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\$1 IN ADVANCE

HOLIDAY GOODS

We take pleasure in announcing to our friends and customers that our stock of Holiday Goods is on display and we are ready to assist you in any way we can in selecting gifts for your friends and loved ones. Our stock is varied and up to date and we have presents to fit the purse of everybody. Don't put off buying until the last days because the nicest presents will be gone. Call and look our stock over as soon as you can. We are sure that we can please you.



A Choice Selection of Santa Claus' Latest Novelties.



DOLLS—We never before had such an array of Dolls as we have to show you now. We have dolls of all styles and sizes and at prices from 5c up. We have dolls that sleep and dolls that never sleep; dolls that sit down and stand up; dolls that have hair that curls; we have crochet saques and Loods for dolls; unbreakable doll heads. We believe we have dolls that will please every little girl that Santa Claus will go to see in all this country. We have doll tables and doll chairs and doll dishes, and numerous other things.

HUNDREDS OF APPROPRIATE ARTICLES TO SELECT FROM.

NICE PRESENTS—We are prepared to please all the older of the gift seekers in a lovely line of Mens Ties, Suspenders, Mufflers, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins, and many other things that would highly please your sweethearts, sisters, mothers, and friends. We have handsome Vases, Toilet Sets, Souvenir Spoons, Stationery, Pictures, Odd pieces of China, Parlor Lamps, handsome Traveling Cases, Furs, Hat Pins, Stick Pins, Hand Mirrors, fancy Toilet Articles, Jardiners, and many other things to beautify the home.

Everything that will add Pleasure to the Happy Day.

COMFORT SALE!

SOMETHING YOU NEED THIS KIND OF WEATHER

GOING RIGHT DOWN AT COST.

ONLY A FEW DOZEN AND THEY WILL BE PUT ON SALE NEXT WEEK. SEE THEM EARLY.

3 doz. Comforts, regular price, \$2.25 will go next week at \$1.57.

1 doz. Comforts, regular price \$2.50 will go next week at \$1.95

1 doz. Comforts regular price \$4.50 will go next week at \$3.25.

MONDAY SHOPPERS WILL GET THE BEST OF THIS SALE.

A Nice Suit for the Boy for Christmas.

K. BURWELL.



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THE LAWSON'S VIEWS

Thomas Lawson, the well known "Frenzied Finance" writer, of Boston, has issued a 7500 word address, entitled "The Crisis, its Cause and Cure."

The address is jointly "addressed" to the press of America and to the president of the United States.

In this address to the press Lawson says:

At the beginning of the present crisis I was requested by representatives of the system and government officials to refrain from public utterance until things quieted down. I consented, warning those who made the request that in my opinion the longer the system remedies were experimented with the greater would become the danger to the country and the people. Despite urgent requests from scores of thousands of people who look to me for advice that I publicly speak, I have remained silent.

My advice (and the fact that I have a system by which I receive information from over 400,000 earnest, thoughtful people, located in all parts of the country, which, for breadth and depth, makes the soundness of my reports second only to those of the president for reliability) show me that from the beginning of the crisis until now the situation has gone from bad to worse until I have decided it would be little short of treason to longer remain silent.

ADDRESS TO THE PRESIDENT.

In his address to the president Lawson says:

In the exercise of my right of citizenship I submit the following information:

1. A small and easily identified class, by evading the laws, have "manufactured" billions of dollars of paper titles to "wealth."

2. Such fraud-made titles either have no real wealth behind them or are actually worth but a small fraction of their circulating value.

3. Such titles, because of a system of "business" trickery which has by unrestricted usage become custom, are the exact equivalent of the money of the people. They can be exchanged at banks and trust companies for the people's money without the knowledge or consent of the people who own the deposited money.

4. These billions of dollars of worthless or partially worthless titles are now in banks and trust companies, in place of billions of dollars of the people's savings, which have been withdrawn by the men who created these fraud-made titles for the express purpose of using them as instruments for such withdrawals.

5. The people during the past three years, have been informed of such withdrawals and such substitutions.

6. The people, when they had completed the discovery that their savings had been thus looted, endeavored to secure as much as was left of them before it was too late.

7. To meet this move upon the part of a large portion of the people, the System caused good banks and trust companies to band to-

gether with bad ones, by having the good ones loan to the bad ones the deposits of the people's money, and by the issuance of joint (good and bad) bank and trust company clearing house obligations.

8. To allay the fear of the people who had deposits in banks and trust companies, the System caused the press to give to the people false statements of the cause of the existing "crisis."

9. The people recognizing that falsity of the "quieting" and "to restore confidence" statements which have been published daily throughout the world since the crisis began, have continued to withdraw savings, thus continuing the "crisis."

10. Your secretary of the treasury, inexperienced and unlearned in the most intricate and difficult to understand profession, "finance" has made public statements and authorized acts which must work great disaster to the country and to the people.

11. You, with great wisdom and profound learning in many branches of statescraft but from lack of experience, and because of environment and lack of personal knowledge of the fundamentals of finance, particularly American finance, have necessarily been compelled in this crisis to take the say-so of others in regard to its cause and cure.

12. Those who have advised you have done so ignorantly or maliciously, to the end that you have publicly and officially given unsound advice and assertions which are not in accord with actual conditions.

13. During the past two years your every public act, almost without a single exception, has been for the ultimate complete undoing of the System, and for the securing for the people the fruits of their wonderful prosperity. Step by step, by your simple direct, square-deal methods, and your grand courage, you have brought the System face to face with its doom.

14. During those two years the System, by fraud, by trickery and by the unlimited expenditure of the wealth it has pillaged from the people, has endeavored to head you off from your great work.

15. During the past year the System, meeting with complete failure in all its plottings for your undoing, and realizing that at the end of your present term of office the people will insist, regardless of your wishes upon keeping you at the helm of state until your work is finished and the System completely destroyed, decided that the only way your work could be stopped and undone was by discrediting you before the people.

16. Until the beginning of the present "crisis" the System had found no way to accomplish your discrediting.

17. Upon the second day of the panic the System saw the light it had been seeking.

18. After getting the panic in hand the System determined to prolong the attending "crisis" until you, becoming fearful of the threatened disaster to legitimate business, especially in the South and West, would advocate new legislation, particularly new currency moves.

19. The System planned to force you, through your trusted associates unsound advice, into an untenable position, and as soon as you were on record as advocating unsound and impossible relief measures, its intent was to show to the people that such measures tended to disaster, and, if possible, that the moves you recommended were illegal.

20. The System decided to have labor thrown out of employment wholesale, to the end that the empty winter dinner-pail would make your re-election impossible. The System, directly and indirectly controlling many of the great labor employing industries of the country, ordered that every person possible be discharged, and when discharged, that they be informed that the reason

for such action was "inability to finance business" because of "lack of confidence," which you had destroyed by your "reckless acts and talk."

As an expert in finance, and as one who publicly predicted the exact conditions which now confront the people at a time long before even you had publicly touched upon such affairs, I assert:

1. That at the present time the losses attached to the System amount to billions of dollars in addition to those which, having been made public, it has been forced to acknowledge.

2. That the System is keeping these losses covered up by compelling the banks and trust companies in leading financial centers to carry them with their deposits, which otherwise would be at the disposal of legitimate business.

3. That if the proposed moves to tide the country over the present crisis are put in force, the exposure of these losses will be but temporarily delayed, and by such delay may be shifted to innocent shoulders. Because of such delay and shifting the disaster will be all the greater when exposure comes.

4. That exposure must come, because the paper titles to "wealth" now in banks and trust companies can by no human possibility be made worth sufficient to make good the deposits which have been withdrawn from the banks and trust companies and replaced by these titles.

5. That exposure must come because the people should be and will be informed of existing conditions, and the people, particularly of the great West and South, when possessed of such information, will continue to demand the return of their savings to them in full or to their local depositories.

6. That exposure must come because the savings banks which have applied the 60 days rule against withdrawals of deposits will at the expiration of that time, be called upon for vast sums.

7. That exposure must come on account of this "crisis," and a wake to the fact that the proceeds of their harvests of wheat, corn and cotton, instead of being sent to them each year, have been "hoarded from them" by the eastern banks and trust companies, for the use of a monstrous system of stock gambling and pillaging of the people.

In my capacity as financial expert I desire to record my belief that:

If, on November 18, you had publicly said to the System in that straight from the shoulder language you used at Provincetown and at Nashville.

"I have taken due notice of the present crisis. It has made plain duty to all the people, and I say again and with sterner emphasis than ever before, I will not recede a step from my road. I know the cause of this crisis is the looting of banks and trust companies by the use of stocks and bonds with bogus values. I know the cause is not in the country's currency. I know the cause is not by reason of anything I have said or done, and I now give warning to the System and to all financial schemers and stock gamblers, who have been pillaging the people of their savings that they must take from the bank and trust companies, within 48 hours, such 'securities' and put in their place money or securities which are in fact securities, for at the expiration of 48 hours I will cause every national bank, and, if possible, every trust company, in the large cities—particularly New York, Philadelphia and Boston—to be rigidly examined, and I will make public the condition such examination shows, and what it means, and I will see to it, by every means within the power of the law that every guilty man and institution is punished to the extreme limit of the law, and I assure honest people they need have no fear of the result, for they are to know for the first time in 30 years the actual condition of their

savings. I further assure them that, while my act will probably bring enormous losses to some, it will at the same time show such soundness in a very large majority of the banks and trust companies as will immediately give to all the people such confidence that there will be no more hoarding of money, but that, upon the contrary, money will be more plentiful than ever for all legitimate business purposes, and that all the people, particularly the capitalists of foreign countries, because of the condition shown, will have greater confidence than ever in American institutions and in the American people, and that this will cause a tremendous influx of new capital and business."

If you had said this to the people, the crisis, by the time congress met, would have been a thing of the past. There would be no use for any new legislation. Prosperity would return with a rush. There would be no wholesale discharge of labor, and our country would have taken on renewed life and prosperity.

In summing up, I submit for

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Good Measure

We always give good measure. We always give good quality. We always charge reasonable prices. Now you know what to expect from us, and, if we ever fall short, we want you to tell us of it. Our aim is to get your trade. We want to do it by fair means. We want to make it to your advantage to get your groceries of us. We have always succeeded in pleasing our customers, and we are sure we can please you.

JNO. P. GUINN

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CORN CHOPS,
COTTON SEED MEAL
W. H. FULLERTON
Proprietor

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J. T. SALMON,
about a conveyance.
Good Teams and Vehicles, and
He Knows every Foot of the Country.
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DEALERS IN
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and Wire.
YOUR BUSINESS SOLICITED.
MILLETT, TEXAS.

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The Stockmens National Bank.
COTULLA, TEXAS.
Capitol Stock \$75,000. Surplus, \$15,000.
Undivided Profits, Net, \$5952.54.

ALL KINDS OF
LUMBER
Cedar Posts Barb Wire Smooth Wire Hog Wire
Lawn Wire Red Paling Fence Wire Netting
Pipe Cylinders Well Casing Sewer Pipe Roofing Iron
Galvanized Cisterns Lime and Cement
Guttering Tinware Saddlery
HARDWARE
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Put in Hot Water Tanks
Put in Bath Tubs Gutter Your House
Make your Harness, etc.
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Have Just Received
**A New and Up to Date Line of Dry Goods,
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THEY CAN PLEASE YOU AND YOUR POCKET BOOK.
They also sell everything in the Grocery Line at Rock Bottom Prices. Handle Crockery, Glassware and Silverware and everything else that a first class General Merchandise Store carries.

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THE LUMBER MAN.
LUMBER, SHINGLES, WINDMILLS,
WAGONS, TINWARE, BRICK,
HARDWARE, FARM IMPLEMENTS
COTULLA, TEXAS.

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—DEALER IN—
GENT'S FURNISHINGS AND
FURNITURE.
Our Motto. "Best Value for the Least Money."
We sell the Famous Walkover Shoes.

FRANK B. EARNEST. FRANK W. EARNEST.
EARNEST & EARNEST,
REAL ESTATE.
Cotulla, Texas.
We have improved and unimproved lands for sale in all parts of the county. Can sell you what you want and at the best figures. Land in large or small tracts and suited to all purposes. We are ready to show you what we have at all times. Write to us or call on us.

THE SECRET OF A SUCCESSFUL GROCERY
is in keeping just what the public taste demands. We have no room for unreliable goods, and we do not believe in handling anything for which there is no call. No matter what you buy here, you may feel assured of the quality. The prices assure you that you are getting your money's worth.
D. L. Neeley



MERRY XMAS

TO OUR CUSTOMERS—PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE.

May your Christmas Stocking be Padded Right Down to the Toe,
Full Up and Running Over.

ONLY TWO MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS will be ushered in and we urge every lover of the beautiful not to delay in visiting Santa Claus Headquarters where a display of Gift Goods of unrivaled elegance is to be seen.

Gifts That Survive the Ages.

Much of our knowledge of the remote past is due to the survival of the articles of ornament and utility that were fashioned out of metals and precious stones by the races long since gone.

Man in all times has treasured such articles of handicraft and they have never been so cunningly fashioned as they are today.

It is such things that are found in our stock of jewelry:

TABLEWARE. FLAT WARE. STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES. WATCHES. CHAINS. LOCKETS. RINGS. AND ALL SORTS OF JEWELRY FASHIONED FROM THE FINER METALS AND PRECIOUS STONES.

Gifts of this kind are especially suitable because they have beauty, utility and intrinsic value and because they outlast everything else.

Hundreds of beautiful articles here to choose from.

Jewelry



There is always something in Jewelry that friends desire and our stock represents hundreds of dainty articles of intrinsic value. We have the latest and most beautiful things out in gold and silver and our prices are remarkably low.

Bracelets. Locketts. Fobs. Chains. Stick Pins. Scarf Pins. Cuff Buttons. Hat Pins. Shirt Studs. Rings. Brooches. Watches. Thumbies. Fancy Back and Side Combs. Etc.



Toys by the Thousands.

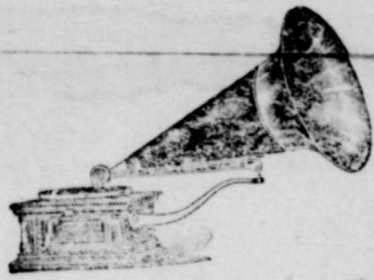


Cut Glass.



We anticipated a heavy trade in cut glass this season and have stocked accordingly. It will be hard to get past our dazzling display—you'll be compelled by its great beauty to pause and examine the brilliant jewel-like pieces. Acceptable gifts here at any price you can wish to pay.

Talking Machines



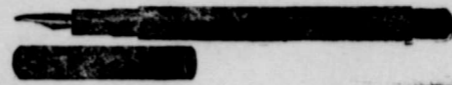
We are agents for Victor talking Machines and Records. These marvelous instruments come at several prices \$20 up. A gift of one of these would afford the recipient endless enjoyment.

Tricycles.



THIS LOT 25c EACH

Fountain Pens



Nothing would please him more than a good Fountain Pen. Ask to see them.

Lamps



If you have a Lamp in mind as a gift for some friend be sure you come here for it. We have a magnificent showing and we believe our prices cannot be beaten.

Carving Sets



This Store Open till Eleven
O'clock Every Night.

Candies

We have just received a fresh stock Plover's Chocolates and Bon Bons in fancy holiday packages. No purer, richer or more delicious confections can be had than these. The packages are most dainty and artistic and designs are especially appropriate for Christmas and New Year's giving. All prices from 25c to \$5.00.

Postal Albums

A modern gift. We have a large stock, including about all sizes made. Have them bound in cloth and leather of different colors.

Mirrors

We have as fine a line of Hand, Triplicate and Shaving Mirrors as the market affords. Have them in a variety of shapes and finishes. Wide range of prices.

Leather Goods

Pocket Books, Purses, Wallets, Hand Bags, Bill Books, Card Cases, etc., in the very latest styles. Prices varied, but all good values. We also have traveling Cases and many beautiful Novelties. You will find no end of suitable, useful gifts here for both ladies and gentlemen.

M

For making others happy we have done our best by getting together the greatest stock of Christmas goods ever shown under one roof in this town. Look them over. We know you will buy.

E

In Perfumes we have the best that the markets of England and France and America afford, and it seems as if this year's creations outdo any ever shown before. Perfume is always acceptable. We can suit you at 10c to \$2.50.

R

In Brushes, the equal of our stock is not to be found. Brushes for every conceivable use, in every grade, at every price. For Christmas we have a special gift line in leather traveling cases at 50c to \$2.50.

R

You will have no trouble in making a selection from our stock of Leather Goods. It is anything in Leather Goods. Guaranteed qualities. Something you can depend on being a credit to the giver are the only grades we handle.

Y

Prices of Leather Goods range from 10c to \$2 in Purses, Belts, Holders to \$1.50 to \$10 in Traveling Cases, Bags, Satchels, Manicure, Brush and Comb Cases, and Music Rolls and Portfolios.

X

Stationery always is an important item in our stock but our stock this Christmas season is beyond description in new creations, new colors and new materials.

M

Cigars are appreciated by ninety per cent of your gentlemen friends, but cigars are a line ladies cannot always buy with safety. Unless you come to our store you are liable to get something your friend will not like. In boxes special for Christmas 50c to \$3.

A

Ladies' Dressing and Manicure Cases, Brush and Toilet Sets, represent 50 per cent of our stock and 100 per cent more than you will find anywhere else, with the prices that are much lower.

S

GADDIS' PHARMACY.

GREETING!

May Christmas 1907 Be the Happiest of Your Life and the New Year Bring Untold Prosperity.

Do your part toward Making Others Happy by a Remembrance of Some Kind.

THIS STORE OFFERS TO GIFT GIVERS A VARIED SELECTION OF USEFUL ARTICLES---THINGS THAT ARE SERVICEABLE AND WILL BE APPRECIATED BY THE RECIPIENT.

The largest line of Dolls ever had. Sleeping dolls and dolls with real hair, from 15c to \$2.25.

Dresser Scarfs, 25c to \$2.00.

Table Covers, 25c to \$2.00.

Clocks, a beautiful line, at 1-2 the price you pay at jewelry stores. Guaranteed works.

Embroidery Handkerchiefs, from 10c to 60c.

Ladies Coats, from \$4.50 to \$25.00.

Silk Shirtwaist patterns all prices.

Gloves—Long kid and Gauntlets, at reasonable prices.

Our Wool Goods are all reduced and why get something useless when they need a dress.

Ladies Silk Scarfs, something useful and stylish, all prices from \$1 to \$5

Comforts and Blankets, a useful present Price our express wagons for children, very cheap.

Some beautiful Toilet Sets at prices the lowest in town.

TOYS THAT DELIGHT THE CHILDREN.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT BY BUYING YOUR GOODS FROM

L. A. KERR.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Lock boxes for rent \$1 per year, Stockmens National Bank.

Ed Henrichson was among the Artesia visitors in town Tuesday.

For Sale—200 cantaloupe crates below cost. W. N. GUINN.

All kinds of good things for Christmas at J. P. Guinn's

The days are mighty long ones now to the little folks.

John Reynolds of Dilley was in the city Sunday.

YOUR CHRISTMAS SUIT REED.

W. H. Jacobs was in town first of the week from his ranch Northwest of Millett.

For keeping your papers, jewelry etc., rent lock box \$1 per year, Stockmens National Bank.

The wet spell that set in Thursday morning stopped transplanting onions for a while.

Mrs W. P. Shields and family of Millett were down Christmas shopping Wednesday.

Guy Nevell left Thursday morning to spend the Holidays with homefolks in San Antonio.

Mrs. Sarah Orcutt and Miss Rose Held of the McKey ranch were in town shopping Tuesday.

M. T. Davis and Mr. Sutton went down to the Dull Ranch Wednesday and killed three big bucks.

Call and see our lock boxes now placed in our new fire proof vault, for rent \$1 per year, Stockmens National Bank.

E. P. Rasmussen, a prominent ranchman from up the Nueces was in the town several days this week.

John Henderson manager, of the Cartwright Ranch left Tuesday for New Mexico, where he will spend the Holidays with relatives.

The RECORD is in receipt of a card from Jeff Oliver ordering the paper sent to him at Marathan, where he is now located.

Max A. Goeth and bride of Marble Falls have been spending a week here. They have just returned from their bridal tour of Mexico. Mr. Goeth has considerable interests here and while in the city made farm leases for the next year.

Program

ALAMO CONCERT COMPANY.

(Personnel)

Miss Nettie Lytle, (Soprano).
Miss Jo Fuller, (Pianiste).
Miss Lydia Thompson, (Reader).

1. Impromptu in C minor—Reinhold.
2. The Dungeon Scene adapted from Sign of Cross.—Wilson Barrett.
3. (a) Summer.—Chaminade.
(b) The Last Rose of Summer—Moore.
4. Autumn.—Chaminade.
5. (a) The Girl who Telephones.—Mrs. Leland T. Powers.
(b) Haunted by a Song—Selected.
6. (a) Memory—E. Ina Park.
(b) Dreaming—Anton Daily.
7. Rapsodie No. 2—List.
8. (a) A Sisterly Scheme—Selected.
(b) Behind the Curtain.—Monologue.
9. Lullaby—from the Sea King.

Prof. D. M. Henry, principal of the Encinal School attended the Teachers Institute here this week.

We call attention to our lock boxes for safely keeping your papers and valuables, absolutely fire proof. For rent \$1 per year, Stockmens National Bank.

Reagen Cartwright of Terrell is here in charge of the Cartwright ranch during the temporary absence of the manager, J. H. Henderson, who is spending the Holidays in New Mexico.

Jack Baylor, the popular young manager of the La Motta Ranch was in the city Tuesday to meet Judge Camp and family of San Antonio who will spend Christmas at the ranch.

A pretty bunch of violets and three nice spider lillies now decorate the park grounds, by the kindness of Mrs. R. A. Gilmer. The Optimistic Club grounds were kindly remembered by Miss Ota Livingston of Deweyville, Newton Co., Texas, by sending four fine rooted bush honeysuckles to be planted. My! My! How many friends the sweet flowers have! Mr. Jeffrey, agent for the Austin Nursery, kindly remembered the City Park grounds by donating a fine Satsuma orange tree. As one good turn deserves another Wentworth insisted that he donate one of the Dugat variety, we then would have a pair of the class that are recommended for this climate.

MONEY TO LOAN

On Farms and Ranches.

VENDOR'S LIEN NOTES BOUGHT

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

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San Antonio, Texas.

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Next the river.

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Frank B. Earnest, V.P.
V. H. Harding, Cashier
J. H. Gallman, Asst. Cashier.

DIRECTORS:

K. Burwell,
Jno. M. Daniel,
H. C. Lane.

Cotulla State Bank,

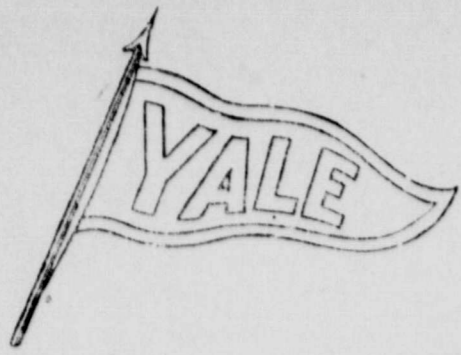
Capital Stock \$25,000

Money Loaned on Real Estate Security
See Our Travelers' Checks. Good Anywhere on Earth.
Small Deposits Accepted.

WATCH OUR GROWTH

We do a Conservative Banking Business on Strictly Banking Principles.

J. B. Wagoner

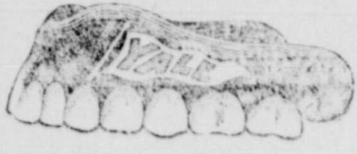


of the
YALE
DENTISTS,

San Antonio,

Will be in Cotulla

MONDAY, December 30th,
on one of his regular visits
and will remain ONE WEEK.



ALL WORK GUARANTEED.
ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

Judge Thomas' Mexican Farmer.

"Speaking about Mexicans," said Judge Thomas, "I've got the best working bunch on my ranch that ever came this side of the Rio Grande." He was addressing a Jury of View composed of T. R. Keck, L. A. Kerr and R. A. Gouger that went out last Tuesday to lay out a road from Cotulla to Buekow.

They went through the Judge's ranch and on the way out he told them that he was opening up a farm and showed numerous bouquets on the old Mexican that had charge of the farm. "He's the best worker I ever saw for a Mexican," said the Judge. "He's out every morning before daylight making things move. The only objection I have to him is that he drives my mules to death."

When it was about a quarter after nine and they were nearing the Judge's place. "When we drive up on this dump boys you'll see the prettiest little farm in La-Salle county, and old 'Reliable' there turning up the virgin soil." "By George," he added, "I wish we had got out about daylight just to see what time he got to work."

"We may be in time yet," said Mr. Keck. About that time they came in full view of the clearing, and indeed, beheld a very pretty farm, but old "Reliable" wasn't there. There was no chirp of the blackbirds that follow the plow to pick up insects of the earth. The plow was standing at the end of the row where it had been left the day before.

"Something is wrong sure," said the Judge, and they started up to the house. There they found old "Reliable" just feeding his mules, and hadn't even had breakfast. After blowing on his general superintendent for about four miles, and finding him just crawling out into the bright and beautiful sunlight of a day nearly four hours old, put the Judge in an embarrassing position, and he jumped on old "Reliable" in language direct and unmistakable and demanded to know why, on that morning when all nature was aroused by the glory and beauty of the day, when it seemed that the bracing air could not help but inspire energy in every creature, he sun had risen midway the ninth and melted the pearly dewdrops, and yet! and yet—the heels of progress in this neck of the woods had not been set in motion?

Old "Reliable" had been caught

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE COTULLA STATE BANK.

AT COTULLA, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 31ST, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	27,676.40
Loans, real estate	16,492.88
Overdrafts	646.21
Furniture and Fixtures	1,203.56
Due from Approved Reserve Agents \$4181.56	
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check	3254.60
Cash Items	216.33
Currency	417.00
Specie	697.80
Total	\$54,786.43

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	308.58
Undivided profits, net	507.61
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	100.75
Individual Deposits, subject to check	17,869.51
Bills Payable and Discounts	11,000.00
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Witness our hands this 29th day of November A. D. 1907.

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Notice is hereby given the Tax Payers of La Salle county that I will be at the following named places on the dates specified, for the purpose of collecting taxes due for the year 1907.

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W. T. HILL,
Tax Collector, La Salle County.

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Views.

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your consideration of congress and the American people, that there is possible for the present. That cure can be instantly effected. That cure is the creation of confidence among all the people of the real wealth of the American people—not simply confidence in the money of the American people, but in the paper to the other sections of real wealth, stocks, bonds, etc., but particularly stocks and bonds—and I respectfully submit that this confidence can be created only in one way.

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CHAPTER XIX

THE INDIGNATION MEETING.
(Continued from last week.)

Fred had been in Waterville a little over a week and his enthusiasm was noticeably subdued. One evening he discovered that a great many citizens were assembling in the town hall, and finding the crowd composed of representatives of nearly every family in Waterville, he joined the throng.

The gathering proved to be an indignation meeting, called to order by J. Arthur Boast. Instead of hurrahing for the Waterville Town Company, its members were vigorously denounced by the indignant citizens, and one of the speakers, after addressing the chair, said, among other things:

"Where is our sash, blind and door factory? Where is our foundry? Where is our woolen mills? Where is our great smelting plant, where is our great manufacturing enterprise that have been promised us by the Waterville Town Company? Echo answers, where?"

We are told that when we see a thing in the Waterville Times it is so, but where are these institutions of progress which have been promised us? Outside of Waterville the newspapers claim the members of the Waterville Town Company to be a lot of restless boomers. I believe what I see in these papers. The weeds are already growing in the streets of Waterville—our town is dead; not one stranger in a week dignifies from the train at Waterville. We have been deceived, and it is now time for an indignation meeting to assert its rights, and to the regins of government, so weak in its own hands, and give Waterville Town Company to understand that no more bonds of kind will be voted, or substituted in the future."

A number of other speakers expressed themselves in bitter terms at the Waterville Town Company. The chairman, J. Arthur Boast, finally addressed the meeting in a piping voice, and advised that it was true that prices lately had been inflated in his absence, and a reaction was at hand. He reminded his hearers of the time when he had been with them, and by listing their sins with him he would try to show his "special bargain list" on that he could possibly reestablish confidence and inaugurate a new era of activity in the estate business.

As from others usually prompts us to appear considerably generous and Boast was very careful not to openly charge the depression at Waterville to any one in particular, but his insinuations left no doubt that he meant the Waterville Town Company. He was a man who believed he was born to be a leader, and a power among men, but he was circumscribed, not dwarfed, but dimmutive to such an extent that it was an impossibility for him to be loyal to more than one man at a time, and he believed that loyalty to one required disloyalty to all others.

It was the idea of the citizens at the meeting that retrenchment was in order. One speaker advised closing the public school. The suggestion seemed to meet with favor. Old Dick Ballard pushed his way through the crowd, and addressing the chairman, begged the people to listen to reason. He talked rapidly and protected his sore lip with his hand as a covering.

"You know," he said, "if we blindly wish for a thing regardless of the cost, it is prima facie evidence that the wish is not a rational one. I'm school director in this 'ere township. The office sought me I didn't seek the office. Retrenchment in any other line, except in the closing down of the public school, is, perhaps, all right, but don't take a step backward. If we don't have a school we won't have any educated people, and a town without education is worse than dead. Our public school system is our pride, and should appeal to the patriotism of every one here." A voice from the back part of the house called out:

"Say, Dick, I thought your drum corps was Waterville's pride." A few laughed loudly and irreverently. Ballard glared fiercely and said:

"You shut up."

In conclusion he offered to give an entertainment with his state mil-

itia company for the benefit of the public school at Waterville, and became so enthusiastic that he almost forgot his cracked lip. As a consequence, during the balance of the evening he was holding a handkerchief to the injured member.

His remarks would probably have been effective, had not a fiery speaker followed him, and advanced the idea that the discontinuing of the public school would be a direct rebuke to the Waterville Town Company.

The latter speaker yelled a little louder, spoke even more rapidly, gesticulated more violently, so, of course, he swayed the fickle opinion of his hearers around to his side of the subject.

"Let it be noised abroad," he shouted, "that the residents of Waterville refuse to pay any school taxes, and then the Waterville Town Company will begin to understand that we must be consulted, or we will thwart their schemes for booming the town. All they care for, anyhow, is the money there is in selling town lots."

The speaker then asked Dick Ballard how much money was in the teacher's fund of the school treasury.

Ballard said he did not know, but he could find out in a day or two. The speaker further addressing the chair said:

"I move you, sir, that it is the spirit of this demonstration that we quit paying taxes to support a public school in Waterville, and when the funds now on hand are exhausted that our schools be closed."

The motion prevailed almost unanimously, there being only a few feeble protests, and they were not recognized by the presiding officer.

A little later Fred felt some one plucking at his sleeve, and Dick Ballard motioned to him to follow.

"Now, sir," said Ballard, in a deep, stage-like whisper, when they were alone, "there is some mighty important work to be done. Be in the parlor of my hotel in half an hour. Say nuthin'" and at this Ballard, with a mysterious look on his face, turned and hurried away in the darkness.

Fred walked over to the hotel, and a little later found Dick Ballard, Wilbur Winthrop and Barney McCaffrey waiting for him. Ballard was very careful to lock the door securely, and then turning to the others, said:

"Now, gentlemen, we have business of importance on hand. Yes, sir; the time has come for us to act, and act promptly. Hold on; just wait a minute until I read you a letter. This is private," said he, tapping the letter which he unfolded with a great flourish.

"This is from General Ira House, the greatest town builder in the world. Now, here's what he says: 'I will settle my board bill—no, hold on; that's not the place. Here it is: 'Tell the people to be patient. Sugar is sweet, vinegar is sour, oil is smooth; with the three we make salad. This is life. The most hopeful hour is in the early morning, the brightest hour is at high noon, and the most beautiful hour, the twilight. Waterville is all right. It is not a rumor, but a reality, that gives substantial impetus to stock values. What do you think of that, gentlemen?' said Ballard, as he folded the letter and put it in his pocket. "Isn't that great?"

"I tell you General Ira House can come as near breaking the shell and getting at the meat in the kernel as any man I ever knew. He is brainy, and no mistake. Our citizens are excited, and in their excitement they are foolish. They are attempting to bite the hand that is feeding us all, and that man, J. Arthur Boast, is the worst of the lot. I would trust a stammering sinner before I would a shamming saint. He looks as if all his days were Sundays, when, as a matter of fact, he is full of Friday night frolics as a poeupine of quills."

"The Town Company has made this town—I address my remarks to you, Mr. Rockwell. Modesty forbids, sir, that I should say to my friends, the resident director and Mr. Winthrop, that which I unhesitatingly proclaim to an outside party. Now, let me ask you, Mr. Rockwell, if I didn't tell you long ago that the members of the Waterville Town Company were the brainiest lot of men this country has ever produced?"

"I believe you made that remark." "Yes, sir, and I'm proud to repeat the statement, and in the letter that I've just read is evidence—prima facie evidence—that Waterville is only restin', as it were, preparatory to enterin' a free-for-all burdle race, and makin' the fastest time on record. Yes, sir; her time will be a record breaker, and she will distance all would-be competitors, notwithstanding the slanderous and libelous articles now goin'

the rounds of the press. "We are now," continued Ballard, "a ways and means that school would indeed be a calamity. They asked me over at the meeting how much money was in the school treasury. I told I didn't know. I beg your men's pardon for my reply, but I know there's not a dag in it. I was forced into the ward position of tellin' a false word for the good of my adopted Waterville. Now, gentlemen, what do you advise?" he concluded, dipping his handkerchief to his cracked lips.

"I think," said McCaffrey, "at the taxpayers are not objecting to our public school. The Waterville Town Company owns fully three-fourths of the property in Waterville. True progress pays no heed to opinion, and we want the school to go on, no matter what a few excited people say about it. The citizens who are loudest in denouncing the expense, and calling most vigorously for retrenchment, as a matter of fact, pay scarcely a penny of tax. As usual, however, those who talk loudest in a community invariably do the least."

"You're right," said Dick Ballard, glowingly. "That's the talk. There's argument in your remarks, Mr. McCaffrey, and if I had them printed on doggers I would regard it as a personal privilege to deliver copies to the members of my state militia company, and issue a general order to have them distributed over the entire town."

"I wish to call your attention to one thing," continued Ballard. "No member of my state militia company voted to discontinue the public school; no, sir, not one!"

Winthrop observed that the demonstration was a hasty action that would, probably, be disapproved of by the people themselves after more mature reflection.

"A few weeks ago," he went on, "these same people were hurrahing for the Waterville Town Company. They expect us to perform wonders in a few weeks' time which, in reality, will require many years of hard work to accomplish. Men may die for glory and be worshiped, for fame, and be enologized, but when a man gives his life trying to build up the frontier, and happens to do something unpopular with the common people, he is blank, blank, blanked. I full believe the present depression will be followed by a healthy activity, satisfying to the most pronounced pessimist in Waterville."

"Gentlemen," said Dick Ballard, "there are four of us. Miss Hilliard is our most exempt young lady, and as a teacher she is without a peer. Her salary for the entire year is only five hundred dollars. I stand ready to pledge myself for one-fourth of this amount."

"Put me down for one-fourth," said Fred.

"I will gladly pay one-fourth," said McCaffrey, "and my check is ready at any time."

"Count me in on the deal," said Wilbur Winthrop.

"Just one thing, gentlemen," said Ballard. "I am pretty well acquainted with Miss Hilliard. She is, indeed, the daughter of her father, and she possesses his spirit of independence to a very large degree. If she knew that her compensation was comin' from private sources you could not get her to touch a dollar of it; therefore, I think it is best to consider this compact as strictly confidential."

Ballard's view met with the approval of all his associates. The conversation becoming general, Fred inquired when the Town Company would probably have another meeting.

"Not for some time, from present indications," replied Winthrop. "No," said Bernard McCaffrey. "I received a letter today from Colonel Alexander, and he says it will be necessary, on account of pressing business in the Wharfage and Dockage Company down on the golf coast to defer holding another town meeting for some months. The only thing we can do," he continued, "is to keep a good grip on our holdings here and wait. The dark days will roll by like so many clouds, and the clouds are but prophesies of tomorrow's sunshine. Waterville will be in the ascendency. Strangers will come in, bringing money for improvements; many buildings will be erected, this great valley will be settled up with thriving farmers and successful activity, in my judgment, will take the place of the present unfortunate depression."

Fred continued his stay at Waterville for several days longer than he at first intended. His frequent consultations with Wilbur Winthrop and Bernard McCaffrey led him to believe they were two of the most honorable men he had ever met. Probably they were wrong in their judgment in regard to Waterville, but they were certainly sin-

core, and Fred felt that these two men would be true friends in any crisis.

Experience is a luxury often costing not only wealth, but reputation and peace of mind as well. Winthrop and McCaffrey seemed to be fighting for a goal against bitter odds. Many persons periodically take advantage of their friends by going through the court of bankruptcy, and thus clearing the slate of all obligations, but these men never rested until the last debt of the Waterville Town Company had been paid in hard cash. They were left practically penniless, or at best, with but very little money, but happiness is a distillation of good digestion, good fellowship and a clear conscience, and they were cheerful and content to wait until time should lift them out of the trough of the sea of depression up on the waves of commercial activity.

Circumstances and conditions are sometimes grinding mills that crush the hopes upon which men set their earthly desires, filling the soul with doubt and indecision. When Fred started for Gold Valley he said he might return in a couple of weeks, and again, he might not return for a year, or longer, for just now his future was one immense interrogation point, and he was seeking an answer.

The width of a sphere is nothing when two people really love each other, but his was as yet an undeclared sentiment, and Fred, like most men, was unwilling to apply the test too severely until he knew, and was anxious to remain in Gold Valley and near Ruth.

"Trouble is to love what night is to the star," and as soon as Fred reached the valley town in the mountains he made a hurried toilet and called upon the woman who held his heart in her keeping. He was in doubt as to whether she loved him, but rather fancied her indifferent, and like all men, because he thought she did not care for him he went away or remained, would move heaven and earth to see, while, perhaps, if she had loved him a decided preference—

all, anyway, she welcomed him ardently and soon afterwards he is comfortably seated in the little room where he had spent so many happy evenings talking to her and her father.

Mr. Hilliard was very glad to see him again, while the fire that crackled and burned cheerily in the open grate seemed to add warmth to the genial welcome extended to him.

"I am delighted to see you," said Hilliard, "I am delighted to see you, and at once renewed the temporary embarrassment will soon be relegated into antiquity; yes, such a few days longer, a few days more waiting will be over, and the struggle for a living will be over. No matter how much we may fight against it, we are bound to be wealthy. Of course, it will take a few days yet but only a few."

It was evident Mr. Hilliard was in earnest, as was usual with him, and the four-hundred-dollar level was certainly a welcome hope to Fred. He spoke briefly to Mr. Hilliard and Ruth concerning the depression at Waterville, and said he trusted that eventually—he did not pretend to say exactly when, but some time in the future—his investment in Waterville town lots would turn out all right.

"Why is it," said Fred, "we never get what we want in this world?"

"Well, you see, sub," said Mr. Hilliard, "the things we think we want are so many, and the things we really need are so few, that the supply is too great in the latter case and too impoverished in the former. Personally, sub, I'm not favorable to real estate speculation. I presume the reason is that I know so little about them, but when it comes to a mine, sub, especially like the Shonbar, I invariably know what I'm talkin' about."

"Ruth," he continued, looking at his daughter, "let us have some music. I see Mr. Rockwell is very tired, and we will talk no more business this evening."

Ruth went to the piano and sang for them. Perhaps she did not know it, but with her music she lightly and softly laid her fingers on the heart-strings of a love that was tenderly vibrating in Fred's soul possibly forgetful of the minor chords which often rule in the chorus of destiny that women

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Hope played back and forth among the chords as Ruth sang and the music swelled and surged in sweet symphonic strains, making a blissful dream as of silken moonbeams on a summer night when the southern cross burns brightly in the purple blue of a star-gemmed sky.

While Ruth was singing, Fred felt it would be so easy to tell her of his love, for she was his ideal.

There was a brave man in the daily walks of life, but in his affection for Ruth he was an ardent forward, for what are the heated affirmations of a man when a woman raises her disapproving eyes, filled with chilling negatives?

A beautiful woman appeals to the artistic taste of a man, a witty woman appeals to his joviality, a rich woman to his greed, and a good woman to his sincerity, but no one knows the proportions of the ingredients entering into the composite that appeals to a man's heart. We only know there is a mysterious mixture of womanhood to suit every man, and when he finally makes the discovery, then it is the woman's fault if the very keys of his soul are not taken from his keeping.

As Fred walked slowly home that evening in the dusky darkness, he said to himself, "Were I sure that I should die tomorrow, I would have told her of my love tonight, an unanalyzed love, without rhyme and without reason, without apology or appeal, without expectation or excuse, transparently shrill and clear as a bell. I would have confessed my depths of despair and the utter hopelessness of earthly happiness or success or of any soul's salvation in the world to come unless she presented my credentials. I am a blank-slate fool—that's all!"

(Continued next week.)

The recent unprecedented rains which caused floods in the greater portion of Texas which destroyed many bridges and culverts and made almost all roads impassible, has brought about a lively discussion in many newspapers and any number of communities in this state. The great question seems to be one of proper drainage as it is realized that only very few countries are in a financial condition to build permanent roads out of gravel, shell or macadam. Writers who have given the question thought and study seem to be of the opinion that a great improvement will be noticeable in our dirt roads as soon as they are properly drained. Prof. J. C. Nagle of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of this State, furnishes a communication which appeared in the Texas Newspaper Union on November 25th in regard to roads and drainage. We notice that he condemns, and justly so, wooden culverts and small wooden bridges, and advocates using tile and corrugated galvanized iron culvert pipe. Tile pipe is limited in sizes and can only be used to ad-

vantage when conditions are favorable. On the other hand, corrugated iron pipe is made in all sizes up to six feet in diameter, which is large enough to take the place of many small wooden bridges which cause endless expense by rotting and washing out. We feel that our County Commissioners and road builders should investigate the many advantages of this corrugated iron pipe. It is advertised in our columns by the Lone Star Culvert Company, who manufacture it at Houston, Texas.

It is in use in quite a number of counties and cities in the State, but still there are many who do not seem familiar with its merits, and for this reason we deem it proper to call attention to the matter, hoping to thereby add our mite in solving the mighty problem of better roads in our State.

THE HOE MAN'S THANKS GIVING.

By Edwin Markham.

I count up in this song of cheer
The blessings of a busy year.
A roof so low I lose no strain,
No ripple of the friendly rain;
A chimney where all winter long
The logs give back the wild bird's song.

A field, a neighborly old ground,
Which year by year without a sound,
Lifts bread and roses sweet
In the dark below my feet.

The tree-toad that is first to cheer
With crinkling flute the green of the year;
The cricket on the garden mound,
Stitching the dark with threads of sound.

The wind that cools my hidden spring
And sets my corn fields whispering;
And shades across so lightly blow
Green ripples down the apple row.

The shy paths, darting through the wheat,
Marked by the prints of little feet,
Gray squirrels on their thrifty round,
Crows condescending to the ground.

That leafy hollow that was stirred
A hundred mornings by a bird
That sang at daybreak on a brier,
Setting the gray of dawn a-fire!

The lone star and the shadowed hush
That comes at evening, when the thrush
Ravels the day, so worn and long,
Into the silver of a song.

The tender sorrow, too, that came
To leave me nevermore the same;
The love and memories, and the wild
Light laughter of a little child.
Thoughts of the Wonder that
awaits
The soul beyond the Darkened gates
That old, old Mystery that springs
Deathless, behind the will of things.

This is my rosary or hours, inwoven
Of the snows and flowers—
The year that runs from young to old,
A glint of green, a glow of gold.

WAR

By Arthur Stinger.

From hill to hill he hurried me;
He stalked me day and night;
He neither knew nor hated me;
Nor his nor mine the fight.

He killed the man who stood by me
For such they made his law;
Then foot by foot I fought him,
Who neither knew nor saw.

I trained my rifle on his heart;

He leaped up in the air.
The screaming ball tore through his breast,
And lay embedded there.

Lay hot embedded there and yet
Hissed home o'er hill and sea
Straight to the aching heart of one
Who'd wronged not mine nor me!

COULDN'T DISCONCERT HIM.
Two young ladies on the promenade of a seaside resort had been watching the vessels pass, through a telescope lent them by an "ancient mariner." On handing the glass back one of them remarked that it was a very good one.
"Yes, miss," said the old tar; "that 'ere telescope was given me by Lord Nelson."
"Good gracious, why Nelson has been dead nearly a hundred years."
"Well, I'm blowed!" remarked the salty one. "How the time do fly."

STILL HAD A CHANCE.
Virginians are telling with much amusement of a Jamestown exposition in which the Governor or one of the Southern States was an important actor. The Governor, so the story goes, was crossing from his State building to the executive offices of the exposition. He was about to pass through the gateway when he saw an old negro carrying a large box.
"You go through first, uncle," said the Governor. "You have the largest load."
"Yes, sah; ah has now," replied the aged darkey. "But hits early in de day yit."

TOLD THE TRUTH.
"Send me some money to get me out of this trouble," wrote the prodigal son, "and I'll promise to begin all over again."
"Yes," muttered the old man, crumpling up the letter in his horny fist. "That's just what I'm afraid you'd do. Didn't expect you to confess it, though."

OCULAR ILLUSION.
"What town is that a few miles to the north?" shouted the aeronaut leaning over the edge of the basket.
"Oshkosh!" yelled the agriculturalist over whose farm the balloon was passing.
"What?"
"Oshkosh."
"What did he say?" asked the aeronaut's companion.
"He didn't say anything. He swore at me."

HE DODGED.
"So Borroughs owes you money, Well, I think he'll pay you some days, but you can't make a hurry."

"Don't you believe it. The mere sight of me walking in the street has made him hurry severally lately."

TOMMY'S ERROR.
Mrs. D. Smythe—Tommy, do you want some nice plum jam?
Tommy—Yes, mother.
Mrs. D. Smythe—I was going to give you some to put on your bread, but I've lost the key to the pantry.
Tommy—You don't need the key, mother. I can reach down through the window and open the door from the inside.
Mrs. D. Smythe—That's what I wanted to know. Now just wait till your father comes home.

EVER DISTRUSTFUL.
"Why didn't you vote for my friend?" asked the politician. He, the most popular man in the state.
"That's the reason," answered Farmer Courtassel. "I never yet see a man that made a business of being popular who had much of liking for real hard work."

FLY FINANCE.
Hilarious Citizen—Come on it fellows! I got nuthin' but dough! Dere was a run on a Harlem bank, an' I sold me place on de line for twenty bucks.
Incredulous Person—Gee, how long has youze had it in de bank?
Hilarious Citizen—Who said had money in de bank?

New York—An old "blue law" for the closing of all places of amusement in the city has been dropped and will be enforced. Everything from the nickel show to the Y. M. C. A. entertainments will be closed.

Washington—According to the Peace Conference a court of justice will be established for the Central American Republics.

Washington—The committee on waterways has asked for \$50,000,000.

Oyster farming is rapidly becoming an important industry on the Texas coast. Under a law of the last legislature oyster beds are leased from the State and oysters cultivated under state protection.

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THE MAN WHO DEFIED MORGAN

Mr. Frank Kellogg, counsel for the Federal Government in its efforts to dissolve the Standard Oil Trust, is the subject of a short story in the Humble Life for November. The writer tells of a characteristic incident in which James J. Hill, J. Pierpont Morgan and Mr. Kellogg figured and which incidentally gives an insight into Mr. Kellogg's methods and principles. Says the writer:

One morning some five years ago James J. Hill went puffing into the office of J. Pierpont Morgan and said:

"Mr. Morgan, can't you get that lawyer Kellogg, one of your counsel in the United States Steel Co., to help us shape public sentiment and the legislatures in the States through which our railroads run?"

"I'll see," said Mr. Morgan. That day Morgan sent for the little gray haired Western lawyer and said to him in a tone in which an auto-rat usually addresses his servant, "Kellogg, you will do this."

The steel blue eyes of Lawyer Kellogg flashed. "I am not a politician and a lobbyist, but a lawyer who does only a legitimate business and I will not do any such work," said he, rising and facing the money master.

By this time Morgan was on his feet, sizzling with anger, and blurted out the hottest words that had fallen from his lips in many a day. Frank B. Kellogg simply turned on his heels and walked out. That is the sort of man and lawyer who is representing the Federal government in its efforts to dissolve the Standard Oil Trust.

Mr. Kellogg was first appointed by the government to fight the Western Paper Trust, and he did it so effectively that he was appointed a special assistant attorney general. Some months ago when the Interstate Commerce Commission was investigating Mr. Harriman's methods of high finance in the Chicago

Alton deal, Frank Kellogg gave Little Wizzard a grilling that ill not forget even after death. The man had made up his mind to go on the witness stand he would give only such evidence and only in the way that it

him. As a witness he talked straight along with the pro and up by saying, "That is all I want to know, because I have all every question." But it all Kellogg wanted to know.

The little Wizzard, he fired a thousand questions, some made the victim squirm and beg. "Wait a moment, Mr. Kellogg, not so fast, give me my way and answer as the lawyer blandly replied for a truce and kept his questions.

you just answer that question, Harriman," said Kellogg ranging through four o'clock. "I won't," snapped the

more than once. "An or go to jail," ordered the firmly. Kellogg has not a prior in the profession as a cross examiner.

The necessity of providing additional operators, which is now or soon to be imposed by reason of these statutory limitations as to permissible hours of labor for telegraphers, presents a serious problem for railway officials in charge of operation, and in seeking a solution the telephone will undoubtedly receive very serious consideration.

Several systems, including the New York Central, the Pennsylvania, and the Union Pacific, have established schools of telegraphy in order to educate operators. Other roads have had recourse to the telephone as an auxiliary, and the Pennsylvania and New York Central as well have made experimental installations. The practicability of utilizing telephony in train dispatching has greatly increased by the development of the telephone system, which, by providing selective devices in connection with the telephones and the Morse instruments, permits the use of one circuit for the simultaneous communication of telegraphic and telephonic messages. The Southern Pacific system has now on the Sacramento division twenty-five station telephones; these are at points from thirty to forty miles apart, and from the stations a combined communication may be had with intermediate stations by telephone. Also train crews may be communicated with by the operators at telegraph stations by connecting telephones. Instruments carried in the baggage car or caboose with the telegraph wire by means of a fish pole device, such as used on many interurban electric roads. The advantage in permitting the employment of intermediate stations of station agents who are not telegraph operators are apparent, and the system, which has been in op-

eration for about eighteen months, has been found to work satisfactorily in every way. One disadvantage sometimes urged against telephony as a means of directing train operations, namely, that a very large proportion of sounds heard over the telephone are unintelligible, except in connection with the context, is found in practise to be of no importance, since train orders are stereotyped in form and the knowledge of the hearer as to the general subject of the message causes the association of ideas which is necessary for ready comprehension of what to one not familiar with the work might be unintelligible sounds, and experience has demonstrated that, with the same rules as regards the repetition and checking, train orders may be telephoned with the same degree of safety as by telegraph.—Railway Age

TEXAS ORANGES—CALIFORNIA ORANGES.

San Antonio, Tex.—Satsuma oranges raised in Texas are being regularly consigned to dealers in this city and are competing in the markets here successfully with the California and Florida oranges. These oranges are raised not only in this section, but all along the Gulf coast, and some of them have been successfully grown forty miles north of the city. The Satsuma, a tree originally imported from Japan and used for hedges. This tree being deciduous, makes the fall of sap in cold weather over some the danger from frost which the orange tree as an evergreen otherwise suffers.

The trees are planted 200 to an acre and begin the third year to bear. At five years they bear from 500 to 600 oranges. These are sold here in flat boxes holding from 150 to 175 oranges at \$2.50 a box, the freight charge from the farthest grove is 25 cents per box, the commission 25 cents, leaving a net profit of \$2 from which growers say they can realize over \$500 an acre. One grove at Alvin 13 years old bore this year from 1200 to 1500 oranges per tree, and it is said yielded a net profit of over \$1500 an acre.

The Satsuma has the advantage of ripening early, October 10th, and being sweet as soon as it turns yellow. In addition to the Satsuma a variety called Dugat is being shipped here. The Powers grove at Arcadia of Dugats five years old, is said to have made \$500 an acre this year.

Experts declare that grape fruit does equally well when grafted on the citrus trifoliata, grapefruit also being planted but are not yet commercially yielding. Merchants of Wichita, Kas., and other points in the West and Northwest advertised Texas oranges this Thanksgiving. An orange crop for Texas is a demonstrated fact, and in a few years this state will be a formidable competitor of California and Florida.

BUILDING ROADS.

College Station.—The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is in frequent receipt of inquiries for bulletins or other publications on good roads. The college is not able to maintain a department of road inquiry, but Prof. J. C. Nagle, head of the civil engineering department, to whom these letters are generally referred, advises that if the work contemplated be of any considerable magnitude a competent engineer should be called in to examine into local conditions and to report thereon. Reference to standard publications on road making, and to the special publications of the United States department of agriculture, is always made. Emphasis also is laid upon the possibility of materially improving community roads in a small way by inexpensive methods, such as thorough drainage, the use of the scraping grader or the "split log drag" in keeping the ruts filled and the surface smooth.

Under the present system of road maintenance much of the labor from the road tax is wasted and often the roads are left in a worse condition after having been "worked" than they were before, simply because of lack of knowledge or judgment on the part of road overseers. A hole scantily filled with loose earth is in worse condition than before, because it then becomes a bog; whereas, had it been properly filled and adequate drainage provided, it would have shed the water and become firm and compact. The importance of good drainage can not be too strongly emphasized, and good drainage can often be secured at a small cost. Any road should be higher in the center than at the sides, and the drain ditches should be given some fall toward the proposed outlet, however small this may be. Man-

festly water will not run, yet this is often the apparatus of men who dig the ditch. In close places a higher than any other portable instrument will be necessary to determine the proper outlet for drains, and inexpensive one be had for the purpose, but in cases even these are not necessary. Frequently the condition of the surface can be improved by the application of gravel from nearby posits, or, if the road is sandy, coat of tough clay applied to the surface will improve it greatly. The other hand, a clay road can be improved by the application of sand. These materials are often found in the immediate vicinity of a bad stretch of road.

SCHOOL GARDENING IN SAN ANTONIO.

San Antonio has developed in its public schools a system of school gardens which W. T. Carter of the United States Department of Agriculture, pronounces one of the finest in the country. Mr. Carter who is an expert in making a tour of inspection of school gardens, says he finds great interest in the movement to make gardening an agriculture part of public education.

Naturally this newest phase of public education has received great attention here for San Antonio is the center of the largest trucking section in the Southwest. Soil and climatic conditions have combined to develop thousands of acres of gardens in the North and East, nearly a thousand carloads of vegetables to the North and East, nearly a thousand carloads of onions alone went out, and other vegetables in proportion. The school children of course have caught the agricultural enthusiasm and have made a display of the products of their gardens at the San Antonio International Fair, just closed here that was astonishing. Their tomatoes, corn cobs, peas cabbages, beans and peppers of every variety were as fine as those displayed by any of the professional gardeners.

Public spirited citizens are to start a school farm outside of the city limits, so as to extend the teaching of gardening to the staff farm products. Texas is essentially an agricultural state and it tends to encourage its rising generation to go back to the soil. The movement towards a further practicalizing of public education, now taking such a hold in the West and Southwest, especially appeals in this State, and a liberal part of the magnificent public school endowment of Texas will be used to develop a splendid system of public school agricultural training.

HONEY IN UVALDE.

A new record in American exports was established lately when three carloads of honey were shipped from Uvalde, near this city, to England. Uvalde is the largest single honey producing county in the United States and owing to the abundance of a very fragrant wild plant called guajilla, makes a honey of such clearness and quality that it is featured on the New York bills of fare.

Washington.—In an interview at Washington Coell Lyon said that the Republican delegates would go to the National convention instructed for Roosevelt with no second choice.

All the magazines and papers are crowded with the opinions of this or that prominent man as to what caused the panic. A few come out flatly and blame it all on the President, the majority attribute it to the faults of an inelastic currency, while Wall Street is made the scapegoat by a large number.

A distinguished economist in New York has discovered that a man can live in New York on twelve dollars per week. Outside of New York a great many people have recently discovered that they can live on considerably less than twelve dollars per week.

A vast deal of truth is in the statement of one banker that "too many people have been mortgaging their homes to buy automobiles." Undoubtedly the great majority of Americans have been living well beyond their incomes for years, trusting to some god of luck to prolong the good times indefinitely.

National Thrift.

The President's call for a convention of all State governors and other public men to consider ways and means to conserve the nation's natural wealth has been issued. The date named is May 13, 14 and 15. The chief subject for discussion will be the preservation of our forests. According

to Mr. Pinchot our lumber supply will be completely exhausted in twenty years if the present rate of consumption continues.

"I never forget a joke that I once heard," remarked Boren. "No," replied Gyer, "and you don't give any of your acquaintances a chance to."

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Currents, figs, dates, citron and stuffed dates at S. Cotulla's.

C. P. Wright went up to San Antonio yesterday morning.

Prof. Weeks of the Millett school attended the Teachers' Institute here this week.

Tonight will be the regular meeting of the A. F. & A. M. Lodge.

Apples, oranges, bananas, lemons and grapes at S. Cotulla's.

Matt Russell went up to San Antonio yesterday morning on business.

Don't forget to buy your Xmas candies, fruit, nuts and cigars from S. Cotulla.

Wanted—A milk cow for care and feed during the winter. If you have one call at this office for information.

Sheriff W. T. Hill and T. H. Poole of this place and Dr. Herff and several others of San Antonio returned Sunday night from a week's hunt west of Encinal.

Miss Dee Clauster, who has been here for several months visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Rock, left yesterday morning for her home at Henrietta, Texas.

F. A. Vandoguer of Manny, La., is here and will open up a blacksmith shop in the rear of Gouger's Hardware store. He says there are many people in his section of Louisiana that expect to come to Southwest Texas in the near future.

Roland A. Gouger and B. F. Claunch returned last night from A. W. Allee's ranch in the South-eastern part of the country where they spent a week hunting. They report plenty of deer in that section and say the animals are rolling fat.

Concert Thursday Night.

The Alamo Concert Company will give an entertainment at the Court House Thursday night, Dec. 26th. The program of the affair will be found on another page of this issue. The entertainment will be under the auspices of the Optimistic Club for the benefit of the Cemetery Fund. Tickets are now on sale at 50c and 25c.

V. H. Harding Resigns.

V. H. Harding, Cashier for the Cotulla State Bank, tendered his resignation at a meeting of the Board of Directors of that Institution this week. Mr. Harding has been Cashier of this bank since its opening Jan. 2nd, and coming here as he did, an entire stranger, has made a remarkable record in building up business for the bank. He has made friends with all who have had dealings with him, and they will learn of his resignation with regret. At the meeting of the directors the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"Resolved: That the Directors of the Cotulla State Bank have accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. V. H. Harding, as Cashier, and that they offer to him their assurance of the high esteem in which he is held by them and their appreciation of the honest, efficient and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of his position as Cashier; that he has their good will and best wishes in whatever employment he may hereafter enter."

"Resolved: That this resolution be entered upon the minutes of the Board of Directors and that a signed copy of the same be given to Mr. Harding."

F. B. EARNEST, Vice-Pres.
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Directors.

Notice to Hunters—All hunting and otherwise trespassing is strictly forbidden in the McCarty pastures.
MRS. ELIZABETH McCARTY.

Gus Jeffery, agent for the Austin Nursery, was here this week delivering a lot of trees, shrubbery, etc. He said his sales in this section this season were quite good.

W. H. Johns, W. H. Robbins, T. R. Keek and J. P. Guinn returned Saturday from a hunt in the lower part of the country. They went their limit.

In this issue will be found the card of Petty & Son, Blacksmiths. They have leased the Fullerton Shop and opened up for business. J. H. Petty, the junior member of the firm conducted this shop for several months the first part of this year and Cotulla people know that his work is first class. They guarantee their work; their prices are reasonable and they ask for a share of the patronage.

Lee Keethley passed through here Saturday with 300 head of horses that he was moving to one of Tom Jones ranches near Del Rio. Lee will be up in the Del Rio country for some time.

Will Cotulla and John Williams came in Tuesday night from Cotulla's lower ranch, where they had been hunting for several days. They brought back as many bucks as the land allowed them.

The State National Bank of this city has just received a lot of steel boxes for their fire proof vault for the use of their customers. These boxes are in a steel frame and are plenty large to hold all the valuable papers anyone might have, and the rent on them is so cheap that one cannot afford to leave such documents outside of a safe place when it is obtainable. Fifty boxes have just been put in the vault, and the number will be increased as the demand for them requires.

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Holiday Rates.

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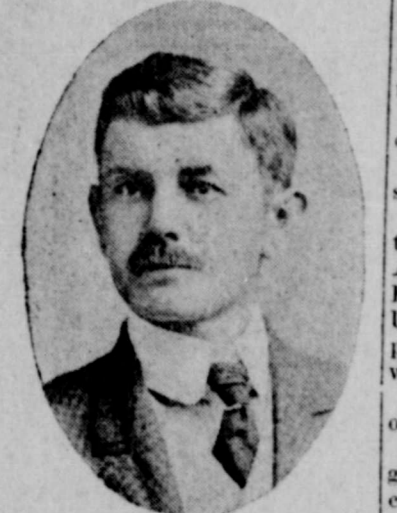
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TOPPERWEINS AT THE FAIR

Among the attractions at the International Fair at San Antonio this year will be the Topperweins, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Topperwein of San Antonio, the well known rifle shots. Mr. Topperwein is acknowledged as one of the best rifle shots, his many feats being most remarkable. Mrs. Topperwein is without a peer among women in this class of work.

Mr. Topperwein uses ordinary Winchester rifles shooting a solid ball, or in other words, the regular cartridges, such as an individual would buy of his local dealer. The targets he shoots at when thrown into the air comprise oranges, apples, bits of coal, walnuts, small marbles, walnuts, empty cartridge shells and other tiny objects.

On eleven different occasions he has broken the world's record, shooting flying targets with a rifle. In November, 1903, he broke 1500 targets without a miss, and since that time he has, on several occasions, broken a thousand without missing. In December, 1903, he shot at 5000 1 3/4 inch targets thrown in the air at a distance of 25 feet



from where he was standing. He shot the entire number without a rest and loaded his own guns and broke 4954, missing only 46 of the targets. The time occupied by this wonderful feat was six hours and two minutes. The shooting was in a public park and the

trick shot she is a consistent performer at the trap. Everywhere she has appeared she has taken fine scores and in many instances beaten professional shots of the opposite sex. Among her scores are 99 out of 100 at an open tournament in Kansas City; 245 out of 250; 385 out of 400; 434 out of 450; 485 out of 500 targets at unknown angles (this record she shot at 16 yards, the time occupied being 2 hours and 25 minutes). She has scored 189 out of 200 targets in open tournament, and has made a straight run of 123 targets. On several occasions she has broken 75 straight or better. She has also won many averages in open competition at the trap, something no other lady shot has ever done.

WHY AMERICA NEEDS A PARCELS POST.

The United States is behind the rest of the world in a good many respects. You may not have realized it, but it is a fact; and one of the points where she suffers most by comparison is her lack of a parcels post.

Postmaster General Vilas wanted it; Wannamaker wanted it; Bissell wanted it. New Meyer wants it. Backed by the administration, he will urge it before the next congress.

Why does America need a parcels post??

Here are four very definite answers to that: An express package weighing three pounds was sent from an American city to the Argentine Republic. The charges were \$6.30. Under the present English parcels post rates, the carrying charge would have been 57 cents.

Who gets this business, England or the United States? A European merchant ordered goods from Minneapolis. The goods cost \$9.30. The carrying charge was \$14.35.

How can Europe afford to buy goods in America?

That is foreign business, you say. Then take domestic comparisons.

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PEANUTS.

The State Agricultural Department is receiving many inquiries from states east and north relative to peanuts. Some inquirers want to buy, while others want to raise them. The commercial value of the crop is little realized by the farmers, who should plant them more largely. The value of the nuts and the vines for hay makes the crop a most profitable one, and most land with a fair admixture of sand in it is adapted to their growth.

WILL STUDY EUCALYPTUS.

The Santa Fe railway has made arrangements to send the manager of its tie and timber department, E. O. Faulkner, to Australia to make a study of that country with a special view of the eucalyptus trees of that country with a special view to their value as tie timber. The eucalypti are natives of Australia, but have flourished in the southwestern part of the United States and especially in California. The tree grows rapidly, is tall and straight, and certain species resist decay and are fitted admirably for railroad ties.

It is not the purpose of the railway company to import ties from Australia, but to study the trees, note the best species and secure seed of those not yet introduced in the United States. This railroad began tree planting last year on a large scale and will plant 500,000 more in California next winter. The species of eucalyptus imported into the United States up to the present time are suited only to planting in California and the southern part of Texas. They do not thrive in the northwest, the Mississippi valley or the east.

Immigration committee that investigated conditions in Europe split over its report.

The Cunard turbine, Louisiana arrives in New York, creating a new record of five days and 54 minutes from Queenstown.

George A. Pettibone, charged with complicity in the murder of

bales, as against 407,551 in 1906. Condition Aug. 25, was 73.7 as compared with 10 years average of 74.4.

Steamer Sangabriel goes ashore near Point Reyes, Cal. There is said to be no danger of loss of life.

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At the big new stables 500 to 508 South Flores street, next to Arsenal, is where you find these fine mules and driving horses, best in the city. Size, age, quality and price will please you. Besides mules we keep good work horses for all purposes. We also have 75 head of good unbroken mares and horses, they are good also, well bred and fat, few being colts. Will go in free, price \$45.00 per head. We also do a commission business. If you consider your horses and mules to us you are guaranteed the very best returns, as we are experienced in the business and have buyers from all parts of the country. We will pay freight and make liberal advances on any and all stock shipped or intrusted to us. We are always in the market to buy good horses and mules and we keep a good supply on hand for sale. Our charges for selling on commission are 50c per head. We have also covered pens for mules and unbroken stock and box stalls for gentle stock. If you have one horse or mule or one hundred we will either buy them ourselves or sell them for you, or if you want to buy we have all kinds to sell you for a very small profit. Call on us, fair treatment and satisfaction is guaranteed. J. P. Lovelady & Co., 500 to 508 South Flores St., San Antonio, Tex.

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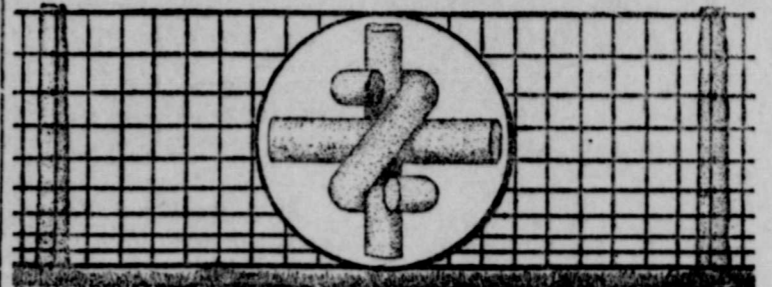
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was obliged to look almost directly into the sun's rays, which makes this feat all the more remarkable.

During the World's Fair in St. Louis Mr. Topperwein broke 3507 flying targets without a miss. The targets were a composition disc 2 1/4 inches in diameter, and were thrown in the air 25 feet from him. This record was made in four hours and ten minutes and was witnessed by hundreds of spectators.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable feats ever accomplished by Mr. Topperwein was hitting 968 out of a possible 1000 walnuts thrown into the air.

Another feat performed by him was to hit 85 out of 100 2 1/2 inch targets thrown in the air, he doing the shooting while riding at full speed in an automobile. Mr. Topperwein is the originator of many marvelous fancy and trick shots, and also the act of drawing pictures with rifle bullets, shooting a rifle rapidly and drawing the outlines of Indian chiefs or other pictures. Mr. Topperwein's skill is not confined alone to rifle work, as he also does some phenomenal shooting with a pistol and a shotgun.

Mrs. Adolph Topperwein is without doubt the premier lady shot of the world. Although she took up shooting only about three years ago she has startled the shooting world and entertained many thousands of people by her great skill with the rifle, shotgun and pistol. She is what might properly be called a "natural born shot," as with



out seeming difficulty she masters any new form of shooting quickly and easily. Her first public appearance was at the World's Fair in St. Louis, where she broke 967 out of 1000 2 1/4 inch flying targets. Besides being a wonderful

Why? A domestic parcels post would save the small consumer—the people—about \$250,000,000 every year. Who gets this \$250,000,000 now? The four big express companies get most of it. That's the reason they have fought the idea of a parcels post so bitterly. Then the government gets some.

More opposition comes from many small retailers and from country stores. They say that a parcels post would rob them of their business and give it all to the big mail order houses. Doubtless there is some truth in the contention, but the small dealer forgets that under a parcels post system he, knowing the wants of his trade, could order small lots of goods at very little shipping expense; he could anticipate the demands of his trade and satisfy it almost as cheaply as the mail order houses; he could buy up at no financial risk a very profitable commission business.

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Postmaster General Meyer is not planning to do everything in a minute. He is willing to make haste slowly. He is willing to limit his parcels post to 10 pounds or even to 5 pounds. But he wants to make a beginning.

And the people are the ones who will save the money.—Gazette.

Fire destroys a valuable property on business street in San Antonio.

Kickapoo Indians obtain new land from private corporation at Glean, Tex., and will settle thereon

Governor Stone... hospital at Boise, Cal condition.

Office of the Joplin, Mo., News-Herald, a newspaper that has been waging war against the city council and police department, wrecked by dynamite.

Charles Lettan, defaulting New Orleans Tax Collector, makes a full confession. Negroes to whom he says he gave the money, twice attempts to commit suicide.

The Hague Peace Conference is expected to hold last session Sept. 28.

Ambassador Creel is given a hearty welcome by the citizenship of Chihuahua.

Moroccan tribesmen re-open negotiations for peace with the French at Casablanca.

The Mexican government is said to have secured control of the projected Pan-American line.

Jails of Coblenz, Prussia, filled with suspects charged with treason in having betrayed military secrets.

Walter Wellman arrives at Troudeim, Norway, having again abandoned the attempt to reach the North Pole in an airship.

Great Northerns oriental limited held up and robbed by two masked men at Redford, Mont.

Edward W. Vanderbilt, the aged retired merchant of Brooklyn, N. Y., who married May S. Pepper, the spiritualist medium, declared incompetent by lunacy commission.

Volcano in Aleutian Islands reported in eruption Sept. 1. Scores of native villages covered with ashes.

Committee of the Hague Peace Conference approves plan for a tribunal to deal with prizes captured at sea.

Princess Louise of Saxony, who once eloped with her children's tutor, weds an Italian singer.

Three persons burned to death in a hotel fire at Cleveland Spring, N. C.

Report of census bureau puts cotton crop on Sept. 1 at 1914

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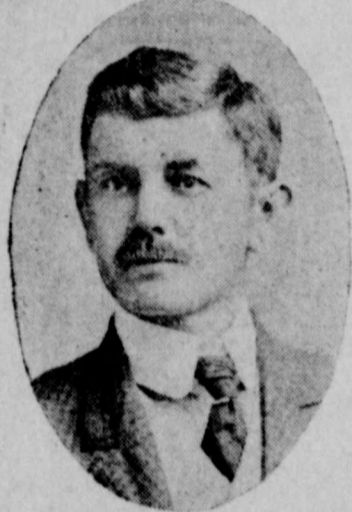
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TOPPERWEINS AT THE FAIR

Among the attractions at the International Fair at San Antonio this year will be the Topperweins, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Topperwein of San Antonio, the well known rifle shots. Mr. Topperwein is acknowledged as one of the best and most remarkable. Mrs. Topperwein is without a peer among women in this class of work.

Mr. Topperwein uses ordinary Winchester rifles shooting a solid ball, or in other words, the regular cartridges, such as an individual would buy of his local dealer. The targets he shoots at when thrown into the air comprise oranges, apples, bits of coal, walnuts, small marbles, walnuts, empty cartridge shells and other tiny objects.

On eleven different occasions he has broken the world's record, shooting flying targets with a rifle. In November, 1903, he broke 1500 targets without a miss, and since that time he has, on several occasions, broken a thousand without missing. In December, 1903, he shot at 5000 1 3-4 inch targets thrown in the air at a distance of 25 feet



from where he was standing. He shot the entire number without a rest and loaded his own guns and broke 4954, missing only 46 of the targets. The time occupied by this wonderful feat was six hours and 20 minutes. The shooting was in a public park and the

trick shot she is a consistent performer at the trap. Everywhere she has appeared she has taken fine scores and in many instances beaten professional shots of the opposite sex. Among her scores are 99 out of 100 at an open tournament in Kansas City; 245 out of 250; 385 out of 400; 434 out of 450; 485 out of 500 targets at unknown angles (this record she shot at 16 yards, the time occupied being 2 hours and 25 minutes). She has scored 189 out of 200 targets in open tournament, and has made a straight run of 123 targets. On several occasions she has broken 75 straight or better. She has also won many averages in open competition at the trap, something no other lady shot has ever done.

WHY AMERICA NEEDS A PARCELS POST.

The United States is behind the rest of the world in a good many respects. You may not have realized it, but it is a fact; and one of the points where she suffers most by comparison is her lack of a parcels post.

Postmaster General Vilas wanted it; Wannamaker wanted it; Bissell wanted it. New Meyer wants it. Backed by the administration, he will urge it before the next congress.

Why does America need a parcels post?? Here are four very definite answers to that:

An express package weighing three pounds was sent from an American city to the Argentine Republic. The charges were \$6.30. Under the present English parcels post rates, the carrying charge would have been 57 cents.

Who gets this business, England or the United States? A European merchant ordered goods from Minneapolis. The goods cost \$9.30. The carrying charge was \$14.35.

How can Europe afford to buy goods in America? That is foreign business, you say. Then take domestic comparisons.

Our present rates for domestic postal parcels are 6000 per cent more than Germany's are under

PEANUTS.
The State Agricultural Department is receiving many inquiries from states east and north relative to peanuts. Some inquirers want to buy, while others want to raise them. The commercial value of the crop is little realized by the farmers, who should plant them more largely. The value of the nuts and the vines for hay makes the crop a most profitable one, and most land with a fair admixture of sand in it is adapted to their growth.

WILL STUDY EUCALYPTUS.
The Santa Fe railway has made arrangements to send the manager of its tie and timber department, E. O. Faulkner, to Australia to make a study of that country with a special study of the eucalyptus trees of that country with a special view to their value as the timber. The eucalypti are natives of Australia, but have flourished in the southwestern part of the United States and especially in California. The tree grows rapidly, is tall and straight, and certain species resist decay and are fitted admirably for railroad ties.

It is not the purpose of the railway company to import ties from Australia, but to study the trees, note the best species and secure seed of those not yet introduced in the United States. This railroad began tree planting last year on a large scale and will plant 500,000 more in California next winter. The species of eucalyptus imported into the United States up to the present time are suited only to planting in California and the southern part of Texas. They do not thrive in the northwest, the Mississippi valley or the east.

Immigration committee that investigated conditions in Europe split over its report.

The Cunard turbine, Louisiana arrives in New York, creating a new record of five days and 54 minutes from Queenstown.

George A. Pettibone, charged with complicity in the murder of

bales, as against 407,551 in 1906. Condition Aug. 25, was 72.7 as compared with 10 years average of 74.4.

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unexpectedly went to new quarters, while his face was honestly turned toward heaven, and he wondered why he had never consulted Burke's Heraldry to see if he were not related to him.

CHAPTER VIII.

AT THE MINE

Soon after Fred had taken his seat at the breakfast table the next morning he was joined by an individual small in stature, but tastily dressed. His eyes were restless, but he seemed several times on the point of making an observation before he finally mustered up courage to do so.

"Very pleasant morning," he observed, looking at Fred and then hastily glancing across the room.

The soft, sweet breath of a summer morning, stimulating the mind to better deeds and life to higher aims, came in with the sunshine at the open window.

"Yes, delightful," was Fred's reply.

"Sunny days are the rule, cloudy ones the exception, at Waterville. At least, that's my experience during a year's sojourn among the good people at the village."

There was a quaking sound in the fellow's voice, a sort of crack and squeak, that attracted Fred's attention. He wondered if this chap were also in the real estate business. It seemed as if everyone he met was a real estate agent, and he was on the point of asking him when, looking up from his plate, the stranger said: "Real estate is my line. My office is just across the street. You can see the sign from here."

Looking out of the window, Fred saw a large real estate sign, with gold letters on a black background bearing the name "J. Arthur Boast."

"Oh, you are Mr. Boast?" asked Fred, turning from the window.

"J. Arthur Boast, at your service."

Half an hour later Fred was seated in the real estate office of J. Arthur Boast, looking over his special bargain list, not with a view to buying, but rather to gain information. Boast talked a good deal, but in his fawning, insinuating manner, advised Fred, without saying so in so many words to keep his eye open when dealing with the Town Company.

After Fred had carefully scanned the list of lots, he was better satisfied with his purchase.

stage-ride he arrived in that mining town late the following night, registered at the Bluff house and after a late supper retired to his room for a much needed rest.

The next morning he found, upon inquiry, that Ben Hilliard's mine was located about half a mile from town, far up the mountain, and he at once started in that direction to see how the work on the shaft was progressing towards the three-hundred foot level.

The town of Gold Valley was nestled in a little depression with abrupt mountains towering away to the sky on either side of it. The mountains were covered with spruce and pine and mountain poplars up to the very timber line, above which the barren rocks rose majestically into lofty regions of almost perpetual snow.

Meandering his way through the town was a mountain stream abounding with trout, on one side of which were stores and shops and on the other residences. Fred noticed that some of the buildings were of modern architecture, and neatly painted, while others were primitive in the extreme—relics of early mining days—which, together with the profusion of shade trees increased the rather quaint and picturesque effect of the little village.

"Good morning," said Fred, as he approached Hilliard, who in miner's garb was working vigorously away at the frame of a shaft over the Shonbar. The old man looked up with an indifferent air and said:

"Good mawmin' suh," then recognizing his visitor he threw down his hammer and gave Fred's hand such a squeeze in his powerful grasp that it was numb for hours after.

"Why, suh," cried the old miner, "I'm almost paralyzed to see you. I am indeed, suh. Mr. Rockwell, I welcome you suh, to Gold Valley, and to the Shonbar. Here, suh, are our possessions," waving his hand towards the shaft.

"Immediately upon my return from the city, Mr. Rockwell, we commenced work in earnest, suh, and before many weeks I am proud to say, suh, we will reach the three hundred foot level and be ready to cross cut into the vein. You don't know," he said, again taking Fred's hand, "how proud I am, suh—yes, proud to be honored with a visit from you. Most men remember small obligations, but I forget big ones, but I don't, and I very much desire that you person-

her that comm... Her hair in the... a beautiful sheen... ringlets here and... plexion was pink... when under deep... then a ruddy glow... and redder

As Fred talked to that afternoon he forgot the... delicately formed, r... ps. forgoi... even the glow of p... hat came... and went over her face... eyes so... clear, like pools of... st blue, reflecting the prom... fires of love's fulfillment: h... n forgot the long lashes that... ged them with gentlest protect... Her eyes were the crowning flure of her expressive countenance, which may not have been beautif... the parlance of fashion, yet i... one that a student would intere... as full of intelligence, and, per all, to the cultured, is the... light more charming?

(To be conti L.)

MONEY IN NUT BUSINESS.
The statement is by the Agricultural Department of encouragement to growers, that the luxuries is far greater supply. For instance the United States paid in 1905 the United States \$25,937,456 for nuts; were produced in tries, while its export amounted to \$15,060. The pecan is yet the millions of would of the world, and it that the demand for some and delicious i be supplied; at least tury, owing to the to carry them to t and the tendency o people to avoid which does not fu turns. A young r ing to wait and th to die before the But the boy who i templates staying o commence now to orchard.

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to work with demands.

Dunkirk, N. Y. fisherman locates in Lake Erie a sunken ship containing a \$200,000 cargo of copper

New anti-Jewish riots reported at Kishinev. Eighty Jews reported killed there in outbreak Monday

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New Shaving Law.

Among other things announced by the State Barber Board, authorized by the last legislature, is that the board recommends that patrons of barber shops be not shaved close, as it renders the skin susceptible to infection and is no doubt the cause of a large per cent of sore faces.

The following are twelve rules which govern all barber shops in cities of over 1,000 inhabitants.

Rule 1. All cups and lather brushes must be thoroughly cleansed in boiling water before using.

Rule 2. Hair brushes must be combed after using and both brushes and combs must at all times be kept thoroughly clean and washed after each day's work with water and ammonia or solution of borax.

Rule 3. Fresh and clean towels must be used for each patron, and all towels must be boiled before using again.

Rule 4. All astringents used for controlling bleeding or for other purposes shall be used in the powdered or liquid form. Crystals of alum, blue stone and like astringent substances shall not be used. All perfume, bay rum, witch hazel, soaps and other toilet articles, and antiseptic solutions shall be of good quality. An antiseptic solution shall be used on each person after shaving.

Rule 5. No barber shall under any circumstances shave a person affected with any infectious disease of the skin of the face where pus or matter is upon or under the skin, unless such person be provided with a separate individual cup and lather brush.

Rule 6. All razors, shears, clippers, needles, tweezers or other instruments used in the treatment of the skin of the face or neck where the pus or matter is upon or under the skin, shall be sterilized by immersion for not less than five minutes in a 20 per cent solution of formaldehyde or alcohol or tirkresol before being used upon another person, and the barber shall wash his hands thoroughly in water that has been sterilized by boiling before serving the next customer. (Alcohol is best adapted to barbers' use as it does not injure the instrument.)

Rule 7. In case the face of the patron shows any signs of skin eruption the face is to be bathed with water that has been sterilized by boiling. No barber should undertake to treat any eruption of the skin but should advise the consulting of a physician.

Rule 8. The use of finger bowls, powder muffs and sponges is prohibited, and no barber shall keep either of them on his working stand.

Rule 9. No barber who has any venereal or other contagious disease shall practice his trade. No proprietor of any barber shop shall retain in his employ any barber known to have venereal or other contagious disease.

Rule 10. No barber shop shall be considered to be in a sanitary condition if any part of said shop is used as living, cooking or sleeping apartments.

Rule 11. The floor, walls, furniture and fixtures of every barber shop shall be kept clean. Every cuspidor and waste paper bowl shall be cleansed with boiling water at least once every twenty-four hours.

Rule 12. Every barber shop shall be supplied with a sufficient quantity of hot water for all cleansing and sanitary purposes.



"What are you crying for, my little boy?"
"Boohoo! Pa fell downstairs!"
"Don't take on so, my pet. He'll get better soon."
"Sister saw him fall all the way. I never saw nuffin."

Nurse—You must not make such a dreadful face when you take your medicine, Tommie.
Tommie—Why not?

"Because that dreadful face might grow on you, Tommie."
"Did you used to make dreadful faces when you were a little girl and took medicine?"

"Let me present you to my husband," said the fashionable leader of society as she reached for the bell.

"Er—pardon me," said the caller, "but it might not be congenial. I met your better half two years ago and we had a little misunderstanding."

"Oh, but this is my new husband."

"Ah, that is different. Then perhaps I would like to meet your better half."

Little Kate was trying her luck with a fishing rod for the first time. Patiently she sat for a long half hour, then suddenly jumped up and ran swiftly to her mother, who was seated, sewing, near by, says Lippincott's.

"Oh, mawver, mawver!" she cried, "I caught a really fish all by myself."

"Did you, dear?" said her mother. "Where is it?"

"Oh, it's gone home again. I s'pose," said little Kate, "cos it just unbit and div!"

The late Thomas Dudley of Boston, the "fish lawyer" and wit, was acting for the defense in a divorce case, and during the cross-examination of the plaintiff asked the following questions:

"You wish to divorce this woman because she drinks?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you drink yourself?"

"That's my business," said the witness, angrily.

Whereupon the lawyer, with face unmoved, asked one more question.

"Have you any other business?"

Little Bessie's home contained a fine large "grandfather's clock," which stood in the hall and gravenly marked the passing minutes with the swinging of its huge pendulum.

"Bessie," said the little one's busy mother one morning, "go in to the hall and see if the clock is running."

Bessie was gone some time. When she returned, her little face looked sadly disappointed.

"Was it running, dear?" asked her mother.

"No, ma'am returned the tot, "it wasn't wunnin' a bit—it was des standin' still a-waggin' it tail."

Little son, aged seven, whose training has been of the most painstaking and conscientious, rather took away his mother's breath in describing the dog's game of ball. He ended with:

"And, mother, Topsy caught the ball in her mouth, and then just ran like h—!"

"Like what?" cried the startled mother.

"W'y, like h—, don't you know, mother?" innocently.

"No, I don't believe I do. Just how is that, dear?" she asked faintly.

"Well, I don't know jut' what it means, myself," he confessed, "but it's a whole lot faster than tickety-split!"

Have you ever tried to cultivate a pleasant expression of the mouth? It is hard at first, but it soon becomes second habit. The woman who is always whining will have a thin face with flabby cheeks and a drooping mouth. And she will look old. But the cheerful young woman will have round hard cheeks and a mouth that has a Cupid's bow. She will have a mouth that smiles at the corners and which lifts of its own accord. And in each cheek she will have a dimple. This is a state of affairs that is not at all hard to cultivate and one which every woman, whether she be the mother of a grown up family or not, can easily obtain. Faded beauties should take notice of this. You can bring back your bright, pretty cheeks. Homely women should look sharp. There is a chance for you to be pretty, says Woman's Life. Clever women, this is your day. If you will take the time and have patience, you can make yourself one of the most irresistible of women.—Ex.

He told his twelve-year old son to milk the cows, feed the horse, chop the pigs, hunt up the eggs, feed the calves, catch the colt and put him in the lot, cut some wood, split the kindling, stir the cream, pump fresh water into the troughs after supper, and be sure to study his lesson well before he went to bed. Then he went to the farmers' club to discuss the question, "How to keep boys on the farm?" —Batesville Herald.

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And I who know the coffee plant know what is meant by that.
The berry grew indifferent from improved soil,
Nor had the richness at its roots from which to draw the oil.
Or, if a bit of oil were stored, the roasting was not well,
And being charred the oil escaped from out each tiny cell.
And so 'twas tasteless, flat and tame, and I put in my kick;
And I am pleased that Mrs. Brown has changed her brand so quick.
This coffee has a brilliant brown, its body, too, you'll note;
Those little bubbles mark the oil—observe them where they float.
That means the berry had the best that sun and soil can lend—
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Are just the best that expert hands, experienced long, can do.
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Japanese and Chinese in Vancouver arm against possible riots. The last ones reported to have been carefully planned.

THE BUILDERS

(By Willis Geo. Emerson.)
Author of
"BUEL HAMPTON," AND
"THE SMOKY GORGE."

(Continued from last week.)

CHAPTER VII.

DICK BALLARD IS INTRODUCED.
Many a western town is provided with a public square, and the business houses and shops are arranged along the four sides of it in sentinel-like positions, the corner lots, where the most substantial buildings are usually erected, going at a premium. Waterville could not boast of a public square but it had an iron bridge, and also an old wooden one spanning the Thief River. A stone grist mill had been built on the side of the river opposite the town and on the elevated ground above it was said the State agricultural college would be built.

It was a favorite pastime of the real estate agents to sit on the station platform and while waiting for the incoming trains, whitening the pine sticks into shavings, telling of the different manufactories, State institutions, colleges and other public buildings that would be located at Waterville in the near future.

That evening, after Fred had made his purchase of town lots he strolled away by himself across the iron bridge. Had he acted wisely? Would Waterville, after all, prove a "boom town," and his investment be a losing one? Was Wilbur Winthrop, with his suave manners and great earnestness, which at times seemed to carry conviction to the hearts of all who heard him, the noble specimen of hoodlumhood he appeared, or was his fascination merely the art of the skilled western boomer? Would the managing editor if he knew of it, approve his action in purchasing lots in such a new and undeveloped place as Waterville?

It is common experience with mankind that after a perplexing transaction has been consummated we can deliberate with far more intentness than while negotiations were pending.

A peculiarity of the western town is the plentifulness of real estate agents, who seem to travel in swarms, and like so many vipers feed on the credulity of the peculiar class of wise investors who are always trying to get something at a bargain-counter figure, usually resulting, however, in their paying an exorbitant price. After a reaction sets in and hard times overtake them this migratory assortment of land agents generally pick up their "ink horns" and fly as if from pestilence. When a trade is made with a tenderfoot, however everyone in the village knows of it within a few hours.

As Fred was returning from his walk he was met on the outskirts of the village by a number of hangers-on who make their living selling town lots on commission. Each one was desirous of saying "just a word" to Fred in private. The story of one was practically the story of all. They advised him to stop and think what he was losing by not buying more property in Waterville. One particularly long, lanky individual, a rough and ready frontier character, possessed all of the "ear marks" of having recently come to seed, and who wore a sombrero and high topped boots, assured him that an opportunity of a lifetime was at that very moment knocking at his door and might never come again.

"If you will re-visit Waterville in a few months' time," he said, "you will find the town lots I can sell you today for a mere song going at ten times the price you can buy them for now."

"My name is Gideon Gibbons and I presume I am doing the biggest real estate business in Waterville. I sell more lots than any other half dozen agents in this 'ere town. You've made a mistake, Mr. Rockwell, in buying of the Town Company. Of course, this is confidential, but if you'd come to me 'stead of buyin' of Winthrop, I'd saved you big money. I know that's an old saying that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, but, great Scott! can't you see Winthrop's got the birds, an' you've got the bushes—the sage bushes, an' a mighty lot of them,

on your twenty-five lots? I 'spect the company's rejoicing this very minute over the big sale they've made you."

"What do you mean by the company?" asked Fred.

"Why, you see the Waterville Town Company owns mighty near all the property in this town. That man Winthrop is a member of the company. Now, while I haven't as many lots for sale as the town company, my prices beat their's all hollow."

"Do you think," asked Fred, "that Mr. Winthrop charged me too much for my lots?"

"Think!" said Gibbons. "Think! Why, pardner, all the agents in town are laughing about it; he took you in, that's all."

Fred bit his lips and mentally decided to investigate thoroughly before leaving Waterville.

"You see," said Gibbons, "all of us fellers are down on the town company. We don't like corporations, now; they don't give us honorable intentioned fellers a fair chance. We are the men that 'builidin' up this 'ere town—givin' it the bone, an' sinew, an' the standin', so to speak. Don't you see?"

"Yes," said Fred, "yes, I understand." And begging to be excused he turned and walked hurriedly away from the "honorable intentioned" Gideon Gibbons, nor did he halt until he reached the privacy of his room in the Ballard house.

Dick Ballard was a grand Army man, and kept the best bad of all the bad hotels in Waterville. His habit of talking without moving his lower lip, and the familiar gesture of lifting his left hand to his chin to protect the cracked member, as if fearing it would receive an additional hurt, seemed almost a part of his personality. His lip, while undergoing repairs of healing, was an excuse at times for his not answering nagging Mrs. Ballard. He would merely lift his hand protectively to his mouth, scowl terribly and shake his head as if in exasperating pain.

Mrs. Dick Ballard, however, was not easily put off or subdued—she had a vixen way all her own, a tongue sharper than a two-edged sword, was relentlessly incorrigible, and a shrew in all that the term implies. She had a habit of following Dick to the front door of the hotel when he started down town without giving a good and sufficient reason for his going, and calling to him like a baying burro until he was a block away, attracting the attention of various shopkeepers and people on the street. At first this was very amusing but later, whenever a loud, sonorous and lusty shouting was heard as if some one were in mortal agony, those within earshot would hastily look up to see whether it was Mrs. Ballard yelling or a band of cowboys shooting up the town—the latter would provoke interest, the former only a smile.

One of Dick's favorite haunts was the brewery built on the bank of the Thief River at the lower edge of Waterville. It was said that he labored for over two years persuading a member of the militia company to join his state militia company and when he finally succeeded, Dick would immediately commission him to a subordinate office, that he might have an excuse for often going to the brewery, ostensibly to consult with his brother officer, but in reality that he might gratify his insatiable thirst for beer.

The waves of civilization were rapidly growing towards this young embryonic city, but the white-capped breakers were not yet riding high enough on the incoming tide of humanity to warrant a really first-class hotel. The only thing first-class about the Ballard house was the price paid for lodging and meals. After the average travel, settled his bill at the Ballard house there was generally a half distinct impression in his mind that he had been stopping at a first-class hotel; but the remembrance of three kind of meat cooked in the safe kettle at the same time was not easily forgotten.

A man sometimes in taking an inventory of himself and is mistakes falls into a mental speculation of wonderment and surprise that any one rational and in possession of all his faculties can entertain any special respect for his own so-called business qualifications. Fred was in his room, and in this mood when there came a gentle knocking at his door. He quickly admitted the visitor and found it was Dick Ballard the proprietor.

"I reckon," he said, as soon as he stepped in and carefully closed the door, "you'll be one of us by and by. Bought property already and a mighty good purchase it was

too. Oh, you know a good thing when you see it, you bet your life you do."

"Do you believe," said Fred, after recovering his surprise, "that the lots I purchased were reasonable in price?"

"I should say so; mighty cheap 'tis 'ere town is coming out of the kinks in fine shape. We'll have a drum corps in our state militia company before another year, you bet we will. I presume you know we have the finest drilled company at Waterville, outside of the regular army in the State?"

"I have been told," said Fred, "that I paid too much for the property I purchased, I am more interested in learning the truth or interested in this statement than I am about your military company."

"The told you that?" asked Ballard, with indignation. As Fred did not answer, the hotel proprietor went on to say, "I'll bet it was J. Arthur Boast. You want to let him alone. He is so low down that the Indians on to reservation would have anything to do with him, and the red skins are so triling that I won't let 'em sleep on the porch of this 'ere hotel. Far bet it from me, however, to speak bad of my one; but remember, Mr. Rickard, and put it down in your pipe and smoke it, that you can't do anything these fellers tell you."

The truth of the remark interested Fred so forcibly that his indignation getting the best of him, he turned quick. Dick Ballard said "I'll bet it was J. Arthur Boast. You want to let him alone. He is so low down that the Indians on to reservation would have anything to do with him, and the red skins are so triling that I won't let 'em sleep on the porch of this 'ere hotel. Far bet it from me, however, to speak bad of my one; but remember, Mr. Rickard, and put it down in your pipe and smoke it, that you can't do anything these fellers tell you."

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"Who in— can I believe you may believe me, sir," joined Ballard with the quickness of a return blow, "I'll produce prima facie evidence of everything I say. This is all right; your investment is a good one, and the man who says it is not most criminally interfering with other people's business. Say, hold on a minute," said Ballard, as if he had forgotten something, "will you take a drink?"

"No, I thank you," said Fred, "Well, if you don't mind, I will," said the landlord, as he drew a flask from his pocket proceeded to treat himself liberal portion of the contents of the bottle.

"The fact is, he went on in a half whisper, "Mrs. Ballard keeps devilish close watch on it and it's really an uncommon pardner, to find even standing where I can take a nip at my and not feel that her catkins are on me. Oh, she's a she, is from strictly a white standpoint. When she scolds think it is a cyclone; when she tempts to speak gently, whist dagnation seldom, I can tell them you are reminded of ordinary fog horn."

"Almost everything," smiling, "depends upon one's view."

Ballard failed to catch the remark and as he sat smacking his lips at the brance of the drink he had and carefully putting one foot to his cracked lip, said, "Whys, 'everything I tell you prima facie. I know how Some of these fellers have been ing to make you dissatisfied your purchase. I am not town lots. My business is this 'ere hotel, and see that body has a fair deal and pal class prices."

"Who is the Town Company?" asked Fred.

"The Town Company," (continued on next page)

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There are scores of young men and women throughout the country who are desirous of learning a good profession and thereby improving their condition in life. This is an age of specialists; every one should know how to do at least one thing, and do that thing well. Hundreds of young people are limited both in means and education, hence it is not always an easy matter to choose a suitable profession.

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Reports from Madrid are to the effect that France has proposed to Spain that a combination be formed and that the two countries send 50,000 troops to Morocco.

Constitution drafted by the Finnish Senate and submitted to the Emperor for presentation to the Diet, gives the Grand Duchy of Finland semi-sovereign powers and replaces all precedent similar documents.

British Legation receives Rai-uli's "ultimatum" stipulating terms under which MacLean's release may be effected.

King Leopold causes a sensation by issuing a decree turning over to a stock company the "domain of the Crown" in Congo Independent State.

The Peace Congress at the Hague adopts rules for opening hostilities. A declaration of war must be made, and a notice issued to neutral powers! The American delegates want a permanent court of arbitration.

England takes the lead and will soon have a minister of Public Health. This is a suggestion made by the International Hygienic Congress recently in session in London.

Railroads petition Commission to change rules governing concentration of cotton at compresses, being a request for the shipper to insure.

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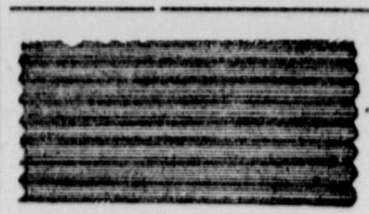
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Germany objected at the Hague Peace Conference suppressed by Committee on Land Warfare.