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A Sale of Low Shoes.

We have on hand about 50 pairs Womens Low Shoes—odds and ends, broken lots, in various leathers and styles, former prices of which were \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

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The Tax Payers of Sutton County.

Sonora, Texas June 12, 1914.

If you haven't already heard I am sure you will soon hear the report being circulated against me to the effect that I had raised the value of your property above what it was valued at last year. In answer to the above, I refer you to a letter published by me in this paper last January, from the President of the Board of State Tax Commission, and which you probably read, and from that letter, know what my instructions were from the said Board. When the Commissioners court met last February I went before them and asked them to fix the value for this year's assessment, and after they having read the above mentioned letter, and had had a good deal of discussion about the matter, they gave me the following list of values for my guidance in assessing this year's taxes:

Divide lands not less than, \$2.50 per acre.
Rough lands not less than, 2.00
Each well or improved section, 100.00 additional.
Stock cattle not less than \$17.00 per head.
Coming 2 yr old steers not less than 23.00
Coming 3 yr old steers and up not less than 30.00.
Two year old mules not less than 40.00
Work horses and mules not less than 40.00
Stock horses and mule colts not less than 20.00
Goats not less than 2.00
Sheep not less than 2.25

Now when I started assessing taxes this year, I asked those I assessed first what their stuff was worth, and the answer was always above the price fixed by the Court on the stock, and I assessed every

one according to these first renditions, which were as follows.

Cattle, \$20.00, \$27.50 and \$35.00 per head.
Sheep, 2.50 per head.
Goats, 2.25.
Horses and mules, \$20.00 and \$40.00.

Lands, \$2.00 and 2.50.
You understand my instructions were to assess property at not less than the first mentioned prices. At a subsequent meeting of the Court as a Board of Equalization which was convened the second Monday of the present month, I had my renditions before them for their approval, and after discussing the value on same I was instructed to change all renditions to the following values:

Divide Lands, 2.00 per acre.
Rough Lands, 1.50
Well or improved sections, additional, \$150.00 per section
Stock cattle 18.00 per head
Two year old steers, 25.00
Three year old steers, 32.00
Sheep, 2.50
Goats, 2.25
Stock Horses, 20.00
Work horses and mules, 40.00
Everyone knows that all of my work can only be done with the approval of the commissioners Court, so you can see that I have no right whatever to raise or lower your valuation without the approval of the said Court.

Very truly yours,
Geo. J. Trainer,
Tax Assessor, Sutton County.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on our ranch one mile west of Sonora on the Ozona road, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, hunting hogs or fishing without our permission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Fred & Joe Berger,
Sonora, Texas.

For Sale.

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

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Sutton

David Girdwood, No. 1374, v. Robert Anderson, In the County Court of Tom Green County, Texas.

Whereas by virtue of an Alias Execution issued out of the County Court of Tom Green County, Texas, a judgment rendered in said court on October 7th, in favor of the said David Girdwood, and against the said Robert Anderson, No. 1374, on the docket of said court, which said Alias Execution came to my hand on the 13th day of June, A. D. 1914, at one o'clock P. M., I did on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1914 at Four o'clock P. M. levy upon the following described property in Sonora, Sutton County, Texas, and belonging to the said Robert Anderson, to wit:

Lot No. 3, in Block W. 36, in Sonora, Texas, known as the Charles Carruthers place.
Lots Nos 34 and 5, in Block I, in Sonora, Texas, and more particularly known as the Anderson Liver Stable, or the Red Front Liver Stable, in Sonora, Texas.

I will therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Alias Execution, on the 4th day of August, A. D. 1914, in front of the Courthouse door in the town of Sonora, Texas, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m., and four o'clock P. M., said day being the first Tuesday in said month, offer for sale and sell at public auction the above described property.

353 T. B. ADAMS,
Sheriff of Sutton County, Texas.

Notice to Wool Growers.

I am having built a 10 shear protable 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.

The Widow In White

By LOUISE MERRIFIELD.

"There she goes!"

Little Compton gave the alarm, and everybody in the Pasquale studio leaped for the windows as the white automobile whizzed by. Four wheels crashed on the floor. The model, a slender, dried figure, with a spray of spring boughs over the bare shoulders, and trail of grass green veils, just to entice, broke her pose and turned her head.

Pasquale himself had been the first to run and had a front seat, so he spoke, at the middle window, with Jules Le Breton towering over him.

No one spoke until the moment of suspense was passed and the white auto had swerved around the corner of the Boulevard des Anges. Then a low, intense breath of released suspense sounded audibly through the bare room, and the Pasquale students stared into one another's eyes rapturously, gloatingly, just exactly as they had done every day at the same hour for six days.

"She is celestial," murmured Le Breton huskily as he lifted his full on case.

But he did not place crayon to paper again that afternoon. He sat and smoked a short Amiens pipe and stared at the spray of spring boughs on the model's bare shoulder, and the blood bounded through his veins joyously, bubblingly, like the little mountain brooks breaking through thin April ice.

Le Breton had spring fever; also, in a minor degree, Le Breton was newly in love again.

Pasquale crossed the room as soon as the model had resumed the pose, and he bent affectionately forward over Le Breton's chair and tapped on the plump bowl of the Amiens pipe to recall Le Breton's soul from the asphodel meadow of day dreams.

"Mon ami, I have discovered a small thing," he said in an undertone so that Compton from Delaware would not hear. Compton from Delaware was a cynic, a person utterly beyond the gates of spring enchantment. He had the artistic temperament, but it showed itself in his work, not his hair nor his loves nor his words. And therein Compton from Delaware was absolutely an original and unique character among the art students at Pasquale's. Also he was absolutely despised as a hopeless business proposition. But the eyes of the girl with the spring boughs passed over Le Breton's blond ringlets and velvet blouse and lingered on the close cropped head of Little Compton from Delaware.

It was the way he had with women.

"I have discovered her habitation," whispered Pasquale. "She is a widow."

"A widow in white!" Le Breton's half closed eyes flashed open. "Ah, but it is her whim. It is her divinity revealing itself. It is her symbol of release. She did not love him if she can mourn in white. But the art elusive, enchanting, mysterious, to garb herself from top to toe in svelte white suede, to swathe her face in creamy chiffon like an houri, to challenge one's daring, to pique the curiosity, does it not all prove the woman behind the veil, the woman celestial, yet with the dash, the mere touch, so like the high light of the diabolique in her bereaved nature? Where does she live, Pasquale?"

Pasquale glanced sideways at Little Compton. He was extremely busy giving a touch to the clasp of gold on the model's left arm, a touch to make it gleam.

"At the Hotel Lombard," said Pasquale. "I have engaged the interest of the small boy at the garage. She is a widow, Mme. Germaine—La Belle Germaine. And she lives at the Lombard. So, my Jules, I give you the cue for the romance, n'est-ce pas?"

Le Breton rose and stretched his arms widely until they touched the gas jet above his head.

"I shall fling violets at her—vast clusters of them, dew wet; Parma violets—straight into her arms as she passes each day until she recognizes me," he said. "I shall pierce the white chiffon veil with opera glasses and see if her eyes divine are melting blue or gloriously, ravishingly dark, like la Zingara. I shall!"

"You will make the customary blooming idiot of yourself, Jules," called Compton from Delaware over his shoulder with cheerful unctiousness. "How many children did the last divinity have after you had followed the trail of romance for two

weeks and finally landed her in a bakery over the stove?"

Le Breton raised a glass of ice water to deposit it below the adjacent coat collar, but he stayed his hand and drank the water diplomatically. Once, once long ago, he had not stayed his hand, and the memory of the resultant episode lingered yet. Little Compton had risen swiftly and dextrously and promptly floored him. And even the model had laughed. It was not a pleasant memory. Therefore Le Breton stayed his hand and drank of the ice water.

The next day Le Breton vanished from the atelier at a quarter of 3 precisely, but his intentions were public.

The windows of Pasquale's were occupied by an absorbed audience long before the whir of the white auto sounded on the still hush of the mid-afternoon. By leaning from the windows one could catch a glimpse of a figure standing on the corner, a patient, noble figure under the quaint wrought iron street lamp, the figure of the knight errant, in paint daubed velvet blouse, cap rakishly, romantically vary and in the hands the most beautiful, enormous, languishing bouquet of Parma violets that Le Breton could find. A beauty it was, a regal offering, with silken tasseled cord of gold, and the stems, the tender young stems, prisoned in tin foil violet dyed.

Presently there was the sound of the chariot celestial, the cream white automobile, with the tiny gold monogram on one side, so vague, so unreadable, so divinely mysterious to the faces that crowded one above another at Pasquale's windows, like cabbages in the market stalls.

"She comes, mon Dieu; she comes," gasped Pasquale ecstatically. "Now, Jules, now brave boy, may thy aim be sure as Eros' dart!"

The white auto purred softly, swiftly down the pavement. Le Breton raised his cap, raised his hand to toss his offering, and, lo, he tossed not, for beside the slender figure in the white suede cloak sat Little Compton, severe, masterful and totally oblivious of either Le Breton or the windows of Pasquale's.

It was the deadly blow, but Le Breton showed his ancestry. A Le Breton had been in Bayard's band of vagabond free lances and had won a marquise for deeds heroic. So Le Breton in the velvet blouse stayed not his hand. Neither did he remember the lesson of the spilled ice water. He threw the violets fairly, and they fell in the lap of the widow in white. Out from Pasquale's window went up a smothered cheer. The veiled head bowed, oh, but so slightly, in Le Breton's direction. Still it bowed. And Little Compton raised his American panama in grave salute of heroism undaunted.

The next morning Pasquale was prepared for the challenge. Pasquale himself announced he would present the challenge the instant after Compton from Delaware showed fight. Even the model with the spring boughs trembled when the double glass doors opened and Little Compton entered. He was whistling. Ye gods, the airy arrogance of the assured American! mused Pasquale's crowd and waited for the blow.

It fell. Straight over to Le Breton's enzel walked Compton from Delaware. His hand and gait were resolute, his eye steady. There was even a smile on his lips. As he stood a pace away Le Breton sprang to his feet, and Pasquale's held its breath for the onslaught of the love champions.

But Little Compton smiled. More, he slapped Le Breton upon the shoulder in the manner of Harvard.

"Old man, you're all to the merry," he said. "I didn't think you had the grit. I have the honor to be the bearer of a message from Mrs. Henry B. Germaine, my dearly loved sister. She requests your presence at afternoon tea today." He paused to light a cigarette while Le Breton nursed his mental agony. Then finally he handed over the medicine for spring fever in these cheering words:

"The violets are on her bouidoir table, Jules, and she's been a widow four years."

Force of Lightning.

Lightning flashes usually occur within thunder clouds, says Steinmetz, the mathematician, and only rarely come from the clouds to the ground. They seem to follow the rapid condensation of vapor in the air. It requires nearly 75,000 volts of electricity to break down one inch of air space or 1,000,000 volts per foot. Even if the clouds are only 1,000 feet above the ground it will take more than 1,000,000,000 volts to break down the air resistance ahead of the thunderbolt. It is this enormous voltage or electrical pressure which makes the lightning flash so destructive.

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Sonora, Texas, June 27, 1914

Sonora May Land Kaolin Railroad Line.

That Sonora may get a railroad from the south if certain plans materialize is the belief expressed in San Angelo Friday by a prominent Sonora business man, who is interested in the new project and who has always been one of the leaders in the efforts to get a road for Sonora.

The new project, which may form the first part of the line to Sonora, is the construction of a railroad from Uvalde northwest to Fort Camp Wood, a distance of forty-two miles. Actual work on the line has already started, and about 150 teams are employed in making the grade.

The primary object in the construction of the road to Fort Camp Wood is to open up the kaolin mines and cedar forests near there. A tram line will be built from the terminus of the line to the mines, twelve miles distant.

"The kaolin mines are absolutely the finest in the world," said the Sonora man. "The demand for kaolin is great, as shown by the fact that a half million tons of it are imported into the United States every year for the manufacture of pottery and such wares. The opening up of the mines near Fort Camp Wood will do much toward meeting the demand. In addition to the kaolin, the new railroad will open up thirty to forty thousand acres of cedar timber that will be developed very profitably."

"While the prime object in building the line from Uvalde is to reach the kaolin deposits and cedar to the outside world, another reason for its construction is to furnish a railroad, facilities to the country that it will traverse. Much of the country is very productive."

"The construction of the railroad to Sonora is not improbable. The parties behind the project can finance it, the grade is feasible, and Sonora is anxious for a railroad. The distance from Fort Camp Wood to Sonora is eighty miles. A possible route between the two places has been examined and we find that there would be but one really difficult point in the grade. But, even this bad place is no worse than one part of the Orient grade from Sonora to Del Rio."

"The building of this railroad to Sonora would put us in connection with the Southern Pacific. And we believe that the railroad will be built if certain plans that are now on foot materialize."—Standard

Cattle Thieves Active West of San Angelo.

Cattle and horse thieves were again southwest of San Angelo are giving the ranchmen trouble. The heaviest loser is D. K. McMullan of this city, who has lost 150 head of cattle from his ranch near Jugo in Val Verde county. It is not known whether the stock was stolen by marauding Mexicans from across the border and driven into Mexico or whether they were stolen by cattle rustlers in Texas.

Mr. McMullan has given notice that he is offering \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the parties who stole his cattle.

A report from Merizo says that Ezzette Tankersley had a five-year-old sorrel-roan horse stolen this week. The officers are watching a suspect.

Olin Parker, who ranches in the Ozona section, had a horse and saddle stolen from him, and his sheep herder was robbed of a few articles. Mr. Parker notified Sheriff Moore of Ozona, who secured the arrest of a Mexican at Jugo. The saddle had been traced off, but the officers recovered it, together with the horse and other property. The Mexican was brought to Ozona and bound over to await grand jury action.—San Angelo Standard.

At the home of Mr and Mrs J. W. Reiley, 1600 Spaulding, a girl was born June 17 to Mr and Mrs J. P. Reiley of Sutton county.—Standard.

The Soaring Wool Market.

All predictions concerning the course of wool trade under full trade conditions has been discredited, says Chicago Livestock World. Sheep owners who dumped stock overboard in expectation of what happened under the Wilson tariff in Cleveland's time are turning red-eyed regret. Since January values have steadily advanced, as a world's shortage of the staple was disclosed. The United States clip is 25 per cent below normal, and everywhere sheep are grown the trend is toward restricted consumption. London sales have been animated affairs at steady price appreciations and American buyers who hiked to Australia in expectancy of tucking their knees under a bargain counter have met disappointment.

Early in January, eastern dealers who were wise to the situation, began contracting wool on the sheep's back in the West, and in every instance the grower got the worst of it. Small fortunes have been made by those who knew that Boston lots were empty and that there would be the keenest stud of competition at London, Brisbane, Sydney and other sales.

Nevada and Utah clip, contracted in January at 11 to 13 cents, have recently sold in Boston at 9 to 22 cents, freight not exceeding two cents. Montana growers in many cases held for 20 cents and got the money, but they had to go early, fearing that free trade would exert dire influence.

At this writing the market is firm and early shorn wools enroute from Western shearing points are being sold on the cars before reaching Boston.

Eastern manufacturers have been on hand to mouth basis for months and it is patent that the 1914 clip will be much less than the requirements of the world's room capacity.

This week's American buyers are operating freely in England, their principal need being merinos. Demand for mutton promises extinction of the strictly fine wool sheep and that staple is coming into its own. Growers are using mutton rams the world over, because the big money is in the mutton and this development will continue. A few years ago the American Northwest was on a Merino basis, but Hampshire rams have changed the entire wool supply situation. With fat lamb selling at \$8. per cwt. in Chicago, on other policy on the part of the grower is possible.

At this writing the wool market is strong all over the world. Boston is actually trading the West and accepting dictation by Montana. Last week a Boston house made a cleanup around Billings, Mont., paying 19 1/2 to 20 cents for medium clip that were turned down a few weeks ago at 17 to 18 cents. In Wyoming, medium clips are selling at 18 to 18 1/2 cents and fine wools at 17 cents or better. The prices are higher than they look because these wools are heavy and big this year.

Twenty-five years ago Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri were full of sheep and a slash in the tariff caused ruin to stock and wool in Ohio is selling on a clip 25 to 26 cents basic for both fine and medium, competition being keen. In Michigan the common price is 24 cents and in Missouri clean bright fleeces are fetching 24 to 24 1/2 cents.

Just how high wool will go is open to a degree of opinion. After the spring flurry a reaction will be logical, but the fact remains that the 1914 clip is short as well as the clips of years to come. Badford sentiment is bullish and the signal must be met by advancing the cost of supplies. Clothing, instead of declining in price, is going higher. The 1914 clip will be cleaned up early and contention for 1915 wool will be keen while it is still on the sheep's back.

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. The first dose helps. 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.

Rambouillet Rams 400 PURE BRED FOR SALE



(This cut does not represent the class of Ram I am offering but is used only to attract your attention until a cut of the Rambouillet arrives)

Those who have seen the Rambouillet Rams I have introduced into the Sonora Country, may feel assured that this importation of Range Raised Rambouillets from the Cunningham Sheep and Land Company, of Oregon, are equal if not superior to any before offered in West Texas.

I have brought 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 pink of condition and will be more matured when they arrive in Texas. I am in the Pure Bred Rambouillet Ram business and my prices are reasonable. There has been nothing offered to meet with these Rams. Please 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.

CORNELL & WARDLAW Attorneys-at-Law, SONORA, TEX. Will practice in all the State Courts. DR. W. T. CHARMAN DENTIST Hours 9 to 12 a.m. 3 to 6 p.m. Office in B. F. Meek's residence. Phone 79.

Announcements. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is authorized to announce. The News rates for announcements are: Congressional, Legislature and Judicial Districts \$5; County officers \$10; Precinct officers \$2.50. All announcements are payable in cash in advance.

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.

H. R. WARDLAW, M. D. Practice of Medicine and Surgery (formerly Lone physician, John Sealy Hospital) Galveston, Texas. OFFICE CORNER DRUG STORE Sonora, Texas.

SHERIFF AND TAX-COLLECTOR R. 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.

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, working live stock, hunting hogs or injuring fences, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. D. B. CUMENBARY, Sonora, Texas.

Notice To Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that any one trespassing on my ranches 25 miles east of Sonora for the purpose of hunting, cutting timber, injuring fences or DRIVING CATTLE THROUGH LIVE STOCK PASURES WITHOUT PERMISSION will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. J. R. ROBBINS, Sonora, Texas, April 18-1914.

TAX ASSESSOR Geo J. Trainer, as a candidate for reelection to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. W. B. Ross as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Notice To Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranches 25 miles east of Sonora, for the purpose of hunting, cutting timber, injuring fences, or DRIVING CATTLE THROUGH THE PASTURES WITHOUT PERMISSION will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. E. T. BAKER, Sonora, Texas, April 18, 1914.

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

COUNTY JUDGE E. S. Edrnt as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Judge of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. COUNTY TREASURER J. F. Grimland, as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Treasurer of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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.

Grip Lost. On Tuesday May 10, 1914 between Arthur Stuart's house and gate going into the Joe Rosa pasture a leather grip with ruper on paper label. The grip was locked. Liberal reward for return to the Bank Saloon. 324

COMMISSIONER. W. B. Adams as a candidate for election to the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, 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.

COL. BALL'S CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Farmers' Union Officials Will Defend Their Organization and Suggest Joint Debate.

Statement Issued Showing Relation of Farmers' Union With Texas Business Men's Association.

Fort Worth, Texas.—We notice from the press that Col. Thos. H. Ball, prohibition candidate for governor, has charged the Farmers' Union with receiving funds from improper sources and making improper application of the funds. We will accept his challenge against the honesty and integrity of the Farmers' Union and will meet him in twenty joint debates and defend our organization from his charges and insinuations. We will, of course, expect Col. Ball to answer a few questions which we will propound to him during the debates.

We want it distinctly understood that the Farmers' Union is non-partisan and this position must be protected in the proposed debate, as we will, under no circumstances, be drawn into a discussion in which the political fortunes of any candidate are involved. Our only purpose is to defend the Farmers' Union against adroit attacks made upon it by Col. Ball and his political associates.

We, as the authorized representatives of that vast body of men who bare their backs to the summer sun and who feed and clothe the world, ask that Col. Ball at least give us an opportunity to correct his misrepresentation before his own audiences and to answer the charges that he and his authorized representatives have made against the organized farmers during the past few months.

We hope that Col. Ball will not insist on sending a hired hand to substitute for him in this discussion, as the charges have been made by him personally and he should personally meet the issue, or apologize and discontinue slandering our organization.

Too Much Free Advice. We have been receiving with patience and long suffering a large volume of advice from political experts telling us how to run the Farmers' Union. Our constitution forbids any one belonging to the Farmers' Union except those who follow the plow and, certainly, we could not accept counsel from politicians who have been dodging the plow handles all their lives.

We want to say that the Farmers' Union is an organization of farmers and is being run by farmers in the interest of the farmers, and we will not wear the brass collar of the political bosses. Col. Ball has recently taken extraordinary interest in the welfare of the Union and has been giving considerable FREE advice to our organization—a very unusual thing for a lawyer to do—but the farmers of this State have learned by bitter experience to avoid a corporation attorney as they would a leper and, in any event, when we want advice we will select our own counsel. We are duly authorized to act for the Farmers' Union, understand its constitution and by-laws and likewise understand the farmer and his needs, and we will ruin the ob.

Why is it Col. Ball wants to keep the farmers' organization out of politics and the church organization in politics? If he is as much a stranger to the cross as he is to the plow handles we do not believe he is competent to direct their affairs.

Beware of Campaign Slanderers. We want to warn the farmers against campaign liars. Any person who wants to circulate a campaign lie should be compelled to take out a license and be properly tagged. We think this State suffering as much from liars as it is from drunkards. We believe the man who lies when he talks is as dangerous to society as a man who staggers when he walks. We think honesty is as much a virtue as sobriety and we want the youths of Texas saved from a liar's hell as well as from a drunkard's grave. There is no more pitiful sight in civilization than an innocent preacher circulating a campaign falsehood, and there is no more disgusting spectacle on earth

than a preacher-writer wilfully misrepresenting facts. The Farmers' Union stands for truth, sobriety and progress, but not for the office of these virtues at the expense of all others.

The Wisdom of Peace.

Much has been said about the Farmers' Union asking for a temporary cessation of liquor traffic and that seems to be the bone of contention in this campaign, but we point to the present state of the public mind as proof of the soundness of our position in contending that agricultural legislation can not receive proper consideration while the liquor question is in the way, and as forcibly demonstrating a condition that will exist at the state capitol next January if the legislature deals with this matter, for there can be no simpler form of handing the subject than to vote yes or no to a liquor controversy as now presented to the public. We wish there were some way whereby the liquor warriors could fight it out without disturbing those who desire to engage in peaceful pursuits, but that seems impossible.

It shall not be our policy, as a rule, to reply to enemies of the Farmers' Union, or to make explanations to political critics. We have no authority and no desire to report to anyone except those who have commissioned us to act. Our work is open and above board and there will be no change in the course we are now pursuing. We are carrying out the instructions of the State Convention of the Farmers' Union and we will continue to perform the task assigned to us with such ability as we possess.

We are receiving funds for the work from sources regularly authorized by the Union and from no other channels, and in no greater amounts this year than last; we are spending it for identically the same purposes, employing the same methods and insofar as we are able to do so, the same men. The time of the undersigned is devoted exclusively to the cause of the Farmers' Union and not a moment is given to any other cause; industry or interest.

The minutes of all meetings and the books of the Union are open for inspection to all members of the Farmers' Union in good standing, and at our annual meeting in August the annual reports will be made, and we will give a full accounting of our stewardship.

Relation With Texas Business Men's Association Explained.

Our constitution announces co-operation as one of the fundamental principles of the Farmers' Union and we have solicited and received the co-operation of the business interests in promoting the welfare of the farmers. With their assistance we have for two seasons been able to finance distress cotton at six per cent, which is more than all the politicians of Texas ever did for the farmers. We are planning to build warehouses, to provide money through rural credits to build homes and to better marketing methods. In order to carry on this work in a comprehensive manner, organization is essential and legislation necessary. The Texas Business Men's Association is helping us bear the burden of organization work, and we hope they will assist us in securing the proper legislation. That organization has never requested or suggested that we support any measure in the legislature or before the people, or any candidate for office, and the platform of principles adopted at our annual meeting is the Farmers' Union's own document. The Farmers' Union at its State meeting last January adopted a resolution requesting farmers and other business men to run for the legislature and many patriotic citizens have responded heartily to our call.

We are proud of our associations with two of the most honorable and influential organizations, composed of upright, progressive and religious men of this State, viz., the Farmers' Union and Texas Business Men's Association. It is through the work of these two organizations that the farmers and the city business men must look for results.

The farmers of this State are tired of listening to platitudes and denunciations of politicians, and we shall look to co-operation with the business men for relief and let the demagogues howl. We awake Colonel Ball's reply with interest.

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

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Sonora, Texas, June 27, 1914.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wheat and son Ben left for Galveston Saturday.

Miss Winnie Davis is visiting her friend Miss Connie Parkerson this week.

The Sonora Club will hold their sixth annual morning German on Saturday morning July 4th. San Angelo insists.

J. C. Morrow formerly of the City Drug Store of San Angelo arrived in Sonora Tuesday and has taken charge of the Corner Drug Store.

Ed. A. Seidenan representing the Lone Star Brewery Co., of San Antonio, was in Sonora Wednesday on one of his regular trips.

Mrs. J. T. Evans and son Harold of the Terrett ranch were the guests of the Commercial Friday. They came in their Kissar car. Some of the girls say they like the Kissar car, as the name seems very appropriate.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining on hand in Post Office at Sonora Texas, for week ending June 18, 1914.

Domestic Letters

Nana Bargaes, Wm. Dahnhardt, John Sparks, A. N. La ders, Miss Irene Edrid, E. W. Danton, Homer Congbran, J. L. Beltrem

Foreign Letters

Catrina Salinas, Eusebio Gon sales, Gregorio Aronda, Victor Charz, Felix Arandz, Leandro Mindola, Polito Oajis, N. Sandoval, Carlos Radquz, Pedro Rino, Felipe Cardona, Jesus Peou, Miguel R. Martin z.

Postal Cards

Jose Cruz
When calling for above please say advertised.

G. W. Smith

Post Master

LOST—Pair of gold framed spectacles in tin case, cover off case, blue lining case. Finder please return them to this office.

Sid Gilbert arrived home from a trip to San Angelo Sunday.

Expression of Thanks.

I wish to thank everybody for their good deeds and sympathy bestowed on my beloved son Ed Decker during his sickness at Sonora, Texas, and for the tokens of esteem and confidence at his funeral. My heartfelt thanks go to the good ladies who decorated his last resting place with flowers, to those who attended him in his last sad hours of his life, the ministers, who officiated at his grave, and all the people who read me their expressions of sympathy in my bereavement which is so much profound a circumstance and distance prevented me to attend to him personally.
Mrs. R. A. Bannowsky,
Fredericksburg, Texas.

The Wool Growers' Central Storage Company reports the recent sale of 10,000 pounds of medium wool at 23 cents a pound to H. M. Cummings, representing Brown & Adams of Boston. Twenty three cents is the highest figure wool has brought this season. The company has fixed no date for the sale of its large holdings since the bids were recently rejected, and it probably will not do so until all its wool is in. Clips are arriving daily, and a quarter of a million pounds more are expected.—Sanford.

George Richardson Thursday announced the sale of approximately one million pounds of twelve months' wool at ranging from 14 cents for the poorest to 19 cents for the best. The buyers were H. M. Cummings, representing Brown & Adams, a J. James Duncan, Haynesville, Tex., writer; "Completely cured me after several doctors gave me up." 50c and 81.00, at your Drug get.

The prices at which the wool sold are three to five cents better than Mr. Richardson received last year. He attributes the higher prices partly to the superiority of this season's clip to that of last year. "We have the best clip as a whole, this year that we have had in twenty years," he said. The total amount involved in Thursday's sale is around \$230,000. The wool will be shipped in about two weeks.

Mr. Richardson estimates that with the quantity he still has on hand and with what is yet to come in, he will have 250,000 pounds more to sell later in the summer. Thursday's big sale was closed after repeated efforts had been made by the buyers to close deals. Instead of bidding on the Ballinger wool Messrs. Cummings and McGairk returned to San Angelo Tuesday, and negotiated with Mr. Richardson Tuesday and all day Wednesday before the purchase was concluded.—Standard

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, Itching Skin is soothed by the heating and cooling Medicines. Mrs. O. A. Einfeid, 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." Guaranteed, 50c., at your Druggist

Day's Development in Mexican Situation.

Washington, D. C., June 23.—Carranza is quoted by one of his agents as saying he will mediate with Huerta on the battlefield.

Washington official circles still believe outcome of mediation will be satisfactory.

Reports are revived United States plans to deal direct with Villa and ignore Carranza. Villa is said to be receptive.

Mediators complete plans for signing within a day or two of all parts of protocol in peace plans which relate to international differences, except plank relating personnel of new provisional government.

Democratic Executive Committee Meets.

With B. F. Bollows Chairman, Roy E. Aldwell Chairman Precinct No. 1, S. H. Stokes Chairman Precinct No. 2, J. N. Ross Chairman Precinct No. 3.

The Committee canvassed the applications and drew by lot for places upon the Official Ballot, also assessed candidates for holding election to be paid on or before July 13, 1914.

County Judge, Clerk & Treasurer \$10.00
Assessor and Sheriff 8.00
Commissary 2.00
Justice of Peace 2.00

The following named present were nominated as Precinct Judges of Election:
J. J. North Precinct No. 1, W. C. Bryson Precinct No. 2, D. Q. Adams Precinct No. 3, C. E. Sittes Precinct No. 4, W. D. Wallace Precinct No. 5.

The Committee adjourned to meet July 13, 1914.

B. F. Bollows Chairman, J. D. Lowrey Secretary.

Live Stock Interests In Texas Hurt.

Exile Pass, Texas, June 23.—As a result of the embargo on Mexican exports by the Constitutionalists, customs receipts here for May were the lowest in 20 years. Receipts which in May 1913 amounted to \$90,000 had dwindled to \$2,400 for the same month this year. That the blockade is having a serious effect on the ranching interests of Texas is shown by the complete blockade of live stock shipments from Mexico. During last April shipments through Exile Pass were valued at \$614,000 while in May they were only \$17,000. During May the traffic in cattle, sheep and goats practically ceased, only a few horses being imported. Under the new tariff, however, this would little affect customs receipts, as all stock except horses is admitted free.

Another cause for the precipitate drop in receipts is the eruption of Mexican railroad traffic.

Rafael Muzquiz, constitutionalist collector of customs in Piedras Negras, has announced that the embargo on the exportation of livestock will be lifted soon, as far as it applies to foreign ranch owners in Mexico. An export duty of \$5 gold will be charged, however, and this will check large shipments. The constitutionalists wish to conserve the food supply.

Hot Weather Tonic and Health Builder

Are you run down—Nervous—Tired? Is everything you do an effort? You are not lazy—you are sick! Your Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, and whole system need a Tonic. A Tonic and Health Builder to drive out the waste matter—build you up and renew your strength. Nothing better than Electric Bitters Start to-day Mrs. James Duncan, Haynesville, Tex., writes: "Completely cured me after several doctors gave me up." 50c and 81.00, at your Drug get.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Cuts

Mrs. W. O. Heibel and Miss Estelle McDonald left Saturday for Galveston to have a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bival of D. Rio were the guests at the Colonial Hotel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Sparks of Kansas City arrived in Sonora Sunday.

E. C. Beam the manager of the Phoenix, arrived home Sunday from his vacation.

Byrn on Saturday June 20, 1914 to Mr. and Mrs. Will Wilson a boy.

Dick and De Word were in from the ranch 20 miles west of Sonora Thursday.

Chris Wyatt was in from his ranch on the Llano Wednesday in his auto.

Lige Longis sporting a new Ford auto. Hall & North the agents get the commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bond were in from their ranch Thursday shopping.

Prof. Williams and W. M. Holman who have been west selling insurance, arrived home Tuesday.

Tom Adams went to an A. get Sunday and returned Wednesday with his auto, which he had repaired and painted. It looks as good as new.

Mrs. J. D. Lowrey and daughter Marie and Gold left on Thursday to visit friends and relatives in Brady, Katemoy and Camp San Saba.

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Bounty to Aid Sheepmen.

Washington, June 23.—As a result of the sheep and wool conference held in this city recently, growers and manufacturers are urging a federal bounty system as a means to exterminate predatory animals on western ranges, the enactment of state laws to control dogs in farm states, the standardization of wool by the department of agriculture, the establishment of government sheep breeding farms to determine the breeds of sheep best adapted to various conditions, and the creation of wool colleges for the promotion of more scientific methods in wool production.

In a report addressed to the secretary of agriculture by a committee appointed for the purpose, it is pointed out that the sheep industry of the United States is now valued at approximately \$3,500,000, but that unfavorable conditions are causing the supply of sheep to decrease rapidly. The conference was called by the secretary in order to consider the problems presented by this situation.

The committee presents its conclusions in part follows:

A careful estimate indicates that approximately \$15,000,000 worth of poultry and live stock are annually destroyed in this country by the depredations of predatory wild animals. In the western states, on which most of this burden falls, the great percentage of these predatory animals are bred and raised on land properly withdrawn from settlement by the federal government. Under such conditions, those interested in our animal husbandry feel that the nation should assume its share of this burden through a system of national bounties.

In the farming states, thousands of sheep are annually destroyed by dogs and this menace keeps many farmers from taking up sheep husbandry, thus reducing the nation's supply of meat and wool. There is a pressing need for better legislation on this subject in many of the states and we respectfully suggest that the department of agriculture could materially assist in securing such legislation by giving this movement its moral support in every way possible.

"At the present time, we have in the United States no generally accepted standards for the determination of the various grades of wool. This lack of standardization makes it impossible for the wool grower to know the grade of wool he is producing or the value of it in the market. We appreciate the most useful work done by the department of agriculture in the standardization of cotton and we respectfully petition that at the earliest possible moment your department will take up the matter of standardizing wool."

Wool growing is a science that requires not only the sound judgment of practical breeders, but the technical knowledge possessed by the trained expert. We therefore appreciate that under present conditions there is immediate need for the establishment of government sheep breeding farms, one of which shall be located in the intermountain states and another in the central part of the United States, where under supervision of experts experiments may be conducted to determine what type of sheep produces the most desirable quality of wool and is best adapted to the conditions existing in the various parts of the territory concerned. In connection with this government breeding farm, we would urge the maintenance of a wool college where a short course in wool, wool growing and sheep breeding would be available to those connected with our sheep industry. The urgent need of such institutions leads us to ask that every effort be made to establish them in the near future."

R. M. Hanke, Treasurer of Tom Green county W. C. Bollinger the plumber and John D. Kelley the boot maker of San Angelo passed through Sonora Sunday on their way home from a fishing trip to Devil's River.

Big Shipment of Muttons to Kansas City.

L. D. Sparks, of Sutton, will ship from Burnhart today 2200 muttons to the Kansas City market. During the past two months Mr. Sparks has bought 18,000 head of sheep in the Sonora country, and marketed them in Kansas City. Today's consignment will wind up his shipments for the year. "I figured that the market would remain good until about July 1," said Mr. Sparks Saturday, "and I planned to get all my shipments on the market a little ahead of that time." Mr. Sparks will now give more attention to the horse business in which he and his brother, H. H. Sparks, are engaged.

Doctor McKenzie snipped one eye of sheep over to the Santa Fe in Fort Worth Saturday. The car contained 199 head.

Tom Murphy has bought 1100 ewes and lambs from Sterling City parties, at the rate of \$6 for ewe and lamb—standard.

Austin, Tex., June 23.—barbon disease is again appearing among cattle in various counties of Texas. State Health Officer Ralph Steiner announced today, warning cattlemen to be alert. Vaccination of the healthy stock, early isolation of the charbon infected animals and burning the carcasses of charbon victims is the only known means of controlling this disease, he stated.

The Osma Stockman reports the following sales in the Osma section.

W. Payne sold last week to Lee Drisdale 500 yearlings and two year old muttons at \$3.75.

F. D. Word sold J. W. F. Bond & Sons last week 4 registered Hereford bulls for \$100 apiece.

Ray Huddspeth bought 550 one and two year old muttons last week from T. D. Word at \$3.50.

E. B. Strickland sold out of his flock of goats one fancy Angora girl to Gist & Cherry, fine goat breeder of Bluff Dale, Tex., for \$250. If you raise good stuff there is always a demand for it.

Bland & Company had a bunch of lambs on the Fort Worth market Monday that weighed 64 pounds and sold for \$8 per hundred. These were February lambs and their development shows the excellent condition of Crockett county range this spring, and the price they bought indicates that Texas markets appreciates the excellent quantities of Texas products.

Notice.

Some people are so careless that they leave the Cemetery gates open and stock gets in and destroys the trees, flowers, etc. It has been decided to leave the key at B. F. Bollows' residence where parties wanting the key can get it. See that you close and lock the gate after you.

Mrs. H. H. Sparks arrived from Kansas City Tuesday to look after her husband H. H. Sparks, the Orient Live Stock Agent.

Can Fish Anywhere.

Austin, June 22.—The "no fishing" sign has been banished from Texas.

Fishermen have shown an unusual interest in the recent ruling of the attorney general's department that all bodies of water in Texas, whether created by artificial means or of natural formation are free to everybody for fishing purposes, even where such lakes or ponds are surrounded by privately owned lands. In the latter case the fishermen must be given access to the water and egress with the necessity of a permit.

Under this ruling the several private fishing preserves in Texas are thrown open to the public. There are a number of clubs which have heretofore claimed an exclusive right to certain lakes and ponds in the matter of exercising the fishing privilege on their respective properties.

If a body of water is more than thirty feet wide any person can fish in it.

He Kept the Job!

One of the bosses at Baldwin's locomotive works had to lay off an argumentative Irishman named Pat, so he started discussion by putting the discharge in writing. The next day Pat was missing, but a week later the boss was passing through the shop and he saw him again at his table. Going up to the Irishman, he demanded, fiercely: "Didn't you get my letter?"

"Yes, sur, Oi did," said Pat.

"Did you read it?"

"Sure, sur, Oi read it inside and Oi read it outside," said Pat, "and on the inside yez said I was fired, and on the outside yez said, 'Returned to Baldwin's locomotive works in five days.'"—Lippincott's

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THE BUT FAMILY.

Its Members Are Numerous and Will Have Their Little Say.

I wonder why it is that some persons who are slaves to "doby" never have any pleasant duties to perform; never feel it absolutely incumbent upon themselves to seek you out and say something to your face that is pleasant all the way through, without any stinging qualifications; never feel moved by irresistible impulse to do something for you that is genuinely pleasant, without any bitter condition?

"I want to tell you," says Mr. But, stopping you in the street that passersby may share your modest pleasure, "how much I admired your poem on 'Peace' in the Dundum Magazine. It was virile and gentle, and graceful and convincing. But I must tell you as a friend that I have heard some of the critics saying that it was too much like Grimsby's 'Ode to War' in last month's Sluggo; or that it was a coincidence. They point out that the second stanza was plagiarized."

Jack But praises your new house. He admires the arrangement of the rooms. He sends pleasant little thrills up and down your spine as he compliments the general design. "But," he adds, just before he turns away, "I've just got to tell you that you've faced it the wrong way. You've built the whole thing backward. It will be a thorn in your flesh every time the sun goes down and every time it rises. You won't live in it ten years—not five. You'll get too sick of it." And Jack says a cheery goodbye.

Have you met the But family? Oh, they live in your block! Oh, indeed? They are members of our church. I am so glad you like them! —Rev. Robert J. Burdette in Los Angeles Times.

First American Cabinet.

When John Hancock was president of congress in 1789 and had his office at 5 Cherry street, in New York city, there were only three grand departments of the United States, which performed the functions now performed by the president's cabinet. These three grand departments were distributed as follows: The Hon. John Jay, secretary for foreign affairs, at 4 Broadway; Hon. Henry Knox, secretary of war, 15 Smith street; the Hon. Walter Livingston, Samuel Osgood and Arthur Lee, commissioners of the treasury. The "office of congress" in that period was at 81 Broadway. When Washington was first elected president in 1789 there were four members of congress from New York as follows: John Lawrence, John Harling, Melancthon Smith and Peter W. Yates.

Girls Do the Courting.

Philippine natives believe in certain forms of women's rights, especially when it comes to choosing a husband. For instance, the Danton Igorrotes leave all the courting to the girls. While the worldly goods of the proposed father-in-law have some bearing upon the order of the young lady's younging, still there are certain requirements which must be lived up to by the young man—namely, he must either have secured the head of an enemy or he must be in the employ of an American. In other words, he must either be a brave man—according to Igorrote standards—or he must be in a fair way to attain a good living.

Physiognomy.

Physiognomy—the art or science of telling a man's character from the cut of his face—is very old. The first systematic treatise on the subject is that attributed to Aristotle. The first printed works on the subject came out in 1470, since which time innumerable books on physiognomy have appeared. As to the comparative merits of physiognomy and phrenology, it is perhaps not too much to say that, as a key to character, the former beats the latter "all hollow." —New York American.

The Nature Lover.

Few adult persons can see nature. Most persons do not see the sun; at least, they have a very superficial seeing. The sun illuminates only the eye of the man, but shines into the eye and the heart of the child. The lover of nature is he whose inward and outward senses are still truly adjusted to each other, who has retained the spirit of infancy even into the era of manhood. —Emerson.

Large Game.

"For the making of billiard balls 500 elephants are needed every year," said the famous big game hunter in his lecture on India.

"How strange," whispered Mrs. Winsome to the lady who sat next, "that people can teach such great beasts to do such delicate work!" —New York Post.

DAYS OF THE PRESS GANG.

Life in England's Old Georgian Navy Was Hard and Brutalizing.

There can be no question about it—life in the Georgian navy was insufferably hard. According to Mansfield, "it was brutalizing, cruel and horrible, the kind of life now happily gone forever, a kind of life which no man today would think good enough for a criminal. There was barbarous discipline, bad pay, bad food, bad hours of work, bad company."

This is putting the case strongly, and to one not born or bred to the sea it is exactly what it must have seemed. How then did they get men to enter the service? There were several ways in vogue. A captain on being appointed to a vessel, besides attending to her armament and equipping her for a voyage, had also the responsibility of furnishing her with a crew. He set about this by establishing a recruiting office ashore, generally at a sailors' tavern, and placarding the fact through the town and the surrounding country with the announcement that "Captain Blank, R. N., was now fitting out H. M. ship So-and-So for a cruise in foreign waters."

Following this came promises of unlimited pay, prize money and the king's bounty. When the gullible one came to the bait he was plied generously with drink andattery, the king's gold jingled before his staring eyes and his befuddled brain filled with stories of the joys of life in the king's navy loudly bawled in the sea ballads of the day. That these joys were not unknown is shown by the fact that the bounty was at one time above £70 sterling.

When these gentle means failed to complete his number the captain sent a few boat loads of sturdy fellows ashore after dark in charge of an officer. This party or "press gang" proceeded to the resorts of merchant sailors and picked up any stragglers they found in the streets. In times of need no made between boyhood and old age was safe. —From "The Old Man-of-War's Man," by W. J. Aylward, in Scribner's.

The Wrist and the Arm.

The real wrist, as one might say, is the elbow joint. It is all hand, practically speaking, from that point to the tips of the fingers. When you turn your wrist it is the whole forearm that makes the twist, and every movement of the fingers is controlled by the muscles of the forearm. The power to turn the wrist to and fro at the elbow joint is possessed only by human beings and monkeys, and even the higher apes are not able to do the trick nearly as well as we can. In this movement the great biceps muscle in the upper arm is importantly concerned, its powerful action in turning the forearm outward being accountable for the fact that we are able to put so much more strength into a twist in that direction than the opposite way. Many of our most familiar tools indeed, such as the sawdriver, are made with reference to the anatomical peculiarity in question. It is for this reason and no other that all screws turn to the right.

Insulted By a Look.

A cat may look at the king, but apparently Breslau citizens may not look at Prussian policemen. A local photographer who for some time had had strained relations with a policeman stationed on the Dominikaner platz considered one day that the policeman was paying him pronounced official attention. So he stood still and looked straight at him "in a vegetious manner," according to the charge.

The policeman considered himself deeply insulted by the photographer's gaze and reported the affair. The offender was haled to court and a petty jury sentenced the luckless photographer to fourteen days' imprisonment for "insulting" an official. —London Express.

John Hancock.

John Hancock, the first signer of the declaration of independence, was the first aristocrat of Boston to join the revolutionary party. He was often chairman of liberty meetings. He was a member of the great and general court, deputy to the provincial congress and presiding officer, also deputy to the continental congress and for two and a half years its president; the first governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts and ten times re-elected.

Rules For Avoiding Indigestion.

Chew your food, quit overeating, quit washing the food into the stomach with liquids, quit eating the wrong combinations of food. Fermentation is not digestion; fermentation causes gas. Whenever you have gas you know that your digestion is not good. —Dr. David H. Reeder of Chicago.

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Merry Moments

As We Journey Through Life Let Us Laugh by the Way

Young America.
 Ray S. Baker, the author, in an argument on immigration cited the marvelous speed wherewith the immigrant family becomes assimilated into the national life.

"An instance of this assimilation seems to me," he said, "I know a worthy Neapolitan, one Paolo Cenci, who came to this country three years ago. Paolo's little son, Franco, an American citizen of seven, looked up from his school books the other evening to ask: 'Say, pa, what year was it you Italians discovered us in?' —Chicago News.

A Wise Chap.



Higgins—I hear that little Twiggins broke his engagement because he heard that his girl had been on the stage.

Wiggins—Yes, he learned that she had been showing in vaudeville as the champion lady bag puncher. —Kansas City Times.

Speaking Before One Thinks.

A friend was telling another friend the other night that Blank's was an interesting place to spend an idle hour of an evening.

"But what sort of people go there?" asked the one who was a bit particular.

"Oh, all sorts. The best people go and the worst people go—and even the common herd, like you and me." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

More Work.

"Hello, old man; on your way home?"

"Yes."

"Day's work all done?"

"Not much. Wife just telephoned me to come home and button up her dress in the back, as she had to go out." —Yonkers Statesman.

No Danger.

"If any man could know everything," he remarked, "he would be the most unhappy person in the world."

"Well," she replied with a poorly concealed yawn, "why are you worrying about it?" —Chicago Record-Herald.

Fixing the Blame.



"I blame the automobile for most of my troubles."

"How's that?"

"If I hadn't owned one I don't believe my wife would ever have consented to be mine." —Chicago Record-Herald.

A Catty Compliment.

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