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Due from approved reserve agents	37,715.76
Checks and other cash items	235.57
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	25.30
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Specie	3762.75
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The Road and Bridge Fund in a Sad Way.

That the Commissioners Court of La Salle county has purchased a road grader and propose to inaugurate a new system of road-working, no doubt meets with the approval of every man in the county who is progressive, and who wants to see something for the money. However, there is a problem to be solved before much work can be done as the road and bridge fund of La Salle is in a sad way.

The total amount of taxes collected for this fund the past year was a little over \$5000.00. All of this has been expended and in addition we understand there are warrants outstanding against the fund to the amount of about \$4000.00. What the county has to show in the way of roads in exchange for this amount of money, probably many of our readers are in a better position to know than we are. We understand that approximately \$3000 of this amount

is to be used for the road and bridge fund of La Salle is in a sad way. The last bill that came in was for \$1001.70 for 63 days work of five teams. We are not informed as to whether or not this road is completed.

The deficiency of the fund will probably be met by transferring the required amount from some of the other funds, but what will be done for money to carry on road work for the coming year? This is a problem to be solved.

Another practice which has been in vogue for some time, which has cost the taxpayers hundreds of dollars and in which there is no justice, should be abolished. That is of the banks adding discount to the face of road workers bills and making the county pay it. To illustrate: A. B. does five days road work with his team at \$3 per day which amounts to \$15. He makes out his bill; the Commissioner in whose precinct the work is done O. K's the bill. A. B. takes it to the bank and gets face value on the order. The bank adds from six to ten per cent to the bill, turns it in when Commissioners Court meets and it is approved. Warrants seldom ever have to be held as long as six months, and often money is in the depository when such transactions are made. The only excuse that can be offered for approving bills with bank's interest added to its face is that the man who does the work can't wait a couple of weeks or a month or two months, as the case may be, for his money. The county has always paid high for road work, and the people should not pay the discount. Add even five per cent to the several thousand dollars that has been expended the past year and see what it amounts too.

You never know what kind of weather to expect in Texas at this season of the year. It may have every appearance of spring-time in the morning and before the noon hour the thermometer will be down to 40. And then before you know it the weather clerk has changed things again.

The Beginning of Good Roads in La Salle County.

Jno. M. Daniel and the editor were down at Jno. R. Black's Tuesday evening and saw the finishing up of four miles of graded road through the Black pasture. This is the best piece of road in La Salle county and was put up in four days. Mr. Black made this road at his own expense in compliance with an agreement with the Commissioners if they would buy a grader and loan it to him he would grade four miles of the Ft. Ewell road free of charge to the county. On this work Mr. Black made good his assertion that he could grade a mile of road a day with the machine. Last Thursday evening the Commissioners went down there to witness a demonstration of the machine's work and decided to take it. Friday morning Mr. Black began work and we were present when he finished Tuesday evening. The road is forty feet wide and more than a mile of it over rough rocky hills with sand beds and ravines in between. The balance is over prairie and a good stretch of it "hog-wallow" land. There is not a lump nor a hole in the road from one end to the other. While of course a first class graded road has not been made in this first work still it is a revelation to see the work this grader has done in four days time, and anyone who sees it will be convinced that the county has lost thousands of dollars by not having one before. The expense of doing this work amounted to only the feed for the four teams as Mr. Black did the driving and his son Ira Black handled the grader. To have hired a man to handle the grader at \$2 per day and allowing \$1.50 for a driver, \$3 for mule feed, it would have cost \$6.50 per day or \$26.00 to do this piece of work. Ordinary scrapers could not have put this road in the condition it now is in and be impossible. To put a road in one day's condition would have cost the county not less than \$100 a mile—if we are to judge by bills paid for such work in the past.

Mr. Black advocates that roads should not be graded less than 40 feet wide and his argument is good. The ditches on each side will gradually wash and eventually there will not be more than 25 feet traveling room; if the road is made narrower it cannot be changed without a great expense, and loaded wagons cannot turn on less than a 40 foot road.

Now that a grader has been bought and been demonstrated a success, the work Mr. Black has started should not be stopped. The Commissioners should devise some means to continue the work, and not let up until every first class road in La Salle is made first class. The county is settling up with a class of people that are used to good roads and they don't mind paying taxes to have good roads. Let the good work go on.

This is the Presidential Campaign Year.

A President of the United States will be elected this year. Who is he and who is the man whom he will beat? Nobody yet knows, but the Thrice-a-Week edition of the New York World will tell you every step and every detail of what promises to be a campaign of the most absorbing interest. It may not tell you what you hope, but it will tell you what is. The Thrice-a-Week World long ago established a character for impartiality and fearlessness in the publication of news, and this it will maintain. If you want the news as it really is subscribe to the Thrice-a-Week edition of the New York World, which comes to you every other day except Sunday, and is thus practically a daily at the price of a weekly.

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Will Bailey be one of the delegates to the National Democratic Convention?

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La Salle county is shipping a good many fat cattle now and they are selling for fine prices on the market.

The spring term of District Court will convene in Cotulla March 9th. As usual there will probably be very little business to transact.

When the onion growers of the Nueces Valley get returns on their onion crop the last traces of the panic will be wiped out. Look for things to be a little tight until then.

The Bailey gang is after Attorney General Davidson good and strong and have been having considerable trouble in getting out a man who they think can beat Davidson.

A cut worm has appeared in some Laredo onion fields and is said to be damaging the plants considerably. It is thought the worms were brought into the fields in barnyard manure which is used as fertilizer.

It is a pity the piece of grade work just finished on the Ft. Ewell road was not closer to town in order that more people might see it and be convinced of the merits of the new road grader the county has just bought.

The Laredo Times asks what would become of some of the "Pessimistic Cubes" of some of the towns of Texas if they should look themselves up against the Ladies Optimistic Club of Cotulla. That wouldn't be hard to guess, judging from the way the Ladies have cleared out many obstacles in their movement for a more progressive Cotulla.

You!

"A Rose with all its Sweetest Leaves Yet Folded."
A Sermonette.

Young Man! With your future before you, what will you make it, success or failure? With youth and health you have the power within you to possess the blessings of knowledge, the joy of achievement, the content of success, but only thru intelligent effort. If you have within you the love of higher things and better days; if you have ambition, energy and determination; if you are free from bad habits that dwarf your intellect and unfit you for consideration by business men, we can train you in bookkeeping, penmanship, arithmetic, commercial law, shorthand, typewriting, banking, and business practice, and assist you to a position. In our years of experience as teachers, we have had students under our direction unfold and blossom into superior manhood, awaken to the responsibilities of life and crown their labor with success. What we have done for them, we can do for you. The business world is seeking everywhere for young men who are able to do the work the world wants done. Let us impress upon you in the language of Narado, a Hindoo sage: Study to know, know to comprehend, and comprehend to judge." Young man, use your youth in the pursuit of knowledge; use it in such a way that you may have comfort in remembering it, and we could give you no better advice than to enter the Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas, and acquire a knowledge of the laws and customs of business and thereby become a useful and successful citizen of this, the greatest country on earth.

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This number of the International Poultry Journal continues the Southwest Texas Poultry Journal, begun some four months ago by Messrs. Clarke and Wilkinson, and purchased last month by the present publisher. All contracts made with the latter named journal will be carried out by the journal now. All subscribers receive this number and will continue on the list as long as they are subscribers. Some changes have been made in other respects than the name, and from month to month it is hoped that improvements will be made.

Southern Texas, the southern half of Texas, is a fine field for the poultryman. Certain problems come up in this field, as in every one differing from another section in climate and other respects. There are many enthusiastic poultry raisers in the part of Texas mentioned. It will be of great benefit to gather these more closely together in interests by means of a publication that gives notes directly concerning them and their interests. The Journal will aim, therefore, to have each month such notes of interest from the various associations and from others interested in the raising of fine fowls.

San Antonio, Houston, Beaumont, Gonzales, Austin, Tyler, Corsicana and other points have live organizations of poultry fanciers. The past fall saw fine shows at all these points. Good records were made. Each of these points will have a show each year. In the future full reports of such shows will be given. San Antonio will have a show in April during the Car Show. This show will give much interest on the part of the poultry fanciers in and about San Antonio. It is hoped that it will also bring in many fine birds from other points. As soon as practicable announcements of the show in full will be made.

Also Mexico is a fine field for poultry growing. There are many enthusiastic poultry growers in the Republic. It will be the aim of this journal to come into close touch with the growers of Mexico also. It is probable that in the near future a Mexico department will be added, with certain pages and articles in Spanish for the benefit of our readers in Mexico who may not be familiar with English. Mexico has always been a good field for Texas fine poultry. It is a growing field. It should be cultivated by Texas growers, especially by those in Southern Texas. San Antonio is the logical point for such a publication. Every effort will be made to build the publication up along lines that will prove interesting and profitable to raisers in both countries.

The International Poultry Journal has begun the work of arousing sentiment among poultry raisers for the creation of a Department of Poultry Husbandry at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. This work will be continued till such a department is created. On another page are the resolutions adopted by the San Antonio Poultry Association. These resolutions will be sent to all other associations in the state, and they will be asked to adopt them. The press will be enlisted in behalf of the measure, and it is hoped that in due time this department, now a feature of the work of nearly every agricultural college in the country, will be created in Texas.

Along many other lines such a journal will be of value to poultrymen, and all interested in poultry raising, whether for profit or for sheer love of fine fowls. To the end that this journal for the southern half of Texas and for Mexico may be built up as rapidly as possible your subscription, your advertising, your news, your help in every way is earnestly asked, and will be heartily appreciated.

DUCKS EASY TO RAISE
AND PROFITABLE
(By W. M. Sawyer.)

I wrote an article in last year on feeding and care of ducklings, now I will discuss the care and housing and feeding of laying ducks.

After years of experience I feel more and more convinced that the duck is the farmer's friend. Why? Because they are a general purpose fowl, even more so than any that we have ever seen. If a market fowl is wanted they fill all requirements, growing to market size in nine weeks. The quality of the flesh of the Indian Runner is superior to that of the Pekin, fine-grained and palatable, much more firm in texture and remains tender until the birds are almost a year old.

Their peculiar markings and racy appearance makes them very attractive, and to see them is to admire them. But what is best of all is their egg-producing qualities, easily surpassing anything yet produced. This is a broad statement, but I am sure I am not making a statement that cannot be verified.

The Indian Runner ducks commence laying about the middle of February, and lay until their natural molting period, which is the last of July or August. It requires about six weeks to grow a new crop of feathers, then they set to work again and lay until cold weather shuts them off. We don't pick our laying ducks and they keep at it all the time. We have tried them in both large and small flocks, but observe no apparent difference in the egg yield or in the fertility of the eggs.

If possible they should be given a large run or free range. If the latter, they will pick up almost their entire living from weed seeds, grasses and insects. The duck has no crop, the food passing directly from the throat to the gizzard, and as a consequence the commercial food must be in a soft, mushy state. Too much hard food, such as whole grain, does not agree with these birds, and they cannot lay and thrive on it. Soft food is their natural diet, together with grasses, vegetables and animal food.

The proper selection of the food is extremely important to secure a rapid growth of the duck, and the ingredients of the food must be such as will afford a well-balanced and substantial ration. Ducklings grow twice as rapidly as chicks, and to produce the best results their food must be such as will be easily assimilated.

When ducks are raised for breeders we feed them differently from those intended for the market. They are not forced so much as are the latter, and less fattening food is given to them. The corn meal and beef scraps are reduced. Feed equal parts of corn meal, wheat bran and green food, 5 per cent of beef scraps, 5 per cent of coarse sand. For laying ducks feed the following by first mixing dry to an even color, and then moisten with sweet milk or water to a crumbly state. Thirty-five per cent by measure, corn meal, 15 per cent shorts, 15 per cent wheat bran, 15 per cent green food, such as cooked vegetables, etc.; 12 per cent beef scraps, 8 per cent coarse sand, and feed twice a day, morning and night.

Ducks lay early in the morning, and if given free range should be kept up until at least 10 o'clock, lest their eggs be lost. Sand and drinking water should be kept by them at all times, and with their bedding kept dry they never have any disease, such as roup; no lice, no scaly legs, no frosted combs. There are no roosts to kerosene, no dust baths, no roosting in trees, no nest boxes, no flying over fences to scratch up the flowers and garden.

My duck house is built 15x20 feet. The north side has a ten-foot rafter and the south eight-foot rafter, and by the ground being a little sloping makes the north eave eighteen inches from the ground and the south eave thirty-six inches high. By leaving the sides, tacked to a twelve-inch

baseboard set in the ground to keep out all vermin makes an ideal duck house in summer for either laying or growing ducks. When so arranged it allows the air to pass through the house on hot nights and by passing through during the day the bedding will be perfectly dry and ready to receive the ducks at night. By throwing a little fresh straw in occasionally the place does not require cleaning out so often as it would if the house were tight and not ventilated.

As soon as the ducklings are large enough to leave their brooders they are placed about 200 to the house, divided into two parts and yokes, having windows in each of them. Heavy curtains are dropped on either side of both according to the weather in the spring while they are young. This will date them till cold weather. By that time the "killers" are all on the market, the breeding stock reduced for winter quarters.

For winter use the north side of the house is closed up tight and the south side as it is, with the thick sunny cold nights and in stormy weather. This makes a house tall enough for an ordinary person to walk under the center and with a garden rake and fork the litter can be raked to the outside of the building and cleaned out without difficulty.

It doesn't require a fine house to raise ducks in, with a few feet of lumber and some poles cut in the woods to make rafters and plates and posts from any one can make a house like this, which will last for years. I saved as a dollar made. I can save a good sawmill bill by getting poles in the timber and making the frames from and there is no reason why every farmer should not have plenty of duck and chicken houses.

There are not many women fortunate enough to have their own poultry houses built, but I assure you that there are nine out of every ten who could soon pay the expense of a house like this one from the increased poultry returns in a short time if they only had one.

I urge the farmer and poultryman to look around their poultry department and see if they couldn't remodel some building to some advantage or comfort to their birds or put up a new building out and out. I am going to build some more houses exactly like the one I have now with the exception of putting them on the level ground. This will prevent the bedding from working to the lower side, especially when they are used for chickens.

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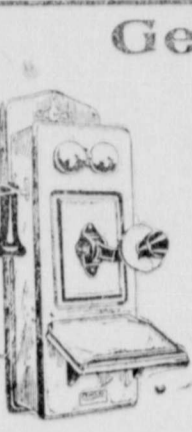
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THE BUILDERS

By Willis George Emerson

(Continued from last week.)

"I think we had better be married very soon; say in two weeks."
"Oh, that's impossible," said Helen in surprise.
"No; it is not impossible," replied Boast, almost savagely. "I say we must be married in two weeks. Then you will go to my father's and visit indefinitely. Of course I will be absent."

"Why, Arthur," protested Helen, "you are the most unreasonable man living—you are, indeed. How can I be married in two weeks? It would be a time since mamma died."
"It must be as I say," insisted Arthur determinedly. "It is for your good. I know things that cannot be explained. You are left alone in the world, and Helen—there, don't cry, little girl. You must realize that I understand what is for the best, and that I wish to protect you." She finally yielded reluctantly, and thus the compact was sealed.

The next day was one long to be remembered in Gold Valley. Mr. Hilliard called at the office of the Prospector and told Fred that he had at last reached the five hundred-foot level. "Yes," said the old miner, with more interest than he had exhibited for some time, "we have certainly had more trouble, sub, in sinkin' these last one hundred feet than all the other distances put together, but we have kept right along, and finally, sub, we are five hundred feet below the surface. Of course there's lots of work yet to be done; in fact, a powerful lot of cross-cutting into the vein, but in a very short time, with my present force of men, the work will be completed."

"It's a very proud moment of my life, sub, to tell you that after all the trials and delays we have had, that finally we are down to the five hundred-foot level; yes, sub, we are, indeed."

There's another little matter, Mr. Rockwell, that I wish to speak to you about. I'm goin' to be a trifle short of money for the pay roll. I think, possibly, I have enough for this comin' week. We have a number of men workin', and I am anxious to keep all of them until we finish cross-cutting."

Fred was aghast. He did not know what to do. He was a dilemma for a moment, started him with confusion, but he finally confessed to Mr. Hilliard that the six thousand dollars he had last given him was, practically, every cent of ready cash he had in the world; that he had written to Judge Ansley, who had charge of his estate in New York city, and the Judge interpreted his father's will to mean that it was necessary for him to live in New York city to enjoy the estate.

"I'm goin' to be a trifle short of money for the pay roll. I think, possibly, I have enough for this comin' week. We have a number of men workin', and I am anxious to keep all of them until we finish cross-cutting."

The old optimist said good-bye to Fred and started for the mine, while Fred returned to his work with a heavy heart. He was far from being convinced that Ben Hilliard felt the confidence in his men that he had expressed.

The winter was late in coming. Although it was the first of November, the air was comparatively mild and yet invigorating.

That evening Rufus Grim walked back and forth on his wide porch, thinking of his own importance. After a little he went down through the village, and following a by-path up towards the mountains, continued his shaft of the Peacock mine. The night was still and beautiful, but the moon was in its last quarter, and its rays were obscured by the lazy, drifting clouds that hung idly in the heavens.

Arriving at the old shaft, he took off his hat and pushed his fat fingers through his heavy hair. He even unbuttoned his coat as he leaned against the collar of Gold Valley shaft, and from many windows, the gleams of light twinkled across the valley, and of Helen, who in one year was to be his bride.

"Yes, she loves me," he muttered aloud. "She's a mighty fine girl. I most know she would marry me—she's got a heap of sense. What a lady she has about her! What little hands! Gee! It was mighty hard to tell her, but no man, I reckon, could have done it better than I did. No, sir; Rufus Grim is always on top for everything. After the knot's tied we'll go to New York and Washington. Every place we go they'll say I have a queen; you bet they will. They'll all want her; no, sir, Helen, the finest name in the world. Yes, she knew—she knew. She was waitin' at the time, even after refusin' at that scoundrel, J. Arthur Boast. He is a sly dog, though, and I really was afraid of him, but now that's all done and sewed up tight as a pig-skin bottle."

"I wish my lawsuit was over; too bad that still hangs fire, but the findin' of the court above will be the same as the court below, I'm sure. Yes, I'm lucky; there ain't one luckier on the face of the earth. I come into this camp with nothin'—now look at me." He chuckled quietly to himself, and absent-mindedly kicked his foot against the old shaft collar.

"Here's the place I struck rich. I don't blame the dogs of course for being on my track. Of course, they want a divvy of this mine, but black them, they ain't

goin' to git it. No, sir; it's mine, Rufus Grim's. The gold's all mine, inside and outside, and no court nor jury can git 'twixen me and my ambition. My first, yes, my earnest ambition is gold, but standin' side by side is this 'ere love for Helen. God bless her!"

"There's only one like me, all thanks are due to just myself. I've had a hard, rough time, and no one to help me—but one by one they've had to give over on my side, and now I'm on top of the heap—yes, by big odds. I'll make my marriage a big thing, and with my gold and my way-up wife, I'll begin livin'. No, sir; I've never lived before; I've never had any flowers in my life; just thistles and hard, weary diggin' has been for me. I've worked and slaved and slaved and worked, but now—now I'm gettin' ready to live."

Thus Rufus Grim fed himself with his own egotism, and recounted life's victories resulting from his indomitable exertions.

A dark form crouched near him, dimly outlined in the uncertain light. Presently it moved and crept stealthily, silently toward him. Then there was a hurried rush, a whistling noise cut sharply through the still air—a stifled cry, a heavy fall, and the body of Rufus Grim plunged forward into the yawning mouth of the old prospect shaft, and a life's work was over. His anticipated happiness, his pompous joy, his earthly prosperity, his vanity and vainglory, all were over.

It mattered not now as to what the decision of the earth's court might be, but rather the decision of that higher court in Heaven. A splash from the murky waters far below resounded back to the outer world like a farewell echo, and Rufus Grim's mangled remains rested near the gold he loved so well. In the vault where his manhood had been bartered for gold, he fell asleep.

There was gold on every side—gold above him, gold beneath him—a priceless mausoleum.

At last that was mortal of this man of inordinate worldly ambitions and restless energy reposed in the endless sleep of unbroken stillness.

And thus from life's map passed forever away Rufus Grim, sans happiness, sans home, sans hope.

CHAPTER XXVIII

Cross-cutting in the Mine. The next day Rufus Grim was missed from the Peacock. His mine manager could not understand it. Never before had he absented himself from his office without giving the most detailed instructions in regard to the work in the mine. When the following morning came and he was still away, the manager's fears ripened into alarm, and soon all the people of Gold Valley were discussing the mystery of Rufus Grim's disappearance.

A vigorous search was at once instituted, which resulted, a few days later, in finding his lifeless body at the bottom of the old prospect shaft.

The evidence of murder by some person or persons unknown, based on the evidence of the peculiar wounds on the back of the head. He was laid to rest by the side of his wife with a demonstration that far exceeded any former funeral in Gold Valley.

Such a cowardly murder, even though the man was so thoroughly disliked during his life, excited the sympathy of all, and Rufus Grim's numerous faults were hidden away by that great leveler, death. People forgot the pompous, overbearing owner of the Peacock mine in listening to the minister's sympathetic words of commendation over the presence of remains of Rufus Grim, the citizen.

The mystery surrounding his death appealed to all law-abiding men to hunt down the cowardly assassin. In the feverish excitement, it was remembered that Marc Casey and Gideon Gibbons were sworn enemies of the rich mine owner; indeed, the presence of numerous witnesses.

The sheriff, who had so ignominiously failed in running down the stage robbers, took the lead in trying to ferret out the murderer and bring him to justice. A few days later warrants were sworn out for the arrest of Gideon Gibbons and Marc Casey, charging them with the crime. Gibbons was arrested, but Casey could not be found.

He had disappeared a few days after the murder, and no one knew his whereabouts. Gibbons maintained a dogged silence, and was completely subdued and humiliated when he saw that not one of his many supposed friends came forward to sign his bond. Handcuffed and accompanied by the sheriff, he appealed to many, but without success.

Fred made himself very unpopular by offering to sign Gideon Gibbons' bond. The people were indignant, and declared Fred was carrying his dislike for Rufus Grim entirely too far. As he had no property excepting his interest in the Peacock, which was a non-producing mine, he was considered incompetent and promptly rejected.

One evening not long after this Fred was working quite late setting type in the Prospector office. It was past midnight when he retired to his sleeping room, and while slipping the bolt of his door he heard some one knocking at the entrance of the printing office. He hastened to admit his visitor and found it to be J. Arthur Boast.

"Good evening, Mr. Rockwell," he said, "I have come to see you at this unholy hour on a little matter of great importance to myself."

"Come in," said Fred cheerfully, but greatly surprised. "I have no light in this room. Come into my bedroom."

"You remember a conversation we had, said Boast, abruptly, "not long ago, about being friends?"

"Well, I have come tonight to claim a little of the reciprocal friendship you promised me at that time."

"As I have observed before," continued Boast, "circumstances control man's destiny. To think of us sitting down talking as friends, would,

a little while ago, have seemed preposterous, and yet I am happy to know that we meet as such tonight!" His eyes were restless and burned with the brightness of keenest excitement. Friendship is such an abused word. Acquaintances, or those whom we may have known for years, may be friendly, and yet not friends. Friendship is a sort of heart sentiment, sacred and imperishable. Like gold—it is where you find it. It is a discovery.

Fred started to speak, but Boast waved him to silence, and went rapidly on, saying: "What impelled me to seek for you that night you visited me at the hotel I am unable to explain; an impulse I was not strong enough to overcome force of the issue, I guess." He laughed in a jerky fashion. "I feel, Mr. Rockwell, that I have much to be thankful for, in the enjoyment of your friendship, and yet it has all been brought about by circumstances over which I have no control. It is not the result of premeditated judgment, but the outcome of an impulse." He stopped short and looked squarely at his listener, as if waiting for a reply.

"I hope," said Fred, after an awkward pause, passing Boast a cigar, and lighting one himself, "that you have no regrets in regard to our late friendly understanding."

"No, indeed," replied Boast, beamingly. "On the contrary, I feel that I am the most fortunate of men. By the way, this is an excellent cigar."

"Yes," replied Fred, "each one is a sort of fulfillment. The other day I received a box from one of my New York friends. It is a luxury that I am not able to indulge in very freely, unless some old chum happens to remember my isolation in these Western mountains and shows remembrance and friendship in this way."

"I have told you," said Boast, "that I have quit drinking."

"No," replied Fred with a rising inflection. "Yes, I have chucked red liquor altogether—cut it out entirely. The habit got quite a hold on me, and I was going down hill at a pretty rapid pace; in fact, I had given up hope of ever being anything but a blanketed sot. Scarcely had I reconciled myself to that belief, when a whiff, a whiff, an impulse, or whatever you may call it, took hold of me and said, 'No more liquor, J. Arthur Boast; not another blanketed drop,' and from that day to this I have not tasted the abominable stuff."

Fred assured him that he was glad to know of his reformation.

"To continue," said Boast, "I am in love, desperately so." Again he laughed in apparent embarrassment.

"In love?"

"Yes, I am in love with my cousin, Helen Goodwin, and she reciprocates my affection. On her account, if not on my own, I am glad my appetite for liquor has been overcome, and that remains me of the object of my visit." He wheeled about in his chair, and looked steadfastly into a darkened corner of the room and then went on to say:

"I have a sudden fancy for formalities, and so sensitive regarding her mother's death, that I have had hard work to convince her that our marriage should take place, according to the original arrangements, day after tomorrow. Her stepmother's death, of course, has complicated matters still further, and she thought we ought to postpone the affair. As usual, however," continued Boast, "I have convinced her that she is wrong and that I am right, and have finally gained her consent, on one condition—that you and Miss Ruth Hilliard will favor us with your presence and act as groomsmen and bridesmaids."

Fred was half startled at Boast's remarks, and for a moment did not know what to say. To him Helen seemed to be one who would find the surrender incurred by accepting a wedding ring most galling because of its setting in environments.

At best, even a successful love is an iron hand encased in a velvet glove of courteous consideration and responsive goodness; but perhaps Boast possessed these attributes, at least Fred hoped so for Helen's sake.

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Southern Texas, the southern half of Texas, is a fine field for the poultryman. Certain problems come up in this field, as in every one differing from another section in climate and other respects. There are many enthusiastic poultry raisers in the part of Texas mentioned. It will be of great benefit to gather these more closely together in interests by means of a publication that gives notes directly concerning them and their interests. The Journal will aim, therefore, to have each month such notes of interest from the various associations and from others interested in the raising of fine fowls.

San Antonio, Houston, Beaumont, Gonzales, Austin, Tyler, Corsicana and other points have live organizations of poultry fanciers. The past fall saw fine shows at all these points. Good records were made. Each of these points will have a show each year. In the future full reports of such shows will be given. San Antonio will have a show in April during the Caravan. This show will draw much interest on the part of the poultry fanciers in and about San Antonio. It is hoped that it will also bring in many fine birds from other points. As soon as practicable announcements of the show in full will be made.

Also Mexico is a fine field for poultry growing. There are many enthusiastic poultry growers in the Republic. It will be the aim of this journal to come into close touch with the growers of Mexico also. It is probable that in the near future a Mexico department will be added, with certain pages and articles in Spanish for the benefit of our readers in Mexico who may not be familiar with English. Mexico has always been a good field for Texas fine poultry. It is a growing field. It should be cultivated by Texas growers, especially by those in Southern Texas. San Antonio is the logical point for such a publication. Every effort will be made to build the publication up along lines that will prove interesting and profitable to raisers in both countries.

The International Poultry Journal has begun the work of arousing sentiment among poultry raisers for the creation of a Department of Poultry Husbandry at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. This work will be continued till such a department is created. On another page are the resolutions adopted by the San Antonio Poultry Association. These resolutions will be sent to all other associations in the state, and they will be asked to adopt them. The press will be enlisted in behalf of the measure, and it is hoped that in due time this department, now a feature of the work of nearly every agricultural college in the country, will be created in Texas.

Along many other lines such a journal will be of value to poultrymen, and all interested in poultry raising, whether for profit or for sheer love of fine fowls. To the end that this journal for the southern half of Texas and for Mexico may be built up as rapidly as possible your subscription, your advertising, your news, your help in every way is earnestly asked, and will be heartily appreciated.

DUCKS EASY TO RAISE
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 (By W. M. Sawyer.)

I wrote an article in last year on feeding and care of ducklings, now I will discuss the care and housing and feeding of laying ducks.

After years of experience I feel more and more convinced that the duck is the farmer's friend. Why? Because they are a general purpose fowl, even more so than any that we have ever seen. If a market fowl is wanted they fill all requirements, growing to market size in nine weeks. The quality of the flesh of the Indian Runner is superior to that of the Pekins, fine-grained and palatable, much more firm in texture and remains tender until the birds are almost a year old.

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The Indian Runner ducks commence laying about the middle of February, and lay until their natural molting period, which is the last of July or August. It requires about six weeks to grow a new crop of feathers, then they set to work again and lay until cold weather shuts them off. We don't pick our laying ducks and they keep at it all the time. We have tried them in both large and small flocks, but observe no apparent difference in the egg yield or in the fertility of the eggs.

If possible they should be given a large run or free range. If the latter, they will pick up almost their entire living from weed seeds, grasses and insects. The duck has no crop, the food passes directly from the throat to the gizzard, and as a consequence the commercial food must be in a soft, mushy state. Too much hard food, such as whole grain, does not agree with these birds, and they cannot lay and thrive on it. Soft food is their natural diet, together with grasses, vegetables and animal food.

The proper selection of the food is extremely important to secure a rapid growth of the duck, and the ingredients of the food must be such as will afford a well-balanced and substantial ration. Ducklings grow twice as rapidly as chicks, and to produce the best results their food must be such as will be easily assimilated.

When ducks are raised for breeders we feed them differently from those intended for the market. They are not forced so much as are the latter, and less fattening food is given to them. The corn meal and beef scraps are reduced. Feed equal parts of corn meal, wheat bran and green food, 5 per cent of beef scraps, 5 per cent coarse sand. For laying ducks feed the following by first mixing dry to an even color, and then moisten with sweet milk or water to a crumbly state. Thirty-five per cent by measure, corn meal, 15 per cent shorts, 15 per cent wheat bran, 15 per cent green food, such as cooked vegetables, etc.; 12 per cent beef scraps, 8 per cent coarse sand, and feed twice a day, morning and night.

Ducks lay early in the morning, and if given free range should be kept up until at least 10 o'clock, lest their eggs be lost. Sand and drinking water should be kept by them at all times, and with their bedding kept dry they never have any disease, such as roup; no lice, no scaly legs, no frosted combs. There are no roosts to kerosene, no dust baths, no roosting in trees, no nest boxes, no flying over fences to scratch up the flowers and garden.

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As soon as the ducklings are large enough to brooders they are divided into two parts and yoked on either side of the windows in each of curtains are dropped side of both according to weather in the spring are young. This will date them till cold weather. The "killers" are all on the market, the breeders all shipped out and reduced for winter quarters.

For winter use the of the house is closed and warm, still leaving side as it is, with the main to raise on nice days, and to drop on end in stormy weather. A house tall enough for an ordinary person to walk under the center and with a garden rake and fork can be raked to the building and cleaned out difficulty.

It doesn't require a lot to raise ducks in, a few feet of lumber and some poles cut in the woods to make rafters and posts like this, which will last for years. I figure that a dollar saved is as good as a dollar made. I can save a good sawmill for making the poles in the timber here is no reason why every farmer should not have plenty of chicken houses.

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I urge the farmer and poultryman to look around their poultry department and see if they couldn't remodel some building to some advantage or comfort to their birds or put up a new building out and out.

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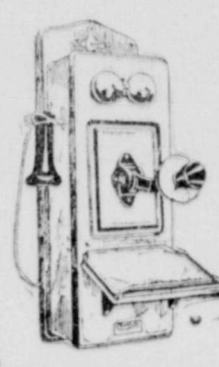
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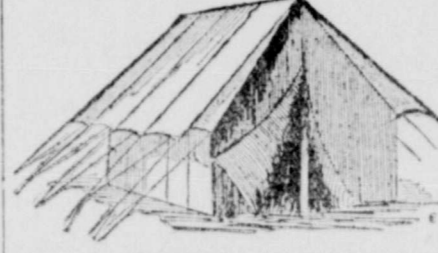
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(Continued from last week.)
"I think we had better be married very soon," said Fred, "I've had a hard, rough time, and no one to help me—but one by one they've had to get over on my side, and now I'm on top of the heap—yes, by big odds. I'll make my marriage a big thing, and with my gold and my way-up wife, I'll begin livin'." No, sir; I've never lived before; I've never had any flowers in my life; just thistles and hard, weary diggin' has been for me. I've worked and slaved and slaved and worked, but now—now I'm gettin' ready to live."
Thus Rufus Grim fed himself with his own egotism, and recounted life's victories resulting from his indomitable exertions.
A dark form crouched near him, dimly outlined in the uncertain light. Presently it moved and crept stealthily, silently toward him. Then there was a hurried rush, a whistling noise cut sharply through the still air—a stifled cry, a heavy fall, and the body of Rufus Grim plunged forward into the yawning mouth of the old prospect shaft, and a life's work was over. His anticipated happiness, his pompous joy, his earthly prosperity, his vanity and vainglory, all were over.
It mattered not now as to what the decision of the earth's court might be, but rather the decision of that higher court in Heaven. A splash from the murky waters far below resounded back to the outer world like a farwells echo, and Rufus Grim's mangled remains rested near the gold he loved so well. In the vault where his manhood had been bartered for gold, he fell asleep.
There was gold on every side—gold above him, gold beneath him—a priceless mausoleum.
At last all that was mortal of this man of inordinate worldly ambitions and restless energy reposed in the endless sleep of unbroken stillness.
And thus from life's map passed forever away Rufus Grim, sans happiness, sans home, sans hope.

CHAPTER XXVIII.
Cross-cutting in the Mine.
The next day Rufus Grim was missed from the shaft. His mine manager could not understand it. Never before had he absented himself from his office without giving the most detailed instructions in regard to the work in the mine. When the following morning came and he was still away, the manager's fears ripened into alarm, and soon all the people of Gold Valley were discussing the mystery of Rufus Grim's disappearance.
A vigorous search was at once instituted, which resulted, a few days later, in finding his lifeless body at the bottom of the old prospect shaft. At the corner of the shaft, the manager discovered the body of a person or persons unknown, based on the evidence of the peculiar wounds on the back of the head.
He was laid to rest by the side of his wife with a demonstration that far exceeded any former funeral in Gold Valley.
Such a cowardly murder, even though the man was so thoroughly disliked during his life, excited the sympathy of all, and Rufus Grim's numerous faults were hidden away by that great leveler, death. People forgot the pompous, overbearing owner of the shaft mine in listening to the minister's sympathetic words of commendation over the mangled remains of Rufus Grim, the citizen.
The mystery surrounding his death appealed to all law-abiding men to hunt down the cowardly assassin, remember the excitement, it was Gideon Gibbons were sworn enemies of the rich mine owner; indeed, the latter had threatened his life in the presence of numerous witnesses.
The sheriff, who had so ignominiously failed in running down the stage robbers, took the lead in trying to ferret out the murderer and later warrants were sworn out for the arrest of Gideon Gibbons and for Marc Casey, charging them with the crime. Gibbons was arrested, but Casey could not be found.
He had disappeared a few days after the murder, and no one knew his whereabouts. Gibbons maintained a dogged silence, and was completely subdued and humiliated when supposed friends came forward to sign his bond. He handcuffed and accompanied by the sheriff, he appealed to many, but without success.
Fred made himself very unpopular by offering to sign Gideon Gibbons' bond. The people were indignant and declared Fred was carrying his dislike for Rufus Grim entirely too far. As he had no property excepting his interest in the Shonbar, which was a non-producing mine, he was considered incompetent and promptly rejected.
One evening not long after this Fred was working quite late setting type in the Prospect office. It was past midnight when he retired to his sleeping room and while slipping the bolt of his door he heard some one knocking at the entrance of the printing office. He hastened to admit his visitor and found it to be J. Arthur Boast.
"Good evening, Mr. Rockwell," he said, "I have come to see you at this unholy hour on a little matter of great importance to myself."
"Come in," said Fred cheerfully, but greatly surprised. "I have no light in this room. Come into my bedroom."
"You remember a conversation we had," said Boast, abruptly, "not long ago, about being friends."
Fred said that he did.
"Well, I have come tonight to claim a little of the reciprocal friendship you promised me at that time. As I have observed before," continued Boast, "circumstances control man's destiny. To think of us sitting down talking as friends, would,

a little while ago, have seemed preposterous, and yet I am happy to know that we meet as such tonight!" His eyes were restless and burned with the brightness of keenest excitement. Friendship is such an abused word. Acquaintances, or those whom we may have known for years, may be friendly, and yet not friends. Friendship is a sort of heart sentiment, sacred and imperishable. Like gold—it is where you find it. It is a discovery.
Fred started to speak, but Boast waved him to silence, and went rapidly on, saying: "What impelled me to send for you that night you visited me at the hotel I am unable to explain; an impulse I was not strong enough to overcome force the issue, I guess." He laughed in a jerky fashion. "I feel, Mr. Rockwell, that I have much to be thankful for in the enjoyment of your friendship, and yet it has all been brought about by circumstances over which I have no control. It is not the result of premeditated judgment, but the outcome of an impulse." He stopped short and looked squarely at his listener, as if waiting for a reply.
"I hope," said Fred, after an awkward pause, passing Boast a cigar, and lighting one himself, "that you have no regrets in regard to our late friendly understanding."
"No, indeed," replied Boast, beamingly. "On the contrary, I feel that I am the most fortunate of men. By the way, this is an excellent cigar."
"Yes," replied Fred, "each one is a sort of fulfillment. The other day I received a box from some of my New York friends. It is a luxury that I am not able to indulge in very freely, unless some old chum happens to remember my isolation in these Western mountains and shows remembrance and friendship in this way."
"I have told you," said Boast, "that I have quit drinking."
"No," replied Fred with a rising inflection.
"Yes, I have chucked red liquor altogether—cut it out entirely. The habit got quite a hold on me, and I was going down hill at a pretty rapid pace; in fact, I had given up hope of ever being anything but a blanked sot. Scarcely had I reconciled myself to that belief, when a whim, a caprice, an impulse, or whatever you may call it, took hold of me and said, 'No more liquor.' J. Arthur Boast; not another blanked drop, and from that day to this I have not tasted the abominable stuff."
Fred assured him that he was glad to know of his reformation.
"To continue," said Boast, "I am in love, desperately so." Again he laughed in apparent embarrassment.
"In love?"
"Yes, I am in love with my cousin, Helen Goodwin, and she reciprocates my affection. On her account, if not on my own, I am giving up my liquor for good. It has been over me, and that reminds me of the object of my visit." He wheeled about in his chair, and looked steadfastly into a darkened corner of the room and then went on to say:
"I have a sticker for formalities, and so sensitive regarding her mother's death, that I have had hard work to convince her that our marriage should take place, according to the original arrangements, day after tomorrow. Her stepfather's death, of course, has complicated matters still further, and she thought we ought to postpone the affair. As usual, however," continued Boast, "I have convinced her that she is wrong and that I am right, and have finally gained her consent, on one condition—that you and Miss Ruth Hilliard will favor us with your presence and act as groomsman and bridesmaid."
Fred was half started at Boast's remarks, and for a moment did not know what to say. To him Helen seemed to be one who would find the surrender incurred by accepting a wedding ring most galling because of its fettering environment.
At best, even a successful love is an iron hand encased in a velvet glove of courteous consideration and responsive goodness; but perhaps Boast possessed these attributes, at least Fred hoped so for Helen's sake.
(To be Continued.)

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DOMESTIC

CHICAGO.—The campaign of education on the saloon question is to be pushed throughout the United States by the liquor dealers and their allies. The object of the campaign is to create a sentiment against local option laws in districts which are becoming so numerous. It is opposed to cranks, hypocrites and fanatical prohibition element. The movement is not wholly in the interest of the manufacturers; concern is also felt for the welfare of the "starving women and children of employees" thrown out of work because of the activity of the prohibitionists.

NEW YORK.—Commander Robert E. Peary will make another dash for the north pole in July next. The trip will be financed by the Arctic club.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Travelers Protective association is to inaugurate a campaign for steel passenger cars. Backed by more than half a million traveling salesmen, they will push a bill in congress, which, if passed, will compel all the railroads of the United States to replace their present wooden passenger equipment with ironproof steel cars. It is desired that the railroads retire 10 per cent of the wooden cars for the next ten years.

NEW YORK.—The school of commerce of New York University will start something new in the way of university educational courses when the new evening course in industrial values for the benefit of men who are engaged in producing or selling commodities is opened. Already a number of brokers and others connected with the cotton, grain and metal trades have enrolled as students. They will include instruction in value theories, organization of exchange, concrete studies in price making, the study of prices in grain and cotton, and in other commodities, such as iron, wool, coffee and provisions, causes of fluctuations in all markets, prices and speculation and the risk element.

NEW YORK.—During January 150,432 immigrants arrived at this port, and 58,767 alien stowaways passed on their way. In the corresponding period last year there were twice as many arrivals as departures.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt's desire to promote friendly relations with Japan is shown in his effort to have congress provide for an American exhibit at the coming exposition at Tokio that will eclipse the efforts of all other nations.

NEW YORK.—Leading manufacturers of hardware have just announced a reduction in prices amounting to 10 per cent on what is known as "builders' hardware," including locks, knobs, hinges and window trimmings, growing out of the decline in copper and brass.

WASHINGTON.—The bill introduced in congress by Representative Chas. E. Townsend of Michigan, providing for the semi-compulsory arbitration of such disputes as have reached a stage where federal rights are likely to be interfered with, has been reported favorably by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. The bill, if passed, will affect particularly disputes which may retard the movement of interstate commerce, the transportation of mails and of military supplies and troops.

WASHINGTON.—More lumber was cut in the United States last year than in any year in its history. The enormous amount of 37,550,735 broad feet was produced, and the mill value of this was \$621,151,388. In addition there were produced 11,858,260,000 shingles, valued at \$24,155,555, and 3,811,897,000 lath, valued at \$11,490,570. On the whole it is safe to say that the present annual lumber cut of the United States approximates 40,000,000,000 feet, and that the total mill value of the lumber, lath and shingles each year produced is not less than \$700,000,000.

MEMPHIS.—Thieves entered the residence of Frank G. Jones, in fashionable Vanve avenue, last evening while a dinner party was in session, and made away with jewelry valued at \$20,000. The thieves have not been caught.

NEW YORK.—The famous Patrick murder trial again was called to mind today when Justice Downing set March 2 as the date for the trial of David L. Short and Morris A. Myers, charged with forgery and perjury. Patrick is now serving a life term at Sing Sing for the murder of Marsh Rice, an aged Texas millionaire, in 1901. Short is accused of having drawn up and attested a fraudulent will disposing of Rice's property. Myers was a law clerk in Patrick's office, who witnessed the

signature purporting to be that of Rice on the will.

MACON, GA.—Dr. A. M. Spear was bound over on the charge of violating the prohibition law. The physician prescribed alcohol for a patient. The doctor said it was for the gripper.

NEW YORK.—Three automobilists in a big foreign touring car started today for a 22,000 mile overland journey from New York to Paris. The first stage of the trip will be completed at Philadelphia. From the Quaker city the automobilists will go directly west.

NYACK, N. Y.—A great fissure in the earth, extending several blocks in length, suddenly opened at Haverstraw yesterday. It created great excitement. The split runs through the residence portion of the city and under the library. Considerable damage resulted.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Sydney Jones is under arrest here. He murdered his paranoist. He is one of the soldiers of the 25th infantry who was discharged without honor by President Roosevelt.

NEW YORK.—It has been determined by the American Red Cross society to enter into a general campaign for an increased membership, both annual and life. The executive board has appointed Edward R. Johnston to the position of national registrar.

POLITE.

A school teacher, instructing her classes in grammar, wrote this sentence on the board for correction: "The horse and cow is in the lot." No one seemed to know what was wrong with it, until at last a polite little boy raised his hand.

"What is it, Johnny?" asked the teacher.

"You should put the lady first," corrected Johnny.

NOT WORTH IT.

Many years ago a certain justice was called to jail to liberate a worthless debtor by receiving his oath that he was not worth five dollars.

"Johnny," said the justice, "can you swear that you are not worth five dollars, and never will be?"

"Why," answered Johnny, rather chagrined at the question, "I can swear I am not north that amount at present."

"Well, well," said the justice, "I can swear to the rest. Step forward."

THE BRIGHT SIDE.

W. J. Oliver, the lowest bidder for the construction of the Panama canal, said of a contract that a friend had lost:

"Oh, well, there's a bright side to everything. Had you gotten this contract you might have lost money on it. All things have their bright side. It is like the case of the rejected suitor."

"Oh, Mabel," the youth moaned, burying his face in his hands after his rejection, "make it easier for me to bear, can't you?"

"Yes, WHEE, Mabel gently answered, "I snore terribly."

A GOOD PROVIDER.

"Though Mrs. McKinley, said a Canton clergyman, "left an estate of about \$200,000, she was one of the most charitable women in Ohio. Her experience in charity work were interesting. I used to like to hear her talk of them. She once told me about a colored woman whom she had aided in her preparations to get married. A few months later Mrs. McKinley asked her how she was getting on."

"I 'se a-sittin' on fine, thank ye," the bride answered.

"And is your husband a good provider?" asked Mrs. McKinley.

"Deed he is a good providah, ma'am," was the reply. "He done got me five new pieces to wash dis las' week."

DEACON'S SUGGESTION.

The organist was absent from prayer meeting, and after some little delay a good old sister voluntarily raised the tune of the hymn "Laban," pitching her voice so high she could not catch the top. "My soul, be on thy guard, Ten thousand—she screamed. Three times she struggled to reach the point, only to again come to a standstill at "Ten thousand—when an old deacon rose up in the audience and shouted: "Sister, suppose we try it at five thousand and see if we can't get there."

ANYTHING TO OBLIGE.

President Elliot of Harvard, is not a believer in spelling reform, notes the Ladies' Home Journal. Not long ago there was a student who was a candidate for the degree of doctor of philosophy. This student had adopt-

ed spelling reform as his particular line of work, and as commencement day drew near he went to President Elliot with a request. "You know, Mr. President," he said, "that you are proposing to make me a Ph. D. Now, I have made a specialty of spelling reform, and I always spell philosophy with an 'f.' I therefore called to ask if you could not make my degree P. D. instead of Ph. D."

"Certainly," replied the president. "In fact, if you insist, we shall make it a D. F."

WANTED AN ANSWER.

It was an election meeting, and an excited oter shouted to the candidate: "Don't beat about the bush; answer my question, 'Yes' or 'No.'"

The candidate replied: "But, my dear sir, there are some questions which cannot be answered 'Yes' or 'No.'"

The elector turned rudely, with the single exclamation, "Bosh!"

The candidate continued: "Very well; I will prove what I say. Now, sir, the question I will put to you is this: 'Have you left off beating your wife?'"

And the meeting shouted to the inquisitive elector: "Answer him 'Yes' or 'No.'"

HE OWNED THE DOG.

An automobile dashed along the country road. Turning a curve, it came suddenly upon a man with a gun on his shoulder and a weak, sick-looking dog beside him. The dog was directly in the path of the motor car. The chauffeur sounded his horn, but the dog did not move—until he was struck. After that he did not move.

The automobile stopped, and one of the men got out and came forward. He had once paid a farmer \$10 for killing a calf that belonged to another farmer. This time he was wary.

"Was that your dog?"

"Looks as if we'd killed him."

"Certainly looks so."

"Very valuable dog?"

"Well, not so very."

"Will \$5 satisfy you?"

"Yes."

"Well, then, here you are." He handed the man a \$5 bill, and added pleasantly, "I am sorry to have broken up your hunt."

"I wasn't going hunting," replied the other as he pocketed the bill.

"Not going hunting? Then what were you doing with the dog and the gun?"

"Going down to the woods to shoot the dog."

TURKEY PROFITS LARGE.

No other kind of domestic poultry has come into such general use throughout the entire world for Thanksgiving and holiday feasts as the turkey, and no other class of poultry commands such high prices as they do.

In them stand a good show for the wives to make their pin money, and I know some women who make more off their turkeys than their husbands do off the rest of the stock on the farm.

As a general thing last spring was a poor year with turkeys, as they did not do well. Although we have no complaint to make, as we had good success with our, which I lay to the kind of breed and the care in feeding and cooping, as we keep them in good, warm coops on cold, damp nights when little.

Many of my neighbors raise the Mammoth Bronze, some the Narragansetts, some the White Hollands, some the Bourbon Reds. But from among them all I have chosen the Golden Bronze, which I have raised for a number of years. I find these birds to be good layers, producing from twenty to thirty-five eggs at a laying, and if not allowed to set will lay several layings in a season.

These birds are large and weigh heavily. They are good mothers, as they are tame, coming up and eating out of one's hand.

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The three main rules in selecting turkeys to breed are:

First—Select a good breed.

Second—Hens for breeding should be strong, healthy and vigorous and of good medium size. In no instance select the smaller ones. Do not strive to have them unnaturally large.

Third—Secure a tom in the fall, so as to be assured of his health and vigor prior to the breeding season.

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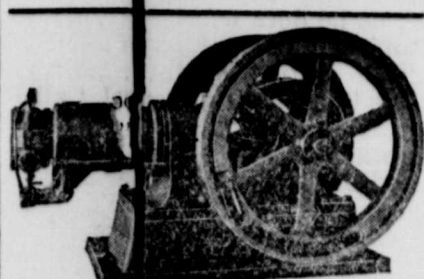
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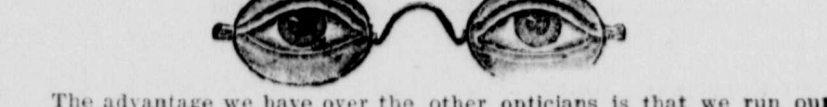
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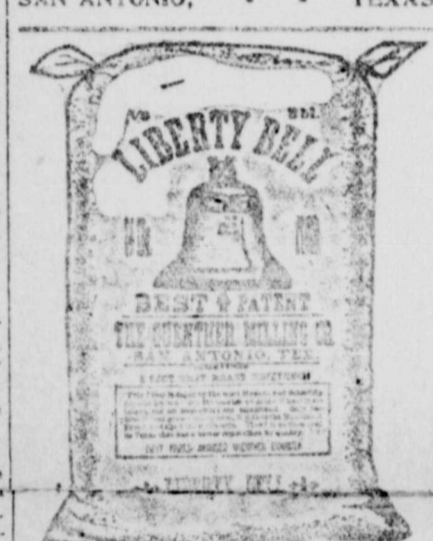
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CUERO.—The Lutherans here will tomorrow celebrate the 149th anniversary of the birth of Wilhelm Loeche. He was a noted Lutheran education.

CAMERON.—Monta J. Moore of this city, who was a candidate for governor for a few weeks two years ago, may jump into the race for attorney general. He is an enthusiastic Bailey man.

HUOSTON.—Louis M. Rich, one of Houston's oldest and most respected citizens, is dead. He was a well known Mason, and was the author of the first Masonic guide book ever published in Texas.

VICTORIA.—Work is soon to begin again on the Port O'Connor railroad. The road will be rapidly rushed to completion, the contractors building both ways out of Victoria.

J. L. HO.—Joe Hopkins' barn, which was burned yesterday, threatened to start a fire which would have serious consequences. The good work of the fire department was all that prevented the fire spreading.

SAN ANGELO.—The depot saloon at this place was badly damaged by fire yesterday. The loss will be about \$3200.

ALICE.—George Hobbs, senior member of the firm of Hobbs & Sons, general merchandise, died suddenly here of heart failure. He was a well known and highly respected citizen.

McKINNEY.—John Spotwell, charged with violating the local option law here, walked all the way from New Orleans to surrender to the sheriff. He explained his action by saying that he was tired of feeling like a fugitive from justice.

HILLSBORO.—Lem Leary, charged with the murder of R. A. Ainsworth, has been found guilty and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

MARSEILLES.—Senor Franco, ex-premier of Portugal and family, arrived here last evening and left for Genoa. Two detectives accompany the party.

HONOLULU.—Wanted in Portland, Ore., in connection with the land fraud cases, Horace G. McKinley was arrested at Mukden, China. He arrived at this port yesterday in charge of the officers who are returning him to America.

GUAJAQUIL.—An embryo revolution at Manila has been nipped in the bud. An attempt to bribe the garrison to revolt failed. The plotters have been arrested.

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NEW YORK.—Dave Paris Barbydt, former treasurer of the republic of Texas, died here yesterday. He was over ninety years old.

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DEVELOPMENT DOWN THE NUECES

JNO. R. BLACK HAS COUNTRY HOME WITH MODERN CONVENIENCES.

Manager of Iowa Colony Lands Making Preparations to Put In Big Irrigation Plant.

It was our good fortune one day this week to be the guest for a few hours of Jno. R. Black, general manager of the Iowa Colony Lands, whose place is 15 miles Southeast of Cotulla.

Mr. Black without a doubt has the most comfortable country home in La Salle county. It is a two story building, located half a mile from the Nueces on an elevation where the gulf breeze is continuous, and is equipped with every modern convenience possible. There is a perfect water system throughout the house; a splendidly furnished bath with both hot and cold water. Mr. Black has his own gas plant and his home and outside buildings are lighted with gas.

This winter Mr. Black has put out numerous shade trees around his place and also a small orchard of about one hundred trees.

The Iowa Colony Lands comprise about 23,000 acres and lie on both sides of the Nueces, beginning about 12 miles Southeast of Cotulla. Mr. Black, who is the general manager, came here a year ago last fall and has wonderfully transformed things in that part of the county. At present he has about 200 acres under cultivation and is still clearing land. This summer he expects to put in a big irrigation plant and begin operations on a good big scale.

The Iowa Colony Lands are not on the market for sale yet but will be later on.

For an immense irrigation proposition we do not believe there exists in Southwest Texas one that will equal this. Nature has made it possible here to make a reservoir that would store an amount of water not possible anywhere else on the Nueces. About a mile above this tract of land the Nueces river divides; that is, there is an old channel, which is really larger than the present river bed. Where these channels enter the Iowa Colony Lands they are about a mile apart and run parallel to almost the lower side where they come together again. A big dam, such as the Taylor dam at Bermuda, just below the conjunction of these two channels would make a reservoir practically twice as large as could be obtained anywhere else. A dam here would back water up both channels above the upper line of the tract, which, following the meanders would mean two reservoirs, each six to eight miles long. Both channels on this tract are deep. Practically the entire island is above overflow and lies almost level. Besides all of the land on the island, thousands of acres along the outside of each channel could be irrigated. Here Nature seems to bunched a lot of good things. Along with this opportunity for an immense storage of water, she suddenly terminated the hilly stretches just above and left the surface of the earth an almost level stretch, practically every acre in each section subject to irrigation. The land is as fertile almost as the Nile Valley itself and will grow anything adapted to this climate.

While this tract of land is now 12 miles from the railroad if the proposed road from the Panhandle to the Gulf crosses the I. & G. N. at Artesia it will very likely go directly through this land.

The opportunity awaits it, men back of it are men who do things, and we expect to see here within the next three years one of the most extensive irrigation propositions on the Nueces river.

Jno. R. Black, who is managing this proposition is a prince of a good fellow; he is a progressive man; a man of modern ideas and a

man who makes things move. He is public spirited, a demonstration of which he has just made by grading four miles of county road at his own expense, and says he will do more to keep the good road movement moving.

Mr. Black is assisted by his son, Ira Black, a man with push-a-head qualifications equal to those of his father. Both, with their estimable families occupy the same roomy and comfortable home and if it is ever your good luck to be their guest we can assure you that you will be royally entertained.

SAYS JEROME MAKES PLAY TO GALLERY.

New York, Feb. 19.—Charles W. Morse, former banker and promoter, refusing to plead guilty to the charge of perjury yesterday afternoon, was released on \$10,000 bond. Morse was indicted by a special grand jury on the charge of perjury after two other true bills had been voted against him.

The perjury indictment grew out of a loan of \$100,000 to E. R. Thomas, concerning which Mr. Morse was compelled to go before the grand jury and give testimony.

It is charged that Thomas caused a deposit of \$50,000 of the funds of the Provident Savings Life Assurance society of New York to be made with the National bank of North America, of which Morse was vice president and that Morse had authorized the bank to make the loan of \$100,000. Mr. Morse is alleged to have first testified to the grand jury that he did not authorize the loan and later to have admitted that he did, in this variance in testimony that the indictment was issued.

Philip J. Smith, counsel for Mr. Morse, objected to the requirement of additional bail for Morse on the perjury charge in court today. He said:

"Other persons have been arraigned in this court on the same count and released under bail as low as \$2500. Morse is under \$20,000 in accordance with the brutal and unreasonable conduct of the district attorney on Sunday, when he sent three detectives down the bay to arrest in a sensational and ostentatious manner a man who had trauced 3000 to surrender himself."

The bail was furnished by the surety company which gives bail for Morse yesterday.

Witnesses Will not Be Required to Appear.

In case No. 858 pending in the District Court of La Salle County, the State of Texas vs. Volney Musgrave charged with theft of a horse, at the last regular term of said Court the defendant insisted on a trial but the State was not ready on account of the absence of two witnesses. District Attorney Valls thereupon in open Court agreed with Atty. C. C. Thomas, representing the defendant Musgrave that he would see and talk with said two witnesses and if they knew nothing more against Musgrave than the other witnesses he would agree to dismiss the case at the next regular term of said Court beginning on the 9th day of March, 1908. Mr. Valls has since written to Mr. Thomas that he finds these witnesses know nothing against Musgrave and that he will dismiss this case at the next term of Court and also asked Mr. Thomas to notify all witnesses that they are excused and that none of said witnesses need appear in said case any more. So this notice is published in order that all the witnesses may know that said case will be dismissed and said witnesses, if they appear, will receive no mileage nor pay for time lost.

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HAS DISPOSED OF INTERESTS IN LA SALLE

Ed Buckley of Eagle Pass was in Cotulla a couple of days this week moving some furniture, etc. from the old Buckley ranch. Mr. Buckley has closed out all his interests in La Salle county, having sold his cattle more than a year ago, and last summer he sold his land. He is now in business at Eagle Pass. Mr. Buckley says while he no longer has financial interests here he feels a keen interest in the people and expects to see great development in the next few years.

Edward Buckley has been identified with the live stock interests of La Salle since the organization of the county. He was one of the pioneer cowmen and for years, until he moved to Eagle Pass was one of the county's leading men. In the early days he owned the land that is now known as the Iowa Colony lands, besides much other land further west of the Nueces. In those days there were no wells and cattle depended entirely upon the river and natural water holes for water. Naturally when drouths came, as they always have every few years and the river stopped flowing there were great die-ups and cattlemen suffered heavy financial losses.

In relating some of his experiences the other day Mr. Buckley said it was in the summer of 1887, and a drouth had been on for a good while. The river had ceased to flow and cattle had begun to get in bogs and die. Water was the great problem. One day he noticed that at a point just a few yards above the old river bed and the new was a place covered with gravel and that cattle continuously stood around and bedded on this gravel. He conceived the idea that perhaps there was water a short distance under the surface and maybe the cattle could smell it which caused them to gather there. As water was the main object right then he concluded to investigate.

It was one Saturday evening, and Mr. Buckley said he well remembered it, as things were looking pretty squally. He summoned one of his Mexicans and told him to put down a hole there as he believed water would be found under 10 feet. He then left for his ranch headquarters, which were about four miles West of the river. Next morning before it was light, and before he had waked the Mexican tapped on his window and informed him that he had struck an abundance of water. Mr. Buckley said at a depth of only four feet a splendid stream of pure mountain water had been found. He curbed the well and had plenty of water until the drouth broke and the overflows in the river filled up the hole.

After this ranch changed hands and in later years Mr. Buckley told several people of finding this water. Last year when about as severe a drouth as ever struck this country was on and the river got so low that the water was very good to drink. Geo. Tarver told Mr. Black what Mr. Buckley had told him, and located the place as near as he could. Mr. Black sunk a shaft and there found the identical stream that was first discovered twenty years ago. This place is within half a mile of where Mr. Black had built his home, and he used the water for all purposes until he brought in a well in his yard.

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SON'S REFUSAL

Son—"Father, what is the rest of the quotation, 'Man proposes and—'"

Father (sadly)—"Woman seldom refuses."

The messenger boys paused outside the Army building, says the New York Sun. One of them was selecting a cigarette from a box.

"Give me one," said the smokeless boy.

"None," said the other, "they cost money."

"I'll owe you a cent," said the first boy. "Come on, I'll pay you after."

"They cost more than a cent," said the boy with the cigarettes. "Nothin' doin'. Your credit ain't no good."

And they parted.

Messner, who had eaten a hearty breakfast of ham and eggs, with the usual evidences of the meal on his shirt front and waistcoat—for Messner was a bit careless in his feeding—leaned back in his chair with serene satisfaction.

"Well," he said, "I feel better. I'll go now and order that suit of clothes I have been intending for the last month or more to add to my wardrobe."

"If you take my advice," suggested the feminine autoerast of the breakfast table, surveying him with marked displeasure, "you'll get a pepper and salt suit."

"What for?"

"To go with all that egg."—Ex.

The lost traveler accosted the freckled lad astride the gate post. "Sonny, how far is it from here to the next town as the crow flies?"

"Dunno, mister. I ain't no crow."

"Well, which is the best way to hit the pike?"

"Hit it any way you want; it ain't got no feeling."

"Well, tut, my boy; don't be so facetious and tell me if I can make the next car."

"Hardly. It's already made."

The traveler frowned and removed the perspiration from his brow.

"You appear to be a pretty smart youngster."

"Not half as smart as my brother, mister."

"What! What made 'im smart?"

"Why, he fell into a yellow jackets' nest."—Ex.

Perhaps she read the statement made by the Department of Agriculture that the value of the eggs laid by the hens of the United States in a year would be enough to pay off the national debt, or, maybe, she "just thought it up."

But anyway, this pretty little Baltimore girl was convinced that she had everything all fixed. She has been engaged to a very nice young fellow for some time, but to most people the amount of his present salary would appear an insurmountable obstacle to matrimony. This was the view of her father, but when expressed she met it with a happy smile.

"Oh, I have thought that all out," she declared.

"You have, eh?" papa asked knowing something of his daughter's business abilities.

"Yes; and it was so easy," she bubbled. "I was passing the market the other day, and I saw a dear little polka-dotted hen for only 26 cents, and I bought her. I read in a poultry paper that a hen will raise twenty chickens in a season. Well, next year we'll have twenty-one hens, and so, of course, there'll be 420 chicks the next year, and 8,400 the next, and 168,000 the next, and 3,360,000 the next. And just see what that amounts to—why, selling them at 50 cents each would give us \$1,500,000 in five years, and that won't be so long to wait for that much."

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Seed for Sale.—Watermelon seed Alabama Sweets, \$1 per lb. Rocky Ford Cantaloupes, \$1.25 per lb. Mebane Cotton Seed, \$2.00 per 100 lbs, f. o. b. Devine.

CHAS. A. OBETS.

Mr. W. L. Thompson and wife of San Antonio were here the first part of the week. Mr. Thompson purchased a tract of irrigable land near Cotulla and his son will put in an onion farm the coming fall.

Ben Smith, from the Prairie View neighborhood was in town Thursday. He said he had finished planting corn and that there was enough moisture in the ground to bring it up. However, a good general rain is needed, he said.

Religious Services Tomorrow.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton of Austin will occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning and also at night.

Your attention is called to the card of Dr. T. T. Parker in this issue of the RECORD. The doctor will have his office in the Landrum brick, next door to the Exchange Hotel, which is being fitted up for him. He comes to us well recommended and Cotulla welcomes him and his family.

W. H. Robbins has just finished a well on East Heights for his brother, Joe Robbins. The same water was struck as in the other wells in that part of town. Excellent water has been found in every well put down. It is used for all domestic purposes. The fact that better water can be found on the Heights than any other part of the town will make it the more desirable for a residence section. More lots have been sold in this addition recently than anywhere else in town.

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Freezing weather Thursday morning.

District Court convenes at Cotulla March 9th.

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Will Hardeastle of Millett was here yesterday.

Read the RECORD for the local news.

Mrs. J. H. Gates visited Pearsall this week.

Atty. H. C. Lane was in town yesterday from Millett.

E. C. Price of Artesia was in town Wednesday.

Saturday Evening Post at S. Cotulla's.

G. M. Soles has been sick with the grip the past week.

YOUR SPRING SUIT—REED.

Go to S. Cotulla's for your fruit, candy and cigars.

Corn planting has been in progress this week.

S. Elliott was seen on our streets yesterday.

Fresh coconuts and pecans at S. Cotulla's.

Some of the onion growers report cut worms doing some damage.

Quite a number took in Washington's Birthday excursion to Laredo.

Edward Buckley returned to Eagle Pass yesterday morning after spending several days here.

There will be a regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge tonight in their Hall over Gaddis' Pharmacy.

The gripe is very much in evidence about town.

Don't fail to see Caveny, the Cartoonist at the Court House Saturday night, February 29th.

Miss Charles Laké of San Marcos is here visiting her sister, Mrs. L. A. Kerr.

Clarence Jennings was up from Aguilares a day or two this week on a visit to his parents.

Judge Frank B. Earnest went up to Pearsall Thursday, returning that night.

Miss Alice Copp left on Tuesday's train for Laredo on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Otto Fischer.

A fire was narrowly averted at the depot yesterday morning by the explosion of a lamp.

For Sale—Some good second hand furniture. Mrs. F. MARTIN, at Marti's Restaurant.

If you like good coffee try Chase & Sanborn's. For sale at Geo. E. Tarver's.

Commissioners Court met yesterday to approve the Collector's and Treasurer's Quarterly reports.

Tarver & Black sold a carload of steers to F. D. McMahan Tuesday for \$34.

Aubrey Clark, the hustling real estate man of Millett was here yesterday. He was on his way to Tilden on a business trip.

W. H. Jennings, one of the most widely known cowmen of this section was here Thursday and Friday.

All parties owing me please call and settle as I am in need of same.

S. Cotulla.

Wanted—Man to grub land and take wood as part pay, two miles North of Cotulla. Write A. J. GREINER, San Antonio, 209 Alamo Plaza.

J. R. Black returned yesterday from a business trip to the Alamo City.

Mrs. J. D. Motheral returned Thursday from Devine where she spent a few days visiting.

Miss Edith Daniel left first of week for Laredo where she will spend about a month with Mrs. Otto Fisher.

F. A. Franklin bought three lots on East Heights this week and will begin building a dwelling next week.

Stock-taking will be progress at L. A. Kerr's store next week. On the first Mr. C. F. Binkley will assume charge of the business.

Mrs. S. V. Edwards returned to her home in Laredo Monday after a few days visit here to mother, Mrs. M. I. Dunham.

Those who went up to San Antonio last Saturday to see "Ben-Hur" at the Grand Opera House, were greatly pleased with the play.

Lost—One small gold watch, size No. 6 and chain, on public road about 2 miles above Cotulla. Finder will leave at RECORD office and get reward.

F. D. McMahan, the cowbuyer, is out hustling for fat stuff since the market is up again. He has shipped 13 loads the past few days.

Jno. H. Braek was in from his ranch up the Nueces this week. Mr. Braek is having a 200 acre farm cleared and will put in a big irrigation plant the coming fall.

The excursion train to Laredo yesterday was the largest that has gone to the border city lately. The crowd was dry and hungry when they reached here, and the train was stopped about forty minutes to give them a chance to appease their appetite. The eating houses and saloons were pretty near cleaned out.

J. W. McInnis, one of La Salle's pioneer ranchmen, was in the city yesterday from Artesia. He said a good rain would be gladly received down his way.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Anderson and Mrs. J. D. Watson took advantage of the excursion rates and went to Monterey Thursday.

Jas. Wright, from the lower part of the county was here yesterday after a bunch of his cattle that he has wintered in the Cotulla pasture, East of the railroad.

Jas. Evetts has been setting out some hackberry trees around the Exchange Hotel. This street needs some shade trees badly and property owners should keep the work going on.

Strayed—One sorrel colt about 3 years old. White feet and white face. Branded with mark something like letter H. Notify C. W. RYAN, Millett, Texas, and receive \$5.00 reward.

The Southbound passenger was several hours late Thursday and Friday on account of the excursion to Laredo. Yesterday a double-header pulled a train of fifteen coaches.

Dr. T. T. Parker and family arrived here first of the week to make Cotulla their home. They are at present located in the Deopker dwelling, but the Doctor informs us that he will begin building a nice residence on some of the most desirable lots in the town within two weeks.

A Tent Meeting.

Bro. Price, the Missionary evangelist of Rio Grande Baptist Association will begin a tent meeting in Cotulla March 6th. A good gospel singer will lead the music. Everybody invited to come and get good and do good.

A. BARCLAY, Pastor