nicholas," said Calhoun, turning to me suddenly, but with his invariable kindness of tone, "oblige me tonight. I have written a message here. You will see the address—"

"I have unavoidably heard this lady's name," I hesitated.

"You will find the lady's name above the seal. Take her this message from me. Yes, your errand is to bring the least known and most talked of woman in Washington, alone, unattended save by yourself, to a gentleman's apartments, to his house, at a time past the hour of midnight! That gentleman is myself! You must not take any answer in the negative."

As I sat dumbly, holding this sealed document in my hand, he turned to Dr. Ward, with a nod toward myself.

"I choose my young aide, Mr. Trist here, for good reasons. He is just back from six months in the wilderness, and may be shy; but once he had a way with women, so they tell me—and you know, in approaching the question ad feminam we operate per hominem."

Dr. Ward took snuff with violence as he regarded me critically.

"I do not doubt the young man's sincerity and faithfulness," said he. "I was only questioning one thing."

"Yes?"

"His age."

Calhoun rubbed his chin. "Nicholas," he said, "you heard me. I have no wish to encumber you with useless instructions. Your errand is before you. Very much depends upon it, as you have heard. All I can say is, keep your head, keep your feet, and keep

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with less art in approaching a crinoline—why, perhaps he would get no farther than her door. No; he will serve—he must serve!"

So this, then, was my errand. My mind still tingled at its unwelcome quality. Dr. Ward guessed something of my mental dissatisfaction.

"Never mind, Nicholas," said he, as we parted at the street corner, where he climbed into the rickety carriage which his colored driver held awaiting him. "Never mind. I don't myself quite know what Calhoun wants; but he would not ask of you anything personally improper. Do his errand, then. It is part of your work. In any case—" and I thought I saw him grin in the dim light—"you may have a night which you will remember."

There proved to be truth in what

CHAPTER III.

In Argument.

The egotism of women is always for two.—Mme. De Stael.

The thought of missing my meeting with Elizabeth still rankled in my soul. Had it been another man who asked me to carry this message, I

must have refused. But this man was my master, my chief, in whose service I had engaged.

For myself, his agent, I had, as I say, left the old Trist homestead at the foot of South mountain in Maryland, to seek my fortune in our capital city. I had had some three or four years' semi-diplomatic training when I first met Calhoun and entered his service as assistant. It was under him that I finished my studies in law. Meantime, I was his messenger in very many quests, his source of information in many matters, where he had no time to go into details.

Strange enough had been some of the circumstances in which I found myself thrust through this relation with a man so intimately connected for a generation with our public life. For six months I had been in Mississippi and Texas studying matters and men, and now, just back from Natchitoches, I felt that I had earned some little rest.

Vaguely in my conscience I felt that, after all, my errand was justified, even though at some cost to my own wishes and my own pride. The farther I walked in the dark along Pennsylvania avenue, into which finally I swung after I had crossed Rock bridge, the more I realized that perhaps this big game was worth playing in detail and without quibble as the master mind should dictate.

I was, indeed, young—Nicholas Trist, of Maryland; six feet tall, thin, lean, always hungry, perhaps a trifle freckled, a little sandy of hair, blue I suppose of eye, although I am not sure; good rider and good marcher, I know; something of an expert with the weapons of my time and people; fond of a horse and a dog and a rifle—yes, and a glass and a girl, if truth be told. I was not yet 30, in spite of my western travels. At that age the rustle of silk or dimity, the suspicion of adventure, tempts the worst or the best of us, I fear. Woman!—the very sound of the word made my blood leap then. I went forward rather blithely, as I now blush to confess. "If there are maps to be made to-



Knock at the Third Door in the Second Block Beyond M Street.

night," said I, "the Baroness Helena shall do her share in writing on my chief's old mahogany desk, and not on her own dressing case."

That was an idle boast, though made but to myself. I had not yet met the woman.

CHAPTER IV.

The Baroness Helena.

Woman is seldom merciful to the man who is timid.—Edward Bulwer Lytton.

There was one of our dim street lights at a central corner on old Pennsylvania avenue, and under it, after a long walk, I paused for a glance at the inscription on my sealed document. I had not looked at it before in the confusion of my somewhat hurried mental processes. In addition to the name and street number, in Calhoun's writing, I read this memorandum: "Knock at the third door in the second block beyond M street."

I recalled the nearest cross street; but I must confess the direction still seemed somewhat cryptic. Puzzled, I stood under the lamp, shielding the face of the note under my cloak to keep off the rain, as I studied it.

The sound of wheels behind me on the muddy pavement called my attention, and I looked about. A carriage came swinging up to the curb where I stood. It was driven rapidly, and as it approached the door swung open. I heard a quick word, and the driver pulled up his horses. I saw the light shine through the door on a glimpse of white satin. I looked again. Yes, it was a beckoning hand! The negro driver looked at me inquiringly.

I need not say that in a moment I at the side of the carriage. Its pant made no exclamation of surprise in fact, she moved back upon other side of the seat in the dark as though to make room for me

A dark framed face, whose outlines I

could only dimly see in the faint light of the street lamp, leaned toward me. The same small hand nervously reached out, as though in request.

I now very naturally stepped closer. A pair of wide and very dark eyes was looking into mine. I could now see her face. There was no smile upon her lips. I had never seen her before, that was sure—nor did I ever think to see her like again; I could say that even then, even in the half light. Just a trifle foreign, the face; somewhat dark, but not too dark; the lips full, the eyes luminous, the forehead beautifully arched, chin and cheek beautifully rounded, nose clean-cut and straight, thin but not pinched. There was nothing niggard about her. She was magnificent—a magnificent woman. I saw that she had splendid jewels at her throat, in her ears—a necklace of diamonds, long hoops of diamonds and emeralds used as earrings! a sparkling clasp which caught at her white throat the wrap which she had thrown about her ball gown—for now I saw she was in full evening dress. I guessed she had been an attendant at the great ball, that ball which I had missed with so keen a regret myself—the ball where I had hoped to dance with Elizabeth. Without doubt she had lost her way and was asking the first stranger for instructions to her driver.

My lady, whoever she was, seemed pleased with her rapid temporary scrutiny. With a faint murmur, whether of invitation or not I scarce could tell, she drew back again to the farther side of the seat. Before I knew how or why, I was at her side. The driver pushed shut the door, and whipped up his team.

Personally I am gifted with but small imagination. In a very matter of fact way I had got into this carriage with a strange lady. Now in a sober and matter of fact way it appeared to me my duty to find out the reason for this singular situation.

"Madam," I remarked to my companion, "in what manner can I be of service to you this evening?"

"I am fortunate that you are a gentleman," she said, in a low and soft voice, quite distinct, quite musical in quality, and marked with just the faintest trace of some foreign accent, although her English was perfect.

I looked again at her. Yes, her hair was dark; that was sure. It swept up in a great roll about her oval brow. Her eyes, too, must be dark, I confirmed. Yes—as a passed lamp gave me aid—there were strong dark brows above them. Her nose, too, was patrician; her chin curving just strongly enough, but not too full, and faintly cleft, a sign of power, they say.

A third gracious lamp gave me a glimpse of her figure, huddled back among her draperies, and I guessed her to be about of medium height. A fourth lamp showed me her hands, small, firm, white; also I could catch a glimpse of her arm, as it lay outstretched, her fingers clasping a fan. So I knew her arms were round and taper, hence all her limbs and figure finely molded, because nature does not do such things by halves, and makes no bangles in her symmetry of contour when she plans a noble specimen of humanity. Here was a noble specimen of what woman may be.

I was not in such a hurry to ask again how I might be of service. In fact, being somewhat surprised and somewhat pleased, I remained silent now for a time, and let matters adjust themselves; which is not a bad course for any one similarly engaged.

She turned toward me at last deliberately, her fan against her lips, studying me. And I did as much, taking advantage as I could of the passing street lamps. Then, all at once, without warning or apology, she smiled, showing very even and white teeth.

She smiled. There came to me from the purple-colored shadows some sort of deep perfume, strange to me. I frowned at the description of such things and such emotions, but I swear that as I sat there, a stranger, I felt swim up around me some sort of amber shadow, edged with purple—the shadow, as I figured it then, being this perfume, curious and alluring!

It was wet, there in the street. Why should I rebel at this stealing charm of color or fragrance—let those name it better who can. At least I sat, smiling to myself in my purple-amber shadow, now in no very special hurry.

At last I could not, in politeness, keep this up further.

"How may I serve the baroness?" said I.

She started back on the seat as far as she could go.

"How did you know?" she asked "And who are you?"

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she was tapping a foot on the carriage floor.

"Madam," I answered, laughing at her; "by this amber purple shadow, with flecks of scarlet and pink; by this perfume which weaves webs for me here in this carriage, I know you. The light is poor, but it is good enough to show one who can be no one else but the Baroness von Ritz."

I was in the mood to spice an adventure which had gone thus far. Of course she thought me crazed, and drew back again in the shadow; but when I turned and smiled, she smiled in answer—herself somewhat puzzled.

"The Baroness von Ritz cannot be disguised," I said; "not even if she wore her domino."

She looked down at the little mask which hung from the silken cord, and flung it from her.

"Oh, then, very well!" she said. "If you know who I am; who are you, and why do you talk in this absurd way with me, a stranger?"

"And, why, madam, do you take me up, a stranger, in this absurd way, at midnight, on the streets of Washington?—I, who am engaged on business for my chief?"

She tapped again with her foot on the carriage floor. "Tell me who you are!" she said.

"Once a young planter from Maryland yonder; sometime would-be lawyer here in Washington. It is my misfortune not to be so distinguished in fame or beauty that my name is known by all; so I need not tell you my name perhaps, only assuring you that I am at your service if I may be useful."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

HARD TO CONVINCE SKEPTIC

Unbeliever Fell Back on Doubting Watch on Which Time Was Kept.

It was in the Fourth ward, and a prominent ward worker was discussing the working of the voting machine. He insisted the machine was the only way of voting; that a man could express his wishes on it with far less trouble than with the old blanket ballot which it superseded.

"Why, I voted in my precinct in less than four seconds, actual time," he declared.

"G'wan!" was the rejoinder of the man who was looking for an argument. "What're ye givin' us?"

"I tell you I voted in less than four seconds, a complete ticket, judges and all, and all of the bond issues, and by the watch at that."

"Whose watch?"

"McGonigle's."

"I thought so. It's a d-d poor watch—that's all I've got to say."—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Two Work Horses Earn \$13,500.

Among recent stories of work horses, that told of two belonging to a New York contractor is especially interesting, the animals being 26 and 25 years old respectively, their present owner having had them both for over twenty years and neither one having cost him a penny for "repairs."

Deciding that after years of service they were entitled to live for ever after in the country, he sent them to his stock farm, but to his surprise they lost flesh and gave other indications of sadly missing the old routine, so that he had them brought back to easy routine work on aqueduct and subway. It is estimated that the humane and intelligent treatment given these animals up to the beginning of this year has netted their owner in service the equivalent of \$13,500, and this is certainly a telling economic argument for kindness.—Vogue.

Lost Maine Border Line.

There is a curious mixup all along the border where South Thomaston and St. George adjoin owing to the inability of anybody to find any record, survey or other means of determining where the line is. The location cannot be determined within half a mile, and there are many hundred acres of land and many homesteads of which nobody knows whether they are in St. George or South Thomaston. One gentleman who has paid taxes and voted in St. George all his life, informs us that he does not now know where he lives. His property and poll have been assessed by both towns, both threaten to sell him out for taxes if he doesn't pay. He positively refuses to pay taxes in both towns, and for the present, until somebody can tell him where he lives, will not pay in either.—Rockland Opinion.

The Philosopher of Folly, "It's awfully hard for me to understand," says the Philosopher of Folly, "how pug dogs can like the sort of people that like them."

Price of Pineapples Doubled. In 1890 one could buy in the Phillipines 32 pineapples for 20 cents. The price has since doubled.

Slaughter of Foxes in Germany. The average yearly slaughter of foxes in Germany is about 20,000.

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