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The News trusts that no one will misunderstand our action in this matter and that we will continue our pleasant relations and merit your esteem.

Respectfully yours,
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HAD A GOOD BREAKFAST.

The Old Soldier Told the Affable Stranger How He Got It.

One day in the eighteenth century the great Emperor Joseph of Austria was out driving when a heavy shower came up. As the first big drops fell an old soldier of the Invalids came hobbling to the door of the carriage and asked to be taken in, because, he said, his uniform was new and he did not want to get it wet. The emperor, who was using the air as a private gentleman with no marks of his rank about him, told the old man to get in and at once fell to talking with him very affably. Soon the soldier mentioned that he had had a good breakfast that morning.

"What was it?" asked the emperor.

"Goes."

The emperor ran over all the dishes he could think of that were best liked among the common soldier, but to everything he mentioned the invalid answered, chuckling, "Better than that." At last, the emperor giving up the puzzle, he slapped his knee and declared he had taken a pheasant out of the imperial preserves. The emperor laughed sympathetically, and the subject was changed. When they had driven some time the poor poacher, after recounting some of his experiences in battle, remarked:

"You lok like a military man yourself. Are you in the army?"

The emperor said he was and was then asked what position he held.

"Guess," said the emperor.

The soldier guessed and guessed again. He finally guessed everything from sergeant up to marshal, and to every guess he got the answer, "Better than that."

Naturally after awhile the truth began to dawn on him, and the poor man was frightened nearly out of his wits but the emperor only laughed, told him to learn discretion in making confidences to strangers, asked him where he wanted to go, set him down at the right door and never took any further notice of his loss of a pheasant than to make it a favorite story at court.—Westminster Gazette.

Before His Time.

It was Mr Higginbotham's first visit to London, and he was taking his pleasure sadly. Theater and small attractions for him, and restaurants had less. He did not even come to see the building where the golden ore is produced.

How, then, did he spend his time? Giddy person! He was visiting all the ancient places that had played a part in the making of history. At the time this storyette takes him in hand he had already seen all but one. That one he was now determined to behold.

"I want to visit the building," he remarked to a bus conductor as the latter took his fare, "in front of which Charles I. was executed."

For a moment the conductor looked mystified, but for a moment only.

"You'd better ask a policeman," he said. "That must have happened before I came here. I've only been in London six months."—London Tit-Bits.

What Would You Do?

A striking example of presence of mind had just occurred in the history lesson, and the teacher considered it an opportune moment for inculcating upon her class the many advantages of resourcefulness.

"Now, children," she said, "supposing a tiger were to seize one of you in its hungry jaws and carry you off into the jungle, what would you do? You tell me, Tommy," she continued, pointing to one of the brightest youngsters.

Tommy hesitated.

"Come, Tommy," she said, "would you cry for help?"

"No, ma'am," said he. "Mother says little boys shouldn't speak at meal times."—London Pick-Me-Up.

An Eye For Business.

The boy of the family, the smart little son of an editor, had just passed his ninth birthday and delighted in stirring things up whenever he found a chance. On his way to school one day he popped into a hardware store.

"Say, mister," he called out, "do you keep knives?"

"Oh, yes," replied the storekeeper; "we've kept them for years."

"Well," returned the boy, starting for the door, "just advertise, and then you won't keep them so long."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Then Buys a Meal.

Sweet Young Thing—I suppose, Mr. Oldhead, that you are sometimes afflicted with writer's cramp?

Oldhead (novelist)—Oh, yes, my dear; very often.

S. Y. T.—What do you do for it, Mr. Oldhead?

Oldhead—Oh, I put up my watch or negotiate a small loan from some of the boys.—Kansas City Independent.

HOT BATHS IN JAPAN.

The Water the Natives Use Would Parboil an Occidental.

The extreme heat at which the Japanese take their daily baths has been the cause of wonder on the part of many Caucasians, and the prevalent opinion that one is liable to catch cold after a hot bath has been unable to reconcile itself with the immunity of the Japanese from colds.

In a paper entitled "Baths and Bathing in Japan," published in the Journal of the Royal Army Medical Corps, Major E. Bruce Barnett explains these things. He says: "The Japanese in their persons and houses are the cleanest persons in the world."

and child of high or low degree has a daily hot bath. The bathing habit is universal and dates back to the days of mythology, the baths being taken at a temperature which is perfectly astonishing to people who are only acquainted with the tepid water of Europe and America.

There are many public baths in Japan, but nearly every private house has one, either in the house itself or adjacent to it. The ordinary bath consists of a large wooden tub, oval in shape and fitted with a cover. At one end it is traversed by a copper tube, in which charcoal can be made to burn, the water in this way being readily raised to the required temperature. Before he enters the tub the bather thoroughly lathers himself from head to foot and washes the suds off by means of a wooden ladle or dipper. He then sits in the tub immersed up to his chin for several minutes, enduring a degree of heat by which a European would be well nigh parboiled.

When first Japan began to study the methods of western nations the excessive heat of the baths was strongly condemned, and a law was made that the water in the public baths should be only moderately heated. This caused great discontent, so a committee composed of European and Japanese medical men was appointed to decide the question. The verdict was in favor of the national custom, which was pronounced to be not only harmless, but beneficial. The high temperature of the water was said to open the pores of the skin thoroughly, even without the use of soap, and a healthy action of the skin and cleanliness were secured which it was impossible to get with any amount of washing in cold or so called hot baths. The hotter the water the less chance there was of catching cold, while a very hot bath taken when it was felt that a cold was coming on was the very best method of aborting it.

The invigorating effect of a very hot bath after a tedious day's journey in hot or cold weather was wonderful and very different from the relaxing effect of a tepid bath. It soothed the nerves, eased the tired muscles, promoted appetite and gave sound sleep. In very cold weather a really hot bath had the effect of preventing the cold being felt for several hours afterward, while in hot weather it had a distinctly cooling and agreeable effect.

The Famine Saved Him.

A remark made many years ago, says a writer in the London Telegraph, is still numbered among the gems in the king's collection of Irish bulls. It was a time of famine, and Miss Balfour, the sister of the former premier of England, Arthur Balfour, then chief secretary for Ireland, was one of the noble hearted band of men and women who were helping with food and clothes the victims of those black days.

As she sat in a cabin one morning an old man called down blessings on the head of her distinguished brother and on the heads of all those who had ministered to the wants of the poor.

"And sure, my sweet lady," he said, "if it hadn't been for the famine it's starving we'd be this day."

Writing Letters.

In the course of our lives, says a statistician, although we write many letters, we have not the remotest idea of the distance our hand covers while traveling over the paper. According to him, the average man or woman writes about thirty words a minute, which, with the up and down strokes and curves, represent something like five yards, or 300 yards an hour. A person, therefore, using his pen for, say, two hours a day can boast that his right hand has journeyed a distance of 120 miles.—London Gentlewoman.

A Difficult Roll Call.

The professor of English in one of our western colleges was noted for being very absentminded. It was his custom to call the roll each morning before the lecture. One morning, after calling a name to which there was no response, he looked up, and, peering over his spectacles, he asked sharply:

"Who is the absent boy in the vacant chair I see before me?"—Lippincott's.

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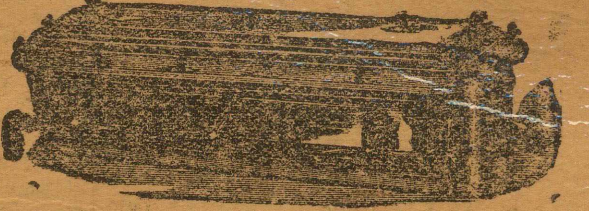
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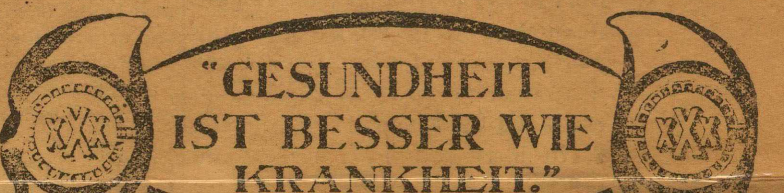
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A FRENCH WEDDING.

The Way a Marriage in the Country Districts is Conducted.

Sometimes a country wedding passed, and that was always a pretty sight. A marriage is always an important affair in France in every class of life. There are long discussions with all the members of the two families. The cure, the notary, the patron (if the young man is a workman), are all consulted, and there are as many negotiations and agreements in the most humble families as in the grand monde of the Faubourg St. Germain. Almost all French parents give a dot of some kind to their children, and whatever the sum is, either 500 francs or 2,000 francs, it is always scrupulously paid over to the notary.

The wedding day is a long one. After the religious ceremony in the church all the wedding party—members of the two families and a certain number of friends—adjourn to the hotel of the little town for a breakfast, which is long and most abundant. Then comes the crowning glow of the day—a country walk along the dusty highroad to some wood or meadow, where they can spend the whole afternoon.

It is pretty to see the little procession trudging along, the bride in all her wedding garments, white dress, white shoes, wreath and veil; the groom in a dress-coat, top hat, white cravat and waistcoat, with a white ribbon bow on his sleeve. Almost all the girls and young women are dressed in white or light colors; the mothers and grandmothers (the whole family turns out) in black, with flowers in their bonnets.

There is usually a fiddler walking ahead making most remarkable sounds on his old cracked instrument, and the younger members of the party take an occasional gallop along the road. They are generally very gay. There is much laughing and from time to time a burst of song. It is always a mystery to me how the bride keeps her dress and petticoat so clean, but she does, and that extraordinary knowledge of Frenchwomen seem to have of holding up their skirts.

They passed often under the wall of the chateau, for a favorite resting place was in our woods. At the entrance of the alley, where it widens out a little, the moss makes a beautiful soft carpet, and the big trees give perfect shade. We heard sounds of merriment one day when we were passing, and we stopped to look on from behind the bushes, where we couldn't be seen.—Mme. Waddington in Scribner's.

SHAPING HIS CAREER.

Stephen Girard's Method With His Favorite Clerk.

Stephen Girard, the founder of Girard College for Boys, was as eccentric in his philanthropies as he was shrewd and farseeing in his business. The following story is one of many which are told about his novel methods of distributing favors:

Mr. Girard had a favorite clerk, about whom he always said he intended "to do well by Ben Lippincott." So when Lippincott got to be twenty-one he expected to hear something of his future prospects and perhaps get a helping hand to start. But Girard carefully avoided the subject. The clerk mustered up courage.

"I suppose I am free, sir," said he, "and I thought I would say something to you as to my course. What do you think I had better do?"

"Yes, yes, I know you are," said the old millionaire, "and my advice is that you go and learn the cooper trade." This nearly froze the clerk; but, recovering equilibrium, he said if Mr. Girard was in earnest he would do so.

"I am in earnest." And Lippincott sought the best cooper in Spring Garden, became an apprentice and in due time could make as good a barrel as the best. He announced to Mr. Girard that he had learned his trade and was ready to set up in business. The old man seemed gratified and immediately ordered three of the best barrels he could make.

The young cooper did his prettiest and wheeled them up to the old man's counting room. Girard pronounced them first rate and demanded the price. "One dollar," said Lippincott, "is now as low as I can live by."

"Cheap enough. Make out your bill."

The bill was made out, and Girard settled it with a check for \$20,000, which he accompanied with the moral to the boy: "There, take that. Invest it in the best possible manner, and if you're unfortunate and lose it you have a trade to fall back upon which will afford you a good living."

Not His Affinity.

The lank, long haired young man looked dreamily at the charming girl on whom he was endeavoring to make a favorable impression.

"Did you ever long for death?" he asked in a low and moving tone.

"Whose?" inquired the charming but practical young person.—Youth's Companion.

MENTAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

How Do You Remember People With Whom You Are Acquainted?

"How do you remember people?" asked the professor.

It is always safe to answer the professor guardedly. "Remember people?" his vis-a-vis replied. "Why, I don't know that I can say exactly. I suppose I remember them for what they've been to me—friends or foes. Sometimes," he added, "I remember them for what I've been to them."

"So do I," rejoined the professor; "so do I. But that isn't just what I mean. I'm referring to the way in which you remember them, the characteristics that come to mind when you think of a person you haven't seen for—well, we'll say a year."

"Characteristics? I don't believe I think of any characteristics, at least not till later. I picture the person as a whole, of course, to begin with."

The professor's smile showed that he really was about to begin to talk. "That is precisely what you do not do," he said. "It's just the other way around. You think of the characteristics, or rather of one dominant characteristic first, then of another which doesn't appeal to you quite so much, and you end up by getting what you speak of loosely as the 'whole.' Take me, for example. Close your eyes and tell me what, if you were trying to recall me to your thoughts, would come before your mental vision first."

"I think," the answer came slowly, "it would be the way that you sit in your chair when you are talking to me, with your legs crossed and your hands folded and the twinkle in your eye as you show me where I'm wrong in an opinion."

"Exactly," returned the professor in high good humor. "That proves what I've been saying. You piece me out, as it were. And that's the way you'd do with anybody. It's the little things about a man or woman that stick in the memory. When you put enough of the little things together you get your general notion. It's because personality, individuality—call it what you want—expresses itself, as a rule, through the little things. It is with no disrespect to my father—peace be to him—that I say my thoughts concerning his appearance center about his beaver hat. I see that beaver hat the first thing when I remember him, and, as you might say, he groups himself under it. In thinking of you, if you will pardon my making the remark, you arrange yourself around your omnipresent pipe."—New York Press.

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Stock News.

W. T. Hancock of Menardville was in Sonora several days this week. He wants fat cows.

Oscar Cain of San Angelo, was in Sonora Tuesday, wanting fat cows.

J. A. Cope & Co., sold for Sol Mayer of Sonora, to Russell & Hancock of Menardville, about 150 head of fat cows at p t.

G. W. Cheaser was in from the north Tuesday evening. He has about 20 head of young ones. He would like to sell at once.

Oscar Cain of San Angelo, bought 50 head of fat cows from Sam McKee and 50 from Four Mayfield at p t.

J. A. Cope Co the land men, has several bargains in ranches, to sell the stock and lease the ranch. See his list before making any deals. 33

A SNAP

I have for sale at a bargain. A small ranch, three sections of school land, 200 acres deeded, with improvements. See me for particulars.

Geo. J. Trainer.

It is generally expected that the farmers of Oklahoma, will keep the range territory open to Texas cattle as in the past. The grazing and feeding of cattle is a great help to the farmers of that country and it is hoped they will see their way clear to keep the country open for this season at least. The day is near at hand, however, when the range will all be cut up into farms or grazed by the local cattle. The Texas cowman must prepare for this coming condition. The marketing of calves and fat cows will have to be given closer attention and the business conducted on new lines. Now while there is good prospects of the Territory being open this year it will be wise for the cowman to get his cows in shape for a big and general cleaning up. Provided the territory is kept open it is believed that the price for cows will not exceed \$12. There is a question in the minds of many cattlemen as to the ability of the commission men to furnish the money necessary to move the cattle and a consequent shrinking of values.

It will be interesting as well as surprising to stockmen generally that Edwards County has more livestock, including cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, horses and mules, than any county in the State, the total being 308,225 head. The Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter, with its characteristic enterprise, secured the totals from the assessors' rolls in advance of any other publication, and in addition to the above, says: "The total of 308,225 head is made up of 57,267 head of cattle, 63,122 sheep, 172,595 goats, 9,470 hogs and 5,777 horses and mules. The cattle and goat counts are as follows: Edwards County leads in cattle, with 93,871 head; Val Verde has the most sheep, 157,857; Edwards County stands at the head of the goat counties, with 172,595. The most hogs are not to be found as one would expect, in one of the populous stock land counties, but in Angelina, a sparsely settled East Texas county, that reports 82,817. Ellis has the most horses and mules, 23,017.—San Antonio Express.

Must Run on His Own Record.

John—"Wife, my friends want me to run for office; have I ever done anything that they could bring up against me if I decide to run?"

Wife—"If you have, John, I have never heard of it."

John—"But supposing I run my dear, did you ever do anything that you would not want known?"

Wife—"Now, look here, John, if there's any likelihood of my past life being investigated you don't run, and that settles it."—Exchange.

Letter to W. B. Smith.
Sonora, Texas.
Dear Sir: Here's a tale with three or four tails to it.

Professor Irvin has an Academy, Mercersburg, Penn. He paints the floors in summer vacation. It used to take 90 gallons of paint. There were two paint stores there, and he used to buy (one year from one, or next year of the other) 90 gallons year after year.

Now he paints Devoe; 60 gallon; and the difference is a saving of \$150 a year.

H. C. Fallon was one of those dealers, good man; but he wouldn't take up Devoe; so we turned to the other, J. A. Boyd. But Fallon has found it necessary to get a good paint to compete with Devoe. He got one of the eight highest paints. He has a big hardware store and is doing an excellent hardware business; but Boyd, of course, has the run on paint—he's a little hardware man.

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Russia has naval expert following American battleships from port to port. Other warships are always near by. They find it convenient to be in the same harbor with Admiral Evans' fleet. Object is to observe how the ships stand strain.

Caught in the Rain.

Then a cold and a cough—let it run on—get pneumonia or consumption that's all. No matter how you get your cough don't neglect it—take Ballard's Horehound Syrup and you'll be over it in no time. The sure cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis and all pulmonary diseases in young and old. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Jim Pharris and W. T. Hancock returned Wednesday night from Fort Worth, where they went to market four car loads of fat cows. They got good prices, one car belonging to Mr. Hancock sold at \$3.05 and the loest car brought 2.65.—Menardville Messenger.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Safe Medicine for Children.

In buying a cough medicine for children, never be afraid to buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it, and relief is always sure to follow. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and there is no better medicine in the world for these diseases. It is not only a certain cure for croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. Whooping cough is not dangerous when this remedy is given as directed. It contains no opium or other harmful drugs, and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by J. Lewenthal.

An appropriation of \$500,000 will be asked of congress this year for the purpose of fighting the cattle tick in Southern states during the next fiscal year. Last March \$150,000 was voted for this purpose, and while experts of the Department of Agriculture have by no means succeeded in eradicating the pest, still they have made good progress. It is largely an educational campaign. The only way in which the disease can be successfully combated is by segregation of infected animals, spraying, dipping and rotation of pastures. That the work of the department is being greatly appreciated in the South is evident from the fact that petitions are already being received by congressmen from various commercial and agricultural bodies praying for the larger appropriation this year.—Texas Stockman and Farmer.

John R. Walsh was found guilty of misappropriating funds of the Chicago National Bank.

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ELATED OVER DEAL.

A Messenger man was inquiring of Mr. L. L. Russell to learn something about the land deal which was made Saturday between Tom Russell and Irv Ellis, and Leo almost ignored the inquiry and said:

"Talking about land deals, I got the best bargain in a land deal while up in Kansas the other day I have heard of in a long time."

"How was that?" we inquired.

"Well, sir, I bought \$234 acres of good land in southern Kansas at \$9 per acre. There are 400 acres in cultivation and the balance is all fine grazing land."

Now that the Southern cattlemen have been cut off from leasing land in large tracts in Oklahoma, it behooves him to get possession of a big tract up in that part of the country—if he can, but land values have risen so rapidly there that it is almost impossible to pay the prices asked and come out with any profit by grazing cattle on it. Mr. Russell has a right to feel proud of his trade.

The tract of land he bought lies in Chattanooga and Cowley counties, near the Oklahoma line.—Menardville Messenger.

FROM THE ANTILLAS.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Brings a City Councillor at Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. W. O'Reilly Fogarty, who is a member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as follows: "One bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think I should have been more quickly relieved if I had continued the remedy. That it was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and that it is my intention to obtain another bottle." For sale by J. Lewenthal.

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CAN YOU JUDGE THE FUTURE BY THE PAST?

The Table Below Shows What the Rainfall has Been For the Past Five Years Here

The year 1907 was a dry one, and still the record shows that the only month in which no rain fell was December. The precipitation for the year was 22.45 inches, which is holding the record close. Presumably the cause of the crop failure throughout the west, was the fact that the last three months of 1906 and the first four of 1907 the rain fall was so small and scattered that moisture was lacking to start vegetation.

As the record goes, the result is becoming more interesting. While the average for the first four years of record kept at Sonora, showed 24.43 inches which included the unprecedented rainfall of 1906—nearly 30 inches—still with the past dry year the average is a little over 24 inches. Agricultural stations contend that crops may be successfully raised in this climate with an average rainfall of 22 in.

We herewith give the precipitation by months for the past five years in the Sonora country as kept under U. S. Government regulations.

	04	05	06	07
Jan.	2.61	12.02	13.42	
Feb.	2.75	28.12	63.92	
Mar.	5.00	3.61	42.62	
Apr.	1.04	9.42	2.39	57
May	5.16	2.70	3.84	4.47
June	4.77	3.07	1.10	2.57
July	2.4	1.18	2.4	4.52
Aug.	3.0	3.88	1.19	4.24
Sept.	3.24	3.80	3.08	8.00
Oct.	1.44	2.86	1.95	63.620
Nov.	0.0	2.52	1.78	81.384
Dec.	1.4	1.8	1.6	69.00
	22.82	21.58	23.91	29.11

Respectfully,
MIKE MURPHY,
Co-operative Observer

CATTLE TICKS DISAPPEARING?

Experts Are Slowly Driving Them Out of South.

The work of eradicating the fever tick in the infested area was not undertaken by the Federal government until July 1, 1906 yet as a result there have been released from quarantine certain areas in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas and California, amounting approximately to 20,000 square miles, twenty counties previously in quarantine have been admitted to provisional quarantine and good headway has been made in still other areas. During the last fiscal year the work has been pursued in cooperation with state authorities in the states above named, and in Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Oklahoma. It has included 1,934,488 inspections of cattle, 539,674 of which were inspections, thus indicating the inspection of 1,894,814 individual cattle, these comprising 95,566 separate herds. Various approved methods for the eradication of ticks have been used, including pasture rotation and dipping, spraying and hand dressing with oil and oil emulsion.

The number of cattle moved from the area quarantined for southern fever to northern markets during the quarantine season of 1906 was 1,000,629, shipped in 36,213 cars. These cattle were all for immediate slaughter and were banded under the supervision and regulations of the department of agriculture at Washington. There were also inspected in the provisional quarantined areas of Texas and Oklahoma 126,238 head of cattle, which were permitted to be moved north for purpose other than immediate slaughter. Supervision was exercised over 137,902 dipping in crude petroleum, and over the cleaning and disinfection of 36,895 cars.

There is much satisfaction expressed over the work of the Federal authorities in Texas during the last year in dealing with the tick problem, and it is hoped that during the next year even more favorable results may be obtained thru the hearty co-operation of all the ranchmen who are interested in this very important proposition. While there has been more or less co-operation during the last year, better results could have been obtained if all the cattlemen in the infested territory had fallen into line, and during the coming year every possible effort will be made to get them into line.

The Federal people who are co-operating with the state officials in an effort to solve the tick problem are hopeful that as the excellent results of the work being done become clearly apparent, there will be a general revival of interest among all cattlemen in the infested territory, which will be sufficient to insure determination to carry on the work until all the ticks are wiped out. There are no ranchmen operating in the infested territory who are not fully conversant with the evil effects of tick domination. The losses that occur from the presence of the tick every year would be far more than sufficient to pay the total cost of eradication, but the work of eradicating the ticks has been a slow and laborious process.

It is believed the ticks are showing marked decrease in a number of West Texas counties as a result of the methods that have been applied in the process of eradication. There are a number of ranchmen out in that section who deplore their pastures have been practically cleared during the last year as a result of the rotatory system, which results in starting out the parasites thru the removal of cattle to clean surroundings, and as the pastures are thus cleaned the cattle can be returned. This process is beneficial both to the cattle and to the pastures, from the fact that it permits the grass to grow and get under good headway while the ticks are being put out of business.

It is hoped that in time practically all of the tick infested area of Texas can be cleaned in this manner and in this connection it would be well to bear in mind that suggestions that gone up from certain interests out in the range country that some of the ground that is now being battled over should be abandoned to the ticks does not meet with official favor.—Stockman-Journal.

Societies.

A. F. & A. M.
Deo-Orn lodge No. 718 meets in Sonora on the Saturday after the full moon. J. J. North, W. M.; J. Lewenthal, Secy.

Eastern Star
Meets on the first Thursday after the full moon. Mrs. J. L. Burroughs, W. M.; R. C. Dawson, Secy.

W. O. W.
Camp No. 173, Woodmen of the World meets first Saturday before full moon. C. J. Nichols Com., J. A. Hagerland, Clerk.

Woodmen Circle.
Meets on the first and third Tuesday in the month. John Holland Gustafson, Mrs. C. J. Nichols, Clerk.

K. O. T. M.
Sonora Tent No. 408, Knights of the Maeabees, meets on the second and fourth Mondays in each month. J. B. Garland, Com.; J. A. Hagerland, K. M.

L. O. T. M.
Sonora Hive No. 59, Ladies of the Maeabees meets on the first and third Saturdays in each month. Winnie Adwell, Com.; J. A. Hagerland, K. M.

Mens Business Club.
Off Sonora meets on the first and third Tuesdays in each month. S. H. Tyler, President, Mike Murphy, Secretary.

H. & O Club.
The Half Century and Over Club meets on the first Saturday in each month. P. Hurst, President, D. E. Woodruff, Secretary.

Firemen
Meet on the first and third Tuesdays in each month. Geo. J. Trainer, Com.; C. J. Lewis, Secretary.

Cemetery Association.
Meets on the first Friday in each month. Mrs. James Hagerland, President, Mrs. S. G. Taylor, Secretary. Ladies Auxiliary of the Baptist church meets on the first Wednesday in each month. Mrs. A. A. Stewart, Pres; Mrs. E. S. Bryant, Secy.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock, J. A. Black, Supt.

Y. P. U. and Epworth, Sunday at 6 o'clock.

Prayer meeting at Methodist church Wednesday nights.

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Gay Harris was up from the E. R. Jackson ranch Saturday, for windmill rings.

Eyes Mother.

Is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to lung or pleurisy or pneumonia—their something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent complications. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Bud Dail and son Larry were in from the ranch Tuesday trading.

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Jim Parris was in from the E. F. Clarkson ranch several days this week. He has just returned from Brady where he had been with some of the Clarkson cows.

It Does The Business.

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Buckle's Anker Salve: "I do not use this salve; I have used it for piles and on cured them. I used it for the pedicled and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

If some of the candidates don't hurry up an announce we won't be able to pay our taxes and consequently won't be able to vote. Get a move on.

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SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Sonora, will be held at said Bank Tuesday, February 11, 1908.
 W. L. ALDWELL Cashier.

Guinness Dublin Stout is for sale at the Bank Saloon.

Giles Hill was in from the ranch Thursday trading.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer; Devote.

Dock Wolf was in Sonora trading Saturday.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills known. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Brice Doney of Eldorado was a visitor in Sonora Monday.

DeWitt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve is especially recommended for piles. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Will Wyatt was up from the ranch Monday trading.

Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They promptly relieve backache and weak back. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Wes Evson was in from the ranch Friday, on a visit to his family.

Henry Diebitch was in from his ranch Monday for supplies and to visit his family.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K.

F. F. Halbert arrived home Saturday from Marlin where he had been for the benefit of his health.

Pay your poll tax now. This is election year. State and National candidates as well as County candidates will soon be asking for your vote. You will feel ashamed if you have to tell them you are disfranchised.

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TRAINER BROS. BANK SALOON.

BRADLEY WINS.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 23—The senatorial ballot today resulted as follows: Bradley 80; Beckham 62; McCreary 4. Scattering 2.

Walter Taylor was in from the Page ranch Friday for supplies.

John Ebbins and son Ed were in from the ranch Thursday.

Graude Baker was in from the ranch Thursday.

If you have a dollar and owe it to some one pay it to him. This will make the wheels go round again.

Mrs. A. R. Ouborn and son Billie were in from the ranch Saturday shopping.

Pay your road tax to Treasurer J. E. Grimstead before Feb. 1. and save \$2.00.

Sol Mayer was in from his ranch Friday attending to some business. Sol says stock on the ranch is in good shape.

Nathan Weaver was in from the ranch Saturday to pay his taxes. While here he squared up with the Devil for which we are very thankful.

Your attention is called to the advertisement of Cooper's Dip in this issue. The Cooper people have been in the business for years and while other good dips have come and gone Cooper's is always the best.

Mrs. M. M. Parkerson was in from the ranch several days this week visiting her daughter Mrs. J. A. Cope. Mrs. Parkerson left for home Saturday accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Sauty and children who will make their home on the ranch.

Mrs. Hugh Shardin died at her home in Gateville, on Sunday, Jan. 12, 1908, in her 72nd year. She was the mother of C. T. Turney of Meilla Park, N. M. and Joe Turney of Jaso, Tex. The News sympathizes with the Messrs Turney in the loss of their best friend.

Married at the residence of County Judge L. Wardlaw in Sonora on Wednesday, January 22, 1908, Miss Mary Sharrp to Debra Word, Judge Wardlaw officiating. The event was a surprise to most of the friends of the contracting parties. The bride is a charming and accomplished young lady, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Sharrp and the groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Word. The happy couple will make their home at the Word ranch, 20 miles west of Sonora. The News extends congratulations and best wishes.

A meeting of the Southwest Texas Sheep and Goat Growers Association, will be held at Del Rio, Texas, February 1st. This meeting will be most important to the sheep and goat, wool and mohair interests. The following questions of importance will be considered and discussed: The eradication of scab—the 28 hour law—the wild animal bounty law—the revision of tariff on wool and mohair—the question of advance to herders—importation of ewe-sheep without duty, and other questions of great importance. All these subjects will be discussed by able speakers and the meeting will unquestionably be one of the greatest gatherings of stock men in this country.

Burnet, Texas, Jan. 23—The jury in the case of Mrs. Will Phillips against Don Gray, returned a verdict allowing damages in the sum of \$8750 for the killing of her husband a year ago, on which charge Gray was last week given a sentence of four years in the penitentiary. Gray is a well-to-do stockman, while Phillips was a poor man and left a wife and five small children to mourn his loss.

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Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The News rates for announcements: Congressional, Legislative and Judicial Districts—\$15.
 County offices—\$10.
 Precinct offices—\$2.50.
 All announcements are payable in cash in advance.
 The Devil's River News is authorized to announce:

BIG LAND DEAL.

Last Saturday Tom Russell and Irv Ellis closed the biggest land deal that has been made in Menard county for some time.
 The deal conveyed from Mr. Ellis to Mr. Russell 3388 acres of land lying east and south of the city and bordering the city on the south.
 While a great deal of the tract is a grazing land, it contains a 200 acre farm in a high state of cultivation, and improvements that cost up into the thousands.
 The price paid was \$18000, and it is said to be well worth that figure.
 This ranch was the property of Felix Mann before it came into the possession of Mr. Ellis.
 Mr. Russell, we understand, will move to his farm home in a few days, and Lawson Kirkpatrick will also move there to assist Tom in running the farm and ranch—Menardville Messenger.

A deal was closed today by which Marvin Hunter acquires the stock of racket goods at the G. A. Campbell store on North Chisholme street. In exchange for this stock of merchandise Mr. Campbell becomes owner of the Hunter tract of land in Sutton county—Daily Standard Jan. 16.

The penalty is added on taxes not paid before February 1st.

W. B. Smith was up from his ranch Thursday trading.

Hige Smith was in town Thursday trading.

Cashiers checks, certified checks or check books taken at par at his office.

E. W. Wall was in from his farm and ranch in the Frank's Defeat Country Wednesday trading.

Tom Adams was in from his ranch Thursday for supplies and to visit his family.

A. C. Hall of Waco, an Infernal Revenue officer, was in Sonora Wednesday on official business.

Bert Page, the stockman and farmer of Mayer, was in Sonora Thursday on business.

The gin at Eldorado up to last week had ginned only 42 bales of cotton for the season.

John Martin who ranches on the line of Sutton and Crockett counties, was in Sonora Wednesday on business.

Mr and Mrs. Clyde Windrow babe are visiting Mrs. Windrow's mother Mrs. F. M. Wyatt on the ranch this week.

The old Vander Stucken blacksmith shop has been raised and floored, is being repainted and will make a large and convenient warehouse.

It is expected that there will be four candidates for District Attorney this year. The office now pays about \$2000 a year and upward and the remuneration is bringing out many young lawyers for the position.

The school bond election at Eldorado last Saturday carried by a handsome majority. The vote favored the issuance of \$14000 bonds for the erection of a new school building. The News extends congratulations to the progressive element of Eldorado.

Tax Collector J. S. Allison reports that the non resident tax payers are more delinquent this year than the residents. The last five days of January will be busy ones at the collectors office. The penalty after the last of January is ten per cent and it is to be hoped that residents will be able to pay before this penalty is added.

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Trainer Bros of the Bank Saloon will accept the Cashiers Checks issued by the First National Bank in payment of accounts and in the course of business.
 If you have any fat cows for sale it will pay you to see J. A. Cope the live stock man of Sonora.

