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England Wants Our Horses.

The British war office is considering the advisability of applying to America for the solution of a serious problem now facing it.

The department has a scheme before it for dispatching a delegation of expert remount officers to the United States to study and purchase a squad of thoroughbred American trotting stallions as a nucleus for an establishment here of an efficient supply system of army remounts.

The British war office has at last awakened to the fact of a tremendous scarcity of horses in England that can be used for British army purposes, experts have advised the adoption of American trotters as a basis for breeding here.

Since the advent of the motor car horses have been superseded and farmers and other have given practically no attention to horse breeding at all. As a consequence the war office is now faced with the problem of the nation's stable being empty.

Almost the only encouragement the government gives horse breeders here is what is known as Kings Premium. This is a yearly allowance granted to owners of thoroughbred stallions on condition they be placed at the service of tenant farmers, who have good mares. The war office has a lien on the progeny.

The reason for the selection of American trotters to the exclusion of the English hunter is that the former are more suitable than the latter. They are fast sprinters last longer work harder and perform a greater variety of tasks.

It is also pointed out that the German, Austrian, French, Roumanian and Russian governments are all encouraging the trotting breed for military purposes.

—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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The Ecclesiastical Court.

Thomas F. McGuire, Charlie B. White and Worth S. Ray, all candidates for the office of comptroller, submitted their names to an ecclesiastical court composed of four clergymen. White and Ray were rejected and McGuire was declared to be the duly appointed one of the Lord by his four high priests of politics.

This relieved the people of the responsibility.

In the days of old Tammany Hall the high court of the Indian tribes of Democracy was composed of thirty-one district captains. There was no ecclesiastical court of last resort; the list of candidates was submitted to the thirty-one district captains by the big chief of the wigwam.

If they approved, the slate went through; if they refused to approve which was often the case, the politically unfit were rejected.

This Texas ecclesiastical court plan has its advantages over the old Tammany plan. Four men can get together quicker than thirty one, and then it relieves the people, who pay the freight, of all worry and responsibility.

It relieves them of the arduous task and the un-American privilege of naming their own servants. It serves to keep church and state apart, as provided in the declaration of independence of the United States, the federal constitution and the constitution of Texas.

It upholds the sacredness and sanctity of the bill of rights and gives us the merit system while you wait.

The car of progress rolls along

and the general uplift is slowly ascending the high hills of intellectual, theological and perfection.

It provides guardians for the people who perhaps are incapable of selecting their own officials and attending to their own business. Tammany was crucified in its meth ods.

Times changes all things and evolution is the order of the day.

Perhaps in the not distant future this court will be composed of one instead of four, and that the court will be unanimous in its choice of servants for the people of Texas.

If a court of last resort composed of four ecclesiastical is superior to a court composed of thirty one political captives, then why not one instead of four?

The keeper of the record is strongly for an ecclesiastical court, a union of political power and piety—a theological godhead and a political kinghead melted into one and this one to fill all the offices from governor to town constable.

This would do away with campaigns.

It would do away with the cost of holding primary election.

It would do away with spread eagle orators.

As many of the people are bone heads and some of them are pin heads, according to the perfectionist purist, this ecclesiastical court of last resort might become the crowning religious politico achievement of the twentieth century.—Hugh N. Fitzgerald in Fort Worth Record.

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Bucklen's Arnica Salve for cuts.

NEW WORK FOR AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Farmers' Union Would Have Commissioner of Agriculture Organize Co-operative Association of Farmers.

A Practical Farmer Demanded to Head Agricultural Department—No Law to be Violated.

Fort Worth, Texas.—The Commissioner of Agriculture has greater opportunities for service than any other official in State government. In addition to the important duties which have already been assigned that department by the Legislature, it is generally conceded that the Legislature will devote itself almost exclusively to agricultural problems and the proposed system of new and untried laws must be adjusted to working conditions by the next Commissioner of Agriculture in co-operation with the farmers.

The next administration will be confronted with the enactment and application of agricultural legislation and the Commissioner of Agriculture must be a practical farmer. The law requires, and public necessity demands, that he be a man who has first-hand knowledge of farming conditions.

We Stand for Law Enforcement.

We quote in part from the law on this subject: "The Commissioner of Agriculture shall have a knowledge of agriculture, manufacturing and general industry; shall be an experienced and practical farmer, etc."

We are going to put up a "posted" sign on the Agricultural Department against lawyers. There is no more reason why a lawyer should run the Commissioner of Agriculture than why a farmer should run the Attorney General. We know of no lawyers who attempt entering the race, but we want to notify them not to hurt our preserves in this campaign. We stand for law enforcement and call on all good citizens to see that the constitution is upheld and that no lawyer is permitted in the Department of Agriculture.

The Farmers' Union takes science by the hand and welcomes progress. We have been the pioneers in the movement for improved cultural methods but increasing production is not sufficient. The farmers have many important problems that cannot be solved by free garden seed, skillfully written bulletins and eloquent lectures. We will mention a few of them:

Organization and Co-operation needed.

The farmer has the best security on earth, yet he pays an average of from 10 to 30 per cent interest on his money, against four to eight per cent paid by other lines of industry on less stable securities. Is it education the farmer needs to reduce his rate of interest? We think not. He might raise the largest pumpkin; the biggest bushel of corn and enough vegetables per acre to fill a silo, but his rate of interest would remain the same.

The farm laborer works an average of 12 hours per day the year round at 11 cents per hour and feeds himself. The brick mason in Texas receives 10 cents per hour, the highest of any State in the Union, and farm laborer ranks thirty-fifth. The laborer in all other trades work approximately an average of 9 hours for 25 cents per hour. Is it education the farm laborer needs to bring their earning power up to that of their city cousins? We think not. He might read farm bulletins every night until the chickens crowed for day and he would not increase his wages one penny.

The average farm yields a net

income on the investment of 4 per cent and the average business 16 to 30 per cent. Will any one contend that this difference is due to ignorance on the part of the farmer? We think not. He might listen to agricultural lectures until he became gorged with knowledge and he would have no more to say in fixing the price of his products than he has today.

The world is one great corporation of which the farmers are the largest shareholders, but when we call at the counter of industry for our dividends we are handed a package of education and the other fellow gets the gold. We are glad to get the suggestions printed and otherwise, but we want to see the dividends and a voice in fixing the price of our products.

The Remedy.

We must further improve our cultural methods and move forward more rapidly in all branches of practical science of production, but the remedy for the present difficulties must come through organization and co-operation, and it is this new field of activities that the agricultural department must enter. Legislative permission to form rural credit associations; to build warehouses; to form co-operative cotton gin companies, to organize market associations, etc., is necessary, but it is not sufficient. To get the full benefit of these laws the farmers must be encouraged and directed in the organization of the respective associations needed in his community and this work properly belongs to the Department of Agriculture. It is as important a function of government to demonstrate the advantages of organization for the transaction of the business of farming as to demonstrate the advantages of cultural methods, and far more profitable. The formation of co-operative associations that will introduce economies in farm operations, reduce rates of interest, and afford facilities for the more profitable marketing of the crops, are what the Texas farmer needs today and needs badly.

The farmer has so often become the victim of unscrupulous promoters who operate under the guise of agricultural philanthropists that he very properly hesitates to enter into any voluntary organization that binds him financially. We have a very recent instance in which the farmers of this State were fleeced out of a few hundred thousand dollars by promoters, which illustrates the willingness of the farmers to co-operate in an effort to better their condition and demonstrates the disadvantage of no authoritative plan of action. He is entitled to the sanction of State and the endorsement of its authorized representative to co-operative contracts, in which his property and that of his neighbors are involved, and his faith in government will encourage him to enter into these new forms of business transactions when its seal of approval is placed upon them.

The appropriation should be made with a view to extending the work into rural credits and marketing, which is the most needed and most neglected factor in agriculture at this time. The farmers pay more into and get less out of government than any other class of citizens and have less to do with its management.

The next Commissioner of Agriculture should not only be a capable producer but a successful organizer as well. He should be a man who understands the business side of farming and of proven ability in co-operative work, and one who enjoys an extensive acquaintance and possesses the confidence of the farmers of Texas.

It is as important that we select the right man for Commissioner of Agriculture as that we enact constructive legislation on the subject, for laws that are not properly used are worse than no laws at all.

W. D. Lewis, President.
Peter Radford, Ex-President.
Texas Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union

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Uncle Sam Kills 40,000 Dogs.

In the current issue of Farm and Fireside appears the following: The United States government agents have killed 40,000 prairie dogs in the national forests of Colorado and Utah. The work cost \$12,000, and saves enough pasture to support 15,500 sheep or 1800 cattle. This at the rate of over six dollars a head, and making a range for cattle at that price is cheap in view of the fact that the rodents would have to be killed again. The poison used is strychnine mixed with starch meal and so applied to oats that the herons are easily coated. It kills ground squirrels and other rodents also.

Precedent for Mexico.

All the defenders of tyranny and privilege have one invariable argument against agrarian reform in Mexico. The great estates are divided, they say, but the peasant will lose his land within sixty days and be no better off than he was before. Either he will gamble his land away or the money lenders will take possession of it for debt.

This represents a very old problem in dealing with backward people; but it is not unsolvable. Lord Kitchener had to grapple with it in Egypt, and he met it by the simple process of applying the principle of the American home-stead exemption law. In Egypt the possessor of five acres or less is now secured in the possession of his land. His crops may be seized for debt; but his land, his tools, his farming implements and his two cattle can not be seized.

What Lord Kitchener's wisdom has done for Egypt, American wisdom can do for Mexico. Home-stead exemption is an American principle. Once applied to conditions in Mexico, peasant proprietorship could be permanently established and with it would come prosperity and peace.—New York World.

Coughs and Colds Weaken the System

Continued Coughs, Colds and Bronchial troubles are depressing and weaken the system. Loss of weight and appetite generally follow. Get a 50c. bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery today. It will stop your cough in the first three days. The best medicine for Stubborn Coughs, Colds and all throat and Lung Troubles. Mr. O. H. Brown, Muscatine, Ala., writes: "My wife was sick during the hot summer months and I honestly believe Dr. King's New Discovery saved her life." Good for children. 50c. and \$1.00, at your druggist.

Writ of Error Allowed.

Austin, Tex., June 5.—Writ of error was today allowed by the Texas Supreme Court to the Supreme Court of the United States in the case styled Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Company vs. State of Texas, from Travis.

This is the case where the Texas courts gave judgment requiring the Orient to conform to the Texas Constitution requiring lines of railroad to be extended into county seats where railroads ran within three miles of a county seat, providing there are no insurmountable physical obstacles. In this case the Orient was ordered by the commission to build into Sherwood, county seat of Irion County, it having established a station at Meritz in less than three miles from Sherwood.

Advertised Letters.

Domestic Letters
Charlie Abernathy, Mrs. Della Merritt.
Foreign Letters
Salome Morin, Louis Hries, His abis Mouty, Rosa Lira, Jesus Sernid Cisena, Andres Sempex, Bernardo Zilez, Pedro Rivera, Juan Bizaral, Del fino Benavidez, Maximilian Cardine, Maximilian Candias, Encarnacion Cruz Paz Torrez, Natalida Garza, Pedro Didz.

June will celebrate June 25, 26 and 27. Barbecue, racing, goat roping, etc. Dancing each night. Everybody invited.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson and Miss Lennert, Mrs. Sybil Mc Dor, Miss Marie Brannon, Miss Christa Brown and Dr. P. E. Scott, Dr. W. T. Chapman, and De Witt Noguera of Eldorado made up a fishing party that passed through Sonora Thursday for Devil's River on seven days outing.

Bob Bennett and Miss L. Bennett of Kerrville were married at Eldorado Wednesday. Bob is former man of the Success and a well known ball fan. The News extends best wishes to Mr and Mrs. Robert L. Bennett.

Alfred George Schild.

Alfred George Schild, 54 years old, died Tuesday night at his home in Wharton, Texas. He was a native of Texas and was a resident of San Antonio for many years being connected with various local business concerns for over thirty years. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Frieda Schild; one son, Arthur Schild, of the daughter, Mrs. Will Darysch of San Antonio; five sisters, Mrs. J. J. Wensley of Wharton, Mrs. Ed Holing of El Paso, Mrs. Fannie Wahmound of San Antonio, Mrs. Ludwig Ueber of Fredericksburg and Mrs. Joseph Ripstein of San Antonio, and three brothers, Otto of Fredericksburg, Theodor of Wharton and August of Sonora. The body was brought to San Antonio last night in the charge of the Rische Undertaking Company. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Wahmound, 216 Maverick Street, interment to be made in the Hermann Sons' Cemetery. The pall bearers will be Alfred Biese, E. Wahmound, George Wahmound, Will Krampkau, Fred Heilig, Rudolph Bese and Ben Huertler. Services will be conducted by Rev. L. Lehmann of the Friends' Evangelical church and also by the Wharton Lodge of the Order of Hermann Sons, of which he was the organizer. During his residence in San Antonio Mr. Schild was a member of the Siemering Lodge of the Order of Hermann Sons.—San Antonio Express.

State Candidates from Governor Down.

The books are closed and the candidates are as follows:
For Governor—James E. Ferguson, Thomas H. Bell, William F. Robertson and Leopold Morris.
For Lieutenant Governor—B. B. Sturgeon, W. P. Hobby, J. T. W. Lee and Leo Brashers.
For Attorney General—B. F. Looney.

For State Treasurer—John W. Baker and J. W. Edwards.
For Court of Criminal Appeals—W. L. Davidson and J. J. Fulk.
For Supreme Court—William E. Hawkins.

For Commissioner of Agriculture

For Commissioner of Agriculture—Fred W. Davis, H. A. Hutto and Gene Irion.
For Railroad Commissioner—J. M. Arnold and Ernie Meyfield.
For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. F. Dougherty and F. N. Marra.

For General Land Commissioner

For General Land Commissioner—Thomas M. Bartley, James T. Robinson and Charles Geers.
For Comptroller of Public Accounts—Charles B. White, C. C. Mayfield, J. L. Franklin, Frank Sykes and H. Terrell.

For Congressman at large—Daniel E. Garrett, T. J. O'Donnell, Jeff McLimore, J. H. Davis, R. B. Humphrey, W. P. Lane, J. L. Sheld, Will A. Harris and James H. Lowry.

Government Ownership.

Speaking of government ownership and its consequent inefficiency does anyone suppose that public ownership could have wasted as much for the New Haven as Morgan stole under cover of his trading and buying?
We've read some racy stories about grafters in public office, but nothing that compares with the looting of New Haven.

As a matter of fact, there are plenty of instances demonstrating the practical application of government management with beneficial results to both the economical and efficient phase of the problem.

There is no desire on the part of The Tribune to plunge into untried fields of government ownership without the most careful investigation. But the New Haven scandal, the Frisco scandal, the Katy scandal, certain operations of the H. & T. C. and the Santa Fe which ought to be scandals, point to the absurdity of denouncing government management as inefficient and wasteful.—Austin Tribune.

Cures Stubborn, Itchy Skin Troubles

"I could scratch myself to pieces" is often heard from sufferers of Eczema, Tetter, Itch and similar skin eruptions. Don't Scratch—Stop the Itching at once with Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Its first application starts healing; the Red, Rough, scaly, Itchy skin is soothed by the healing and cooling Medicines. Mrs. C. A. Einfeldt, Rock Island, Ill., after using Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment writes: "This is the first time in 9 years I have been free from the dreadful ailment."
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Rambouillet Rams

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I have bought 400 out of 1500 of their Pure Bred Rambouillets and they will be for sale in Texas about July 20.

These rams are one and two year old and fully developed and now on the finest range I ever saw. They are in the pick of condition and will be more matured when they arrive in Texas. I am in it a Pure Bred Rambouillet Ram business and my prices are reasonable. There has been nothing offered to meet with these Rams. Place your orders with me now.

T. B. ADAMS, Rambouillet Breeder

Sonora, Texas.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch known as the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles south east of Sonora, and other ranches owned and controlled by me, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
A. F. CLARKSON, Sonora, Texas.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 6 miles south 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.
J. T. Evans, Sr.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 21 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, or hunting live stock, hunting hogs or injuring fences, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
D. B. CUSENBARY, Sonora, Texas.

Notice To Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all Trespassers on my ranch 25 miles east of Sonora for the purpose of hunting, cutting timber, injuring fences, or driving cattle through these pastures without permission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
R. T. BAKER, Sonora, Texas, April 18, 1914.

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.
W. J. FIELDS, Sonora, Texas.

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J. R. ROBBINS, Sonora, Texas, April 18, 1914.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that any one trespassing on our ranch 16 miles northeast of Sonora for the purpose of hunting, cutting timber, hauling wood, hog hunting, working live stock, injuring our wolf proof or other fences or any way trespassing upon us will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
SPARKS BROS.

Crip Lost.

On Tuesday May 19, 1914 between Arthur Stuart's house and gate going into the Joe Ross pasture a leather grip with ruper on paper label. The grip was locked. Liberal reward for return to the Bank Saloon. 324

Announcements.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is authorized to announce.

The News rates for announcements is:

Congressional, Legislative and Judicial Districts \$5.

County officer \$10.

Precinct officers \$2.50.

All announcements are payable in cash in advance.

SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

F. H. Martin, as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Fred J. Trainer, as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

W. B. Keesee as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Y. B. Ross, as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

E. S. Briant as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Judge, of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

J. P. Grimland, as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Treasurer of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

J. D. Lowrey as a candidate for reelection to the office of County and District Clerk, of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

W. L. Biss et al as a candidate for election to the office of Constable of Precinct No. 1, Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Sam Luckie as a candidate for election to the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Rabbits A Menace.

In 1891 Austrian rabbits devastated the growing crops and precipitated one of the worst famines in history. Now the rabbits are in evidence in West Texas. A leading citizen of Gaines county, in speaking of the rabbit plague said to the keeper of the record: From all accounts the \$10,000 appropriated by the last legislature as bounty for wolf scalps resulted in the destruction of about 100,000 of those beasts and varmints, but in the plains country, including Gaines county, the garden spot of grand old Texas, it is now a question whether, as between the coyotes and the rabbits the former was not the lesser of the two evils, as to the killing of the wolves and cats was a principal part of the rabbit plague, the rabbits are now eating rapidly as to be a menace to agriculture and horticulture. So that it behooves the next legislature to make another appropriation of another \$100,000 to pay a bounty of \$500 a scalp for an ear of corn or wheat. Such a bounty will justify enterprising hunters to prepare wire netting hurdle fences with wings and a chute in the center after the manner of the old partridge net, by means of which the rabbits may be corralled by the hunters. Then the high cost of living will induce these same enterprising hunters, to kill, scalp and dress these rabbits, build a kiln and dry them as we used to dry beef and ship them east to towns and cities where they will readily sell at 10 to 20 cents per pound and thus supply a crying need of the meat hungry. The hurdle fence mentioned is made of wire netting, three feet high with a stay made of thin paling four feet long, two inches wide, and half inch thick, to which the netting may be strapped; the lower end of the stays to be extended one foot below bottom edge of the wire and be sharpened to stick in the ground, the stays to be twenty to fifty feet apart, and after so stapled, can be rolled up in convenient sections so as to be removed and reset in a new field. Several drives can be made at one setting. To get rid of the pests the neighbors will join in the drive. Peasants and peas, the two principal crops of the plains country, need protection from these rabbits, and the farming interests of the state will be greatly advantaged by their destruction. The 5 cent scalp bounty will inaugurate a move with a double result, beneficial to both producer and consumer and be in keeping with the general progress, in fact a get together proposition, by all parties. The rabbits is a pest; he should be exterminated. Elected representative farmers and successful business men and working men to the legislature and the mule ear and cotton tail will be driven from the plains of the West.—Fort Worth Record.

For Sale.

A four roomed house corner lot 50 & 140 near school house. Price \$750. Apply at news office 31-1f

Reduced Size.

After a concert at Manchester, England, Joachim, the great violinist, was at a station, waiting for a train.

A respectable looking man, apparently a navy in his best clothes, paced at his side awhile, watching him with close interest. Finally he asked for a light and got it. As he drew at his pipe to get it started he looked Joachim full in the face. Then, just as he was about to go on, he tapped the violinist's chest impressively. "But Paganini was the man," said he.

Joachim used to say that he never felt so small in his life. Whole pages of learned musical criticism had never begun to whittle him down so fine.

Naming Bloemfontein.

Bloemfontein was named after a robber called Jan Bloem, the son of a German father and half caste mother, who wandered about the wilds of Africa in the eighteenth century with a following of Hottentots and settled on the spot where Bloemfontein now stands. He lived by plunder and became one of the richest and most powerful captains of the Hottentots. He named the place Bloemfontein, and the name has remained to this day.—Johannesburg Chronicle.

Old Time Beauty Wash.

A famous lotion of colonial days, known as "morning dew," consisted of one ounce of rosewater, half an ounce of glycerin, half a teaspoonful of borax and three drops of benzoin. The quantities may be multiplied if a greater amount is needed. The lotion is applied to the chapped face, made rough from wind or exposure, with a bit of old linen.

Kansas City Receipts.

Kansas City, Mo., June 4.—6,000 sheep, strong to 100 higher. Lambs 15c higher.
Mo. State, San Angelo—359 lambs and yearling 78 pounds 6 75 296 wethers 95 pounds 5 75
Oglesby, Meitzner—140 lambs and yearlings, 75 pounds, 6 50.
Williams, Ozona—91 lambs and yearlings, 84 pounds, 6 60; 188 wethers, 86 pounds 5 50.
Mauldin, Ozona—270 ewes, wethers and yearlings 89 pounds, 5 50.
Hamilton, Del Rio—641 wethers 104 pounds 5 80.
A. B. Ross, Del Rio—564 brush-eaters 93 pound 4 80.
Turner, Barabart—251 goats 84 pound 4 50.
W. H. Standart—651 slick Mexican wethers goats, 59 pounds 3 75.

Lake MeLure Says.

The old-fashioned girl who used to read stories in which the lovers overcame all obstacles and were married and lived happily ever after is fast disappearing. Now has a daughter who reads stories in which they are divorced in the first chapter and shoot their affluents in the last chapter.

If a man manages to quit smoking for a whole day he wants to stop his friends and tell them all about his remarkable will power.

Most women are up to date in everything except their birthday.

Life is wonderful stuff. I will make a girl marry a man who is cross-eyed and has red whiskers and make her believe all the other women are jealous of her.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that speeding on the streets of Sonora in Automobiles or Auto Bikes must cease. All violations of the Speed Laws of this State will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. Owners and drivers are respectfully requested to assist in upholding the laws. The safety of the public further demands that there shall be no driving without suitable lights after dark.

Respectfully, T. B. ADAMS, Sheriff

Notice.

In order to correct the impression that it elected Sheriff of Sutton County I will turn the office over to some one else. I wish to positively deny that there is any truth or foundation to this report. On the contrary, I will personally conduct the office myself if elected and have not even promised or suggested a deputyship to any one. R. H. MARTIN.

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Day School.

Dr. J. F. Peek superintendent of the Sonora High School is conducting a six weeks day school to assist and enable students who desire to make higher grades the coming session. The classes are from the high seventh up and as the Sonora High School expects to make the affiliation with the University next session and from there on it is advisable that pupils desiring should avail themselves of this opportunity to be in line of advancement.

Jim Brown was up from the Theo. Savell ranch Saturday for supplies.

Mrs. and Mrs. Gilbert Kellis were in from the ranch Wednesday trading and visiting.

Mrs. Ab McKnight and daughter Presley left for McKeight, Okla. last Saturday on a visit to friends and relatives.

Bob Cauthorn has lumber on the ground for his new residence to be erected on the Woodruff lot on the street - The improvements will cost about \$1200.

J. N. Ross is having a two story building erected on his lot on East Concho Ave. to be used for a garage.

Jim Evans the Menard stockman was in Sonora Monday on his way home from a business trip to Ozona.

C. A. Thompson and Joe Winberley of Llano and Al Lindsay and Bud Kiser of Mason were business visitors in Sonora several days this week.

Mrs. John McClellan and son John of San Angelo arrived Tuesday to be with their husband and father John McClellan the builder and contractor. Mrs. McClellan was a Collins so John Jr. is the home ruler of that household.

W. M. Anderson who has been working for Jinks Blocker near Ballinger was in Sonora a few days this week on business. Bill says his part of the county is looking fine and that they will have lots of feed to put in the silos.

Mail Service from San Angelo.

W. L. Aldwell, president of the Sonora Commercial Club received a wire from Congressman W. R. Smith Saturday morning stating that he had succeeded in getting the assurance of the Postoffice Department that the contract for carrying the Sonora mail would be let to a bidder for carrying the mail from Sonora to San Angelo and not via Merizon as attempted. Congressman Smith is entitled to credit in this matter and the action was taken on the protest of the Sonora people.

R. F. Halbert of Eldorado was in Sonora Tuesday on business. Incidentally Mr. Halbert said a few words about his brother H. A. Halbert of Coleman, being a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture. "Bob" however was surprised to find that many voters were for Halbert's "Honey" "Corn" and "Pecan" developer, who did not know he was related to R. F. and B. M.

The News would like to see H. A. Halbert of Coleman elected Commissioner of Agriculture and then we would ask him to experiment with the wild plum, scrub walnut and other varieties of growth natural in this country, that might be made profitable to the country by grafting, cultivation etc. There are many things nature has endowed Texas with but since the organization of this department it has not been in the hands of a farmer. Halbert may be a farmer poet—or a dreamer—but we think he is a developer of nature. It is time that the stock men, farmers, townspeople should elect men to represent their needs and assist in the development of the State to the good of all and not keep Texas in the rear instead of in the front rank of States where she belongs and would be if given the opportunity. The Texas land system and the curtailment of legislation is holding Texas back. Because Texas borders on Mexico is no reason why we should have out two classes. I recall being at Chicago Exposition and Missouri won the prize as the greatest agriculture state, California had a grand exhibit of fruits etc. and Colorado of mines and minerals, while Texas had a room in which was a register where TEXANS could register. Just think of it the Great State of Texas a Common wealth in itself—equal in fact to the those States named above in resources of the products—and why, because Texas was controlled by politicians. Let the people vote. Vote for Texas.

June Line Under Consideration.

W. L. Aldwell, president of the First National Bank is in receipt of letters from Senator Morris Sheppard to the effect that he has used his influence with the post office department with the regard of supplying Sonora from Merizon in lieu of San Angelo and that the protests of the Sonora people against the Merizon supply has been taken up by him. The Acting Fourth Assistant Postmaster General M. M. McLean also informs Senator Sheppard that the request of Mr. Aldwell for a more extended service to June will be considered when the award is being made for the contract.

Mrs. Ridgeway and children left Sunday for Leakey via Rock Springs. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kirkland were in town Monday.

Mrs. Jess T. Evans and children went to Rock Springs Sunday on a visit.

W. M. Little, the South side farmer stockman was in Sonora Sunday evening.

Miss Bertha Torney was in town of the Misses Elsie and Ethel Adams Sunday.

Miss Winnie Dayis is in Lometa visiting Mrs. Grisett and assisting her in her class of expression.

Mrs. Cal Ory and children have returned from a visit to relatives in Kinney county.

Mrs. C. O. Ridley and Miss May North are in Kerrville visiting relatives. J. J. North took them via Rock Springs.

Mrs. Jno. D. Lowrey and children left for the ranch Sunday on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sharp.

J. D. Eaton of the Water, Ice and Light producers of Sonora left Sunday for Rock Springs to attend court and on business matters.

Henry Robinson, father of Mrs. W. M. Whitfield of Eldorado died at the home of his daughter in that City Monday evening.

The sheepmen of the Sonora Country give a good healthy hand shake to his friends and wear a smile that will take another five years drought to shake loose.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Sesson were in town Monday. Mr. Sesson says this is the best spring range he has had in the Sonora country in 21 years.

T. L. Benson the Eldorado merchant was in Sonora Tuesday. Mr. Benson reports that his daughter Mrs. Alfred Mills is recovering from the accident that recently befell her.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hamilton and family and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert and family left for Dayville Tuesday on a fishing trip. Miss Manila Smith and Jack Martin accompanied them.

Murphy Crawford the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Crawford of Houston was struck by an automobile near his home in that city last week and died before reaching the hospital. He was a nephew of Bob Holford of San Angelo and formerly of Sonora.

Mrs. Chas. Cowser, daughter and son of Eldorado were in Sonora Sunday accompanied by James Cauthorn. Mr. Cauthorn had gone to Eldorado for them and escorted them to the C. C. Earwood ranch where they will visit for a few weeks.

Ed Decker Dead.

Ed Decker who has been conducting the meat market in Sonora for the past few months, died at the Decker Hotel Monday night June 8, 1914, age 27 years. The young man came to Sonora from Menard where he was raised and about three weeks ago was advised that he had been awarded the contract to carry the mail from Menard to McKeight and was preparing to leave to fulfill the contract. Sunday evening he was stricken when at the Sonora restaurant with his friend H. H. Snow and was cared for by Mr. Snow until Monday evening when he was taken to the Decker Hotel.

Previous to coming to Sonora the young man had been stricken with paralysis on two occasions and had improved during his stay in Sonora. His mother who lives in Frederickburg could not reach Sonora in time because of high water and road conditions that the interment was had in the Sonora Cemetery Tuesday at 2 o'clock. There was a large attendance at the funeral, the stores having closed, the services at the grave were conducted by Rev. J. L. Burns of the Methodist church and H. H. Snow also made a few appropriate remarks. The News extends its sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased. He had a home in this part of the country and every respect was shown his remains.

A. N. Gailey Dead.

A. N. Gailey, a stock farmer of Christoval and former merchant at Sonora, died Saturday morning about 7 o'clock at his home near that place.

Mr. Gailey had been ill for some time, but not seriously so until the past few days. The funeral was conducted at Christoval Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Ed Decker if Brady wishes to extend thanks to the Sonora people who extended kindness to her husband during his last illness. Thanks are particularly due H. H. Snow, Mrs. Laura Decker and Valer Gilbert. Mrs. Decker was unable to reach Sonora in time for the funeral.

The Sanderson short wools sold for more than 18 cents last week. Sam Luckie of the Owenville country was in town his week.

Capt. John Riley Evans is decorating the interior of the First National Bank.

W. E. Dinsbar was riding in Sonora Monday and United \$2 to the Devil.

The employ of full south of the Sonora Garage. Mr. Connor is an able auto man and is highly recommended.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Eves of Etna, Jackson County, are in Sonora Thursday.

County Commissioners W. J. Fields precinct No. 1, W. A. Miers precinct No. 2, Arthur Estuarprecht No. 3, E. L. Martin precinct No. 4 were in attendance on court several days this week.

Albert Owens no has been working for Theo. Savell at Meris for some time arrived home Tuesday on a visit to his folks.

The arrangements for the funeral of Ed Decker were made by E. E. Vander Stucken on request of Mrs. Dick Vanoway of Fredericksburg, mother of deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hooker of Hillsboro are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Adwell. Mrs. Hooker is a cousin of Mrs. Adwell and Miss Loddie Rogers.

Preserve the live oak trees on your ranch and home property. The coming citizens will pay more for your ranch with live oak trees than without.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Evans of Fort Terrett were in Sonora Thursday to meet their son Harold who has been attending the University in Virginia.

Judge and Mrs. J. T. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken and children and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stuart and children spent Sunday fishing at Eight Mile on the Llano.

R. Blaine Jordan and Ed Pfister have formed a partnership and have taken charge of the old garage on Main Street. They are prepared to do all kinds of auto repairing and will make a specialty of repairing inner tubes and tires.

If you must have wood for domestic purposes, but do not cut down your live oak trees. The live oak tree is what makes the Sonora country desirable to the prospective buyer of your ranch.

Claude Stites postmaster of Owenville has resigned, but the postmaster General will not accept the resignation for a few days or until the application of Albert Owens has been received and the appointment made. Mr. Aldwell president of the First National Bank received this assurance by wire Thursday.

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Is 13 Lucky?

A Ferguson rally is to be held at Dallas June 13. James Ferguson has a liking for 13. There are 13 letters in his name and in his opening speech at B. M. he said: Ladies and Gentlemen: "I am the thirteenth candidate for governor of Texas, announcing in the year 1913, on the 13th day of the month in the 13th year of my married life, and my platform was completed on Friday. Thus you see I have caught the black cat tail of superstition, and I intend to twist and punch it until I am inaugurated governor of this great state on or about the 13th day of next January."

A. F. Clarkson of Sonora bought 7 high grade pure bred Hereford cattle, 15 months old, from J. E. Henderson of Rudis, last week.

D. K. McMullan and family passed through Sonora Thursday enroute to the ranch for the summer.

While Texas has only a half peach crop the U. S. has 2 per cent above average.

Mrs. Joe Turney and daughters accompanied by her son Paul were in town Saturday from the ranch near Beaver Lake.

Mrs. J. H. Luckie and children returned Thursday from a visit to relatives at Killeen and Ballinger. Judge James Cornell and Mrs. Cornell, Judge L. J. Wardlaw, Ira L. Wheat and J. J. Ford left Sunday to attend court at Rock Springs.

Mrs. Frank Murphy, the twins and Miss Dottie Murphy were in Sonora Monday from Mayer.

T. J. Morris of San Angelo was in Sonora Saturday. He had been visiting his daughter Mrs. J. E. Robbins at the ranch for the past week. Mr. Morris found much improvement in Sonora since he was here six years ago, but met many old friends during his short stay.

The San Angelo Horse race association and Motor Club are going to conduct combined races in San Angelo on July 31. Interesting races will be held in the morning and afternoon with a big barbecue served inside of grounds at the noon hour. Purse and premium list will be out in next few days.

A. B. Whitehead who has been studying law at Chicago the past year is home for vacation. The ranch called to him so strongly that he left for the cow boys camp 30 miles south of Sonora without giving old friends a chance to shake his hand—and the girls were "just crazy to see him."

Thomas Bond and son Thomas A. Bond who has been attending the West Texas Military Academy at San Antonio returned last week from the Llano City and were in town Saturday. Thos. A. was well pleased with the school and hopes to be able to complete the course, although the "come back to the ranch" call is easily heard by him. Mrs. Bond and son Frank remained in San Antonio for a short visit.

Tax Values.

The Commissioners Court in special session as a Board of Equalization this week examined, corrected and approved the assessments of Tax Assessor Geo. J. Trainer. Mr. Trainer was instructed by the court to assess the taxes at the following valuations: Rough lands \$1.50; divide land \$2.00; well sections at \$2.25; stock cattle at \$18; 2 year old steers at \$25; 3 year old steers \$32; sheep \$2.50; goats \$3.25; stock horses \$20.00; work horses \$40.00. All the members of the court were present and subscribed to the oath required by law.

Sam Stokes returned Tuesday from a trip to the Apine country. J. E. Robbins was in town Saturday from his ranch 30 miles east of Sonora. He has a Ford now and can hook up and come to town whenever he wants to or it is necessary.

Cattle Liability Removed.

The office of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association has been advised of the passage of the Cummins bill in congress—a bill which prohibits the railroads from limiting their liability for damages to cattle shipments. This bill was indorsed by the association in March.

Under the present contract which a railroad makes with a cattle shipper, the railroad's liability is fixed at \$50 for steers, \$50 for cows and \$10 for calves. If the cattle are killed and their value is above this mark, the shipper loses. Under the Cummins bill the railroad must pay damages on the basis of the real value.

Notice to Wool Growers.

I am having built a 10 shear portable shearing plant and will be prepared to do work this fall and will be pleased to have some of your shearing. The plant I have designed has been approved by the manufacturers and I will be able to reach your place at little expense. See me before contracting your fall shearing.

FRED HULL,
Sonora, Texas.

Dr. Chapman the dentist left for Rock Springs Tuesday and will be away till July 1st.

The live oak trees of the Sonora country are equivalent to the furnishings of a house. Save the trees.

The contract for carrying the mail from Sonora to San Angelo from July 1 has been awarded to Tom Savell. The people are pleased.

W. P. Evans sold this week to Jno. Martin, 700 goats at \$3. per head. Jno. Martin sold this week to W. P. Evans, 70 cows at \$42.50 per head—Eldorado Success.

The ultimate result from injustice, extravagance, fake reforms, congressional inefficiency, abuses of power and all that sort of thing will come when the people demand a higher standard of intelligence and unselfish service than they are demanding at present.—Houston Post.

Muskogee, Okla., June 4—Cherokee Indians in the Spavinaw hills east of Grand river today rounded up 2000 head of cattle that had been brought in by cattlemen from the west side of the river and drove them from the range with a warning to the owners not to bring them back. The Indians have used the same range of the hills for their own cattle for half a century and they resent the intrusion of outside cattlemen. It is said the Indians are patrolling the east side of the river and that trouble will follow if the cattlemen endeavor to run their cattle back across the river to the hill range.

Roscoe, Nolan County, Texas, June 4—Gene Irion of Roscoe has today withdrawn from the race for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture. Mr. Irion states that his reasons for withdrawal are due to the fact that, within the past few days he has received many letters from farmers in various sections of the State requesting him to withdraw so that there will be only one real farmer in the race. Mr. Irion says that, in view of this fact, he will draw out of the race and will work for the nomination of H. A. Halbert & Coleman for commissioner of Agriculture.

THE NE'ER-DO-WELL

BY REX BEACH

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"You may be a good lawyer," said Kirk ruefully, "but you're a damned poor comforter. I-I wish my dad was here. He'd fix it. He wouldn't let 'em convict me. He's great, my dad is. He can swear like the devil. I like him better than any man I've ever met, Anson."

He wrote a lengthy cablegram, which the lawyer, with a peculiar smile, agreed to dispatch at once. He spent a sleepless night. In the morning a message came signed by Copley—Kirk's name leaped at the familiar name—saying that Darwin K. Anthony had left Albany for the west on Sunday night and could not be located for a few days.

"He was never gone when I needed money," the son mused. "He'll be worried when he hears about this, and he has enough to worry him as it is. I'm mighty sorry, but I simply must have him."

Anson brought in the day's papers, which alluded, as usual, to Cortlandt's death as a murder, and printed their customary sensational stories, even to a rehearsal of all that had occurred at the stag supper. This in particular made Kirk writhe, knowing as he did that it would reach the eyes of his newly made wife. He also wondered vaguely how Edith Cortlandt was hearing up under all this notoriety. The lawyer brought the further news that Alan was in captivity as an accessory to the crime and that henceforth Kirk need expect but few visitors. Somebody, probably Ramon Alfarez, had induced the officials to treat their prisoner with special severity.

During the days which followed, Kirk suffered more than he chose to confess even to his attorney. In the first place, it was hard to be denied all knowledge of what was going on—Anson would tell him little, except that he was working every day—and then, too, the long hours of solitude gnawed at his self control. Rumors managed to see him once or twice, reporting that, so far as he could learn, Chiquita had disappeared. He took a message from Kirk to her, but brought back word that he could not deliver it.

It was on Sunday, a week after his arrest, that Edith Cortlandt came to Kirk. He was surprised to see the ravages that this short time had made in her, for she was pale and drawn and weary looking, as if from sleeplessness. Strange to say, these marks of suffering did not detract from her appearance, but rather enhanced her poise and distinction.

"I'm awfully glad to see you, Mrs. Cortlandt," he said as she extended her hand. "But do you think it is wise for you to be here?"

She shrugged. "People can say no more than they have already said. My name is on every tongue, and a little more gossip can make matters no worse. I had to come. I just couldn't stay away. I wonder if you can realize what I have been through."

"It must have been terrible," he said gently.

"Yes, I have paid. It seems to me that I have paid for everything I ever did. Those newspaper stories nearly killed me, but it wasn't that so much as the thought that you were suffering for my acts."

"I'm very sorry. You never thought for a moment that I did what they claim?"

"No, no! It has all been a mistake from the first. I was sure of that."

"You heard what those two men testified?"

"Bah! That is Ramon Alfarez. But he can do nothing. You will forgive me for what I said that night at the hotel, won't you? I didn't really mean to injure you, Kirk, but I was half hysterical. I had suffered so these last few months that I was ready to do anything. I never dreamed there was a way out of my misery, a way so close at hand. But somehow, even before General Alfarez's voice on the phone told me what had happened, I knew, and I—I felt!"

"I know you had a great deal to put up with," he said, "but for both our sakes I wish it had come in some other way."

"Oh, I don't care," she cried recklessly. "The one thing I can grasp in all this turmoil, the one thing that rings in my ears every moment, is that I am free, free! That is all that matters to me. You showed your loyalty to Stephen more than once, and, though

your scruples angered me, I honor you for them now."

"Your husband's death can make no difference with us, Mrs. Cortlandt," he said gravely.

"We have talked openly before, and there is no need to do otherwise now. You mean by that that you don't care for me, but I know better. I believe there is a love so strong that it must find an answer. Although you may not care for me now as you care for some one else—I know that I can make you forget her and put me in her place. I can help you, oh, so much!"

"What?" he said harshly. "You fence me to break my word. I don't want to tell you this, but I am married."

"You never told me that! It was some mad college prank, I suppose."

"No, no! I married Gertrudis Garret that night at the Tivoli."

"Oh, that can't be. That was the night of the dance. Why didn't you tell me? Why isn't she here? Why does she leave you alone? No, no! You hardly know each other. Why, she's not old enough to know her own mind!"

"But I know my mind, and I love her."

Her white hands strained at each other as she steeled her shaking voice. "Love?" she cried. "You don't know what love means, nor does she. She can't know or she'd be here. She'd have this prison torn to bits on blocks!"

"You don't know what you're saying. You're hysterical, Mrs. Cortlandt. I love Gertrudis so deeply that there's no room in me for anything else and never will be. Heaven only knows what they have made her believe about me, but I don't care. I'll upset this little plot of Alfarez's, and when she learns the truth she will come back again."

"This little plot?" Edith cried in distraction. "And I suppose you wish me to give you back to her? But I won't help her. I'm not that sort. I'm a selfish woman. I've always been selfish because I've never had anybody to work for. But I have it in me to be generous."

"I'm sorry," he said. "You have suffered. I know. Don't trouble any more about me—please."

"Oh, I'd rather face the gallows as you face it than what is before me, and I'm not sure I could help you, after all. You are in Latin America now, remember, and your enemies are strong."

"I am Darwin K. Anthony's son," he protested. "He won't allow it."

"Bah! He is an American, and these are Spanish people. You have seen how they like us, and you have seen what Alfarez can do. He's rich, and he'll procure more witnesses; he'll manipulate the court with his money. Yes, and I'd rather he succeeded than see you—no, not! What am I saying? Let me go; let me get away from here!" She broke down and went sobbing out into the corridor.

On the same afternoon Mr. Clifford, accompanied by Anson, the lawyer, took the 3:20 train for Galton. As soon as he arrived he called on Colonel Johnson to request that the commissioner's motorcar should, without fail, await him at 10 o'clock sharp on the next morning with an open track ahead of it. Strangely enough, the colonel agreed very readily.

CHAPTER XXVI.
Darwin K. Anthony.

ABOUT noon on Monday Edith Cortlandt received a caller. The name she read on the card her maid handed her gave her a start of surprise and set her wits whirling in speculation.

She was greeted by a gigantic old man with a rambling voice. He was racing back and forth, with the restlessness of a polar bear.

"How do you do, Mrs. Cortlandt?" he began at sight of her, his big voice flooding the room. "I'm sorry to disturb you under the circumstances, and I've heard about you. I extend my sympathy."

She bowed. "When did you arrive?"

"Just now. Came across in one of those blanked joy wagons—fifty miles an hour. I know everything, madam. What I didn't know before I landed I learned on the way across the isthmus, so don't let's waste time. Hence of a position for you to be in—I understand, and all that—and I'm sorry for you. Now, let's get down to business, for I must get back to New York."

It was impossible not to feel Darwin K. Anthony's force. It spoke in his every tone and action. It looked out from his harsh lined features and showed in his energetic movements. He was a great granite block of a man, powerful in physique, in mind and in determination.

"In what way may I be of service to you?" she inquired coldly.

"Want my boy," he said simply, and she began to see that underneath his cold and domineering exterior his heart was torn by a great distress.

"You know all the circumstances of course?"

"I do. That's why I came straight to you. I know you're the keystone of the whole affair, so I didn't waste time with these other people. Kirk's a blanked idiot and always has been. He isn't worth the powder to blow to—excuse me—I mean he's just a ne'er-do-well. But I suppose I'll have to do my duty by him. I just had to kick him out. Sorry I didn't do it sooner."

"If you have cut him off why do you care what becomes of him?"

Darwin K. Anthony's eyes dimmed, but his voice rose fiercely. "He's my boy, and I've a right to treat him any blanked way I please, but nobody else is going to abuse him! These Spaniards can't do it! I'll teach them to lay hands on my boy! I don't care what he's done. They've got to give

him up. And he's going back with me. He's going home. I—I want him."

"Why have you come to me?" she queried.

"Because you must know the truth if anybody does, and I want your help." His voice softened suddenly, and he regarded her with a gentle kindness that was surprising. "I've heard all about you and Kirk. In fact, I've known what was going on all the time, for I've had a man on his track night and day. You may know him—Clifford? Well, he followed Kirk that night after the supper to your husband, but Anson didn't dare call him to the stand at the hearing for fear his Alfarez would perjure more of his black and tans."

"So Clifford is your man?"

Merry Moments

As We Journey Through Life Let Us Laugh by the Way

Not Any More.
They were gazing out of the window of the Pullman car. The thin man was rapidly admiring the sunset.

"Ah, nature is a real artist," exclaimed the thin man, addressing the fat man who sat in the opposite seat. "Have you never gazed at her wonders? Have you never watched the lambent flame of dawn life leaping across the dome of the world? Have you never watched the red stained islets floating in lakes of fire? Have you never been drawn by the ragged, raven's wing, sky phantoms as they blotted out the pale moon? Have you never felt the amazement of these things?"

"The fat man as he prepared to hunt another seat.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Out of His Element.
One of the men in a company of militia made a disparaging remark about the man in front of him. The victim turned with indignation and assumed a fighting attitude. Then the captain remarked sharply: "That will do there. We don't want any fighting men in this regiment.—New York Globe.

Good Start.
"I have joined the Society for the Prevention of Useless Noises," said the old fogey.

"Well, where are you going to be gin?" asked the grinch.

"We are going to reduce the number of cheers from three to one," replied the old fogey.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Expensive.
A man with a rambling voice. He was racing back and forth, with the restlessness of a polar bear.

Bill—It costs a lot to get justice!
Hank—Yes, and most folks are better off without it too!—New York Globe.

Suiting the Punishment to the Deed.
Small Sadie—Mamma, baby tried to swallow papa's cuff buttons while you were out.
Mamma—Indeed! And what did you do?
Small Sadie—Oh, I gave him a couple of cuffs.—Chicago News.

True to His Word.
"Did Jack give you the tip he promised when you went motoring with him?"
"Sure he did. He tumbled the machine into a ditch."—Baltimore American.

And It's Some Job!
The color scheme of many a woman consists of keeping her age dark and her hair light.—Philadelphia Record.

The First Chains.
The first pattern for chainmaking was obtained in England in 1634 by a blacksmith named Philip White. The patent was for fourteen years, and in consideration of it White had to pay £5 in lawful money yearly "at the exchequer, Westminster, at the Feast of the Blessed Virgin and Saint Michell the Archangel by even and equal process."

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Not Any More.
They were gazing out of the window of the Pullman car. The thin man was rapidly admiring the sunset.

"Ah, nature is a real artist," exclaimed the thin man, addressing the fat man who sat in the opposite seat. "Have you never gazed at her wonders? Have you never watched the lambent flame of dawn life leaping across the dome of the world? Have you never watched the red stained islets floating in lakes of fire? Have you never been drawn by the ragged, raven's wing, sky phantoms as they blotted out the pale moon? Have you never felt the amazement of these things?"

"The fat man as he prepared to hunt another seat.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Out of His Element.
One of the men in a company of militia made a disparaging remark about the man in front of him. The victim turned with indignation and assumed a fighting attitude. Then the captain remarked sharply: "That will do there. We don't want any fighting men in this regiment.—New York Globe.

Good Start.
"I have joined the Society for the Prevention of Useless Noises," said the old fogey.

Well, where are you going to be gin?" asked the grinch.

"We are going to reduce the number of cheers from three to one," replied the old fogey.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Expensive.
A man with a rambling voice. He was racing back and forth, with the restlessness of a polar bear.

Bill—It costs a lot to get justice!
Hank—Yes, and most folks are better off without it too!—New York Globe.

Suiting the Punishment to the Deed.
Small Sadie—Mamma, baby tried to swallow papa's cuff buttons while you were out.
Mamma—Indeed! And what did you do?
Small Sadie—Oh, I gave him a couple of cuffs.—Chicago News.

True to His Word.
"Did Jack give you the tip he promised when you went motoring with him?"
"Sure he did. He tumbled the machine into a ditch."—Baltimore American.

And It's Some Job!
The color scheme of many a woman consists of keeping her age dark and her hair light.—Philadelphia Record.

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"I am free, free!"

me for what I said that night at the hotel, won't you? I didn't really mean to injure you, Kirk, but I was half hysterical. I had suffered so these last few months that I was ready to do anything. I never dreamed there was a way out of my misery, a way so close at hand. But somehow, even before General Alfarez's voice on the phone told me what had happened, I knew, and I—I felt!"

"I know you had a great deal to put up with," he said, "but for both our sakes I wish it had come in some other way."

"Oh, I don't care," she cried recklessly. "The one thing I can grasp in all this turmoil, the one thing that rings in my ears every moment, is that I am free, free! That is all that matters to me. You showed your loyalty to Stephen more than once, and, though