

## ONLY FOUR DAYS MORE LEFT POULTRY SHOW WAS A SUCCESS TWO DEALS AGGREGATE \$587,000

### TO TURN IN SLOGANS AND PAY POLL TAX.

**Are You Qualified to Vote for Judge Lancaster?—Have You Suggested Your Slogan?**

There now remains only four more days for you in which to manifest your interest in Plainview by turning in a slogan or two to the Chamber of Commerce. Suggestions have been coming by the score the past few weeks. Have you been one of these who have got in their bid for the \$25 prize?

Only four more days remain for you to clinch your privileges of an American citizen, by paying your poll tax. Very few have paid. Is your name written there?

Only four more days are left of January. Then comes February. The Plainview Chamber of Commerce meets Thursday, February 1, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, at the District Court room. There may be some railroad news.

### NEW AUTO SALES ROOM.

Messrs. J. E. Brown & Son will open a new auto sales room in this town as fast as they can get the machines in. This firm recently purchased the Kinder building, on North Covington Street; also the two vacant lots adjoining on the north. They are now overhauling this building and fitting it up for their business. They expect to make of it an up-to-date sales room, neat and convenient, and will carry all kinds of auto repairs and fixtures. They also expect to put a good, modern, first-class brick building on the vacant lots in the near future. They will handle good cars, and expect, by handling only the best in all lines, to build up a fair trade for their goods.

### THE CINEMATOGRAPH.

The Cinematograph is doing for the drama what the printing press did for literature—bringing another form of art into the daily life of the people. It is a mistake to think that the amazing popularity of the motion picture is due altogether to the low price of admission.

Take a scenic film, for instance. What an army of scene painters would be required to construct anything even approaching it in beauty. Would it be possible to reproduce the magnificent scenic beauties, the battles, the ride of cowboys or Indians, the evolutions of troops, as they are seen in motion pictures, on a theatre stage? Scenes such as these can only be produced with mother earth for a stage, the sky for a canopy and the horizon for a background.

If one would understand the popularity of motion pictures just think these things over, and it can be seen that there is good reason for that popularity.

### BOOTS AND BOOTS.

That there are boots, and just boots, has been demonstrated by a man who demonstrated that he knew boots when he sent an order from far-off New Jersey for a pair made by John Meisterhans, of this city. We know he could get boots at home, but the reputation of the Meisterhans boot had reached him, and he found what he wanted—the best boot that can be made, as to material, fit, workmanship and genteel finish. That kind of a boot has won for Mr. Meisterhans the reputation of honest workmanship and manufacturing of boots second to none in the world.

If you wear boots, try a pair of John's. If you don't wear boots, get a pair of them for rainy, sloppy weather, and, once you try them, you will not do without them.

### MATERIAL ARRIVING.

The Telephone Company has just received its first consignment of poles for the change of system at this place. They have several more cars in transit; also a car of cable now due. They will commence the installation of the flashlight system at once, and push it to a finish as fast as possible.

Our telephone system will soon be equal to that of most of the cities, and superior to many of them. The company is highly gratified with their business here, hence are determined to give us the best and most up-to-date, an effort of which our people will not be slow to show appreciation on their part.

### Sneed Allowed Bail

**Bond for \$35,000 Immediately Signed by Relatives and Friends.**

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 24.—John Beall Sneed, the alleged slayer of Col. A. G. Boyce, Sr., was admitted to bail in the sum of \$35,000 by Judge Simmons, of the Sixty-seventh District Court, at noon today.

Judge Simmons based his judgment that Sneed was entitled to bail on the opinion of the court that Sneed was not capable of cool, deliberate action at the time of the killing, or at any time after his wife left the Arlington Heights Sanitarium with A. G. Boyce, Jr.

Sneed's bond was immediately signed by his father, Joe T. Sneed, Sr., of Georgetown; his father-in-law, T. W. Snyder, of Clayton, N. M.; his brothers, Joe and Marvin Sneed, of Dalhart, and by one hundred prominent business men from different parts of the State who had given Joe Sneed, Jr., power of attorney to sign their names to a bond in any sum.

Every man who filed into the court room this morning was searched by Deputy Sheriffs Andrews and Hutchinson, acting upon the orders of Judge Simmons, given Tuesday afternoon. No person was found armed.

The defendant was brought from the jail up through an ante room of the court room. He spoke lightly of the precaution for his safety, saying to the officers that he was not afraid of any one hurting him.

### KATY OFFICIAL HERE.

C. Hale, Jr., traveling freight agent for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway of Texas, spent several days in Plainview this week, gathering statistics as to tonnage, and other items of importance, for his road.

### MARRIED.

Mr. John Winslow and Miss Minnie Kennedy were married, at 3:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, Rev. Q. Brown officiating, at his residence, near the Baptist College.

The groom has been in business in this city most of the time for some years, and is now interested in the Busy Bee Restaurant. He is a fine young gentleman, and has the confidence and respect of all who know him, while the bride is a most charming and amiable young lady, her parents having moved here, from Temple, some years ago, and she grew into womanhood here.

The Herald joins their many friends in congratulations, and wishes them a long, happy and prosperous voyage on life's journey.

**ROBBINS-SCIVALLY.**—Mr. H. J. Robbins and Miss Ida Louise Scivally were married Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. McMahan, Rev. McMahan officiating.

The groom is a nice, clever young gentleman, and has been here since last June, coming here from Weatherford, and has been holding a chair in Largent & Galloway's barber shop since its opening. He has made many friends here since his arrival. The bride is a charming young lady who moved here with her parents, from Panhandle, a few months ago, and are making their home here. This wedding was the consummation of plans arranged during their acquaintance of years.

The Herald joins their many friends in good wishes for the happy couple.

### I. O. O. F. SMOKER.

The I. O. O. F. lodge, No. 12, held their annual smoker Wednesday night of this week. A nice lunch, cigars and speeches followed in quick succession. Speeches were made by E. C. Baker, W. B. Lewis, R. M. Ellerd, and others, pertaining to the good of the order. The attendants all had a most enjoyable time—a feast of reason and a flow of soul.

Mr. C. S. Hefner, the photographer, is making a group of photos of all Odd Fellows that are not in the group now hanging in the lodge room. All Odd Fellows are requested to have their photos made for this group. It costs you nothing.

E. M. Riley, of Lubbock, inspector for the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission, was in the city Tuesday. He has charge of twelve counties, and he is trying to educate the people in the laws regarding livestock.

### ENTRIES WERE GREATER THAN MANAGEMENT ANTICIPATED.

**The Quality of the Birds and the Varied Breeds Were Surprises to the Many Visitors.**

On Tuesday, the 16th inst., the South Plains Poultry Association held its first regular annual show in this city, continuing four days. There was considerable interest manifested by visitors from the start, and which grew to enthusiasm before the close of the show.

People who thought chickens were just chickens were seen fondly gazing at the birds, while the owner, in glowing terms, pointed out the various desirable qualities possessed by his particular strain of the poultry family. And this show opened the eyes of a good many people to the possibilities of the poultry business.

The chickens were all good, and the various good points of the different breeds were amply made known through this show, and parties contemplating purchasing were enabled to select intelligently any dominant characteristic desired.

This show, in many ways, has been of much benefit to the people of this city and country, and to the visitors from the various other counties of the Plains, and our people feel that they have successfully launched an institution that will be no small factor in the development of this country. That the hen is a lifter of mortgages and past-due notes has been proven by other countries, and will be proven here.

The growing of poultry on the Plains will soon become an industry of no small proportions, and the growers will soon learn the value of the best in their particular line, and will early discard the dunghill and the mongrel.

The four days of this show was one round of enjoyment for the visitors and the exhibitors, and in which President S. S. Sloneker and Secretary W. B. Joiner rendered all the assistance possible for their comfort and welfare, and was ably assisted by J. L. Bonar, of Amarillo, who was selected judge.

The following are the entries and prizewinners, as rendered by Mr. J. L. Bonar, and were highly satisfactory to the owners:

**Barred Plymouth Rocks**—Roy McDonald, Dalhart, 1st cockerel; 1st hen; 1st and 2nd pullet; 1st pen. F. L. Stovall, Plainview, 1st cock; 4th cockerel; 2nd hen. Mrs. P. W. Jackson, Plainview, 3rd cockerel, 2nd pullet. Jack Scott, Dalhart, 2nd cockerel.

**White Plymouth Rocks**—W. B. Griffin and wife, Claude, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th cockerel; 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet; J. M. Malone, Plainview, 4th pullet; 1st pen.

**Partridge Plymouth Rocks**—Geo. C. Wolfforth, Lubbock, 4th cockerel; 2nd hen; 1st, 3rd and 4th pullet.

**R. C. Brown Leghorns**—Mrs. John L. Smith, Plainview, 3rd cockerel.

**S. C. Brown Leghorns**—B. H. Towery, Plainview, 1st, 3rd and 4th pullet.

**S. C. White Leghorns**—H. E. Muldrow, Canyon, 1st cockerel; 1st hen; 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet; 1st pen.

**S. C. Rhode Island Reds**—Mrs. J. B. Leach, Plainview, 4th hen; 3rd pen.

## A NEW HOTEL FOR PLAINVIEW

**A NEW CORPORATION IS NOW PREPARED FOR BUSINESS.**

**Mr. James, from Weatherford, Has the Matter in Hand, and Promises a Structure of Most Modern Kind.**

The Plainview Hotel Company, a corporation with \$40,000.00 capital, will erect a new, modern, up-to-date hotel, with large, spacious comfortable rooms. Arrangements have been made for a radiant display of nature's beauty and splendor, in delicately arranged flowers and fountains on the ground surrounding the hotel.

Mr. James, who has been pushing the work to where success is now assured, is from Weatherford, Texas, and comes very highly recommended from business men who have been associated with him in other corporations. His past record is clean and clear, and on behalf of the citizens of Plainview The Herald takes the liberty to extend the right hand of greeting and welcome to one who has enough foresight to see and enough energy to do something for the upbuilding of the great Plainview country.

Our city is crowded to its full capacity now; and there are hundreds

E. C. Dodson, Lockney, 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th pullet; 2nd pen. A. J. Chambers, Plainview, 3rd hen. Carl Reese, Washburn, 1st and 2nd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th cockerel; 2nd hen; 1st pen.

**R. C. Rhode Island Reds**—1st cockerel; 1st and 2nd pullet.

**White Wyandottes**—Mrs. J. C. Goodwin, Plainview, 1st cock; 2nd cockerel; 1st and 4th pullet; 3rd hen; 1st and 2nd pen. J. W. Elliott, Plainview, 1st and 4th hen; 2nd pullet; 2nd cock; 3rd pen. H. E. Muldrow, Canyon, 1st cockerel; 2nd hen; 2nd pullet. J. M. Allen, Plainview, 3rd cockerel.

**Partridge Wyandottes**—B. L. Spencer, Plainview, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet.

**White Orpingtons**—J. W. Pipkin, Plainview, 1st cockerel; 3rd and 4th pullet. Sloneker Farm, Plainview, 2nd and 3rd cockerel; 1st hen; 1st and 2nd pullet; 1st pen.

**Buff Orpingtons**—D. T. Dillingham, Plainview, 1st, 2nd and 4th pullet. Mrs. G. M. Phelps, Plainview, 2nd hen; 3rd pullet.

**White Minorcas**—B. E. Mitchell, Plainview, 1st and 2nd hen.

**White Cochon Bantams**—David Lipscomb, Plainview, 1st cockerel; 2nd hen.

**White Holland Turkeys**—Sloneker Farm, Plainview, 1st tom; 1st and 2nd pullet; 1st trio.

**Mammoth Bronze Turkeys**—Mrs. R. T. Barbee, Plainview, 1st and 2nd hen.

**Indian Runner Ducks**—E. W. Byars, Plainview, 1st drake; 1st and 2nd duck; 1st trio. Mrs. M. D. Leach, Plainview, 2nd drake. W. T. Mise, Plainview, 3rd drake; 3rd duck; 2nd trio. Sloneker Farm, Plainview, 3rd trio.

**White Indian Runner Ducks**—1st drake; 1st and 2nd duck; 1st trio.

**Toulouse Geese**—Mrs. Ida Sharp, Plainview, 1st gander; 1st and 2nd goose; 1st trio. Mrs. F. Elring, Plainview, 2nd gander.

Special prizes awarded as follows: Best pen any breed, silver cup, Mrs. J. C. Goodwin; express charges paid both ways for shipping longest distance, Roy M. McDonald, Dalhart; one making most entries, rocking chair, Sloneker Farm; highest scoring chicken, \$3.00 hat, W. B. Clark and wife; most entries in one class, \$6.00 photos, Mrs. J. C. Goodwin; one showing the best male bird, 500 letterheads (\$2.50), Sloneker Farm; one showing the best female bird, 500 letterheads (\$2.50), Sloneker Farm; best pen Barred Plymouth Rocks, setting eggs, Roy M. McDonald; best pen White Plymouth Rocks, setting eggs, J. M. Malone; best pen White Wyandottes, cockerel, Mrs. J. C. Goodwin; best pen S. C. Rhode Island Reds, setting eggs, Carl Reese; best pen R. C. Rhode Island Reds, setting eggs, E. W. Byars; best pen White Orpingtons, setting eggs, Sloneker Farm; best trio Turkeys, \$3.50 shoes, Sloneker Farm; best trio Geese, \$2.50 flour, Mrs. Ida Sharp; best trio Ducks, setting eggs, E. W. Byars; best pen White Leghorns, setting eggs, B. E. Muldrow; second best pen White Wyandottes, setting eggs, Mrs. J. C. Goodwin; one making most entries in Rhode Island Reds, setting eggs, Carl Reese; second pen Rhode Island Reds, setting eggs, E. C. Dodson; best exhibition White Wyandottes, cockerel, Mrs. J. C. Goodwin.

### Oats Good Spring Crop

**For Northwest Texas, When Properly Sown.**

Oats may be considered as a good spring crop for Northwestern Texas, especially if the early moisture conditions are favorable. If the ground is not filled with deep moisture by seeding time, or before, the advisability of sowing oats is questionable. Oats is an early-growing crop. Its root growth and stooling must take place during cold weather, and under favorable moisture conditions. If this crop is not well started before warm weather comes on, it does not stand a good chance of making a large yield.

**Preparation of Ground.**—Oats, like most other crops, require good tillage. Fall plowing gives best results. It is enough better than spring preparation to justify all oat ground being prepared at that time. Ground that has been plowed deeply the year before, and has been kept in a good state of cultivation, may be fairly well prepared by double discing. If the ground can not be prepared for considerable time before sowing, plowing is not advisable, unless done very shallow, and in this case the disc harrow will do equally as well. Deep plowing for oats, just before sowing time, will not be firm enough unless packed in some way.

**When and How to Sow.**—If the weather conditions are favorable, oats should be sowed in February, for Northwestern Texas conditions. One great trouble with our oats, so far, has been that they were sowed too late on poorly-prepared ground.

All oats should be sowed with a press drill. Experiments and demonstrations show that drilled oats often yield from eight to ten bushels more per acre than those that have been broadcasted. Less seed is required in drilling and a better stand is assured.

**Seed.**—Oats seeds "run out," that is, it gets poorer and poorer unless special care is taken to sow only the best. Ordinary "bin run" seed should not be sowed until after being run through a fanning mill or grain grader. Only the plump, well-filled seed should be used. By doing this every year the seed will improve instead of running out, and the yield will continue to become better.

Every farmer who desires to raise oats should get started with good seed, and then use the fanning mill to keep it good. Seed grown near home is best.

**Variety and Amount to Sow.**—Texas Red Rust-Proof Oats and Ferguson's Red Rust-Proof Oats are best for our conditions. Owing to the fact that oats stool a great deal in this section, much less seed is required per acre than under Eastern and Northern conditions. In our demonstration work in 1911, one bushel of good, pure, well-cleaned seed per acre was found to be sufficient. On one demonstration field, all prepared alike, part was sowed at the rate of four pecks per acre and the remainder at the rate of five pecks. The part sowed with four pecks yielded 27 bushels per acre, while that sowed with five pecks yielded but 23 bushels per acre.

**Treatment for Smut.**—Oats are very often damaged by the same "smut" that affects wheat. The same treatment as for wheat will largely prevent it. The "Formalin Treatment" is as follows:

Secure a 40 per cent solution of formalin at a reliable drug store. Mix a one-pound bottle of it with 40 gallons of water. Thoroughly moisten all oats by sprinkling or dipping. Sprinkling and shoveling at the same time is recommended. After the oats have been thoroughly wet in this way, pile and cover for two hours. Then dry the seed at once, and it will be ready to sow.

H. M. BAINER, Agricultural Demonstrator, Santa Fe, System, Amarillo, Texas.

### HALE CENTER I. O. O. F. INSTALL.

District Deputy Grand Master G. C. Keek and J. E. Hawley, J. N. Jordan and Albert Allen went to Hale Center Tuesday night and installed the officers of the I. O. O. F. lodge at that place for the coming term. They report the lodge in good condition and growing. The visitors were royally entertained, and came back praising the Hale Center Odd Fellows.

### LARGE TRACT OF BAILEY COUNTY LAND CHANGES HANDS.

**Much of It Will Be Sold in Small Tracts and Improvements Made Early.**

Mr. J. I. Walker, late of Coleman, recently closed a deal with parties in Central Texas for a tract of Bailey County lands, to the west of here, for a consideration of \$536,000, and on last Saturday closed another deal in Bailey County lands in which the consideration was \$51,000, Jas. R. Gipson, of Coleman, being the purchaser.

All of these lands will be cut up and sold in tracts to suit purchaser, and arrangements are being made for the early improvement of a good portion.

Mr. Walker has only been working on the Plains for two or three months, but has sold to every man with whom he has tried to deal. He is a live wire in our Chamber of Commerce, and has invested in Hale County realty and earned the right to be one of us. He says this is the easiest country in the world in which to sell land.

### EXCURSIONS TO FORT WORTH.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 23.—The Southwestern railroads will arrange their excursions so that the home-seekers from the North can stop here and visit the Fat Stock Show, March 18 to 25. The railroads have instructed their industrial agents to gather special land and agricultural exhibits, to be placed in reserve sections of the Coliseum. Every section of Texas will be requested to contribute representative material. The low home-seekers' excursion rates to the Southwest and the establishment of the Land and Agricultural Show at this time will mean much to the entire State.

### A COTTON MILL AT BRENHAM.

Brenham, Texas, Jan. 19.—The South Texas Cotton Mills were opened here January 2nd, which give employment to one hundred men. These mills have the latest-approved machinery, with wide looms, and a class of cloth is produced that few other mills can manufacture. The capacity of the mill is 60,000 yards of cloth per week.

### MEETING OF CIVIC LEAGUE.

The members of the Civic League, and all others who are interested in a clean and beautiful Plainview, are urged to attend the first meeting in 1912, to be held in the Rest Room in the Court House on Wednesday afternoon, February 7th.

Election of officers and other important business is to be attended to. A large attendance is requested.

### CUT OFF GIRL'S CURLS.

Brownwood, Texas, Jan. 24.—Two white men entered the house of H. McWhenny last night and dragged the sixteen-year-old daughter, Marie, from the house, and, at the point of a pistol, made her submit to having her curls cut off. The operation was performed with a knife.

When the girl was released by the men, one of them remarked, "You art not the one we wanted, but we will mark you."

### DECREASE IS UNIVERSAL.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—In a cablegram to the Department of Agriculture, from the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, Italy, it is stated that the total production of wheat in all countries (Northern Hemisphere) this year is 1.4 per cent less than last year; rye, 5.2 per cent less; barley, 0.1 per cent less; corn, 10.5 per cent less; and oats, 9.1 per cent less.

### THE MILLENNIUM.

It may be we are nearing the Millennial Age. It seems many index fingers are pointing that way. To the rich and the poor, the high and the low, the peasant and the sage—O! may all the people be ready for that day. Let it come when it may and as it may!

O! Jew and Gentile, hear this message for what it is worth. Obey it, all ye people that will then be on the earth.

CORA E. PHILIPS.  
Mrs. P. D. Hunsaker came in Tuesday from San Angelo, where she had been visiting friends for two weeks.

BALD HEADS NOT WANTED.

Baldness Is Too Generally Considered a Sign of Advanced Age.

A bald-headed person does not have an equal chance with one blessed with a healthy head of hair, because baldness is too generally accepted as an indication of age.

Probably 65 per cent of bald-headed people may regain a good head of healthy hair if they will follow our advice and accept our offer.

We know exactly what we are talking about, and with this offer back of our statements no one should scoff, doubt our word, or hesitate to put our remedy to an actual test.

We want every one in Plainview who is suffering from any scalp or hair trouble, dandruff, falling hair, or baldness, to try Rexall "93" Hair Tonic.

We are established right here in Plainview, and make this offer with a full understanding that our business success entirely depends upon the sort of treatment we accord our customers.

LAZY LIVER SPOILS DAY'S WORK. Don't Let a Torpid Liver Knock You Out of a Day's Work—There is a Better Way—Read About It.

A man feels very little like working, and a child don't want to go to school, when bilious or constipated. If you try calomel to cure you the chances are that you will be so weakened by its after-effects that you will be laid up for two or three days more.

For Reasons of Our Own Commencing Saturday, Feb. 3

We are going to offer our entire stock of merchandise at prices that will sure turn it.

Everyone has a reason for putting on such sales, we have ours, but what do you care what they are, so long as we make prices that will make you money and do nearly double the work it usually does.

Prices will be no object to us--We Need the Money and Will Get It You know we never do things by halves and you can depend on us making things hum while this mammoth sale is in progress.

50 PER CENT DISCOUNT We only have a few suits of clothes left, all new styles and first class garments--to close, choice 50 PER CENT DISCOUNT

Here's the Biggest Shoe Bargains of the Season

50 pair Hanan & Sons shoes, patents and calf, widths A-D. \$6.50 and \$7 values. Will go at \$3.50

Hats and Caps--"Fuzzy Wuzzys" and All Reduced

50 Stetson hats, \$4.00 values and good ones, small shapes, choice in this mammoth sale at \$2.95

100 pairs elastic seam drawers THIRTY-EIGHT CTS. FRESH NEW UNDERWEAR 50 shirts \$1.25, 1.50, 1.75 val. EIGHTY-NINE CTS.

For the lack of space we can't give any more prices, but you can judge from what we have given that we are going to do just what we say.

No big show but we are going to sell goods. Sale begins Saturday, February 3rd, 1912.

Around the Corner PIPKIN-NAPP COMPANY Around the Corner

LASH USED IN DELAWARE.

"Cat 'o Nine Tails" Applied to Bare Backs of Two Law Violators.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 13.—With hands to the extended arms of a cross and with backs bared to the zero gale, two men were mercilessly lashed in the court yard of the county work-house today—part payment of the toll the state exacts for their crimes.

John Brewington received forty lashes with a cat-o-nine-tails. In addition to this he will serve two years in state prison for highway robbery.

Arthur Johnson received twenty lashes, and will serve one year, for larceny.

The men suffered frightfully from the cold and from the blood-letting lashes, and staggered, semi-conscious,

back to their cells. The whippings were public, and a morbid crowd stood against the prison walls and saw the heavy leather strap, with its nine thongs, cut deep into the quivering flesh of the wretches. The men were to have been lashed early today, but the two-degrees-above-zero weather chilled Warden Crawford himself to such an extent that he postponed the whippings until the day warmed. In the afternoon, when a twenty-four degree rise in the temperature was noted, Crawford bundled himself up in a fur-lined overcoat, put on heavy gloves, and had the men brought in.

Each wore a heavy blanket wrapped about his neck and hanging down across his chest—but his back was nude. The prisoner's hands were encased in gloves as their extended arms were lashed to the cross, but the winds bit and the snow pelted against their naked backs.

Brewington was whipped first. His back, blue from cold, shivered and shook as the first blow from the strap fell, cutting nine bloody welts straight across. Ten times the scourge fell, straight down, and ninety livid welts showed on his quivering back. Then, by moving his position, Warden Crawford made the strap strike at an angle. Ten blows thus, and the angle was changed, until, when the forty cruel blows had landed, a perfect grill of embossed flesh, torn and braised, showed across the wretch's back.

Not a sound did Brewington utter, though his lips were bleeding. His arms were freed and he staggered back from the cross. Guards seized him. Without washing away the blood,

they drew a heavy, coarse woolen undershirt over his body and rushed him, half frozen, back to his cell.

Johnson, nude to the waist, stood by all the while, shivering with cold and fright. Involuntarily he braced himself as each blow fell on Brewington's shoulders, as though he could feel the pain himself. Then, when Brewington's torture was ended, Johnson was led to the cross, pillored and similarly lashed.

The above gives a fair sample of the civilization of the old, but benighted, State of Delaware, and every reader will feel glad that the insignificant little state has only 1960 square miles of land—not so big in area as some Texas counties, but containing enough Puritanic cussedness for forty states of its size—and then some! A state that would maintain such a law on its statutes should be wiped off the map, and the territory divided up and linked onto its sister states. The people of that state must have learned their civilization from the aborigines, and added a little to their atrocities, when meting out their travesties on justice.

The theatre-going people are lucky this season, as the Opera House management has made arrangements with the "ELI and JANE" Company to give just one performance of the celebrated play here. All those attending can rest assured of seeing a strictly high-class play.

Col. Robert E. Edmonson, president of the Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association died, at his ranch near Claude, Armstrong County, on the

16th inst. Mr. Edmonson was well known by cattlemen all over the United States. He was 68 years old, and many of these years were spent in raising the finest strains of Hereford cattle, in which he was very successful.

BROWNING FOR CONGRESS.

Hon. James N. Browning, District Judge at Amarillo and former Lieutenant Governor, has announced his candidacy for Congressman-at-Large, subject to the Democratic primary in July, next. His platform, succinctly stated, is:

He is a loyal Democrat, never having voted any other ticket. Favors a tariff for revenue only, and for its equitable distribution so as to include raw materials; and also favors an income tax. Favors an eight-hour law; an employers' liability act for employees killed or permanently disabled in interstate carrier's service, so that they or their families may be compensated proportionately to the wages being earned at time of accident. Opposes repeal of Sherman Anti-trust Law, and favors amending it so as to make it thoroughly effective in preventing trusts and combines against trade, and believes the court procedure should be simplified so as to insure speedy trials of trust cases. Is a prohibitionist, but thinks that question will not arise in the Congress to which he aspires. Favors a law to prevent Government from issuing license to sell intoxicating liquors in prohibition territory; that interstate shipment of intoxicating liquors into prohibition districts for sale should be prohibited, except for purposes permitted by state law. Does not believe that the initiative, referendum and recall are national questions, and that same should be left for further consideration and trial in local and non-political matters until their merits and demerits are fully demonstrated and disclosed, before projecting them into national politics; that great caution should be exercised before changing our representative form of government. Favors conservation of our national resources of public wealth; for continuance of the national irrigation policy for the arid lands of the West; adequate appropriations for development of Texas sea ports; deepening and improvement of channels of all streams of the State which can be made navigable; popular election of United States Senators, the speedy completion and control of the Panama Canal by the United States, and for arbitration of international disputes.

Politics in Missouri is warming up early in the season. Folk will contest Clark's claim on the suffragists of Missouri, and indications point to a warm, though short, contest. A state primary election will be held February 20, and this ballot will decide which of the contestants, Clark or Folk, will capture the Missouri delegation. If Clark is short he will likely drop out of the race, but should he be able to go into the National convention with a solid delegation from his home state he would have a fighting chance for the nomination, and which would please this writer.

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In the highly expressive and breezy language of the young man who eats peanuts on street cars and wears a toothpick in his face on the teeming city highways, you have got to hand it to Kansas.

When it comes to regulating things, Kansas won't back up for anything that comes down the pike. It has tried its hand at regulating the latitude and longitude of hotel bed sheets. It proposes to make the hair restorers used within its borders tractable and docile. It has even sought to prescribe the length of the Kansas shirt-tail. And now it is working on plans and specifications for standardizing the hash of Kansas.

Those who have not thus far been compelled an intimate acquaintance with the hash that is promulgated in Kansas have trustfully dallied with the home product, and it probably is a close guess that the hash of Kansas is much like that of Ohio. Now, it is beyond question that nobody but the Ohio woman knows what is in Ohio hash, and that the Ohio man has always had to take it on faith, along with some other things. The Ohio woman has thus far failed to reveal the dark secret of its composition. We are willing to wager a bushel of last year's onion seed against an old plug hat that the same condition of affairs exists in Kansas.

Devise rules and regulations for hash? It can't be done. As well try to find out who the next Democratic candidate for President will be or why a hen always attempts to cross the road in front of an automobile.—Cleveland Leader.

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**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
 County of Hale. )  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Hale County, on the 11th day of January, 1912, by the Clerk of said Court for the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-three Dollars and Sixty-three Cents and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of John Lemons in a certain cause in said Court, No. 649, and styled John Lemons vs. W. P. Soash, placed in my hands for service, I G. A. LONDON as Sheriff of Hale County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of January 1912, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Hale County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All of the East One-half of Section No. Sixteen, in Block 02, surveyed by virtue of Certificate No. 90, issued to the D. & S. E. Ry. Co., containing 320 acres of land, and situated in Hale County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of W. P. Soash. And that on the first Tuesday in Feb., 1912, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Hale County, in the Town of Plainview, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. P. Soash.

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 Hale County Herald, a newspaper published in Hale County.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of January, 1912.

G. A. LONDON,  
 Sheriff, Hale County, Texas.

Farmer Shaw has retired from the editorial management of that old reliable farm journal, The Texas Farmer. This paper is now in its 32nd year of usefulness, and under the re-organ-

ization, by a stock company known as the Progressive Publishing Company, is calculated to be even better than in the past. The new editor, D. N. Barrow, is a man well qualified by experience and education to be of vast benefit to the farmers of the South. He is a graduate of the Louisiana State University and A. and M. College, was director in the Louisiana A. and M. College and of a Louisiana Experimental Station. His papers will be read with interest and profit by our farmers throughout the South.

**PROXY FAILED TO STICK.**

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 27.—"Here's something I have no use for, and can't you please keep it off the records and out of the newspapers," said charming Pearl Moore, as she laid a marriage license on the desk of the license clerk of Muskogee County. She was one of the principals named in the license. It all came about through a premature leap year proposal made by proxy.

Pearl Moore is a student in a local business college. Henry Hite, aged 21, came up from Wewoka, entered the same school, and promptly fell in love with Pearl. He had pressed his suit in vain and the girl had always put him off with a tactful, "I like you but can not wed you," or words to that effect. Christmas eve she was writing him a note of Christmas time cheer when a girl friend proposed that she be allowed to close the letter. She did, and mailed it. That was where the trouble started, for the girl friend wrote that all former stand-offs were off and that if the question were asked again the answer would be different.

Henry read that letter with delirious joy. He immediately hied to the license clerk and secured a license. Then he appeared at the home of Pearl and announced that he was ready.

"Ready for what?" the astonished Pearl wanted to know.  
 "Why, to marry you, of course."  
 "I am not going to marry you."  
 "But you said you would."  
 "Are you crazy, Henry Hite?"  
 "Not exactly. You wrote me you

would marry me, and here is the letter, and here also is the license, and I have come after you. Are you ready?"  
 Then the news was broken to Henry. He left sadder, and with a revised version of what a practical joker is. And the next morning he returned the marriage license, not to the license clerk, but to the girl, and she went immediately to the license clerk to have it stricken from the record and kept out of the newspapers. The clerk couldn't take it out of the records, but he smeared it with red ink, and there it stands, a conspicuous record of a premature leap year proposal by proxy that didn't pan out.

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Something new is an experiment. Must be proved to be as represented.

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Read this case:  
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**OLTON ITEMS.**

Rev. Jas. McMahan filled his regular 3rd Sunday appointment here. He was accompanied by J. W. Stone, a student of Wayland College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boyd, of Norfleet community, attended church at Olton Sunday.

The Olton Literary Club rendered an amusing and instructive program Friday night, at the court house.

H. M. Packard and M. W. Axtell, of Spring Lake, passed through Olton Saturday, returning from a trip to Plainview.

Messrs. A. D. Frederick, S. Roush and Rev. W. A. Hensell were in Olton Monday.

Messrs. J. Carter, M. Clevenger and D. B. Shifflet were visitors to the county seat Monday.

Geo. W. Keenan left Tuesday for Galveston, Texas, where he expects to take a business course in Draughon's Commercial College.

Mr. John Jergensen, of DeWitt, Ia., while en route to Spring Lake community to look after his land interests, stopped over in Olton Friday night, at the home of M. Dotson.

The Olton Telephone Co. is extending its lines north to the Kiser community, and west to Spring Lake Ranch headquarters.

T. F. Brown hauled hay from the Kiser Ranch to Plainview last week.

Mrs. W. H. Bohner, who has been in delicate health for some time, is reported not so well at this writing.

A. M. Crozier has returned from Dimmitt, with a herd of sheep.

Fred Schreier went to Plainview Saturday, to meet his brother-in-law, F. W. Kilmer, who has just returned from St. Louis, Mo.

E. N. Egge was in Plainview Thursday.

Louis Schreier is suffering from a frozen foot, which happened while riding to Hereford during the cold weather.

**WHITFIELD.**  
 Jan. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barrett took dinner Sunday with Mrs. Guessner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Williamson are the proud parents of a boy, born last week.

Henry King visited over Sunday at

the Pullen home.

The Misses Edwards and Mr. Pickett were callers at the Ooley home Sunday evening.

Mrs. S. E. Gullledge visited Mrs. Ooley Saturday.

Messrs. Dean and Nations moved a house down from Kress last week, and will put it on some land of Mr. Nations'.

The surveyor was out from Plainview to find a place to build the new German church.

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G. A. LONDON,  
 Sheriff, Hale County, Texas.

The First Legislature of Arizona will, it is anticipated, have a warm fight over the woman suffrage question. It is claimed that a strong element are in favor of women voting, while there is also a strong opposition, and the outcome is problematical.

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#### NOTICE.

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Among the "don'ts," remember this one: "Don't anathematize the plumber." Remember, also, that this is the first time Jack Frost ever helped him to land a job in this section. Don't fail to pay your poll tax.

In the comprehensive plans for extending agricultural education to every nook and corner of the State, there is none more far-reaching than the county demonstration farms.

When it is seen that the demonstration farmer gets results, and none are obtained on neighboring farms, conviction is brought to the minds of the most skeptical that there are better methods of farming than the old way.

An idle empire of acres is beckoning the farmer, the laborer, the manufacturer, the capitalist, the railroad builder, and all useful citizens, to nature's heritage; to a perpetual harvest and a land of sunshine and flowers. Come to Texas.

A man without a vote is hardly half a man. He can not perform the function of a citizen, and worth little to the civic body. Why not pay your poll tax—be armed for the battle of the ballots, and qualified to exert the prerogatives of a full-fledged citizen?

And now comes the excruciating information that Texas is doing business on a cash basis, and cashing warrants as they come in. This will be soul-barrowing information to those who have so industriously lambasted Gov. Colquitt on account of deficits in certain departments.

The T. & P. and the Katy roads, by laxity in conforming with their schedule rates, have elicited a reprimand from the Attorney General, and who is disciplining them in the way of little fines. The suit against the Katy for delayed trains calls for a fine of \$400,000 penalties.

Dr. Lambert Ott, of Philadelphia, has found a sure cure for rheumatism. Just procure a bottle of acetylmethendialsalicic acid and take or administer quantum suff. to ring the bell, and in a short time the patient is as good as new. See that the pure food label is on the receptacle.

While on exhibition before the Democratic National Committee, at Washington, during the recent meet, Champ Clark made a good impression on the committee, who looked over his good points, took his measurements, and figured that he would make a good candidate.

The Chamber of Commerce is perfecting plans for 1912. These plans will be practical and of such a nature as to be of vast benefit to Plainview and this great Central Plains Shallow-Water Belt. Everybody should get ready for a shove and a push, and help make things happen.

Considering all things, this Plains country made good progress in all lines during 1911. Now it is the duty of every citizen in the county to boost for a greater growth during 1912. Speak a good word for Hale at every opportunity—in every letter you write back home, to parents, sweetheart, or on business. Boost for Hale County. Boost early, late and everlastingly!

Mr. Carnegie was still in a giving mood while in the witness chair, and was in no way backward in giving pointers on the control of big business. He suggested that big corporations should be controlled by a commission. He thinks the Sherman law should be shorn of ambiguity and made more drastic and so clear that all can understand it. Mr. Carnegie was a willing talker and seemed to enjoy the proceedings, and when dismissed declared to the court that he had had a pleasant and enjoyable time, and would call again if they needed him, unless advised otherwise by his attorneys.

Subscribe for The Herald.

In this issue we publish a synopsis of the platform of Hon. Jas. N. Browning of Amarillo, candidate for Congressman-at-Large. We have few faults to find with his platform, or with him, and have given him our support in the past, whenever the opportunity offered and personally have always been a warm admirer of him. If he had entered the field before Judge Lancaster's announcement, we feel sure that he would have had the solid support of this section. But, as the matter now stands, with Judge Lancaster in the field a couple of months in advance, we feel that Lancaster should receive our hearty support. Our people, having confidence in his integrity and ability, urged him to become a candidate. We believe that he felt sure of no opposition in the Plains country. Hence he resigned the presidency of a bank and entered earnestly into the race. We do not question Mr. Browning's right to enter this race; the poorest subject in this great Republic has the right to ask for the highest or lowest office in the gift of the people. As a result of Judge Browning's announcement there is talk of a third candidate entering the race, from the West, and if he should enter we are liable to lose the representation we are justly entitled to. We believe that in Judge Joe Lancaster we have a strong man—strong not only in this part, but all over the State. He is a Democrat in everything the term implies, a zealous and industrious worker, and well informed of the needs, not only of this section, but of every section of the State. And for the above reasons we can not support Judge Browning, but will loyally support Lancaster.

#### CHAMP CLARK FOR PRESIDENT.

Men who are in position to know the situation pretty thoroughly claim that Champ Clark's chances for nomination are growing brighter and more certain each day. Many of his friends claim that he will carry Missouri two to one in the February primary, and may reach three to one. They also claim that he will carry South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Arkansas, Kentucky, West Virginia, and has a fair chance of carrying several other states, including Texas. If Mr. Clark can go into the convention with a full Missouri delegation he should win without much trouble. Oklahoma will line up for Clark, and, while casting no reflections in any manner on any of the many able candidates in the field and under discussion for the nomination for the Presidency by the Democrats, The Herald feels that none better deserve the consideration and nomination than Champ Clark, who has proved his ability and his judgment for guiding the Democratic party to victory. He transformed a Democratic minority in Congress to a Democratic majority. He is a leader of men—forceful and resourceful.

The Democratic possibilities as candidates for the Presidency are being discussed, and cussed, in the Democratic ranks throughout the states. They each seem to have some objectionable features, features objected to by some and lauded by others. We have tried to be conservative, have refrained from saying hard things, as we could conscientiously vote for either aspirant now in the field. While we think we could consistently find fault with any one of them, we know we could also find much to commend, and we feel sure that either one would make a good president, and handle the job to the glory and honor of the Democratic party. We never did like to eat crow, but it would please us to see others swallow the bird whole next November, and which a number of Democrats will sure do or bolt the party. Politics, like religion, is a question of geography and environment.

Recently, during a coal famine at Portales, N. M., the citizens held up a freight train and cut out a car of coal. The conductor wired division headquarters of the threats of the people and received, in reply, an order to drop the car for the applicants. The hold-up, while irregular, is not to be condemned, as the weather was near zero and no fuel was in the markets. The Santa Fe, or any other road, confiscates coal in transit when they need it, and we know the Santa Fe has cut out cars of coal for more than one town on their line during a coal famine.

The Herald is in receipt of a copy of the Texas Almanac, issued by The Galveston-Dallas News. This little volume of 410 pages is literally a textbook of Texas, and answers almost any question that may be asked concerning the State, and is a valuable asset to the schools, the business man, the producer or the consumer. It is a handy book of reference for the library or desk. The price of this package of boiled-down information is only 30 cents per copy—within the reach of all, and decidedly well worth the price.

Tell your grocery wants to VICKERY. He knows how to satisfy them. Phone 17.

Postmaster General Hitchcock created a big sensation in Washington circles the other day when he declared that the Government should own and operate the telegraph lines. The owners of the many thousands of miles of telegraph lines did not take kindly to his suggestion, and brought out the announcement that "the McKay lines were not for sale." It was also a signal for the owners of telegraph lines to trot out an array of figures that would foot up a longer string of dollars than there is of wires; also the immense cost of operating, the maintaining of an army of politicians, and dire and dreadful effects that would surely follow Government ownership.

The demonstration farms bring better methods of farming, not only to the man who wants to learn, but forces upon the man who is satisfied with his own methods the truth that science has made important discoveries in agriculture, that he must know, or fall behind in the race with the man who does employ such methods.

The flying game is said to be very, very fascinating, but if we had a million dollars we should not care to fly, any more than at the present time. This is a good old world, and flying is too "certain" for us. The death of Page, the young millionaire, which occurred at Los Angeles, California, emphasizes the fact anew, that it won't do to take chances on flying. —Abilene Reporter.

The building of good roads has now become a science, and modern practices should adopt it if we wish to obtain the best results for the least money.

#### PROGRAM.

The Federation of the Missionary Societies of Plainview will render the following program at the First Christian Church, January 29, at 3 p. m.:  
Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."  
Scripture Lesson (Acts 10:34-48)—Mrs. J. H. Abney.  
Invocation—Mrs. R. T. (Mother) Jones.  
Hymn—"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun."  
Paper—"Missionary Work of the Episcopal Church"—Miss Enda Mayhugh.  
Vocal Solo—"A Dream of Paradise"—Mrs. Cleve Hatchell.  
Five-Minute Talks on Local Work—Mrs. W. B. Joiner, Mrs. Hal Wofford, Mrs. Sterling Park.  
Violin Solo—Miss Turk.  
Paper—"The Gist of It"—Mrs. L. T. Mayhugh.  
Hymn—"Blest Be the Tie."  
Reading—Miss Lilley.  
Missionary Drill on China—Mrs. R. B. Longmire and Mrs. R. F. Ivey.  
Benediction.  
(Signed)—  
MRS. T. E. RICHARDS,  
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Musical Director;  
MRS. C. W. TANDY,  
President.

#### SETH WARD COLLEGE NOTES.

This week closes the first month of the second term, and, as a whole, the month has been characterized by good work.

The services in the College chapel on Sunday evenings are proving successful and beneficial. Mr. Perry Port, one of the young preacher-students, preached a good sermon last Sunday evening. Bro. Barcus will preach next Sunday.

The Philosphian Literary Society is going to entertain the faculty and the young ladies' society with an open program on next Saturday evening. The open session program of both the young men's societies will be given soon.

A highly-interesting basket ball game was played on Seth Ward's grounds last Tuesday evening, between the Seth Ward and Wayland College teams. The result was a score of 29 to 22, in favor of Seth Ward. Seth Ward is justly proud of their victory, for it was the first game that the team has ever played. Mr. Drennan, of Tulsa, refereed the game. The faculties of both schools expressed themselves as regretting very much any disturbances that occurred on the ground. The schools can be a great aid to each other by "provoking each other to good works." And this is what is trying to be cultivated—a friendly, wholesome rivalry.

Ladies and children can go to see "ELI and JANE" with perfect safety—it's a good, clean, moral show—the sweetest story ever told. A play for old and young. In fact, it's a play for everyone. Mr. Green is an exceptionally clever actor in this kind of a part, and he is surrounded by a clever company. "ELI and JANE" is a perfect WHIRLWIND OF MIRTH, MUSIC and FUN.

#### ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR A GOOD STOMACH.

This Offer Should Be a Warning to Every Man and Woman.

The newspapers and medical journals recently have had much to say relative to a famous millionaire's offer of a million dollars for a new stomach.

This great multi-millionaire was too busy to worry about the condition of his stomach. He allowed his dyspepsia to run from bad to worse until in the end it became incurable.

His misfortune serves as a warning to others.

Every one who suffers with dyspepsia for a few years will give everything he owns for a new stomach.

Dyspepsia is commonly caused by an abnormal state of the gastric juices, or by lack of tone in the walls of the stomach. The result is that the stomach loses its power to digest food.

We are now able to supply certain missing elements—to help to restore to the gastric juices their digestive power, and to aid in making the stomach strong and well.

We know that Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets are a most dependable remedy for disordered stomachs, indigestion, and dyspepsia.

We want you to try them and will return your money if you are not more than satisfied with the result.

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"ELI and JANE," with Harry Green in the principal role, is enough to insure a good, first-class performance. Everything bright, new, clean, catchy and a real funny show, such as "ELI and JANE," should be encouraged by all. It is without a doubt the greatest comedy production of the present age. Coming here soon.

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Rexall Orderlies are unsurpassable and ideal for the use of children, old folks and delicate persons. We cannot recommend them shrd emfwypw not too highly recommend them to all sufferers from any form of constipation and its attendant evils. That's why we back our faith in them with our promise of money back if they do not give entire satisfaction. Three sizes; 12 tablets, 10 cents; 26 tablets, 25 cents; and 80 tablets, 50 cents. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Plainview only at our store—The Rexall Store. The J. W. Willis Drug Co.

#### NEW WAGON YARD.

I have opened up a new wagon yard in Plainview, located on the block east of the public square, and solicit the patronage of all my old customers, as well as the new.

Have nice, roomy stalls and will give special attention to boarding horses. Hay, grain and all kinds of feedstuff bought and sold. Call and see me.

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I have several improved places in Plainview at "Bargain Prices." A modest cash payment—the balance on payments ranging from \$15 to \$50 each month.

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Several East Texas and Oklahoma farms to trade for land in Hale County. See

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Good, nice rooms, neatly furnished, well situated, close in. Call at THOMPSON HOUSE, Corner 2nd and

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#### DEAFNESS CANOT BE CURED

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

#### NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company, to Be Held Wednesday, February 7th, 1912, for the Purpose of Authorizing the Directors Thereof to Issue Bonds, etc.

To the Stockholders of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 28th day of October, 1911, at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of said Company, a resolution was unanimously adopted calling a meeting of the stockholders of said Company to be held on Wednesday, February 7th, 1912, at the offices of the Company in Crosbyton, Texas, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to execute a mortgage upon the property of the Company and to issue bonds thereunder to an amount and for a period to be fixed by the stockholders at said meeting; and to authorize the directors to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue such bonds; and to take such further and other steps as may be necessary under the laws of Texas for the final approval by said Commission of said bonds; and to obtain the authority of said Commission to register said bonds when issued in the office of the Secretary of the State of Texas.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1911, at Crosbyton, Texas.  
(SEAL) R. M. BASSETT,  
5 Secretary.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Hale,  
In the District Court of Swisher County, Texas,  
P. B. Taylor, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Cage Beach, defendant.

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Swisher County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 17th day of October, A. D. 1911, in favor of said P. B. Taylor, plaintiff, and against said Cage Beach, defendant, in cause No. 804, on the civil docket of said Court, I did, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1912, at 4 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the County of Hale, State of Texas, and belonging to the said Cage Beach, to-wit:

All of Section No. Eleven (11), in Block JK2, Certificate No. 4-635, grantee, G. S. & S. F. R. Co.; containing 640 acres of land, and located about five miles west from the town of Plainview, Texas.

And on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1912, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the Court House 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 Cage Beach in and to said property.

DATED at Plainview, Texas, this 4th day of January, A. D. 1912.  
G. A. LONDON,  
Sheriff of Hale County, TEXAS.

#### FOR SALE.

Barred Rocks, Thompson's Ringlets; only a few left. First Trio, \$5.00; second, \$3.50. Pens headed by a \$25.00 cockerel. Every one guaranteed or money refunded.

W. L. MARSHALL,  
Lubbock, Texas.

It is a well-known fact among the Grocery trade that when any one wants something special in the eatable line they always go to VICKERY'S for it. VICKERY'S has been doing business in Plainview a long time, and it has become known that he handles a more complete line of everything. Phone 17.

FOR RENT—An improved 320-acre farm, three miles east of Kress. For particulars see OTUS REEVES REALTY COMPANY.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

For District Attorney—  
R. M. ELLERD.  
GEO. L. MAYFIELD.

For District and County Clerk—  
B. H. TOWERY.

For County Judge—  
W. B. LEWIS.  
J. M. BULL.  
S. W. MEHARG.

For County Treasurer—  
JOHN G. HAMILTON.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector—  
G. MARSHALL PHELPS.  
O. R. MARTINE.  
J. C. HOOPER.

For Tax Assessor—  
R. E. BURCH.  
S. S. SLONEKER.  
J. N. JORDAN.  
S. J. FRYE.

For County Surveyor—  
THOMAS P. WHITIS.

For County Attorney—  
CHAS. E. CLEMENTS.

#### FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES.

For Mayor—  
J. L. DORSETT.

For City Marshal—  
J. F. WATSON.  
GEO. W. MCKINTY.

For City Secretary—  
H. A. WOFFORD.  
B. L. SPENCER.

#### Y. W. HOLMES LAWYER

##### Notary Public

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Action, Regulating and all kinds of Repairing done. All work guaranteed strictly first-class. Drop me a postal and I will call. J. H. EDWARDS.  
Phone 331, 117 Covington St.

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Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist  
Office: J. W. Willis Drug Co.  
Phones:  
Office, 44; Residence, 86

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Hale,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That by virtue of certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Hale County, on the 11th day of January, 1912, by the Clerk of said Court, for the sum of Seven Hundred and Two Dollars and Eighty Cents and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of E. L. Fisher et al in a certain cause in said Court, No. 799, and styled E. L. Fisher et al vs T. W. Burton, placed in my hands for service, I, G. A. London, as Sheriff of Hale County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of January, 1912, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Hale County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

The Southeast Quarter of Section No. 12, in Block CL, surveyed by virtue of Certificate No. 950, issued to the E. L. & R. R. Ry. Co., containing 160 acres of land and situated in Hale County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of T. W. Burton. And that on the first Tuesday in February, 1912, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Hale County, in the Town of Plainview, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said T. W. Burton.

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 Hale County Herald, a newspaper published in Hale County.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of January, 1912.

G. A. LONDON,  
Sheriff, Hale County, Texas.

#### RAGS WANTED.

The Herald office wants your rags, and will pay you three cents per pound for them. Nothing but good, clean cotton rags will be accepted. Bring them in early.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

E. T. Diggs was in Amarillo Tuesday.

Artistic Picture Framing done at E. R. WILLIAMS'.

Wait until you hear "OLD ELI" tell about milking the cow.

Tom Jordan came in Tuesday from a trip through East Texas.

Gus Smith, of Tulla, was in the city this week, attending District Court.

We can make you a bond. See us. J. M. MALONE INSURANCE AGENCY.

Col. R. P. Smyth left Monday for Rifle, Colo., to visit the bedside of a sick brother.

When you get ready to buy Garden Seed, consult VICKERY-HANCOCK GROCERY CO. for the best.

Ben Smith, the Lockney Beacon man, was in this city Tuesday, interviewing our business men.

1,800-acre tract in South Hale. School land. \$20.00 bonus. Improvement. Terms. A. B. ROSSER.

If you intend to pay that poll tax, do it at once. Only four more days in which to redeem your franchise.

Ring up WRIGHT & DUNAWAY GROC. CO. if you are in a hurry or want the best in the market. Phones 35 and 355.

C. S. Hefner left Tuesday for Clarendon, on a few days' visit, and L. W. Sloneker is running his photo gallery during his absence.

There is a mighty wide margin just now between the price of hogs and the finished hog product, which goes into somebody's pocket.

VICKERY-HANCOCK GROC. CO. guarantee all their goods, as to quality and price. If you have not tried them, do so now. Just drop them an order.

FOR SALE—126 feet of Battleship Linoleum, suitable for any public building. Also some good Lumber, practically new. See DAVIS & BRASK.

A few more days of normal weather and the ground will plow fine, and with sub-packing will make an ideal seed bed, and there will be no trouble in getting the seed up.

The Rescue Workers of the Arlington Church will hold services at the Nazarene Church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. You are cordially invited to attend.

WRIGHT & DUNAWAY GROCERY COMPANY is a synonym of "good eats," and you are sure of the best when ordering from this old, reliable house. Phones 35 and 355.

Broom corn, as a money crop, is as sure as cotton, and perhaps a better-paying crop. Plant broom corn, sorghum, saccharine, non-saccharine, some cotton and plenty of hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomas, and son, F. B. Thomas, of Garwin, Iowa, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald. They will stay until spring. Mr. Thomas owns a fine section of Hale County land.

LOST—Jersey cow, two years old; cream color; weight about 500 or 600 pounds. Strayed from L. G. Wilson farm 3 or 4 days ago. If found, notify SHALLOW WATER LAND CO., and receive reward.

LOST—Laprobe, on Tuesday or Wednesday of last week, in Plainview; tiger head, with eyes on one side; reverse side black; makers name on edge. Please return to Herald office. FRANK ROSS.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE—Wife—"Bring home a bottle of Dike's Baby Cough Syrup for Willie's cough; and a bottle of Staley's Rose Cream, for my chapped hands." Husband—"Well, where must I get it?" Wife—"At Long's, of course, for he is the only one that sells them."

The stomach is the seat of all maladies, hence it should be given especial care. You can not care for it better than by eating the best and purest food. VICKERY handles only that variety in his store. His goods sell fast and are always fresh. Give him your trade. Phone 17.

Do you like sweet singing? Do you like pretty dancing, new music? Do you like to hear funny comedians? Do you like to see up-to-date specialties? It's to be seen in the great play of "ELI and JANE," which will be here on January 20th. Seats now on sale at J. W. Willis Drug Co.'s.

See E. R. WILLIAMS for Artistic Picture Framing.

Coming soon—"ELI and JANE"—the show you know.

For an EXPERIENCED NURSE, call MRS. ORR. Phone 340.

Mrs. John Elliott left Tuesday for Guthrie, Okla., on a visit to friends.

Miss Dora Hudgins left Saturday for Crosbyton, on a visit to her sister.

A. B. Martin, of Tulla, was in the city attending court the first part of the week.

Let us insure your property before it is too late. J. M. MALONE INSURANCE AGENCY.

Six cents for Hens, 10c for Turkeys, at the car in Plainview, Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 29 and 30.

W. D. Anderson, of Hale Center, was in the city Saturday shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. Elmer Anderson returned Thursday from Abernathy, where she had been visiting her parents.

J. C. King, of the Santa Fe, returned to work Tuesday, after wrestling with the grippe for a week.

Our lines in Coffee comprise the best in the market. WRIGHT & DUNAWAY GROC. CO. Phones 35 and 355.

Judge A. C. Hatchell left Thursday for Amarillo, where he will argue some cases before the Court of Civil Appeals.

Tom Shafer and Ellis Carter took a run down to the Spade ranch the first of the week, for a few days' outing and recreation.

We have always in stock the best Flour made, and guarantee to give satisfaction. VICKERY-HANCOCK GROCERY COMPANY.

Work on the Woldert block has been progressing well this good weather, and if favorable weather prevails it will soon be ready for occupancy.

VICKERY-HANCOCK GROCERY COMPANY keep up with the procession, or a little ahead, when it comes to everything in the Grocery line.

Don't miss seeing "ELI and JANE," one of the best shows now on the road, and a clever company made up of SINGERS, DANCERS, MUSICIANS and COMEDIANS.

LOST—In Plainview, this week, a purse containing two \$5 bills and about \$6 in coin. Finder please leave with Wright & Dunaway. B. F. MOSELEY.

WANTED—Mares in foal; must weigh at least 1150 lbs. Need only be sound as far as breeding purposes are concerned. I am looking for Bargains. Address "M," care of Herald.

G. W. Brown, of the Norfleet country, was in the city the first of the week with a wagon load of nice hogs, which he sold to T. W. Morrison, of this city, who, we are told, is shipping out a car.

E. F. Sivier, of Hamlin, came in from there a couple of weeks ago, and will try farming, on the Rogers place, west of Plainview. He says the Hamlin country got plenty of snow and rain so far this winter, and they look forward to a good crop year there.

The Majestic showed Damon and Pythias last Wednesday night, to a crowded house, and was appreciated by all, especially by the K. of P.'s, who are acquainted with the scenes. The Majestic people are running a nice line of films, and expect to run the 101 Ranch scenes in the near future.

Mr. J. G. Overholdt's public sale, at his place, northeast of Plainview, the first of last week, was well attended. Everything brought a good price. Some of his milch cows brought \$65 per head. His 4-year-old registered Percheron mare brought \$368, and was bought by E. D. Callaway, of the Petersburg country. This sale was conducted by J. V. Boston, auctioneer, of Kress, a man well up on his job.

Mr. A. A. Hatchell received notice this week, from President McCartney, of his appointment as a member of the Executive Committee of the Texas Funeral Directors and Embalmers of Texas, the next annual meeting of which will be held in Fort Worth, April 22, 23 and 24, 1912. Mr. Hatchell has been a member of this association for several years, and is a close and industrious student of all the modern methods used by his profession, and this appointment by the president evidences his knowledge of Mr. Hatchell's efficiency in this important field. We are glad at any time to learn of honor conferred on a citizen of our city or county.

FURNISHED ROOMS—Close in; bath. Phone 433.

John Ligon, of Abernathy, was in the city this week.

Fred Pearce left Thursday for Snyder, on legal business.

B. T. Ansley, Jr., made a business trip to Canyon this week.

G. F. J. Stephens spent a couple of days in Amarillo this week.

Sam Lockhart left Monday for a few days' visit at Tahoka.

"ELI and JANE." It's a great, funny show—the kind you like.

E. Dowden left Saturday for Oklahoma City, on a business trip.

FURNISHED ROOM for rent; close in. Call at 211 North Adams.

Austin Anderson left last Friday for Carlsbad, N. M., on a business trip.

Good Home-made Lard, like mother used to make, at OTTO'S MARKET.

E. Dowden left last Saturday for a visit of some length to Oklahoma City.

FOR SALE—A good house, suitable for a barn. Cheap. POLK BRYAN.

Geo. McKinty left last Friday for Chicago and Farmington, Ill., on a visit.

Lee Shropshire spent Saturday in Tulla, on business for the K. of P. lodge.

Smokers' and chewers' goods—all the best brands—at WRIGHT & DUNAWAY'S.

Miss Phillips, who has been visiting her parents, at Dumas, returned Thursday.

NEW BUGGY FOR SALE—Latest style light cut-under Stanhope. C. W. TANDY.

Mrs. S. J. Lindsay left Saturday for Paris, where she will visit until next spring.

E. C. Baker spent a couple of days the first of the week in Lubbock, on business.

J. J. Cole, of Dalhart, former Santa Fe agent at this place, was in the city Monday, attending court.

Wiley Johnson came in Tuesday from Temple, with his little son, who had an operation performed.

If you want a quick meal, OTTO keeps all kinds of imported and domestic Cheese; also all kinds of Meats.

J. S. Stringfellow, of Amarillo, is in the city this week, collecting for the old firm of Crowds Bros. & Hume.

Take your Poultry to the car in Plainview, Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 29 and 30, and receive the highest market price.

We will be in Plainview next Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 29 and 30, to buy all kinds of Poultry. DAWSON BROTHERS.

To insure getting the best of everything in the line of staple and fancy Groceries, call up VICKERY-HANCOCK GROCERY CO.

The price of lard is low. Now is the time to lay in a summer supply. Ten-pound pails only \$1.35, at OTTO'S MEAT MARKET.

The contractors are finishing the street crossings this week which have been delayed some time on account of the bad weather.

Our lines of Green Groceries are full and fresh—direct from the famous Coast gardens. VICKERY-HANCOCK GROCERY COMPANY.

Sweet singers, pretty dances, new music. All funny comedians to be seen in "ELI and JANE," including four big specialties.

Our lines of staple and fancy Groceries are complete in every essential, and the quality equal to the best anywhere. Give us a trial. WRIGHT & DUNAWAY. Phones 35 and 355.

One continual round of pleasure in "ELI and JANE." You laugh, yell, scream, roar. If you cry, well, the laugh is on you. Are you going?

Ben Sanford came in Tuesday from Fort Worth, where he has been at the bedside of a sick brother for the past week. He says his brother is now improving.

More novelties and high-class features are to be seen in "ELI and JANE" than any other attraction of its kind. This is the play that set all American talking.

# READ THIS

Yes, this is the right shoe, no put this shoe on your left foot; no, you were right at first, this shoe is for the right foot.

Did you ever hear the above dialogue, when you couldn't tell a right shoe from a left? That was in the days when you could get a shoe for \$1.50 that would last as long as a shoe you now buy for \$3.50. We don't deny it, this is a fact, but \$1.50 shoe we speak of had no shape, harness leather uppers, and pegged soles and the pegs would eat up six pair of home knitted socks worth 50c per pair. Did you ever stop to think we are wearing better shoes today than a king wore 25 years ago. If we had some of these old kind of shoes and boots we could not give them to you, if we did you would not wear them. But if you want some of those old stand erect boots, give us your order as we know where we can get some close by. ¶ Everybody wants their shoes to fit nowadays, its a pleasure to wear a comfortable feeling shoe. We have them, the kind you can tell one from the other. Its a pleasure to sell them and you will find it a real satisfying pleasure to wear them.

¶ Let us show you our beautiful line of **Spring and Summer Slippers**

the new kind, and last thing in shoe building.

¶ Our new Spring line of Dress Goods will begin to arrive this week. It will consist of what you want in dress goods, embroideries, allover lace, lace and other new things. Its all new as this is our first season in dress goods.

**CASH PRICES ON EVERYTHING**  
**PLEASE DO NOT ASK US TO MAKE TICKETS**

# Shelton Brothers

TO PRESERVE THE ALAMO.

Colquitt Confers with Daughters and Natives of Republic Regarding Plans.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 28.—At the conference which he called here for the purpose of considering the future of the Alamo property, Gov. Colquitt very early announced that he stood for restoration and preservation of all of the said property now within the control of the State, and not for the destruction or demolition of any of it, save those modern structures which have been added for commercial purposes.

He limited the scope of the inquiry by stating with much positiveness that he recognized both the Alamo chapel and the convent, or monastery, as integral parts of the Alamo, made sacred by the sacrifice of Travis and his gallant men; by declaring that the fact that the monastery had been used as a grocery store or as a whisky house subsequent to the battle of the Alamo cut no figure whatever, and by asserting that he meant to take no part in the controversy between the Daughters of the Republic and would entertain no joint debate between them.

Restore to Prior Condition.

He said his purpose was to restore the two buildings to the condition in which they were prior to the battle of the Alamo, and the only point upon which he sought information was as to what such condition was. It would be impracticable, he said, to act upon the suggestion that the buildings be put in the condition they were subsequent to the battle, for in such condition they would decay.

He rejected the idea of demolishing the monastery or convent, or Hugo Schmeltzer building, as it is often called, and creating a memorial park, saying that the Alamo buildings themselves were a greater memorial to the valor of the heroes of the Alamo than would be a park and a shaft 7,000 feet high.

He announced his purpose to at once tear down the frame buildings and parts of buildings on the site; to put an end to commercial uses of the property; to restore the ditch and inclose it, even if he had to make a fight for the same, and to make such excavations and examinations as would shed light upon the stone work which should be restored. He declared he would take full responsibility for all of this.

At the conclusion of the hearing he invited all present to accompany him

and pointed out where the remains of what he expected to do at this juncture. He said he could not do much in the way of restoration with the \$5,000 at his disposal, but he pledged himself to restore the buildings while Governor of Texas, if he could get the money to do it, even if it cost \$50,000. F. W. Collins, of San Antonio, president of the association of the Natives of the Republic of Texas, said he would contribute \$500 toward restoration of the monastery or fortress building, and expressed the conviction that a great deal of money could be raised for that purpose in Texas. The members of the organization, he declared, were unanimous for restoration.

At the conclusion of the hearing and the inspection of the property, both sides were pleased with the Governor's attitude, one being confident that after he has removed the frame structures he will proceed to restore the two buildings to the condition in which they believe they were just before the battle, the others being satisfied, in the first place, with the tearing away of the frame parts of the structures, and believing, in the second place, that the Governor may come to their ideas as to what the conditions were before the battle. There are some of the first faction, however, who disagree with their fellows as to the wisdom of tearing down the frame parts of the buildings before funds are in hand to restore the walls.

Gov. Colquitt's attitude, however, seems to be strongly disposed toward restoring and maintaining two buildings upon the Alamo grounds. When it was contended that only eight feet of the front wall of the Hugo Schmeltzer Building was old, and that this eight feet was simply a wall around the yard, and not a part of the monastery, and that the monastery stood back of that, Gov. Colquitt declared that if that were proved he would restore the monastery at such backward site.—Tom Finty, Jr., in Dallas News.

JANUS-FACED.

One of the most notable evidences of Colonel Roosevelt's contradictory character is that he is the possessor of a Nobel peace medal and at the same time is a strong opponent of peace treaties President Taft has concluded with Great Britain and France.

The Nobel medal was given the colonel for his intervention between Russia and Japan at a time when the

two countries were about ready of themselves to cease hostilities. It was hardly deserved, but the colonel has a spectacular way of doing things and made the impression that he was a great peace advocate.

He also professed much esteem for The Hague tribunal and appreciation of its purpose.

But, in truth, he has always opposed, more or less, the jingo spirit, and his opposition to the Taft peace treaties is but a play of politics. Despite his former confessed friendship for Mr. Taft and his assurance that there has been nothing on the President's part to disturb, he is now ready to find fault with anything that the Taft administration proposes.

The comic weekly, Life, cartoons Colonel Roosevelt as Janus-faced, and in more than one respect the description seems to be a close fit.—Nashville Banner.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, )

County of Hale. )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Hale County, on the 11th day of January, 1912, by the Clerk of said Court, for the sum of One Thousand and Eight-four Dollars and Sixty-five Cents and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Ferguson-Falonia Lumber Co. in a cause in said Court, No. 667, and styled Ferguson-Falonia Lumber Co. vs. W. W. Jones and J. M. Murphy, placed in my hands for service, I, G. A. LONDON, as Sheriff of Hale County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of January, 1912, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Hale County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots One, Two, Three, Five, Six and Twenty-four, in Jones & Murphy Subdivision of Block No. 9, Lake Side Addition to the Town of Plainview, Hale County, Texas; and also Lots Four, Nine, Ten and Twenty-three, in Jones & Murphy Subdivision of Lake Side Addition to said Town of Plainview, Hale County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of W. W. Jones and J. M. Murphy. And that on the first Tuesday in February, 1912, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Hale County, in the Town of Plainview, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder,

as the property of said Jones & Murphy.

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 Hale County Herald, a newspaper published in Hale County.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of January, 1912.

G. A. LONDON, Sheriff, Hale County, Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, )

County of Hale. )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Hale County, on the 11th day of January, 1912, by the Clerk of said Court for the sum of Nine Hundred and Sixty-four Dollars and Fifty-nine Cents and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Jno. M. Webb in a certain cause in said Court, No. 789, and styled Jno. M. Webb vs. L. P. Martin et al, placed in my hands for service, I, G. A. LONDON, as Sheriff of Hale County Texas, did on the 11th day of January, 1912, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Hale County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 10, 11 and 12, in Block No. 88, in Alexander and West Moreland Addition to the Town of Plainview, Hale County, Texas, and also a strip of land 32 feet wide by 140 feet long lying immediately north of said Lot No. 12, and described as beginning at the Northwest Corner of said Lot No. 12, thence North 32 feet, thence East 140 feet, thence South 32 feet to the Northeast Corner of said Lot No. 12, thence west with the North line of said Lot No. 12, 140 feet, to the place of beginning; situated in Hale County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of L. P. Martin et al. And that on the first Tuesday in February, 1912, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of Hale County, in the Town of Plainview, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said L. P. Martin et al.

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 Hale County Herald, a newspaper published in Hale County.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of January, 1912.

G. A. LONDON, Sheriff, Hale County, Texas.

FAIR PLAY FOR AMERICAN GOODS

It is beginning to be apparent that numbers of large industries in the United States whose interests have not, despite strong Governmental efforts, been accorded fair treatment abroad, are going to make strenuous efforts to enable the Government of the United States to properly care for those interests.

Singularly enough, although interest is usually taken in recommendations of the President respecting foreign relations, the press seems not to have grasped the importance of President Taft's recommendation for the change referred to. It is claimed that the retaliatory clause of the law as it now stands has probably proved effective in securing for United States exports generally fair tariff treatment.

Discriminations, however, against American trade have apparently not yet all been removed. This is evidenced by complaints, for instance, in the South, of the discriminatory treatment which the government of Austria-Hungary accords cottonseed oil. It is said that the market in Austria-Hungary is closed for the oil and that the former trade of approximately five millions of dollars per annum has been utterly destroyed by the increase of the tariff.

The fertilizer manufacturing industry in the South, as well as the consumers of fertilizers throughout the country, believe that if a modification of Section 2 can be secured the existing unfortunate situation respecting the price of potash salts can be speedily and satisfactorily cleared up.

The instances above are but two of a large number of similar complaints, but they are of particular interest to the people of the South.

Sentiment appears to be rapidly growing for the view that the Democratic party can, with much credit to itself, aid in relieving such situations as the above, by heeding the recommendation of the President. He should be empowered, in his discretion, to increase, by administrative order, the duty on one or more articles now imported from foreign countries under the minimum tariff rate—not necessarily to the full extent of the maximum rate (25 per cent increase)—but to such intermediate rates (5 per cent, 10 per cent or more) as in his judgment may be required to secure fair treatment for American products, and to apply such rates not only to dutiable articles, but also to articles now on the free list, or to either or both classes, as may best serve the purpose in view.

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The mantle of purity which the snows of the present Christmas have spread over the Panhandle suggests "The White Lands" of the Texas Panhandle, in contradistinction to "The Black Lands" of Central and Southern Texas. The black lands of Central and Southern Texas are rich—but they carry with them the traditional heredity of the black tiller of the soil—a tiller who is also black in morals, racial in laziness and predestined to pauperism.

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In the white lands is the deep-drawn and inspiring breath of the purest of atmospheres and alone—honest, erect, fearless, free, healthy, happy, God-fearing and God-receiving—walks the white man.

In the black lands are the shacks of the blacks—in the white lands are the residences of the whites.

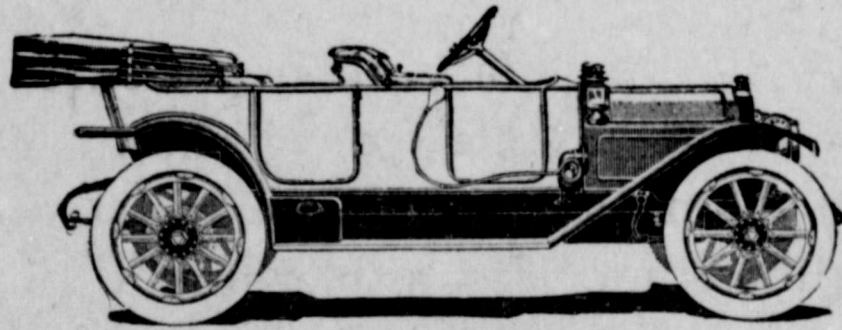
In the black lands are the squalor and poverty of the Negro—in the white lands the splendor and progress of the Caucasians.

In the black lands, the ever-present, torturing fear of Negro unleashing, with all of its attendant wrecks of home and honor—in the white lands, an untroubled and sweet family security and an ever anew kindling of the altars of the hearth and fireside.

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# The PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

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## CHAPTER I.

Is It the Ghost?

It was the evening on which MM. Debienne and Poligny, the managers of the opera, were giving a last gala performance to mark their retirement. Suddenly the dressing-room of La Sorelli, one of the principal dancers, was invaded by half-a-dozen young ladies of the ballet. They rushed in amid great confusion, some giving vent to forced laughter, others to cries of terror. Sorelli, who wished to be alone for a moment to "run through" the speech which she was to make to the resigning managers, looked around angrily at the mad and tumultuous crowd. It was little Jammes who gave the explanation in a trembling voice:

"It's the ghost!" And she locked the door.

"Have you seen him?"

"As plainly as I see you now!" said little Jammes.

Thereupon little Giry added:

"If that's the ghost, he's very ugly!"

"Oh, yes!" cried the chorus of ballet-girls.

And they all began to talk together. The ghost had appeared to them in the shape of a gentleman in dress-clothes, who had suddenly stood before them in the passage. He seemed to have come straight through the wall.

For several months there had been nothing discussed at the opera but this ghost in dress-clothes who stalked about the building, from top to bottom, like a shadow, who spoke to nobody, and who vanished as soon as he was seen. The dress-suit had a peculiarity of its own. It covered a skeleton. At least, so the ballet-girls said.

The idea of the skeleton came from the description of the ghost given by Joseph Buquet, the chief scene-shifter. He had run up against the ghost on the little staircase, by the footlights, which leads to "the cellars."

"He is extraordinarily thin and his dress-coat hangs on a skeleton frame. His eyes are so deep that you can hardly see the fixed pupils. His nose is so little worth talking about that you can't see it side-face; and the absence of that nose is a horrible thing to look at."

This chief scene-shifter was a serious, sober, steady man, very slow at imagining things. And then, one after the other, there came a series of incidents so curious that the shrewdest people began to feel uneasy.

For instance, a fireman is a brave fellow! Well, the fireman, who had gone to make a round of inspection in the cellars and who had ventured a little farther than usual, suddenly reappeared on the stage, pale, trembling and practically fainted in the arms of the mother of Jammes. And why? Because he had seen coming toward him, at the level of his head, but without a body attached to it, a head of fire!

The fireman's name was Pampin. To return to the evening in question.

Sorelli, stealthily, with the tip of her pink right thumb-nail, made a St. Andrew's cross on the wooden ring which adorned the fourth finger of her left hand. She said to the little ballet-girls:

"Come, children, pull yourselves together! I dare say no one has ever seen the ghost."

"Gabriel saw him, too!" said Jammes. "Only yesterday!"

"Gabriel, the chorus-master?"

"Why, yes, didn't you know? Gabriel was in the stage manager's office. Suddenly the door opened and the Persian entered. You know the Persian has the evil eye—"

"Oh, yes!" answered the little ballet-girls in chorus.

"And you know how superstitious Gabriel is," continued Jammes. "However, he is always polite. Well, the moment the Persian appeared in the doorway, Gabriel gave one jump from his chair to the lock of the cupboard, so as to touch iron! He rushed out of the office like a madman, slipped on the staircase and came down the whole of the first flight on his back. I was just passing with mother. We picked him up. Then he told us he had seen the ghost behind the Persian, the ghost with the death's head, just like Joseph Buquet's description!"

A silence followed. It was broken by little Giry.

"Joseph Buquet would do better to hold his tongue. Mother says the ghost doesn't like being talked about."

"And why does your mother say so?"

"Because—because—nothing—"

This reticence exasperated the curiosity of the young ladies, who crowd-

ed round little Giry, begging her to explain herself.

"I swore not to tell!" gasped Meg. But they left her no peace until Meg began:

"Well, it's because of the private box. It's Box Five, you know, the box on the grand tier, next to the stage-box, on the left. Mother has charge of it. No one has had it for over a month, except the ghost, and orders have been given at the box-office that it must never be sold."

"And does the ghost really come there?"

"Yes. And he has no dress-coat and no head. You only hear him when he is in the box. Mother has never seen him, but she has heard him. Mother knows, because she gives him his program."

There was a sound of hurried footsteps in the passage and a voice cried:

"Cecile! Are you there?"

"It's mother's voice," said Jammes. She opened the door. A respectable lady, built on the lines of a Pomeranian grenadier, burst into the dressing-room and dropped groaning into a vacant arm-chair.

"How awful!" she said.

"What?"

"Joseph Buquet is dead! Yes, he was found hanging in the third-floor cellar!"

"It's the ghost!" little Giry blurted. Sorelli was very pale.

"I shall never be able to recite my speech," she said.

Ma Jammes gave her opinion, while she emptied a glass of liqueur that happened to be standing on a table; the ghost must have something to do with it.

The news soon spread all over the opera. The dressing-rooms emptied and the ballet-girls, crowding around Sorelli like sheep around their shepherdess, made for the foyer through the ill-lit passages and staircases, trotting as fast as their little pink legs could carry them.

## CHAPTER II.

The New Margarita.

On the first landing, Sorelli ran against the Comte de Chagny, who was coming upstairs.

"I was just going to you," he said, taking off his hat. "Oh, Sorelli, what an evening! And Christine Daae; what a triumph!"

"Impossible!" said Meg Giry. "Six months ago she used to sing like a croak! But do let us get by, my dear count," continues the brat, with a curtsy. "We are going to inquire after a poor man who was found hanging by the neck."

Just then the acting manager came fussing past and stopped.

"What!" he exclaimed. "Have you girls heard already? Well, please forget about it for tonight—and above all don't let M. Debienne and M. Poligny hear; it would upset them too much on their last day."

They all went on to the foyer of the ballet, which was already full of people.



The Ghost Had Appeared to Them in the Shape of a Gentleman in Dress-Clothes.

The Comte de Chagny was right; no gala performance ever equalled this one. Faure and Krauss had sung; and, on that evening, Christine Daae had revealed her true self, for the first time, to the astonished audience.

The whole house went mad, rising to its feet, shouting, cheering, clapping, while Christine sobbed and fainted in the arms of her fellow-singers and had to be carried to her dressing-room. A few subscribers, however, protested. Why had so great a treasure been kept from them all that time? Till then, Christine Daae had played a good Siebel to Carlotta's rather too splendidly material Mar-

garita. And it had needed Carlotta's incomprehensible absence from this gala night for the little Daae, at a moment's warning, to show all that she could do in a part of the program reserved for the Spanish diva!

The Comte de Chagny, standing up in his box, listened to all this frenzy and took part in it by loudly applauding. Philippe Georges Marie Comte de Chagny was just forty-one years of age. He was a great aristocrat and a good-looking man, above middle height and with attractive features, in spite of his hard forehead and his rather cold eyes. On the death of old Count Philibert, he became the head of one of the oldest and most distinguished families in France, whose arms dated back to the fourteenth century. His two sisters and his brother, Raoul, would not hear of a division and waived their claim to their shares.

The Comtesse de Chagny, nee de Moerogis de La Martyniere, had died in giving birth to Raoul, who was born twenty years after his elder brother. Philippe busied himself actively with the youngster's education. The lad entered the Borda training-ship, finished his course with honors and quietly made his trip round the world. Thanks to powerful influence, he had just been appointed a member of the official expedition on board the Requin, which was to be sent to the Arctic Circle in search of the survivors of the D'Artois expedition, of whom nothing had been heard for three years. He was a little over twenty-one years of age and looked eighteen. He had a small, fair mustache, beautiful blue eyes and a complexion like a girl's.

On that evening, Philippe, after applauding the Daae, turned to Raoul and saw that he was quite pale.

"Don't you see," said Raoul, "that the woman's fainting?"

"You look like fainting yourself," said the count. "What's the matter?"

But Raoul had recovered himself and was standing up.

"Let's go and see," he said, "she never sang like that before."

They were soon at the door leading from the house to the stage. Raoul tore his gloves without knowing what he was doing and Philippe had much too kind a heart to laugh at him for his impatience. But he now understood why Raoul was absent-minded when spoken to and why he always tried to turn every conversation to the subject of the opera.

They reached the stage and pushed through the crowd of gentlemen, scene-shifters, supers and chorus-girls, Raoul leading the way, feeling that his heart no longer belonged to him, his face set with passion, while Count Philippe followed him with difficulty and continued to smile. The count was surprised to find that Raoul knew the way. He had never taken him to Christine's herself and came to the conclusion that Raoul must have gone there alone while the count stayed talking in the foyer with Sorelli.

Postponing his usual visit to Sorelli, the count followed his brother down the passage that led to Daae's dressing-room and saw that it had never been so crammed. The girl had not yet come to; and the doctor of the theater had just arrived at the moment when Raoul entered. Christine, therefore, received the first aid of the one, while opening her eyes in the arms of the other. The count and many more remained crowding in the doorway.

"Don't you think, doctor, that these gentlemen had better clear the room?" asked Raoul coolly. "There's no breathing here."

"You're quite right," said the doctor.

And he sent every one away, except Raoul and the maid.

Christine Daae uttered a deep sigh, which was answered by a groan. She turned her head, saw Raoul and started. She looked at the doctor, on whom she bestowed a smile, then at her maid, then at Raoul again.

"Monstieur," she said, in a voice not much above a whisper, "who are you?"

"Mademoiselle," replied the young man, kneeling on one knee and pressing a fervent kiss on the diva's hand. "I am the little boy who went into the sea to rescue your scarf."

Christine again looked at the doctor and the maid; and all three began to laugh.

Raoul turned very red and stood up. "Mademoiselle," he said, "since you are pleased not to recognize me, I should like to say something to you in private."

"When I am better, do you mind?"

"Yes, you must go," said the doctor, with his pleasantest smile.

"I am not ill now," said Christine suddenly, with strange and unexpected energy.

She rose and passed her hand over her eyelids.

"Thank you, doctor. Please go away, all of you. Leave me."

The doctor tried to make a short protest, but, perceiving the girl's evident agitation, he thought the best remedy was not to thwart her. And he went away, saying to Raoul, outside:

"She is not herself tonight. She is usually so gentle."

Then he said good night and Raoul was left alone.

Suddenly the dressing-room door opened and the maid came out by herself, carrying bundles. He stopped her and asked how her mistress was. The woman said that she was quite well. And she passed on. One idea alone filled Raoul's burning brain; of course, Daae wished to be left alone for him! Had he not told her that he wanted to speak to her privately?

Hardly breathing, he went up to the dressing-room and, with his ear to the door to catch her reply, prepared to

knock. But his hands dropped. He had heard a man's voice in the dressing-room, saying, in a masterful tone:

"Christine, you must love me!"

And Christine's voice, infinitely sad and trembling, as though accompanied by tears, replied:

"How can you talk like that? When I sing only for you!"

Raoul leaned against the panel to ease his pain. His heart, which had seemed gone forever, returned to his breast and was throbbing loudly.

The man's voice spoke again:

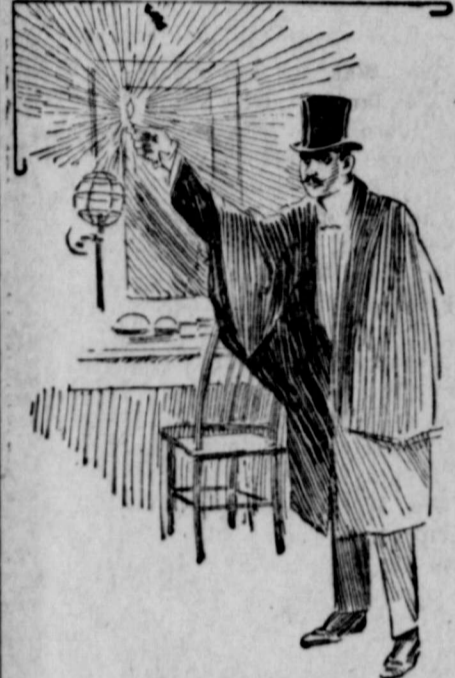
"Are you very tired?"

"Oh, tonight I gave you my soul and I am dead!" Christine replied.

"Your soul is a beautiful thing, child," replied the grave man's voice, "and I thank you. No emperor ever received so fair a gift. The angels wept tonight."

Raoul heard nothing after that. Nevertheless, he did not go away, but, as though he feared lest he should be caught, he returned to his dark corner, determined to wait for the man to leave the room. To his great astonishment, the door opened and Christine Daae appeared, wrapped in furs, with her face hidden in a lace veil, alone. She passed him. He did not even follow her with his eyes, for his eyes were fixed on the door, which did not open again.

When the passage was once more



There Was No One in the Room.

deserted, he crossed it, opened the door of the dressing-room, went in and shut the door. He found himself in absolute darkness. The gas had been turned out.

"There is some one here!" said Raoul, with his back against the closed door, in a quivering voice. "What are you hiding for?"

All was darkness and silence.

He struck a match. The blaze lit up the room. There was no one in the room!

## CHAPTER III.

The Mysterious Reason.

During this time, the farewell ceremony was taking place. Everybody remarked that the retiring managers looked cheerful, as is the Paris way. The foyer of the ballet is the last place in which two men so "knowing" as M. Debienne and M. Poligny would have made the mistake of betraying their grief, however genuine it might be. And they were already smiling rather too broadly upon Sorelli, who had begun to recite her speech, when an exclamation from Jammes broke the smile brutally.

"The opera ghost!"

Jammes yelled these words in a tone of unexpressed terror; and her finger pointed, among the crowd of dandies, to a face so pallid that the death's head in question immediately scored a huge success.

"The opera ghost!"

Everybody laughed and pushed his neighbor and wanted to offer the opera ghost a drink, but he was gone. He had slipped through the crowd; and the others vainly hunted for him, while two old gentlemen tried to calm little Jammes and while little Giry stood screaming like a peacock.

Sorelli was furious; she had not been able to finish her speech; the managers had kissed her, thanked her and run away as fast as the ghost himself. They were to receive their personal friends, for the last time, in the great lobby outside the managers' office, where supper would be served.

Here they found the new managers, M. Armand Moncharmin and M. Firmin Richard, whom they hardly knew; nevertheless, they were lavish in protestations of friendship and received flattering compliments in reply.

The retiring managers had already handed over to their successors the two tiny master-keys which opened all the doors—thousands of doors—of the opera house. And those keys were being passed from hand to hand, when the attention of some of the guests was diverted by their discovery, at the end of the table, of that strange, wan and fantastic face, with the hollow eyes, which had already appeared in the foyer of the ballet.

"The opera ghost!"

There sat the ghost, as natural as could be, except that he neither ate nor drank.

He did not speak a word and his neighbors could not have stated at what moment he had sat down between them. The friends of Richard and Moncharmin thought that this skinny guest was an acquaintance of Debienne's or Poligny's, while Debienne's and Poligny's friends believed that the cadaverous individual belonged to Richard and Moncharmin's party.

The result was that no request was made for an explanation. M. Debienne and Poligny, sitting

at the center of the table, had not seen the man with the death's head. Suddenly he began to speak.

"The ballet-girls are right," he said. "The death of that poor Buquet is perhaps not so natural as people think."

Debienne and Poligny gave a start. "Is Buquet dead?" they cried.

"Yes," replied the man, or the shadow of a man, quietly. "He was found, this evening, hanging in the third cellar, between a farm-house and a scene from the Roi de Lahore."

The two managers, or rather ex-managers, at once rose and stared strangely at the speaker. At last Debienne made a sign to M. Richard and Moncharmin; Poligny muttered a few words of excuse to the guests; and all four went into the managers' office. I leave M. Moncharmin to complete the story. In his Memoirs, he says:

"MM. Debienne and Poligny seemed to grow more and more excited. First, they asked us if we knew the man, sitting at the end of the table, who had told them of the death of Joseph Buquet; and, when we answered in the negative, they looked still more concerned. They took the master-keys from our hands, stared at them for a moment and advised us to have new locks made, with the greatest secrecy, for the rooms, closets and presses that we might wish to have hermetically closed. They said this so funnily that we began to laugh and to ask if there were thieves at the opera. They replied that there was something worse, which was the ghost. They told us that they never would have spoken to us of the ghost if they had not received formal orders from the ghost himself to ask us to be pleasant to him. They had hesitated to tell us this curious story, which our skeptical minds were certainly not prepared to entertain. But the announcement of the death of Joseph Buquet had served them as a brutal reminder that, whenever they had disregarded the ghost's wishes, some disastrous event had brought them to a sense of their dependence."

"The joke became a little tedious; and Richard asked half-seriously and half in jest:

"But, after all, what does this ghost of yours want?"

"M. Poligny went to his desk and returned with a copy of the memorandum-book. The memorandum-book ends with Clause 98, which says that the privilege can be withdrawn if the manager infringes the conditions stipulated. This is followed by the conditions, which are four in number."

"The copy produced by M. Poligny was written in black ink and exactly similar to that in our possession, except that, at the end, it contained a paragraph in red ink and in a queer handwriting. This paragraph ran as follows:

"5. Or if the manager, in any month, delay for more than a fortnight the payment of the allowance which he shall make to the opera ghost of twenty thousand francs a month."

"Is this all? Does he not want anything else?" asked Richard, with the greatest coolness.

"Yes, he does," replied Poligny.

"Box Five on the grand tier shall be placed at the disposal of the opera ghost for every performance."

"When we saw this, there was nothing else for us to do but to rise from our chairs, shake our two predecessors warmly by the hand and congratulate them on thinking of this charming little joke, which proved that the old French sense of humor was never likely to become extinct."

"Thereupon we all four left the office. Richard and I had never laughed so much in our lives."

## CHAPTER IV.

Box Five.

Armand Moncharmin wrote such voluminous Memoirs during the fairly long period of his co-management that we may well ask if he ever found time to attend to the affairs of the opera otherwise than by telling what went on there. M. Moncharmin did not know a note of music, but he called the minister of education and fine arts by his Christian name, had dabbled a little in society journalism and enjoyed a considerable private income. Lastly, he was a charming fellow and showed that he was not lacking in intelligence, for, as soon as he made up his mind to be a sleeping partner in the opera, he selected the best possible active manager and went straight to Firmin Richard.

Firmin Richard was a very distinguished composer, who had published a number of successful pieces of all kinds and who liked nearly every form of music and every sort of musician. Clearly, therefore, it was the duty of every sort of musician to like M. Firmin Richard. The only things to be said against him were that he was rather masterful in his ways and endowed with a very hasty temper.

The first few days which the partners spent at the opera were given over to the delight of finding themselves the head of so magnificent an enterprise; and they had forgotten all about that furious, fantastic story of the ghost, when an incident occurred that proved to them that the joke—if joke it were—was not over. M. Firmin Richard reached his office that morning at eleven o'clock. His secretary, M. Remy, showed him half a dozen letters which he had not opened because they were marked "private." One of the letters had at once attracted Richard's attention not only because the envelope was addressed in red ink, but because he seemed to have seen the writing before. He soon remembered that it was the red handwriting in which the memorandum-book had been so curiously completed. He recognized the clumsy childish

hand. He opened the letter and read: "Dear Mr. Manager:

"I am sorry to have to trouble you at a time when you must be so very busy, renewing important engagements, signing fresh ones and generally displaying your excellent taste. I know what you have done for Carlotta, Sorelli and little Jammes and for a few others whose admirable qualities of talent or genius you have suspected."

"Of course, when I use these words, I do not mean to apply them to La Carlotta, who sings like a squirt and who ought never to have been allowed to leave the Ambassadeurs and the Cafe Jacquin; nor to La Sorelli, who owes her success mainly to the coach-buys; nor to little Jammes, who dances like a calf in a field. And I am not speaking of Christine Daae either, though her genius is certain, whereas your jealousy prevents her from creating any important part. When all is said, you are free to conduct your little business as you think best, are you not?"

"All the same, I should like to take advantage of the fact that you have not yet turned Christine Daae out of doors by hearing her this evening in the part of Siebel, as that of Margarita has been forbidden her since her triumph of the other evening; and I will ask you not to dispose of my box today nor on the following days, for I cannot end this letter without telling you how disagreeably surprised I have been once or twice, to hear, on arriving at the opera, that my box had been sold, at the box-office, by your orders."

"I did not protest, first, because I dislike scandal, and, second, because I thought that your predecessors, MM. Debienne and Poligny, who were always charming to me, had neglected, before leaving, to mention my little fads to you. I have now received a reply from those gentlemen to my letter asking for an explanation, and this reply proves that you know all about my memorandum-book and, consequently, that you are treating me with outrageous contempt. If you wish to live in peace, you must not begin by taking away my private box."

"Believe me to be, dear Mr. Manager, without prejudice to these little observations,

"Your Most Humble and Obedient Servant,

"OPERA GHOST."

The letter was accompanied by a cutting from the agency-column of the Revue Theatrale, which ran:

"O. G.—There is no excuse for R. and M. We told them and left your memorandum-book in their hands. Kind regards."

M. Firmin Richard had hardly finished reading this letter when M. Armand Moncharmin entered, carrying one exactly similar. They looked at each other and burst out laughing.

"They are keeping up the joke," said M. Richard, "but I don't call it funny."

"What does it all mean?" asked M. Moncharmin. "Do they imagine that, because they have been managers of the opera, we are going to let them have a box for an indefinite period?"

"I am not in the mood to let myself be laughed at long," said Firmin Richard.

"It's harmless enough," observed Armand Moncharmin. "What is it they really want? A box for tonight?"

M. Firmin Richard told his secretary to send Box Five on the grand tier to MM. Debienne and Poligny, if it was not sold. It was not. It was sent off to them. Debienne lived at the corner of the Rue Scribe and the Boulevard des Capucines; Poligny, in the Rue Auber. O. Ghost's two letters had been posted at the Boulevard des Capucines postoffice, as Moncharmin remarked after examining the envelopes.

"You see!" said Richard.

They shrugged their shoulders and



The Envelope Was Addressed in Red Ink.

regretted that two men of that age should amuse themselves with such childish tricks.

"They might have been civil, for all that!" said Moncharmin. "Did you notice how they treat us with regard to Carlotta, Sorelli and little Jammes?"

"Why, my dear fellow, these two are mad with jealousy! To think that they went to the expense of an advertisement in the Revue Theatrale! Have they nothing better to do?"

"By the way," said Moncharmin, "they seem to be greatly interested in that little Christine Daae!"

"You know as well as I do that she has the reputation of being quite good," said Richard. "Reputations are easily obtained," replied Moncharmin. "Haven't I a

WE MAY GET THAT AUTO ROUTE.

Roswell Paper Publishes Gratifying Letter from Chairman of Tours.

C. M. Farnsworth, proprietor of the Roswell Auto Club, and who, with Charlie Sharp and the city editor of this paper, helped to log the Roswell-El Paso route for the Trans-Continental Touring Club of America, at the instigation of the Roswell Commercial Club, has just received an encouraging letter from Harry C. Drum, chairman of tours, in which he says, in part:

"Find your letter and route directions awaiting me upon my return to this office, after an extended trip, and, although I have had no more than enough time to glance over same as yet, will go into them thoroughly within the next few days, and write you a detailed letter concerning same.

"Was also in conference yesterday with a Reverend Johnson, of your country, who showed me some pictures of the route, and laid before me plans for a trans-continental highway to extend east from Roswell. At the same time I have a letter from the Chamber of Commerce of Plainview, Texas, relative to the same matter. Mr. Johnson will call upon me again before leaving the city, with detail maps, and I wish to go over this matter more thoroughly with you by letter.

"Am in receipt also of some very interesting newspaper articles regarding the route, which I wish to acknowledge.

"I will write you more extensively at the first opportunity, and wish you and Roswell the utmost success in your efforts to promote good roads and more travel—the greatest asset today of any community."—Roswell Morning News.

WORLD'S GREATEST FINANCIER.

The world's greatest financier is the American housewife. Her daily investments exceed in shrewdness the cleverest transactions of Wall Street, and no business concern or corporation, however ably officered, has ever been able to approach her in economy. She is the Nation's foremost financier, and her transactions more nearly reflect the progress and prosperity of the country than the reports of our clearing houses.

All legislation, financial and otherwise, ought to be so plain that the housewife can understand it. Our legislators, State and National, shoot so far over the head of the average citizen that those who are unable to employ an attorney, and accept his statements in blind faith, must forever remain in ignorance of our laws. Of course, we have so many laws that no human can expect to read them and survive the ordeal, but any person who feels an irresistible impulse to legislate should try his proposed law on his neighbor, and get it down where the common people can understand it, before attempting to put it on the statute books.

A NEW GATEKEEPER.

Charles M. Cross, of Indianapolis, thinks variety adds spice to life, so he went to a spiritualistic service.

It was a lively affair, with sepulchral voices sounding through trumpets, tambourines playing mysteriously in midair, and cold, clammy hands of partially materialized men and women making free in the dusky room with those who were in the flesh. In the midst of it something dealt Mr. Cross a vicious whack on the nose, and he called for lights in a tone not to be disobeyed. With the light, the circle, as disclosed, was all natural and human again. The most human member of it was Mr. Cross, with a bloody nose, spoiling for a fight, and all the "madder" because he did not know whom to fight.

"Who did that?" he demanded of the medium. The medium said the gay spirit was that of St. Peter.

But even this explanation did not satisfy Mr. Cross.

"Well, all I ask of St. Peter," he said, "is to materialize for just one minute, and if I don't make a vacancy for a new gatekeeper I won't ask to get in."—Indianapolis News.

The Roswell Morning News tosses the beef trust the following aromatic bouquet: "The revelations in the Beef Trust trials show that aggregation to be the most ornate example of modern big business benefactors that have been uncovered in this century. How any of them could have thus far escaped death from enlargement of the heart is beyond comprehension. For pure philanthropy they put all their predecessors into a shade of stygian darkness, and the State of Illinois should memorialize Congress to allow their statutes to be placed in the Hall of Fame."

The Improved Order of Redmen are circulating a petition to hand to Congressman John H. Stephens to have him support the bill now up in Congress for the appropriation of \$500,000 for the Indian relic and memorial building, which will be used to preserve all kinds of Indian relics.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The following program has been prepared for the meeting of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church, South, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 28: Subject—"Elisha, the Hebrew Commoner; a Life of Saving Service." II Kings 2:19-22; Mark 3:4.

Song. Prayer. Scripture Reading and Comment—By Leader.

Song. "Contrast the Characters of Elijah and Elisha"—Miss Edwards.

"The Ministry of the Common Place"—G. Graham.

Vocal Solo—Miss Daniel.

"Social Workers After the Character of Elisha Needed Today"—Mrs. Ferguson.

Reading—Henry Ansley.

"The Personal Influence of One Life on Another"—Miss Nora Betts.

"The Influence of Some Life on My Life"—All Leaguers.

Leader—Miss Espy.

BIRTHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Coryell, a girl; January 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bowles, 6 miles southeast of Plainview, a boy; January 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Stagner, Petersburg, a boy; January 15th.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Gillian, Petersburg, a boy; January 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gartside, 9 miles northeast of Plainview, a boy; January 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Chatman, Petersburg, a boy; January 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Neil, a boy; January 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Oberdeer, Hale Center, a boy; January 6th.

SONG SERVICE.

We are in the midst of a series of special Sunday night services at the First Presbyterian Church. The first of the series was given last Sunday night, when the pastor preached on the subject of "Twice-Born Men," to a good congregation. The second of the series will be a song service, rendered by the members of the choir. This service is to be given next Sunday night, and begins at 7:30 sharp. You are invited. S. PARK, Pastor.

FIVE HUNDRED PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harrel entertained Wednesday evening, with five tables of Five Hundred. A two-course hot supper was served at 10:30.

The invited guests included Messrs. and Mesdames R. E. Burch, R. W. Otto, L. T. Mayhugh, L. A. Knight, J. O. Wyckoff, G. C. Keck, George Bethel, Mesdames Carl Donohoo, R. A. McWhorter, P. J. Wooldridge, E. Dowden, J. Buchheimer and Miss Mildred Buchheimer.

"AS-YOU-LIKE-IT" CLUB.

The members of that most versatile of clubs, the "As-You-Like-It," were cordially entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. J. J. Bromley, 314 West Third Street. In response to roll call, the members gave the latest current events.

Three tables of Forty-two furnished amusement for the congenial spirits who clustered around them. The invited friends of the hostess were Mesdames Dannelly, H. W. Harrel, G. C. Keck, Scott Cochran and Miss Edna Mayhugh.

At the closing of the tables, a dainty salad course was served by the hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. J. O. Roundtree.

Doubtless you have thought of the automobile only as a luxury, which is more or less true in some localities, but on the Plains of Texas they are an absolute necessity. With the best natural automobile roads in the world, lovely open seasons, the purest atmosphere, distance is eliminated with a good, trusty auto. Have you ever dreamed of just the kind you would like to own? Turn to page 6 of this issue and read the splendid features of the New Hudson "33," and your dream can become a reality.

Dennis Heffelfinger spent Saturday in Hale Center.

Prospectors continue to come to this section, and perhaps a larger per cent of them are purchasers than at any time heretofore. And the best feature is that they are home builders, the class of comers that are worth most to the country, hence the most desirable. A majority of the recent sales are 160-acre tracts, or less, and they are falling into the hands of farmers, who know how to handle the dirt for profit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrow left Thursday for Clarendon, where they will make their future home. They have lived in our city for the past year, and have made many friends, who will miss them.

Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Harp, of Hale Center, were in the city, shopping, Tuesday.

L. T. Mayhugh made a business trip to Hale Center the first part of the week.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

A Farmers' Institute has been organized at Midland.

A wireless station has just been installed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

Work on the actual construction of a million-dollar hotel at El Paso will begin at once.

The Commercial Club of Spur has had a split log constructed, to be used on roads entering Spur.

The Texas Swine Breeders' Association will hold its mid-winter session at Athens, January 26 and 27.

Plans have been made by Fort Worth booster organizations to have the 1913 Texas Land Show in that city.

According to statistics compiled by Auditor Fitzgerald of the Railroad Commission, Texas has ninety-nine railroads.

Llano has an extensive mineral and granite exhibit at the Texas Land Show at Houston, which began January 12th.

The Warren line steamer, Iowa, sailed January 9th from Galveston to foreign ports with the first \$1,000,000 cargo for 1912.

The total number of cattle in Texas is 6,791,502, of which 1,911,204 are dairy cows, 709,663 are calves and 5,000,635 of all other classes.

A proposition will be submitted soon to the Young Men's Business League of Palestine for the establishment of a cigar factory in that city.

The West Texas Bank and Trust Company of Waco filed an amendment with the Secretary of State increasing its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

It is estimated that 80,000 calves are branded on the King Ranch, in South Texas, each year. About 300 Mexican cowboys are employed on the ranch.

The Young Men's Business League of Vernon has a movement on foot to organize a corn and cotton club in every school community in Wilbarger County.

The steamship J. F. Luckenbach, of the Seaboard line, arrived at Port Arthur recently, carrying twenty-six carloads of freight for Beaumont merchants.

A New York syndicate has leased 209,000 acres of land near San Angelo for the purpose of exploiting the oil possibilities. Prospecting work will begin at once.

A party of Wisconsin farmers will locate on the Buena Vista irrigation project, near the Imperial Dam, recently constructed on the Pecos River, near Pecos City.

The Cotton Belt will build a new passenger depot at Hamilton soon. All improvements, including grounds, will involve an expenditure of approximately \$150,000.

A dairy farm of 33,000 acres of land situated fourteen miles from Amarillo will be put into operation in the near future. Cheese will also be manufactured at this plant.

Thirty thousand dollars will be given away to breeders of pure-bred stock at the next annual Fat Stock Show, to be held in Fort Worth, March 18 to 23, inclusive.

A shipment of 800 head of cattle will be made by the King Ranch, in South Texas, to the ranch of the Matador Land & Cattle Company in Brazil, early in the spring.

The first homeseekers' excursion to be run south over the lines of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain system brought 200 prospective land buyers to San Antonio last week.

One of the largest sweet potatoes ever grown in the State was raised near New Boston recently. The potato, which is of the bunch yam variety, tipped the scales at fourteen and one-half pounds.

C. E. Coleman, of Corpus Christi, one of the largest independent cabbage dealers in that section, this week paid one hundred and fifty dollars per acre for cabbage standing in the field, which is regarded as an unusually good figure.

On February 1st, the Texas & Pacific and the International & Great Northern Railroads will organize jointly an agricultural department, with headquarters at Longview. R. R. Claridge, now immigration agent for the Gould lines, will have charge of the department.

Everything—for reasons of our own.

Schick Opera House Tuesday, January 30 Harry Green and a Clever Company Presenting ELI AND JANE A WHIRLWIND OF MIRTH MUSIC and FUN Four Big Specialties Pretty Dancers Sweet Singers Harry Green at Every Performance Prices 25c, 35c and 50c. Seats on Sale at Willis Drug Co.

In Society's Realm MRS. ROBT. MYERS ENTERTAINS. At her home, 209 White Street, Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5, Mrs. Robert Myers entertained with four tables of Five Hundred, complimentary to her sister, Miss Eleanor Lillie, of Colorado Springs, Colo., who is spending the winter in Plainview. Though small, the affair was one of the prettiest and most pleasant of the season's functions, the motif of pink and white being carried out in luncheon and score cards, the latter Harrison Fisher girls, tied with silken cords of pink.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY. In honor of their twenty-first anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Knight entertained a few of their intimate friends last Monday evening with Five Hundred. Around the six tables, those present enjoyed a series of interesting games until a late hour. Light refreshments were served.

We Give Away Absolutely Free of Cost The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in Plain English, or Medicine Simplified, by R. V. Pierce, M. D., Chief Consulting Physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, a book of 1008 large pages and over 700 illustrations, in strong paper covers, to any one sending 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only, or, in French Cloth binding for 31 stamps. Over 680,000 copies of this complete Family Doctor Book were sold in cloth binding at regular price of \$1.50. Afterwards, one and a half million copies were given away as above. A new, up-to-date revised edition is now ready for mailing. Better send NOW, before all are gone. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, R. V. Pierce, M. D., President, Buffalo, N. Y.

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