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Don't check your gait until that school building is a reality.

Southwest Texas has gone through a severe drouth, but we are still in the ring with colors flying.

A test for tuberculosis has just been made of the entire dairy herd of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and no evidence of the disease has been discovered. This precaution is taken by the authorities of the College every two or three years, so as to be perfectly sure that pure milk and butter are served to the cadets.

DIVERSIFICATION.

The financial stringency of the past few months has brought out with marked emphasis the great benefits that accrue to the commercial as well as the farming interests of a community through a wider diversification of farm crops. Farmers who have not had to depend upon any one crop have lost little sleep on account of the money panic. In fact, the wealth of the farmer, deposited in the small saving banks, has been a strong factor in keeping a great many large financial institutions from going into bankruptcy.

While diversification is a subject of growing interest to Texas farmers, it is not new; for the Agricultural Department of the A. & M. College of Texas has been faithfully preaching it for the last thirty years, or ever since the institution was organized. Thousands of letters are answered annually by the officers of the College and of the Experiment Station on this subject. It has also been the main text of Professors of the College in addressing farmers meetings, and the Texas newspapers and agricultural press have been hammering away on this one theme with a persistency that is certainly commendable. Diversification begins to mean something to the Texas farmer and will mean more and more from year to year as our population increases. One crop agriculture and the credit system which goes with it, must give way to a system of farming that will assure a farmer of a steady income from month to month.

The burden of carrying a man on credit from one season until the next is too great a load for any business to stand, and its baneful influence blights the prosperity of the merchant as well as the farmer. Texas farms must produce more pork, more cream, more eggs and poultry, more corn, alfalfa, and other food products. It is not only the cost of the products shipped into the State, but the money paid out for freight that goes to enrich people of other localities. When Texas becomes an exporter of agricultural products, the value of such products, and the large percentage of the freight expense entailed in handling them, will remain in Texas to increase the value of our farms, and to build more railroads for carrying our increased productions.

THE HEALTHFUL ONION

Eat 'Em as You Would a Luscious Apple and They Will Do you Good.

While the Bermuda onion growers along the Nueces river are making money for themselves, they are benefitting humanity by the tons upon tons of onions they annually send out to the North and East. That the Bermuda onion is as luscious almost as an apple to eat we all know, and it has also been demonstrated right here at home that it has great health giving properties.

Dr. Henry L. Salsbury says: "Your mud cures are excellent, but isn't prevention always better than cure? You mention scurvy. What the modern healing art is after, is prevention, and not cure. Well, just have your sailors to eat onions raw three times a week, and there will be no scurvy. You complained about not being able to obtain the right kind of apple for eating, as you were after the sulphur. Try the onion. It is vegetable world's substitute for mineral sulphur. On an onion diet you will have no trouble with your red blood-cells. If you don't like the smell, eat your onion at night, just before bedtime, and next morning gargle for two minutes with a good mouth wash.

"I am fully aware of the therapeutic value of the onion, and have advised many physicians to use it in their practice. They refuse, as a rule. However, it is a fact that some people can not eat onions without tasting them for several days after the feast. I was greatly impressed a few years ago when shooting in the Arundacks with a couple of old time sportsmen. We reached camp on a buckboard over the roughest tere-road ever known. A three bushel barrel of something worried me. It was handled with much care. It took up more room than all the rest of the camping outfit, which included a five-gallon demijohn of witch-hazel, one quart of whisky

"We camped about seven miles from Onchiota, and got to bed at 11 o'clock. Next morning at daylight I discovered my two companions bursting the head out of that barrel, and offered me a Bermuda onion at least six inches in diameter. 'Eat that and brace up,' he said. It went hard at first; but after three days I wanted an onion, and, like the rest, ate it as if it were a luscious apple. The barrel of Bermudas was emptied long before we left the wood. Our combined healths were superb. We needed no gargle. The quart of whisky was used only for snake-bite. Most of it was brought back to Onchiota and given to the guide. Possibly the advocates of temperance might learn from this that a daily diet of onion will reduce the appetite of the drunkard.

"The greatest of French cooks, being asked to give the secret of his success, answered: 'The very foundation of all good cooking is butter and onion! I use them in all my sauces and gravies. They have the effect of making a customer come back for more. Butter without onion will drive the customer away after a few days. Boil the onion till it melts, or entirely disappears; then add the butter, and call the mixture stock.'"—New York Press.

Governor Hughes of New York is now regarded as squarely in the race for the Presidential nomination. So far Taft seems to be the Republican favorite, but then, it quite a while until the convention, and things may change.

Today is your last chance to pay your poll tax. If you let the opportunity go by, then you are down and out as for having a voice in the elections for the coming year is concerned.

Farmers are still holding for 15c cotton

KLAW & ERLANGER'S

New and Greater Production of Gen. Lew Wallace's Mighty Biblical Romance.

"BEN-HUR"

To be Staged at the Grand Opera House, San Antonio.

When the curtain is drawn at the Grand Opera House, San Antonio, on Thursday evening, February 13, the most elaborate, magnificent and historically correct production will be disclosed to has ever charmed and enthralled a theatre audience, for this will be the premiere of the Chicago Auditorium production of "Ben-Hur" in San Antonio. More than 6 years have elapsed since "Ben-Hur" was first presented in San Antonio. At that time hundreds journeyed from this vicinity to witness it. No doubt the same excellent patronage will mark the forthcoming engagement.

"Ben-Hur," with its lustre Star of Bethlehem, its camo Arabian steeds, Oriental trappings and mimic splendor of the "genius East" is beyond dispute the most elaborate spectacle staged in the history of theatre. Its series of 17 scenes present the eye a feast of multifarious beauty and variety, all set to symphonic accompaniment of graceful music. The exciting episodes, such as the galley scene with its horde of chained slaves, the sea-fight, the rescue in the sea and the thrilling race with chariots and eight horses, combined with the picturesque scenery illustrating the Wise Men in the desert, the moonlit lake in Orchard of Palms where Ben-Hur and Iras enjoy seclusion and love in Iras' barge, the palm-wine worshippers on Mount Olive and the Grove of Daphna with nymphs dancing to the skins of cymbals—simply captivate audiences wherever it is enacted.

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as to a place of worship, hundreds of thousands who seldom, if ever, set foot within a theatre. The person of the Savior is never made to appear bodily in the play, yet in the scene in which the healing of the lepers is implied the approach of the Master is indicated by a stream of pure white light, amazing in its effectiveness. This scene is the most remarkable of the play and is heightened in impressiveness by the singing of a chorus of one hundred voices, joining in "Hosannas" of praise to the Lord.

The engagement of "Ben-Hur" is for three nights only, opening on Thursday, Feb. 13-14-15 with a special matinee on Saturday, February 15. Seats for the "Ben-Hur" seasons will be on sale Monday morning, Feb. 10. The prices will range from 50 cents to \$2.00. Mail orders (accompanied by remittance) will be filled in order of receipt. All communications should be addressed to the Manager of the Grand Opera House, San Antonio.

Farmers are anxiously looking for a good soaking rain, which has been needed for time. Although no damage has resulted so far, it will soon be planting time and of course should the dry weather continue it would be keenly felt. Some of the local weather wise predict an abundance of rain in February.

Brewers and distillery men are organizing all over the country to fight the great prohibition war that has recently been sweeping things as it went.

The man who puts his money in Southwest Texas land is putting it where it will grow.

New York had a great wedding Tuesday. Another American girl became a Countess.

Washington's birthday will be the next legal holiday.

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dar Posts Barb Wire Smooth Wire Hog Wire
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Pipe Cylinders Well Casing Sewer Pipe Roofing Iron
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Painless Extracting

Good Measure

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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.

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By Josephine Elyon.
They were poet and painter respectively and the artistic temperament is not always a guarantee of a happy wedded life. When Charles Plummer married Isabel Marchmont, they promised themselves an ideal state of bliss. It is more than probable that they loved each other sincerely, but a disregard of the old adage, "Bear and forbear," will discount a large sum of love, and given a little natural stubbornness on both sides, will often lead to disastrous consequences.

Such had certainly been the ease with this highly strong and sensitive couple. Fifteen months together, and then the break came. They had now been living apart, without any communication with each other for nearly three months. They had agreed that their temperaments—often only a pseudonym for "temper," were incompatible, and that they were better separated. It is true that Charles had strongly opposed this arrangement when it was first mooted by his wife, but she seemed possessed with the idea and eventually in the month of November, in the second year of their married life, he agreed not to communicate with her for one whole year. At the end of that time, Isabel argued they would be quite sure of their own minds, and might talk the situation over to gether with a view either to the continuance of the arrangement or a re-union.

All this sounds very cold-blooded but Isabel had schooled herself to it. She had strong opinions, was very independent, extremely proud and perhaps a little foolish in a learned way. It was January, now. How dreary the days were! Short in reality, but terribly long in seeming. Isabel Marchmont—for she was professionally known by her maiden name as a painter of miniatures—was busy enough, but the things with which she was occupied did not seem to fill her thoughts or strongly hold her interest.

At present she wanted much more. She wanted something, not only to occupy her time, but to distract her thoughts and to fill up the many hours of loneliness. She was not long in making up her mind what she would do. She would put into execution a pet project—paint a picture for the Academy exhibition. She had never previously exhibited, and could not, of course, expect to have a picture still upon the lap of the gods, would be accepted. But, at any rate, the anticipation, the careful plotting work, the planning and inventing, would be worth while, even if in the end her picture failed to gain the Academy walls. It was, however, one thing to make up her mind to paint a picture and quite another to get ready to work with a suitable subject. Everything in earth and heaven seemed to have been done. She forgot that the main occupation of painters and writers, indeed of everybody else in this working world, is the doing of the same thing in a slightly different way from that in which it has been done in all the ages.

Isabel was sitting between dusk and dark, in the pretty little boudoir of her flat, when her maid brought her a parcel that had arrived by the 5 o'clock post. She took it wearily and let it lie upon her lap, for she was so tired and miserable.
"Ah, it is from Mary!" she exclaimed, noting the postmark. The contents turned out to be an autograph album which Charles had given her on her wedding day and which had been carried off a few days later by her chum, Mary Meyers, now Mrs. Henderson, who proposed contributing one of her pretty water colors to its pages. There was a note enclosed, and Isabel, glad of something to distract her mind from thoughts that were too insistent, leaned forward to read it by the fireglow.

"I am just as happy as I can be," wrote Mary. "In fact, to tell you the honest truth, Isabel, I had not thought that any mere mortal could be as completely happy as I am. You will remember those old lines about making life 'one long, sweet song'—the lines which everyone puts in every one's else album—well, that's just what John makes my life. He is so thoughtful and patient, and though I try him dreadfully, I know—especially as he is clever and I am rather dull, unable to see the nice points in his conversation and the original view he takes of things—yet he doesn't seem to mind a bit. In fact, I sometimes think he loves me all the better for it."

"And how are you getting along dear girl? How I should like to pop in on you and your dear husband and just take stock of your happiness. I know it must be com-

plete, almost as complete as mine, if that were possible—for, you know, your husband left the key of his heart in this very album which I am returning to you. Whether it was accidental or designed, I don't know, but, in the pages of the album, you had left the sonnet which your husband had evidently wrote, either on your wedding day or, at least, while all its sweet associations were warm in his heart. The man who wrote that sonnet is good as gold, and means what he says, because all true poetry emanates from the deep places of the nature, however much the superficial characteristics may give the lie to it. Why, dear Isabel, I think I shall show that last sentence to John! He would never believe I could write such a philosophical remark and express it so well. Really, I think he has a great deal to discover in me yet, and I shall go straight away and tell him so. Good by, dear heart. Love to you and Mr. Plummer.

Isabel only glanced through the latter part of the letter. She was too much in haste to turn the leaves of the album and find the hidden sonnet. Yes, here it was. How difficult to find, for the page in which it was inserted opened of itself. It was entitled "Wedded," and, as she read it, such a surge of emotion came into her throat that, had any one been present, he would have seen her face contorted in the firelight, and a tear, which held the red glow of the fire's heart in its center, fall upon the page.

Long she sat in the deepening gloom, the fire casting leaping shadows, behind her. The letter the sonnet written with his own hand, lay together on her lap, and her white hands, with no ornament save her wedding ring, lay listlessly upon the writer paper. She was weeping—not demonstratively, certainly, but the tears were flowing fast and unchecked, and she made no movement to wipe them away.

The very next morning Isabel commenced her picture, and she worked steadily on it every day, more or less, for two months. Since she first got her inspiration in the fireglow that January evening she had had misgivings as to the greatness of the subject. The greatest masters had done it. What was she that she should essay to do again what they had already done. Yet as it grew she made it her own. It was hers, hers, all hers! It was to be called "Bonds of Freedom." In the fireglow, sitting backward upon an easy chair, was a man not unlike Charles Plummer. His arms were extended, and were wondrous about a woman who knelt cozily at his feet, while her arms were extended also, and half-enclosed him in their embrace. The red glow of the fire lit up his strongly marked face, bringing out the prominent features and throwing the hollows into gloom. Only the woman's profile could be seen as she raised her eyes to look up into the face that overshadowed her, but in the expression there was that high combination of dignity and humility, of servitude and possession, which makes one woman the light of one man's life.

The picture was exhibited, of course. Isabel had a notion that a man's work had a better chance of getting through than a woman's, but that was not the only reason she chose the name George Mathers for her masterpiece. As no one knew, however, that she had painted the piece, her very frequent visits to the particular room in the Academy where it was hung would not excite comment, so she was not deterred from haunting its immediate vicinity to her heart's content. Charles would certainly come there and she prayed that she might not miss seeing him when his eyes first rested on her work. Both her prayers and patience were rewarded, for he visited the Academy in the first month and upon an exceptionally quiet morning, Isabel spied him as she was walking through the rooms to her usual place of observation. He was standing, with his hands behind his back, looking fixedly at a poster by Mueha. She started violently when she saw him, but the lines of his face were so rigidly set and his eyes were so intent upon absorbing every detail of this impressionistic work, that she might have stood by his side with drawn veil without risk of recognition. However, she did nothing bold. On the contrary, with her heart all a-flutter and her eyes so dim—observed by her veil and starting tears—that she could scarcely find her way, though she knew it so well, she made for the room where her own picture hung.

How inconsequential the chatter of the picture-gazers seemed to Isabel! Her own picture was never left long in the cold of neglect, but she cared not who praised or who passed it by. The world could not know that she had brought into it

the yearnings and regrets of six lonely months. What a fool she had been. If she had only known! Well, she did know now that Charles Plummer was essentially her happiness. Life without him was blank. Would he see the meaning of her picture and forgive? Would he be glad to see her, or had he found that what he once called the bonds of freedom were, after all, the shackles of servitude? He heart spurned the thought. Charles had not been to blame, she told herself in the new-found humility of her deepened love. The fault was hers, and hers alone.

Would he never come! She had seated herself upon one of the velvet covered seats, with her back toward her picture. In front of her was a landscape by Leader, full of golden light of nature's glorious optimism. It seemed to mock her. The picture at the other end of the room better fitted her mood. It was of a woman in rich raiment, the diamonds still set in her disheveled hair, but alone and seated by herself upon a chair in a richly furnished room. Her forehead was pressed against the hard, polished oak table, and her hands were spread abroad with the palms flat upon the surface. The whole attitude was that of despair, and the picture was so named.

She felt, almost without looking, when he entered the room. She was glad he took first the wall upon which her picture hung, for the strain of expectancy had become almost unbearable. At last he was there—right in front of her own canvas—and, what was better, practically alone. He was instantly enchanted. She saw him look quickly at his catalogue and turn over a page hurriedly to find the number of the picture. Then, for a brief space, his eyes were as keenly set upon the book as they had been upon the picture. Though she had not a catalogue in her hand, she could, in imagination, see the whole page, and follow him as he read his own sonnet—the sonnet from the album, which was printed there under the title of the picture and the painter's name:

"O bonds of freedom—Loves delightful chains—
You hold me fast whether I will or no,
Asking with ruby lips: 'And wouldst thou go?'
And laughing as I answer: 'Nay; thy reins

draw me, wandering, through so sweet domains
That were I loath to leave thee—let us grow
Ever together, thee and me, and so
Make one sweet life till life's day sweetly wans.

"That love been always. Yea, for now I feel
I never lived without thee—thou and I
Have surely lived and loved since e'er the wheel,
Of mystic life turned slow. Sweet wife, why, why
Should love e'er cease. Oh, let me, lov'd one, seal
This raptured moment an eternity!"

As he read, the lines of his countenance softened. He looked ten years younger, and yet his mouth quivered pitiously, and, yes—it was the final triumph—a tear ran unchecked down his cheek. Isabel waited no longer, but summoning her courage, stepped across the room and laid her hand upon his sleeve.

"Charles, shall we call it November now?" she said.
"Isabel! You—and this is your picture?"
"Yes, sweetheart."
"Thank God! It has been November all the time with me, but it is May indeed now! Come, little one."
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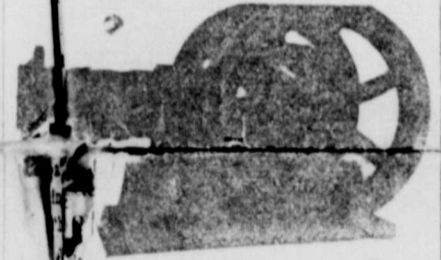
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One day, soon after this, Dick called at the Town Company's office and gently suggested that as his finances were running rather low, he would like to have a check for Wilbur Winthrop's hotel bill, if convenient.

Wilbur was a proud fellow, and liked to admit that he was, in the ordinary sense of the day, "broke." He therefore suggested to Ballard the advisability of purchasing a few lots in the Eagle addition to the city of Waterville. "Or," continued Winthrop, "we can let you have a couple of lots adjoining your hotel. You've been a good friend of ours, and we would let you have them cheap, awfully cheap."

Dick sat back in his chair, indicated by a thumb the armhole of his vest, and with the other hand to his injured leg, said:

"Now, look here, Winthrop, I've been your friend, haven't I?"

Winthrop acknowledged that he had.

"I've been your friend, Mr. Caffrey, haven't I?" said Ballard, pointing his finger straight at the resident director.

"I think you have," replied that gentleman, laughing.

"Yes, I've been Col. Alexander's friend; I've been General Ira House's friend, and Tom Lee's friend. I've been John Pilcher's friend; in fact, gentlemen, I've been the friend of the Waterville Town Company from the start to finish." He brought his hand down on the table in front of him as he made this remark, forgetting in his vehemence even his cracked lip.

"Yes, sir," he went on, "I've been a friend to you and to your enterprise, but when it comes, Wilbur Winthrop, to selling your uncle any town lots in Waterville, why, you don't know me. Oh, no; Dick Ballard usually knows which side his bread's buttered on, and between ourselves, I wouldn't give you a square meal of victuals for any blankety-blank lot you've got in Eagle's addition. No, sir; Mr. Winthrop, money is what I want, and pardon me for observin' it, money is what I, politely, but nevertheless firmly, insist that you must produce—if not today, perhaps tomorrow to liquidate that little matter of board that has been running some three months."

He walked over to the window and looked wistfully out upon the sage bush landscape.

"The grass is beginnin' to grow," he said, "and I see it is startin' in the streets as well as on the beautiful lots you have for sale. By the way," said Dick, "where does this lead to?" kicking his foot against a door in the rear of the real estate office.

"Into the drafting room," replied Winthrop.

"Into the 'grafting room,' did you say?" asked Ballard, looking innocently at Wilbur.

"drafting room, where we make maps of the different additions to Waterville."

"Oh!" said Dick in all seriousness, "I thought you said 'grafting room.'"

Barney McCaffrey was holding his sides in smothered laughter, while Winthrop's face was red with indignant anger.

Presently Ballard continued, as contentedly and quietly to himself as amount of tobacco juice at the stove:

"What I've said to you never has and never will escape the lips of Dick Ballard, Mr. Winthrop. No, sir; I'm your friend, but don't try to work me with any town lots payin' board bills."

Winthrop was decidedly nonplussed. McCaffrey was laughing at Winthrop's discomfiture. Ballard looked on and chuckled, as much as to say, "I'm a heap smarter than you fellows give me credit for being." He finally broke the silence by suddenly asking: "Mr. Winthrop, what is your lot next to the hotel worth?"

"Five hundred dollars," replied Winthrop, looking up.

"I hope you'll get it," said Ballard. "Yes, I hope you'll sell it for a thousand, but I'll tell you something," he said, shutting one eye and looking hard at Winthrop with the other, "I wouldn't trade you our militia company's new snare drum for both of them blanketed lots; no, sir! I'd rather be a drummer boy in our militia company than be the entire Waterville Town Company." As he turned laughingly towards the door he came face to face with Miss Virginia Hilliard.

She looked as fresh as a prairie flower—a white flower with a dash of color in it. Ballard fitted his hat and bowed low, for he not only liked the young lady, but she was one of his boarders who paid very promptly.

Virginia and Ruth Hilliard were different, yet there was a strong resemblance in character. Both were becomingly the garment of modesty. It was a part of them. One appreciated it for its concealment, the other for its protection—it was different points of view.

After speaking pleasantly to McCaffrey and Winthrop, Virginia turned to Ballard and said:

"I'm very glad you are here, Mr. Ballard, I want to ask your advice." "Thank you," she said, smiling kindly at Winthrop, who looked as delighted as he felt. "I wish to talk to you about an investment in Waterville."

"What kind of an investment?" asked Dick. "In regard to making a purchase of town lots," Ballard coughed immoderately, cleared his throat, "a-hemmed" several times, got red in the face, looked helplessly at McCaffrey, put his handkerchief up to his lip, and finally said:

"Nothin' like it in the world, Miss Hilliard; best investment on earth. There's not another place in the United States that will come out of the kinks like Waterville. No, sir; if I had a million I'd plant every dollar of it in Waterville; yes, sir, every dollar."

"My land!" he said, glancing at his watch, "it is 3 o'clock. I must be going."

With this he took up his hat, bowed awkwardly and left the room hurriedly.

"Is this a map of the town?" asked Miss Hilliard, rising and approaching a map that hung on the wall near where Bernard McCaffrey was seated.

"Yes, that's one of the best maps that has ever been gotten out," said McCaffrey, adjusting his gold-rimmed spectacles.

"And where is Eagle's addition?" McCaffrey pointed it out.

"And at what price are you selling lots in that part of the town?" "Well, really, Miss Hilliard," replied McCaffrey, stammering a great deal. "We are not selling very many lots—that is, not exactly. I will refer you to Mr. Winthrop; he has charge of all such matters, and perhaps he can give you better advice than I can."

"But, what do you advise in regard to investments in Waterville?" she asked abruptly, with a slightly ironical expression on her inquiring face.

"Well, you know we believe in Waterville, Miss Hilliard; we believe it is destined to be one of the great western cities in the United States. Of course, there has not been any marked activity during the past winter, but we are expecting business to open up, well, most any time now."

Virginia turned to Winthrop and seated herself beside the desk, asking him to point out what he regarded as one of the most desirable corners in Eagle's addition.

Usually Winthrop prided himself upon his ability to sell lots and he was quite willing to sell to anyone excepting this little creature of hope, faith and confidence. He may have been the salt of the Town Company, but he could not live on salt alone, and although he had been so hard pressed for ready money during the winter and spring, that he had shut himself completely out of the door when he looked down into Virginia's eyes which looked like "brown pansies self out, so to speak, from all local society entertainments, drenched with dew"—dangerous eyes for a lover to look into.

After studying the map for some time, Wilbur put his pencil down at one point and said reluctantly: "I consider those lots as desirable as any in Eagle's addition."

"And for what are you selling them?" "We are asking a hundred dollars a lot, but we are not selling just now, Miss Hilliard."

She looked at the map for a few moments and then said:

"You think these are the best in the addition, do you?" "Well—no—hardly, Miss Hilliard; the fact is," he faltered, "I do not care to make any sales at the present time. We rather expect some additional information later. We expect to hold the Town Company meeting and conclude to reduce the price of lots, and—"

"Or, you may raise the price," she retorted, quickly, looking at Wilbur in a business sort of way. "Is it not so?"

"Possibly," replied Winthrop.

"Well, I wish to purchase four lots on the corner you have indicated. Here is the money," she said, laying down a roll of bills on his desk. "Please fix up the deed and leave it at the hotel as soon as convenient."

"But—hold on," said Winthrop. She had risen and started toward the door. "You don't mean to make a purchase of lots? Really, you must not. I have not advised it. You had better reconsider—think it over for a few days."

All this was stammered out by Winthrop in a hurried and confused manner, while he pushed the money towards her.

You may command a man, but you cannot command any woman who is worth while. You may think you are persuading her, but in the end she will have her own way.

"But I have considered," said Miss Hilliard, in a voice that was not harsh, but was startlingly determined, like the unexpected creaking of ice on a millpond, all the while smiling in her imperious way. "I have fully considered, Mr. Winthrop, and desire to make the purchase. Good evening, gentlemen." And she was gone.

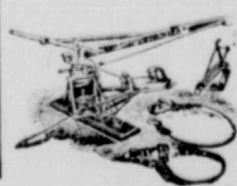
"Barney," as his intimate friends called him, sat looking over his spectacles, while an amused smile played over his ten-thousand-dollar face.

"Women are queer," he said. "They always find a soldier of fortune fascinating, especially if he has brown hair and eyes that talk, is handsome and romantic looking, and goes about like an interesting untold story."

Winthrop looked at the roll of bills on his desk for a few moments in silence, and then turning to McCaffrey, said:

"Thank heaven, old partner, the boom has started."

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However, the Pullman Palace Car Company is a pirate plus—the highway robber—a hold-up whose methods are full as effectual as those of Dick Tarpin and others long lamented, and yet without risk or recourse. The Pullman people first compel the railroads to stand and deliver in the matter of use and haul of their equipment—lined up with the railroads is the traveling public and alongside of these victims the poor devil of a porter—all with hands high in air and knees playing tattoo as they face the shotgun of enforced tribute to the coffers of the company. Every Pullman car, we are told, repays its cost every two years together with current expense; that the assets of the corporation are doubled every two years through its earnings; which enormous profit is invested in still other robbers' roosts and cut up into dividends.

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TRANSPORTATION FACTS FOR THINKING PEOPLE

Special Correspondence—By Milton Everett.
Dallas, Tex.

In my last letter, I said that I would lay before your readers evidences of a great political conspiracy whereby it was planned to so fix the laws of Texas that transportation companies, as well as other large corporations doing business in Texas, would be dependent on the leaders of the political machine for the very existence of their property. The opportunity for this conspiracy arose from the evident necessity for some legislation, both state and national, to limit the power and curb the rapacity of large business concerns, which has been recognized for several years, by every thoughtful citizen, including the directors of large concerns who desired to conduct their business on a fair dealing business policy. No merchant who buys his goods can compete in trade with one who steals them. No business concern without political favors can compete with another that secures them. And in the management of large concerns, responsibility to shareholders for profits is a prime reason why all competition must be met in some way, no matter how underhanded, corrupt or dishonest it may be. It is no secret among well informed men, that in all the states where one political party has absolute sway, as for example in Pennsylvania and Texas, that large concerns having millions of dollars tied up in their operations, have been compelled regularly to pay tribute or blackmail to the dominant party for protection from confiscation or harassment that would work great detriment to them, and it became to be regarded by them as a regular item of expense, as was shown in the insurance investigations in New York.

In its early days, this republic had to pay annual tribute to the piratical states of the Barbary coast and this item of expense was a regular appropriation of congress. This tribute or blackmail was paid in consideration of the piratical states not molesting our merchant ships while trading in the Mediterranean sea. When Jefferson became president, he refused to pay tribute, but built ships and sent them to the Barbary states and whipped the pirates, destroyed their power to levy tribute, and set our country free. It is only a question of time when some wise, just and patriotic citizens will rise to the necessities of the times and destroy political piracy in Texas and in other states. The time will come when the laws will be made with an eye single to the aim of doing justice and the polity of the state will be something more than a scheme of personal aggrandizement. During the last two legislatures, we saw laws enacted that run counter to all sense of right or justice; but they served the great purpose of putting into the hands of the political machine, the absolute control of our transportation and other business interests. The legislature of Texas has degenerated into nothing more nor less than a machine to coin money, (fees, loans and jobs), for the influential ones who can direct its action. Many good men are elected to the legislature, but they through ignorance, or because it has been the custom to do so, blindly follow the leaders in everything. Other good men are elected, who know the drift of legislation and while voting against bad laws, yet have not the courage to denounce the vicious practices of their party associates.

The demand of the people for a stricter regulation of railroads and other corporations and the fact that the people generally had not informed themselves on the subject of what was proper and right has given the politician a chance to further carry out his schemes for self and power under the guise of regulating these concerns, and the absolute control of the taxing power and the vast sum of investments of the insurance companies is now held by a few men by virtue of their political offices.

With the power to put a gross receipts tax or an "intangible" tax on any individual or corporation. With the power to say what rates may be charged by railroads and what securities of insurance funds are good or bad. With power to enact any law, to make any platform demand, to nominate any candidate and force the people to vote for any candidate, truly they have built a machine not equalled for compactness since the days of Boss Tweed. No more infamous or outrageous perversion of the powers of Republican government was ever enacted into law than one taxing the gross receipts of an individual or a corporation, when it lies within the power of a legislature, dominated by a machine as ours, to make that tax whatever the will of the legislature wants it to be, and to apply it to any particular class of persons or bus-

ness. No man can tell until the legislature has adjourned whether he will be permitted to do business in Texas or not, and an amendment of three words may be offered and adopted in ten minutes, that will financially ruin a citizen. The custom has been and it will grow to large proportions, to add amendments to the gross receipts tax bill and then give the citizens affected time to hire a political agent to go to Austin and through his influence have the bill withdrawn. Every business man in Texas will need the services of an attorney or lobbyist, if the legislature is permitted to run a "graft mill" in the shape of a gross receipts tax bill.

The "intangible" tax law which is proposed to reach "intangible" property is only worse than a gross receipts tax law in that it puts the power of taxation in the hands of a board appointed by the governor. Under the law no right of revision is given and the tax board under direction of the governor can tax a corporation's "intangible" property at its own discretion—large or small. No necessity exists for having a board say what "intangible" tax one should pay, such a tax is to be charged by statute and not a board should say how much. No necessity exists for having a board to arrive at the values of stocks and bonds and no valid reason exists why railroad companies should be taxed for "intangible" values and others not so taxed. The law should not play favorites. An equitable and a just taxation should be laid on all property. The method of taxation should be certain and unchanged; the whims or personal interests of politicians should not control it. Every citizen, individual and corporate, should know from one year's end to another what basis he is required to contribute to the support of the state. No system of taxation is right, when contributions or support of a political party or faction can vary the tax charge one iota. The railroad companies of Texas, under these taxation bills are amenable to the politicians, not to the statute. Under these laws we place a premium on bribery and corruption and give the power of the state into the hands of a few men to use for their own benefit, if they desire. Come what may, it will not be long before the longest purse and the most elastic conscience will be the most favored.

To see, to our shame be it said, the political system at each session of the legislature, endeavoring to pass laws to prohibit citizens from appealing to Federal courts for any rights they may have under the National constitution. We hear an outpouring of denunciation of Federal courts, a species of cheap demagoguery, that would disgrace anyone having respect for the institutions of his country. And all for the purpose of fooling the people into the belief that whatever the political machine says do, is right, from which there ought to be no appeal. Laws against lobbying have been passed in order "to assume a virtue they have not" before the people, but principally and particularly to force citizens aggrieved by any pending legislation to "see" the agents of the political system instead of making the appeals to the legislators for relief. Not alone all this, but with the power now held, any man's method of doing business may be declared a trust and any trust may despoil the people of its heart's content if it puts up the coin.

The railroad companies have for years been compelled to grant this favor or that as a means of checking the rapacity of people who use the supreme law of the land for their own purposes. Many have secured jobs and attorneyships by their political tricks. They are interested as members of the machine in grinding as much grit as possible and keeping up as much friction between the people and the railroad companies as they can for by strife they prosper. They are sharper than Fort Worth soap drummer: Some years ago a Fort Worth man started a small soap factory and after he made up what he considered a large quantity of soap advertised for a traveling salesman. The one he hired was an industrious fellow and on his first trip sent in orders for three carloads of soap and after receiving a telegram to come home. On arrival there, he asked his employer what was the matter and he replied, "Oh, I don't need you any more!" "Why?" said the drummer, "haven't I given satisfaction?" "Yes," said the employer, "but you have sold all the soap and I haven't any further use for you." That is the situation in a nutshell in Texas. By keeping things "stirred up" all the time, they "keep the pot boiling." This state of affairs may be compared to the sale of the state's birthright of prosperity for a mess of political pottage.

Whenever the railroad companies quit trucking to the politicians and appeal direct to the people when they are sandbagged, they will always get justice. There is no quarrel between the people and the railroads, but as long as they silently acquiesce in the abuses of the politician they cannot expect nor ought to expect any better treatment than they get. The railroad managers have made some huge mistakes and are making them now which will be the subject of a future letter. MILTON EVERETT.



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Kept Account Until 1200 Deer Were Killed—Captured Buck With Fishing Line.

In last Sunday's St. Louis Republic appeared a long article written by a special correspondent giving a graphic account of some of the hunting adventures of Les Petty, Cotulla's constable. Mr. Petty stated that he did not know he was talking to a newspaper correspondent and was not talking for publication, but aside from a little coloring here and there, the facts in the story are true. He has probably killed as many deer as any man in Southwest Texas, and it is an actual fact that he roped a buck with a fishing line, and there were several witnesses to the affair. Les says if he had known he was talking for publication he would have told him of some adventures that would make the following pale into insignificance:

Cotulla, Texas, Jan. 25.—Les Petty, of this place, who, though but 27 years old, is probably the greatest hunter in Texas, having a record of over 1,200 deer, has no desire to engage in argument with President Roosevelt upon nature-faking, but he makes some strange and thrilling statements about his hunting experiences. Among them is a declaration that he once captured a big buck by lassoing it with an ordinary fish line, and another that he had frequently captured does by crawling up behind them and grabbing them by the legs.

Petty began his career as market hunter when he was 10 years old. He kept account of the number of deer he killed until he passed the 1,200 mark a few years ago. Of late years the law prohibits a man from killing more than three bucks in one year has thrown him out of business as a market hunter.

In addition to his prowess as a deer hunter, Petty is noted as a slayer of javelin, or wild musk hogs. These animals are very dangerous, and it is risky work to hunt them. Petty has killed hundreds of them for their hides which sell for 25 to 35 cents each, and has had many narrow escapes.

"I was trained to hunt deer and other wild animals by my father," Petty said the other day. "As far back as I can remember my father was a market hunter. When I was 10 years old he placed a gun in my hands and sent me out from camp to kill deer and javelin. Many were the mornings that my father would tell me when I started out that if I did not return with a deer he would give me a sound thrashing when I got back to camp. He always kept his word as to the whippings.

"During the 10 years that I was a market hunter, I killed and shipped hundreds of deer. The largest single shipment which my father and I made in one day was twenty-nine deer. The largest number of deer that I ever killed in one day was six. If the season was good it was not at all unusual for me to kill three or four deer a day.

Hunting deer and javelin are entirely different propositions. The man who hunts javelins takes his life in his hands every time he runs into a bunch of the vicious animals. I have killed a dozen or of the animals in one day. They run in droves, and it was my usual practice to shoot and wound one of the animals. The squeals of the wounded javelin would bring the whole drove to the spot, and I would then do a wholesale slaughtering unless they charged upon me. In the latter event I would scamper up a mesquite or some other kind of tree and remain there until I had either killed all of them or the enraged survivors of the affray had gotten tired of waiting for me to come down and

had left the spot. I have known instances of men being kept tread by the animals for a day or two.

"Camp life in the chapparal, thirty-five or forty miles from the nearest ranch house or railroad point, is not as lonesome as one unused to such an experience would imagine. I can always find something to entertain me when in the brush. I get keen enjoyment watching the antics of the deer when I am close to them, unobserved. I like to play tricks on them. Not long ago I roped a buck with a fishing line. It was the funniest experience I have had in a long time.

"I was getting ready to do some fishing in one of the lakes not far from Cotulla, when I saw a young buck grazing not very far from me. I slipped quietly through the bushes and managed to get within easy roping distance of the animal. I at first thought I would try to capture the buck by getting up close enough to grab hold of him, but I was afraid that he would hear or see me before I could play the trick. I had a stout fishing line in my pocket, and I quickly converted it into loop, and, with a dexterous throw, I managed to land the loop over the hars of the buck. The tussel that followed would have been one of the finest exhibitions ever given if there had been any spectators to witness it. The buck and I tore up the ground for many yards around the spot, and for a time it was a question of endurance as to which of us would win the fight. I finally managed to get the upper hand of the animal and got him tied down so that I could summon help. We brought into town alive. I have captured does by crawling up close enough to grab hold of them by the legs.

"I used to take delight in playing pranks upon my father when were out hunting. One morning in the early spring several years ago, my father and I started out in different direction on a day's hunt for deer and javelins. I worked around toward afternoon into the territory where my father was supposed to be hunting. Suddenly I came upon him lying full length under a tree, sound asleep. His gun was lying beside him. I crept up close and removed his gun to a place out of his reach. I then got together a big lot of brush and piled it carefully over him. I then hid behind some bushes and waited for the out-come of my prank. After a time I saw my father stretch out first one leg and then the other. I knew he was waking up. In a moment he opened his eyes and saw that he was covered with a pile of brush. With a yell that could have been heard a mile he frantically tore the brush from around him and gave a jump out of the pile and hunted for his gun. I could not hold myself any longer and when I broke into a loud laugh my father saw me and knew that I had played the trick upon him.

"What did you think had happened when you woke up and saw the brush over you?" I asked.

"I thought some panther had come along and saw me lying there and had covered me up until he could come back and eat me up," my father replied.

"That's the way panthers do their game, and my father thought he was sure enough about to be killed and eaten by one of those animals. I used to have lots of fun playing jokes and tricks on my father, and I guess I got even with him for whipping me when I did not kill wild game."

Wanted—500 feet 2 inch black pipe, second hand, but threads must be good. J. M. DOBIE, Cotulla, Texas.

ARTESIA NOTES.

Artesia, Texas, Jan. 30.—At the last meeting of the I. S. A. Club the members were highly entertained by reading from Miss Williamson, Mrs. Wright and Mr. E. Eddy, and a discussion led by Mr. N. J. Wright on "Banking Reform," all exceptionally good. The contribution by Mrs. Wright was an address she once delivered to the young women of India. It was of a high order of merit, the sentiments of which met with universal and unqualified approval. Her subject was "Social Purity." The discussion was spirited, and from the arguments presented it is plain that it is quite time the government had control of the banking system. That "Postal Saving Banks" and all banks be licensed, fees, salaries of officers, limitations, rates of interest and character of securities be fixed by the government. That Postal Saving Banks be conveniently established; and discounts reduced to at most 3 per cent. Mr. Wright referred to the working of the system in Scotland as proof of the practicability of the method. Under it no panic ever occurs. Being an "interstate" institution it is entirely proper that banks be at least operate subject to the will of, and held amenable to the government, the one creating power. At the next meeting of the Club the question of Women's Suffrage will be the subject of debate.

Artesia now supports two Sunday schools. There is some talk of a church being built, on a lot which has been donated by Mrs. McManis. A new public school building is also mentioned as a possible near future improvement; both of which are badly needed.

Olive fields show need of rain. All irrigation plants are being operated on full capacity. Dry farming is the system principally adopted.

Notwithstanding the light crop of cotton last season, preparations are being made for planting a large acreage the coming season. Farmers however, are learning it is wiser to have a diversity of crops.

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IRYAN NEEDED FOR REFORM.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Congressman "Bob" Henry secured the floor today for forty five minutes and made a ringing speech up democratic issues. After discussing briefly his bill limiting injunctions and calling for juries in contempt cases, he spoke of the rumblings of the people for tariff reduction and other democratic reforms which would be brought about under the flag of William J. Bryan.

Mr. Henry's speech brought forth much applause on the democratic side.

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Washington, Jan. 23.—In accordance with notice given yesterday, Chairman Tawney of the Committee on Appropriations today called up for consideration by the House the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. An agreement was reached to devote the entire day to general debate on the measure, which carries a total appropriation of \$24,077,450.

In explanation of the bill Mr. Tawney sounded a note of warning and said that in the face of the estimates submitted to Congress for the next fiscal year the country confronted with a certain deficit of \$100,000,000. These estimates, therefore, would have to be materially revised and the figures reduced.

Mr. Tawney declared that he deemed it his duty to call attention to this fact in order that expenditures may be kept within estimated revenues.

"I don't make this statement for the purpose of exciting alarm," he said, "or for the purpose of exciting any apprehension in the mind of anyone regarding the ability of our Government to meet all of its obligations now existing or that his Congress may create."

Replying to a question by Mr. Clark of Missouri, Mr. Tawney made it plain that there would be no new appropriations this session for rivers and harbors or public buildings for, he said his calculations did not include them.

Dr. Wiley Would Protect the American Kidneys.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Dr. H. V. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture, has reported to the house committee on agriculture, the results of experiments conducted by the bureau to determine the poisonous effect on the human system of such drugs as borax, benzoic acid, benzoate of soda, sulphate of copper, sulphur bicide and salicylic acid, when used in food stuffs. Dr. Wiley said that the expulsion of these and kindred drugs from the body is performed almost entirely by the kidneys and that he is satisfied the term of American life would be lengthened if the use of such drugs in food were wholly discontinued. He said he was convinced that kidney disease so prevalent among Americans is partly the result of constant introduction into the system of such preservative substances as benzoate of soda carried in foods.

Discussing sulphur dioxide and its injurious effects, Dr. Wiley told the committee of a discovery just made by him that salt solution is a perfect substitute for sulphur in the whitening and drying of fruit. He exhibited samples of apples dried experimentally by the bureau. The sulphured fruit was not so white nor tender as the salt cured.

The committee was informed by Dr. Wiley of plans to teach the farmers of the United States to make denatured alcohol. Next August, he proposes to erect a still at the bureau of chemistry and operate it himself for two or three months producing denature alcohol daily from damaged fruits and vegetable substances such as can be bought cheaply in the market. He has invited the agricultural college of each state and territory to send a representative to Washington to observe his still and master the process of distillation.

The law permitting the free distillation of denatured alcohol, said Dr. Wiley, has not benefited the farmers of the country, for they do not know how to build a still or run one. I propose to teach them, through the agricultural colleges, if they want to learn. Denatured alcohol is an excellent fuel and makes fine light. As it can be manufactured from farm waste the farmers ought to avail themselves of the new law permitting it to be made without imposing a revenue tax.

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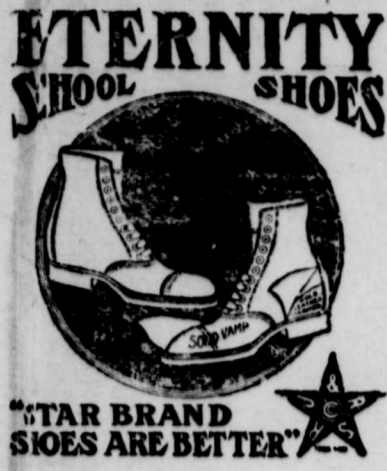
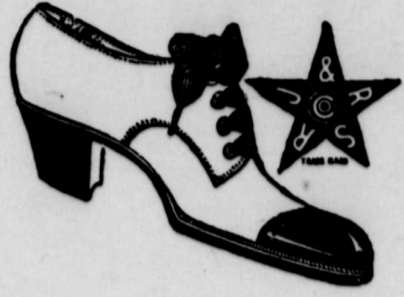
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102 E. Crockett St.,
Next the river.

A strong Northeast wind blew up last night and the temperature dropped considerably.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Wonder were in town yesterday from their farm down the river.

D. J. Woodward of San Antonio is in the city today. Mr. Woodward has completed arrangements for putting the Woodward water on the market.

C. W. Ryan, one of the prominent merchants at Millett, was seen on our streets one day this week on business. He reports things in that section rather dry but otherwise in very fair shape, prospects good. The farmers he says we are all busy preparing for their crops and getting ready for planting.

Jno. M. Daniel received this week from Austin a complete Delinquent Tax Record of all Taxes due on any lands in La Salle County from the years 1885 to date. This record was made up from Comptroller's office, has been double checked and compared and is absolutely correct. Mr. Daniel is in position to give Tax Certificates on any land in the County and will incorporate such certificates in all abstracts he makes from this date. This is the only Tax Record in the County and is a valuable record.

Notice.

On and after February 3rd, 1908 banking hours for the transaction of business will be from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

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Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who so kindly and willingly administered to our beloved mother and assisted in many other ways during the last illness. Also for the many comforting and tender expressions of sympathy.

MR. AND MRS. C. E. MANLY.

Sam Childress, ne of the pioneer cowmen of Southwest Texas, whose ranch is about forty-five miles Southeast of Cotulla, was here on business this week. Mr. Childress said it had been very dry for the past twelve months in his section, but he had lost no cattle and would not lose any if it began raining by the time spring opened.

C. Schenermeyer, secretary and treasurer of the De Hynell Water-Lift Company was here this week looking into the trouble that Mr. Wright was having with the new pump on the Wallace farm. Mr. Schenermeyer said there was nothing the matter with the pump, that the principal trouble was with the gasoline engine which had been put up on a flimsy foundation and got out of line. This is the first one of these pumps put in the river here and the De Hynell people are anxious to show that it is a success.

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RECORD and the Semi-Weekly Express.....	\$1.75
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The RECORD and the Thrice a week New York World.....	\$1.75
The RECORD and Holland's Magazine.....	\$1.50

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Valentines at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Mrs. A. Burks is in town from the La Mette Ranch this week.

For Sale—1 dozen plymothrock hens. C. B. Burwell.

Miss Salle Rock is visiting friends in town this week.

A fresh supply of candy just received at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Mr. Chapman of Artesia is in the city visiting R. A. Gouger and family.

Mrs. T. R. Pool left last week for Laredo on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Ed Cotulla.

Give your laundry bundles to Orville Carr agent for the White Star Laundry.

The most dashing styles in spring shoes ever shown at Y. P. Bowen & Co's.

E. M. Irvin and J. J. Irvin made a business trip to the Alamo City yesterday.

Misses William and Ophelia Shaw are visiting at Rock farm this week.

YOUR SPRING SUIT—REED.

Messrs. Ed Moynahan and Whit Neal came up from Laredo Sunday and spent the day.

Mrs. H. Caley of the Woodland farm is visiting relatives in San Antonio.

J. H. Gates and Bob Burwell went to Pearsall this week to do a job of painting.

Geo. M. Berry, a well known Encinal business man was seen on our streets first of the week.

Rev. Myron E. Nickerson of Boston will preach at the Methodist church tomorrow.

No better candy than at Gaddis' Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barlow spent a day or two of the later part of this week at the Irvin Ranch.

Dr. J. M. Talbott has been quite sick the past week with a touch of pneumonia. He is improving now.

Mrs. J. T. Maltzberger and children were in from the ranch, visiting Mrs. P. A. Kerr this week.

Mrs. F. D. McMahon and little daughter Jessie returned Wednesday from a visit to San Antonio.

Some sudden changes in the temperature this week. We need some cooler weather as trees and vegetation are beginning to bud out.

Miss Ina Daniel returned from Millett Tuesday, where she had been at the McKey Ranch visiting for the past week.

Skating Notice—Hereafter the Skating Rink will be open Wednesday and Saturday night.

C. H. WOODWARD, Mgr.

Miss Mary Baylor left first of the week for San Antonio where she will visit friends for a few days.

S. H. Anderson who bought the A. W. Allee ranch at Tuna, was seen on our streets one day this week transacting business.

For Sale—Two span fine 16 hand mules for sale, sound, gentle and young. Price \$325.00 span. Apply CARTWRIGHT RANCH, phone connection.

Rain is being needed both by the onion and dry land farmers just at present. A good rain now would do untold good to all interests.

February footwear, good solid soles, plump boxcalf uppers, invisible cork insoles, Peter's Diamond Special Shoes. Y. P. Bowen & Co.

H. H. Mills of Dilley was paying his taxes first of the week and dropped around and renewed his subscription to the Record.

Look up my ad in another column of this paper and let me have your orders for all abstract work you need done.

Jno. M. Daniel.

TO TRADE—I have a good 60 acre farm in Cedar county, Mo. to exchange for land or town property in Cotulla. C. C. AKIN, El Dorado Springs, Mo.

Rev. W. G. Platt pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Laredo came up Friday morning to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. S. A. Morgan.

Judge Will Burris of Artesia was in town yesterday on a little business and to qualify himself as a voter next election by paying his poll tax.

J. R. White of Mexico, Mo., who closed a deal here this week for 300 acres of river land, returned home Thursday to make arrangements to move here.

Married—At Riverdale, on the farm of Matt Russell, Miss Ida Harper to Mr. Harley Ratcliff, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Rev. T. G. Woolls officiated.

Frank Held had business here with the tax collector first of the week. He came down to get his certificate of exemption, as he will attain the age of a man before the next election.

Messrs. W. M. Graves and C. W. Wallace of Millett was in the city last Saturday, and paid our sanctuary a pleasant call. These gentlemen have recently moved to Laredo from Montecello, Mo.

Services at the Methodist church tomorrow morning and evening. Rev. Nickerson of the Dakota Conference will preach at the morning hour. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

J. W. McMullin, a prominent citizen of Encinal was in the city paying his taxes Tuesday.

Mr. John Robuck of the Artesia country, one of our first subscribers was here yesterday to see the Tax Collector on important business. Mr. Robuck report conditions pressing down his way.

The school tax proposition is meeting with some opposition among some of our citizens but the general tone of opinion indicates that it will be favored by a majority of the voters at the polls if submitted to them.

The onions along the river are all about transplanted, there being but little left to set out. Reports from all the farms indicate a good yield of plants, in many instances there being much more than was figured on.

Land buyers are beginning to come a little more regularly now and are taking hold of proposition. Two or three sales are reported by the various land men this week and indications are that other deals will follow.

My Abstract Department is complete and I am in position to give good service on all orders entrusted to me. I fill all orders promptly and accurately. Give me a trial.

Jno. M. Daniel.

F. A. Burnham and wife of Griswold, Iowa, were here a few days this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Black. Mr. Burnham, although seeing the country in its driest condition, was thoroughly impressed with the possibilities and future of this section.

Jno. M. Daniel returned Wednesday from a trip to East Texas, where he went on a land trade for Magill & Daniel in which they contracted to sell about four thousand acres of land located in Uvalde and Zavalla counties for six dollars per acre. They took in exchange as part payment a farm in East Texas at fifty dollars per acre.

CANDIES FOR ANY OCCASION.

Time and time again our candy counter has been called on to furnish a big quantity of candy on short notice for some occasion when other things had failed to come, and every time our stock was equal to the call.

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