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announces Spring Millinery Opening on 4th and 5th, at which time we will have for the inspection of the trade an extensive and well chosen line of Millinery. We advertise two days, but this means to make it convenient for

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#### FATAL WRECK ON I. & G. N.

##### HEAVY PASSENGER TRAIN GOES IN DITCH NEAR PEARSALL.

Two Killed and Many Badly Bruised  
Up—Baggage Car Completely  
Demolished.

Probably the worst wreck in the history of this division of the I. & G. N. occurred at one o'clock Thursday evening when the first section of passenger train No. 5 went into the ditch three miles this side of Pearsall.

V. H. Myers, acting baggage man, was instantly killed. M. E. McElroy, lineman was fatally hurt and died a few hours afterward.

Walter Correyon, conductor, had his shoulder broken.

E. B. Webb, brakeman, right arm badly bruised.

W. J. Patterson, Collinsville, Okla., cut over right eye.

Mrs. R. Ettman, Alton, Kan., head injured, not serious.

Dr. Casper, Ide, Okla., injured internally.

W. H. Hooper, Dowe, Okla., right hand smashed.

S. A. Roebuck, slightly injured.

Myers and McElroy who were in the baggage car, and Correyon's escape was miraculous.

The train was a heavy one, consisting of 12 coaches, and carried about 750 people, and how many escaped with their lives is marvelous. The baggage car was torn completely into and demolished. The baggage man's body was horribly mangled. Nine of the eleven coaches left the track. Spreading of the rails caused the wreck.

M. E. McElroy, one of the victims of the ill fated train, was a veteran lineman and had been on this division many years and was widely known. Myers was 24 years old and had been with the I. & G. N. only about one year.

#### We Went Fishing.

Weary and tired of routine work, one day like another, dry and discouraging, no wonder one's mind, under these conditions, will wander back to the spring-time of other days, when, with a can of fish bait and a bundle of fishing tackle, what a pleasure and restfulness one did enjoy on the banks of a stream where fish were plentiful. The tall, grand old trees just putting out their fresh new leaves, the warm southern breeze playing among the branches, making fantastic shadows in the bright moonlight at your feet. My! My! It was dead easy under such circumstances to tear ourselves away from the "struggle of the maddening crowd," one night last week, to one of the loveliest, most ideal places for just such an enjoyment, the ranch home of the Steele Bros., 5 or 6 miles up the river from Cotulla. The stream, the bright moonlight, the tall grand old elms and live oaks, the fantastic shadows, etc., and the hearty welcome from Mr. Will Steele and Mr. Taylor were there, too. Gee! It takes a ranchman to give the right kind of a welcome to a fellow on a trip like this. Their big heart goes out for the fellow that lives the poor measly, cramped up life of a city. God bless every one of them, and may their shadows never get less. We were soon supplied with lines, poles and bait, we were expected to do the rest, well we did it to our hearts content, we soon had 20 or more hooks baited and in the river, in a few minutes we had 20 more baited, etc., we, or the fish kept this up for an hour or more, talk about "rebates" My! My! A record was kept up to 1100 not counting the first shipment of liver, worms and minnows. The old man of the crowd began to yearn for a quiet rest 'mid the fantastic shadows of the big trees, willing to turn the re-baiting biz over to Helen Blazes or any other of the commission. So we were soon stretched full length on a

near the old man, listen. Reminiscences of his boyhood days, fish yarns, and laughable jokes, brought to his memory by the peaceful, restfulness of the scene. Not caring to be wasteful, as it was very hot days, we caught just enough fish for breakfast, dinner, and a mess to bring back with us. We put in an hour or two walking over and looking at the crop of Bermuda onions planted on the place. My! My! they looked fine, about 13 acres perfect stand, clean, having a dark green, healthy color, beginning to make the bulb or onion, with a prospect like this the boys are sure to wear diamonds as big as a No. 11 shoe (childrens size.) They have a beautiful tract of land, lying nicely for irrigation purposes, rich and fertile. In the bend of the river, they have a natural park of magnificent forest trees, of some 5 or 6 acres, properly arranged with flowering shrubs and evergreens, in a few years time they would possess what the capitalist of the North and East are looking for, a beautiful, comfortable, winter home, still better, a home they and their children would love and cherish above any price. Gratiated to our hearts content, we came back fully rested, realizing we had a good time.

R. T. SHANWELL.

#### Hill Cut Down.

The big hill just this side of the wagon bridge on the Nueces has been cut down at least six feet by the road gang. Right now on account of the loose dirt that has been dumped at the foot of the hill it is still a hard pull, but a heavy rain will pack it and enable freighters to haul almost twice the loads they could before.

#### Cotton Ginned to Date.

The Government's report of the total number of bales of cotton ginned to date, gives 11,261,000 bales.

days last week. Some of the time friends and acquaintances at the Rock farm.

Mrs. Nan Yarbrough visited her son here this week.

Miss Edith Daniel has returned from Laredo and says she had a pleasant visit.

Miss Blanche Tubbs of San Antonio is quite a pleasant visitor at the Lake Grove Farm this week.

John R. Black of the Iowa Colony accompanied by Real Estate McKinney, took in the onion fields here this week and what they say in praise of the crop is a plenty.

Chas. Moore and M. T. Little of Millett were here this week.

Price Daniel has quit coon hunting for a season.

Riverdale boasts of the biggest vegetable in the county. One of its branches is 53 feet long, measured from outside tips of branch to the extreme end of the branch on opposite side it is over 100 feet. There are 11 branches that go out from the parent stock, the least one 5 ft in circumference, while the largest one is 9 ft in circumference. The area shaded is nearly one quarter of an acre. The trunk is 13 ft 8 inches, and from the ordinary mode of comparing ages of plants of this kind it was very thrifty when Columbus discovered America. This vegetable belongs extremely to the Southern climate and is commonly called a Live Oak.

Nearly four years ago we were here from the east side of the river, crossed the river on a drift and nearly tore our clothes off and punctured the skin in many places and was taken to an old mesquite tree and bid climb and look at a prospective farm. Since with what means and muscle we could command we have been hewing out a farm and naturally we imagined that we were here first. If any others had been here they

were shown a blackberry, the bend of the river with this inscription upon it: "To hell with the state of Texas, September 16, 1881."

J. P. WRIGHT  
M. B. WRIGHT  
M. A. SMALL

#### J. N. O. O. W. O.

Besides these names and brands there was a bird, a horse and some Mexican characters but they must have been put there at a later date. There has been some tale guessing done about who did this, as the engraving is of the finest character. Our deductions are that during the drought in North Texas in 1881, three tenderfeet left there for Mexico and arriving on the Nueces found it dry and in their mad frenzy cut the above inscriptions to show future generations that they had been here. Turning their faces Northward in due time they reached Ft. Worth while Sam Jones was holding a big meeting and were converted and are now somewhere in the great Northwest doing the part of traveling evangelists and are trying to convert the world.

BILLY SELDOM.

#### Bitten by Mad Dog.

Little Vester Franklin was bitten on the hand Thursday evening by what was supposed to be a mad dog. The dog belonged to J. S. Petty. The little girl was taken to the Pastuer Institute for treatment yesterday morning by Chas. Bragg and wife.

#### Killed Each Other.

Charles Jones and Charles Logan, Customs guards, killed each other in the bed of the Rio Grande river near El Paso Wednesday night. Each thought the other a smuggler.

#### To Manatee Ginger

Work was commenced last week on a building at Woodward for a bottling plant. In addition to the celebrated Woodward Vichey water, "soda pop" and ginger ale will be put up for the trade.

The Machinery will be put in next week. "Dod" Roscher, the genial gentleman who handles the ribbons over the steels that pull the stage to that thriving little city, informs us that demand for Woodward Vichey water is becoming so great that several extra wagons will have to be put on to get enough water out. He also said that since the new road had been opened up Gardendale, that point would very likely be made the shipping point for the bottling plant.

#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Rosa Boyd left last week for Beeville where she will visit relatives.

Dr. Bennett and Mr. Wales of Williamson county were here this week looking for an investment.

Mrs. J. T. Campbell of M. Mo., arrived here yesterday to visit to her daughter, Mrs. Swisher.

Clarence Jennings is on a trip up in the Spofford. He says fine rains have fallen there and the range is

Mrs. J. J. Dodds of Pearsall were here visiting their neighbor Smith.

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## Announcement

### FOR CONGRESS

We are authorized to announce Hon. Jno. N. Garner of Uvalde as a candidate for re-election to Congress from the 15th district subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries.

### FOR REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Representative, 9th Representative District, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries.  
JNO. F. BRISCOE.

William Jennings Bryan will be the nominee of the Democratic Party for the Presidency, the San Antonio Express notwithstanding.

Thaw saved his neck because he proved he was crazy. Now that Evelyn is suing him for divorce it's up to him to prove that he is not crazy.

The first crate of Bermuda onions have arrived at New York. The crop on the Bermuda islands will be about the same as usual this year.

The round-up of the Cattlemen of Texas in San Antonio this week was a big affair. The Alamo City did her best to entertain the boys, and that means they had a high rollin' time. Probably there is no city in Texas that can do better.

## THE HAND OF PROGRESS.

Antiquity and the landmarks of ancient history are melting away like a snowball in the sun. A marble quarry is now worked with steam drills and noisy, impudent little dinky engines on the site of Troy. The Bosphorus at the point where the great Persian, Darius, performed the daring military feat of crossing into Europe is to be bridged, and the turbaned Turk will nonchalantly haul watermelons and hay to market across the straits that once separated the two worlds of different civilizations warring for supremacy. The English government has closed a contract with King Menelik to construct a railroad through the heart of Abyssinia; Arbine cities are to be connected by rail and trolley lines and lighted with electricity. Jerusalem, the favored of Jehova and Damascus, the ancient of days, are already division points for a modern railroad, and the mountain of Lebanon that furnished cedar for the Temple are full of tie-cutte's camps and saw mills. Karnabs and Thebes are spoken of now with no more mystery and awe than Kal-amazoo, Michigan, or the new railroad bridge at Thebes, Illinois. One thing alone survives unchanged from the mists of hoary antiquity—the disposition of man to find fault with the evil practices of his neighbor and to get some kind of decree to reform him. The demand for new laws is as active now as it was in the days of Lyceurgus and Salon. Three thousand eventful centuries have furnished innumerable wars for the warlike, new fields for conquerors and kings to fight their fill, new religions rising proud and dominant over the cradle of civilization and crusades to recover the sacred relics of an earlier time; even a new world has been discovered and peopled and become boastful of its religion, story and song were born, yet the individual man has not been able to get his

## NEGROES IN THE BIG CITIES.

### Astonishing Increase in Population—Race Prejudice Grows.

Ray Stannard Baker, in American M. The increases of population in the great cities of the North are not short of extraordinary. 1880 Chicago had only 45,000, and increase of population at present is 45,000, and increase of population per cent. The census gives the negro population of New York as 60,666. It is probably not less than between 1890 and 1900 of Philadelphia increased only 22 per cent, at growth since 1900 has been more rapid, the colored population now exceeding 80,000. It is difficult to realize the magnitude of these masses of colored population. The city of London today has a greater population of negroes (some than were ever before gathered in one community part of the world, so known New York at Philadelphia both now probably many negroes as any city (except Washington) be called a Southern city must it be forgotten that the United States is and West. Crochies of negroes in North America have never been anywhere. Northern cities therefore present a unique and extraordinary study. I went first to Indiana because I had heard so much of the political power of the there; afterwards I visited Philadelphia, New York, Chicago and several cities and country near. In every large city the colored people are feeling and rapidly increasing.

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## Exchange Clippings.

We see from our exchanges that Dr. Moore of Seguin will again be the Republican candidate against Judge Garner for Congressman from this district. Dr. Moore is a fine old gentleman and worthy of any honor his party might bestow. But all his party has to offer him now is the leadership of a forlorn hope and he can probably sustain a defeat with as much fortitude as any. "Blessed is he who expects nothing for he shall not be disappointed."—Hondo-Anvil Herald.

In the United States Senate every third man is a millionaire. In the House of Representatives one man in every twenty-seven is a millionaire. Is it consistent and good policy to send worthy men like these to make laws? Is it not a fact that men are inclined by force of self-interest to enact legislation favorable to and diametrically oppose to any measure which would retard schemes and combines which check their pecuniary interests? No man ought to be eligible to public office whose property interests exceeded twenty-five thousand dollars.—Alice Echo.

## The Burden of Overeducation.

Discussing the problem of overeducation of the American women, Margaret E. Sangster, in the Woman's Home Companion for March asks and answers the question, "What is education after all?" Is it not ascertaining how to make the best of one's powers, how to arrange one's stores, how to exert a sweet, quiet and fragrant influence throughout life, over all whom one meets? If an advanced education does this for one, then it is the education one should seek. Our difficulty is that we cannot allow time enough for seed time and harvest. Mothers are in despair if daughters occasionally drop out of school for six months or a year. We are much too apt to insist on putting all our children, irrespective of their natural bent, through the same educational factory. We do not make sufficient allowance for temperament and tendency, and thus it comes to pass that some of us carry burdens, beneath the weight of which we are crushed.

**TWO VIEWS.**

While President Roosevelt, with all the power of his position and intellect, told the Mothers' National Club that their place is ahead of those who fight for their country, the people of San Antonio under the leadership of a political machine, say that the mothers of San Antonio shall have no voice in the education of their children. The election for members of the school board recently held was a battle between progress on one side and machine demagoguery on the other. The defeat of the best interests of San Antonio schools is generally attributed to the vote polled by the City Administration. The outcome of the election is only another sad example of the power of political interests to control the welfare and advancement of the city.

The activity of the mothers of San Antonio in behalf of their children's interests was counteracted by the vote of a large number of Mexicans and illiterates controlled by the city machine. The only possible outcome of such a course will be the destruction of much of the work done by the retiring board, whose only fault was their progressive-ness and their desire to give the children of San Antonio the very best education possible.

**ON WHOSE TESTIMONY?**

If the oath of the discharged negro soldier were all that were required for him to secure re-enlistment, there would be no difficulty about every black criminal in those discharged regiments getting back in the army. And if the oath of their fellow conspirators were all that might be required, the difficulty would be surmounted just as easy. For the villains who had murder in their hearts, as did those who blackened the name of "soldier" on that night in Brownsville, have plenty of room for perjury as well.

If the testimony given by the white men and women of Brownsville is wholly unreliable, when they had no cause to tell other than the truth as they saw it on that night, what can be said of the score of murderers who have every cause for wanting to smother their own names?

It is to be hoped Congress will pass such a law as will allow only those to re-enlist who can prove beyond the evidence of those who have kept a guilty silence in the matter. Likewise it is to be hoped the testimony of officers in charge that night at the post will be debarred.

Herodotus, father of historians, gave, 2400 years ago, the following ridiculous explanation of the swelling of the Nile River: "Perhaps, after censuring all the opinions that have been put forward on this obscure subject, one ought to prove some theory of one's own. I will therefore proceed to explain what I think to be the reason of the Nile's swelling in the summer time. During the winter the sun is driven out of his usual course by the storms, and removes to the upper part of Libya. This is the whole secret in the fewest possible words; for it stands to reason that the country which the Sun-god approaches the nearest, and which he passes the most directly over, will be scantiest of water, and that there the streams which feed the river will shrink the most." The Egyptians were also the first to broach the opinion that the soul of man is immortal, and that when the body dies it enters into the form of an animal which is born at the moment, thence passing on from one animal into another until it has circled through the forms of all the creatures which tenant the earth, the water and the air; after which it enters again into a human frame, and is born anew.—Herodotus.

A traveler, putting up at a fifth class hotel, brought the "Boots" up with his angry storming.

"Want your room changed, sir? What's the matter, sir?" "The room's all right," fumed the guest scorchingly. "It's the fleas I object to, that's all."

"Mrs. Blobs!" bawled the "Boots" in an interested sort of voice, "the gent in No. 8 is satisfied with his room; but he wants the fleas changed."—Illustrated Bits.



**MME. MARCELLA SEMBRICH**

The following notice from a New York paper referring to Mme. Marcella Sembrich, who comes here March 20, under the direction of Loudon Charleton, will be read with interest by local music lovers who are looking forward to a treat of an unusual sort:

"Filling all the available space in Carnegie Hall, an audience as enthusiastic as it was spent two hours with Marcella Sembrich, greatest artist among coloratura sopranos. Matinee audiences are usually undemonstrative, if not cold blooded. But Marcella Sembrich's concert is an exception. After every contribution yesterday the noise was deafening and at such times the sea of beplumed hats in the parquet would be stirred into a foaming mass of millinery."

That Sembrich's coming will be an event which will make the present season a memorable one is a fact that requires no emphasis. No singer in American has won such a following as that possessed by the great Polish soprano.

**THE FAFER WHO OWNS HIS FARM.**

Editor Green's Fruit Grower: I fear that the American people do not realize how great are their privileges. I have occasion for fear when I consider that in India and other countries men will work all day long for four cents, while in this country the highest wages of all the world are paid and yet there are numerous strikes for higher wages and great discontent.

The great privilege of the American people is the fact that they, the people, are the owners of the land. Remember that in most other countries the farms are not owned by the farmers. In Japan the government owns all of the land, which is simply leased to those who till the soil. They reap trouble with the Russian peasants is that they are almost entirely farmers, but do not own the land which they work. Consider for a moment they reap wisdom of American statesmen in permitting the people to own the land. This fact gives to America a citizenship higher than that of any other nation in the world. The fact that a man owns his farm gives him dignity and leads him on to be temperate, frugal, just and honorable; leads him to greater intelligence, greater virtue, greater loyalty than would otherwise exist. Other nations look with wonder upon the American people and their marvelous achievements and ask themselves why Americans are accomplishing such wonderful things, without realizing that the ownership of the land by the tillers of the land has much to do with the marvelous achievements of the American people.

Compare for a moment Jones, who leases his farm, and Brown, who owns his farm, these two men being neighbors. Jones being assured that he will never own his farm, and that he may not remain upon it more than a year or two, has no interest in keeping up the fertility of the land, no interest in caring for the buildings, beautifying the grounds or in planting fruit or shade trees, therefore his leased farm is continually losing fertility, and the man who leases it is liable ever to be a poor farmer, retrograding rather than progressing.

On the other hand we have neighbor Brown, who owns his land and feels assured that he will remain upon the farm as long as he lives and that at his death it will be owned by his children. This man feels an interest in keeping up the fertility

of his building, painting the roofs and stable foundations, and planting shade trees. He also plants orchards, vineyards and berry fields. He is usually a member of the church, very likely is a trustee of the school and is a man interested in good roads and other enterprises that add to the value of the farm house.

Can you not see that the man who leases his farm can never have the same amount of opportunities for advancement as the man who owns the farm?—G. B.

**NEW YORK FARMERS TO RACE SUICIDE.**

"Fifty dollars when you get married; \$50 for every baby." That's the offer of B. Martin, proprietor of a fashionable New York hotel, has made to his employees. In case the babies come in twos or threes, each one stands to collect \$150. Mr. Martin has paid \$5150 in bouses within the last year, and is willing to pay as much more for his employees. "I've found the plan to be remarkably successful," Martin declares. "Marriage and babies bring responsibility, and the reliability of my help. My men are not looking the time for another job; their habits are better than before, and I can always depend upon them. I used to have lots of trouble in keeping my people. Now they seldom make a change. The plan is worth the money."

**STRONG PASSION FOR GOLD.**

Don Marino Torlonia, of the ducal family of Todi in Rome, said at a dinner party in New York that a certain American millionaire reminded him of the famous Roman miser, Arpagnio.

"Let me," said the young man smiling, "show you what a tremendous miser Arpagnio was. As he lay dying in his cold, dark, bare palace of stone on the Corso his one thought was that, since he was to die, he would eat a full lire a day saved on the food."

The miser, however, after feeling pulse, looked grave.

"Well," said the miser, "how much longer have I to live?" "Only half an hour," the reply.

"Arpagnio's eyes flashed fire. 'You scoundrel!'" he cried.

"Why do you let me run on to the last minute like this? Do you want to ruin me? Send for the barber at once!"

"The barber arrived post haste.

"You charge," said Arpagnio. "20 centesimi for shaving?"

"Yes, signor."

"And for shaving a corpse fire lire?"

"Yes."

"Arpagnio glared at the clock. Seven of the 30 minutes left him still remained.

"Then shave me quickly," he gasped.

"As the operation finished Arpagnio died. But with his last breath, smiling happily, he murmured, while the barber dried his cold pale cheeks:

"How splendid! Four lire and 80 centesimi saved!"

**TRUTH BY MISTAKE.**

Wise—"The head over your article about the death of Maj. Drinkmore was a good one, but I'm sure it was not printed the way you wrote it.

Editor—"I forget. What was it?"

Wise—"Has Fought His Last Battle."

"Well, you seem to me a rather small boy to be earning \$5 a week," remarked his employer.

"I suppose I do. I know I'm small for my age," the boy explained, "but to tell you the truth, since I've been here I haven't had time to grow."

If a cat leapt out of a window, and it killed her when she lit, would a jury decide that the animal died in a cat-a-leapt-tie-fit?

He—"I told your father I could not live without you.

She—"And what did he say?"

He—"Oh! he offered to pay my funeral expenses. —Ally Sloper.

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"When a boy knows," said Judge Lindsey, "that he has a duty to perform to his home, his nation and his God, and strives to do that duty he is set on the right road. The sooner he realizes that duty the better for him."

The Wyandotte (Fig. 2) is another of the general purpose fowls, and is rated next to the Plymouth Rock. From the first it sprang into popular favor and has continued so to the present time. It came originally from the Dark Brahma, Silver-spangled Hamburg and the Breda (a French fowl). Not a few authorities say that Wyandottes have cochon blood in them, from the fact that their ancestors produced single combs and feathered shanks.

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### COTTON SEED MEAL FOR HOGS.

Make a mixture in bulk about one-third cotton seed meal and two-thirds corn chops, whole corn, wheat bran, or shorts; mix with water to a thin mash in two vessels (an old barrel sawed in two is good) and leave to sour or ferment, which will take from 12 to 48 hours, according to the weather and other conditions; then feed from these alternately, using the contents of one while that of the other is left to sour.

A good growing ration may be based on one pound of the dry mixture per hundred pounds of live weight. For quick fattening this may be doubled, quadrupled or even more largely increased. Indeed the Texas Experiment Station fed as much as seven and a half pounds per day to 150 pound hogs, though this is extremely uneconomical, if not dangerous.

When ready to feed add fresh water to the feeding ration sufficient to bring to a thin slop, about the consistency of sweet milk and give the hogs all they will clean up.

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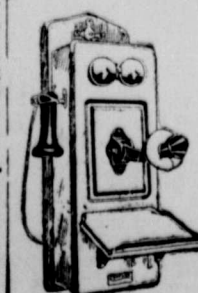
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Sixth. That a balanced ration for hogs should contain about one pound of protein to every five pounds of fat and carbohydrates.

Now, keeping these truisms in mind it is easy to see from the figures already given, that corn is seriously deficient in protein, is not properly balanced and is an expensive and insufficient ration when fed alone; that cotton seed meal in protein and fat combined is about five times, and in protein alone about six times as valuable as corn, and while too rich in protein to be fed by itself, when combined with corn and one part cotton seed meal, gives a ration which with ordinary grazing almost exactly fulfills the scientific requirements for a balanced hog feed, and of which the committee of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association to report upon the feeding of cotton seed meal, after a thorough investigation say in their formal report, "it is the most economical ration of which we have any record."

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### MILNER TELLS FARMERS TO RAISE LESS COTTON.

Austin, Tex., March 11.—R. T. Milner, commissioner of agriculture, when asked what, in his opinion, is the most important thing just now before the consideration, re-consideration, or reconsideration of the acreage in provender, as they call it in Georgia, and small acreage in cotton. Diversification. More hog and hominy and less cotton and mortgage. Texas produces from 2,500,000 to 4,000,000 bales of cotton annually. This would represent a mine of wealth if it were a surplus crop. But on the contrary it is a dependent crop—dependent in a large measure upon corn, hay and ork raised beyond the border.

"This would be excusable only in a country where soil and climate precluded other crops, because the preservation of the soil itself requires rotation in crops. Often before this cotton crop is produced nearly half of its value is pledged for Kansas corn, Colorado hay and Iowa pork. Cut out enough of this land to run the cotton crop down to about 2,000,000 bales, cultivate the rest in other crops, and the result would be a permanently strong demand for cotton and an abundance of home-produced 'provender,' hogs sufficient for home consumption, better horses, mules and cattle; and above all a far happier and more prosperous people.

"Ever since the Civil War this miserable short sighted policy of one crop has ruled our people. But I am glad to state in this connection that a sentiment in favor of diversification is growing stronger and stronger each succeeding year. Many farmers being able to run their farms independent of the supply store. The one crop method is erroneous, not only from a financial standpoint, but it entails vastly more labor on the farm and results in continual impoverishment of the land. Too much stress cannot be placed upon the fact that rotation of crops is absolutely essential to the preservation and productiveness of the soil. The Western farmers have found out that more wheat can be made per acre on the same land in two years than in three, provided the land is cultivated in corn one of those years.

"The policy of planting another large crop of cotton is wholly unwise from any standpoint. The stringency in the money market will continue many months yet, and the people should make up their minds accordingly.

"We see from the press that the New England cotton manufacturers have decided to curtail the production for the next three months at least 25 per cent. They claim that this is absolutely necessary in order to avoid overproduction. It is simply a business proposition with them. Why can't the farmers, acting upon the same business principles, reduce the acreage in cotton in order to avoid overproduction of the raw material?"

"A large cotton crop this year, in my opinion, prove disastrous to the South. An excess of 900,000 above the needs of the world would have the effect of producing low prices on the entire crop, whereas, on the other hand, a short crop would create an anxious market for every bale, thereby aggregating the South more money than a large crop. Common sense, therefore, suggests the advantage in a short cotton crop for the year 1908, if the land must lie fallow in order to bring it about."

"This surgeon, lecturing a class of students, said:

"I was so excited at my first operation I made a mistake."

"A serious one, sir?" asked a student.

"Oh, no," the surgeon answered. "I only took off the wrong leg."—Washington Star.

### THE LEGEND OF THE POINSETTA.

(By Ruth M. Canty.)

Legendary lore fills an attractive place in the literature of all nations, and even peoples and tribes who possess no books hand down from generation to generation stories teeming with gems of beliefs and flowers of fancy. A veritable kingdom of this mythical realm, where imagination is king, and his sway is supreme, for the "philosophy that clips an angel's wings" is not allowed to enter there and annoy his subjects, who are all asleep in the lap of legends old.

While many of these old narratives are classical and artistic, all of them, from their simplicity and beauty, appeal to the romantic and emotional. One specially interesting because it combines a story of the infant Christ and the history of a flower, is "The Legend of the Poinsetta."

To better understand the peculiar features of the mystic little story it will be necessary to consider the nature of the plant. The poinsetta is a native of the land of the Montezumas and was long admired and loved by the Mexicans before it was made known to the world.

Joel Roberts Poinsett, a distinguished South Carolinian, sent by the United States to Mexico on a diplomatic mission, "discovered" the plant in 1828, and it was named in honor of him. Its botanical classification is: A genus of the family Euphorbiaceae, now merged in Euphorbia itself. Poinsetta pulcherrima is a highly ornamental plant, with rose like whorls of bracts.

The plant in appearance is a mass of long, slender stems surrounded by large, blood-red blossoms.

The singular part about these apparently gorgeous flowers is that they are not flowers at all, but only the final row of leaves, that without "rhyme or reason" have suddenly taken to themselves a glory that comes why and how no man can say. The legend runneth thus:

Many long years ago, before the poinsetta received the name by which we know it, the Mexicans knew and loved it as their Christmas flower, and attaining its perfection near the great feast of the nativity it is used in quantities to decorate the churches and chapels. Not always did the plant bear on its reed like canes heads of brilliant blossoms, for once it was a common weed, having as a flower only a little bunch of yellow pods that these days form the center of the splendid "Christmas rose."

The special Christmas tide, at which the poinsetta received its crown of glory, was fast approaching, and the faithful in all the land were preparing to pay homage to the nativity of Christ.

Every church had a nook where loving hands had built a crib and placed therein an image of an infant to make as realistic as possible the memory of the birth supernal.

All through the hours of this eve of the blessed day the streets of a Mexican town were filled with eager worshippers to deck the sacred edifices, children followed their elders, carrying their sweet offerings to lay before the crib. They could not give too much devotion to the Christ child, for was it not on his birthday that the good saint, patron of all children, came and brought gifts and joy to those who had been good, or tried to be, in the long hour just gone? So many bright eyes and flushed, happy faces were there! But at the end of the town, where the street lost itself in the miserable region where dwelt the very poor, one little heart was heavy with sorrow and two soft black eyes were dim with tears that would not be stayed, for very deep was the grief that caused them.

Early in the day a little girl, poorly dressed, timidly entered a church, and while she knelt she watched with eager eyes those who dressed the crib with the offerings of beautiful flowers. The little heart thrilled with love and holy desire, and she longed for just one fine flower that she also might give something to the blessed infant. But she was so poor! Not a penny did she own to buy a bloom, and wild things that she could pluck were not fit to give to him!

At last evening had come and the child still wept, because that beautiful thing she craved could never be hers.

Suddenly her grief was stayed, for an angel stood beside her and asked why she was so unhappy when peace and joy and good will to man should fill the land. Was she dreaming or was there ision real? She did not know, but somehow she felt comforted and straightway told the cause of her sorrow. The angel said: "Pluck the plant that grows by your door and give that to our Lord." "Oh!" said the child, her face again growing sad, "I cannot lay a weed among the sweet flowers at the church." Again the vision spoke, "Fear not to make your offering, poor though it seems to you, 'tis not the beauty of the gift, but the love that prompts it that pleases the Sacred Heart."

The angel disappeared as the last word was uttered, but the child obediently gathered the weeds and wended her way to the hurch again. It was brilliantly lit now and filled with worshippers, but she looked not to the right nor to the left. Straight ahead she saw the place where the infant Savior lay, and to that spot she made her way and put her humble gift in the midst of that mass of tropical bloom!

She bent her head and whispered her little prayer, then rose from her knees to retire. For a moment her eyes rested on the spot where she had laid her gift. What miracle was this? The weeds indeed were there, but around their small yellow flowers the slender green leaves had become a vivid red, making a gorgeous bloom, that added the crowning glory to the beauty of the holy shrine.

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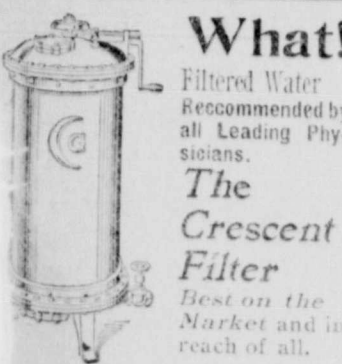
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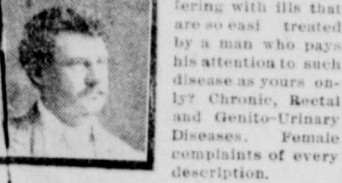
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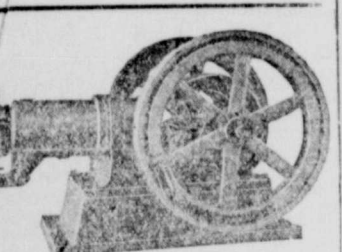
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# THE BUILDERS

By Willis George Emerson

"You do me honor, huh," replied Mr. Hilliard, as he brushed a tuft from his eyes. "Born in the north, yet you possess the real chivalry of the southern gentleman. Yes, huh, you do, indeed. It is true we sunk the shaft to the three, four, and, finally, the five hundred-foot level, and you, huh, have furnished the money for this great work. I thought my men would remain and help me cross-cut into the vein, but I found, upon speakin' to them about the matter, that they had no confidence in the Shonbar only as long as there was money in my purse to pay their wages every Saturday night. When they deserted me, huh, I worked away alone, and finally my little girl, Ruth, went down in the mine with me yesterday mornin', and we didn't get home until 9 o'clock last night."

"What?" said Fred in surprise. "Has Ruth been working in the mine?"

"Yes, huh, the hardest day's work I ever experienced I put in with her yesterday in the Shonbar."

"Why didn't you let me know," said Fred, half indignantly. "I would have come and helped you rather than have permitted her to do the work of a man, and five hundred feet under ground at that."

"Well, hold on, Mr. Rockwell. Let me tell you. We had plenty of giant powder yesterday mornin', and you've no idea how much assistance Ruth gave me. I took the measurements a dozen times, huh, during the day, and it seemed to me that by workin' a little late we might finally blast through the rock to the ore."

"Yes, Mr. Hilliard, where the ore might have been," added Fred, with an incredulous laugh, while he again struck the bell of his boot in an absent way against the rock. Mr. Hilliard paid no attention to the interruption.

"Finally we made our last drill and filled it with every stick of powder but one we had left. My Ruth had to go through all the old powder boxes to find enough to make the last blast. We retired, huh, as usual, after we bit and lit the fuse, and you ought to have heard that last explosion. My daughter, God bless her, tried to dull the disappointment that she felt was waitin' our efforts by gettin' me to promise not to take it too much to heart; but I had confidence, huh, right up to the last. Well, she snaked clear away, and—my God, huh—my old eyes wept for joy."

"What!" exclaimed Fred.

"Look at this piece of ore, Mr. Rockwell—the richest of sylvanites—yes, huh, richer than any thing ever discovered, even in the Peacock mine. My dear Mr. Rockwell, we have made out last blast, and the Shonbar is worth at least three million dollars. The agent of a rich mining corporation of Butte City conceded that we have a thousand feet of the Peacock ore chute, and made me an offer of three million dollars this mornin' for the mine."

"I'm certainly surprised," said Wilbur. "I never liked the fellow, for he was always praising himself, and when a man begins to tell me how good he is I always feel like sending for a bodyguard and insisting that no blank cartridges be used. But I really had no idea that he would commit murder."

The next day a warrant was issued for the arrest of J. Arthur Boast. A most diligent search was made, but the other was unable to find him.

His wife was prostrated with grief and declared she had no idea of his whereabouts. Poor Helen, with all her frailties and fallings, was paying doubly for her transgressions. The natural laws of the physical world are merciless, inexorable; an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, are their doctrines, which compensation, even to the pound of flesh, is exacted. Burn the candle at both ends if you will, but patiently or peacefully, pay the price, for it will be demanded of peasant, prince or potentate without distinction.

Helen was the one infatuation of Arthur Boast's life, and while he was not clever enough to hide from her the weak link in the chain of his career, yet in the crisis she bravely endeavored to cover his defects with a mask of protecting cleverness.

It was the morning after Thanksgiving that Fred received the following letter from J. Arthur Boast:

AT HOME.

Dear Sir:

Why I write you above all others is more than I can tell. An impulse, prompted by some wandering spirit from the region of darkness and the damned, forces me to it. The things I want to do, I am unable to accomplish. The acts I loathe and abhor I am made a catspaw of to perform by some unknown impelling force. It may be that some men can shape their own destiny; unfortunately it is not so with me.

If hope has its inspiration in heaven, hatred has its foundation in hell, and I have never known the time I did not both hate and fear you. I sought your friendship for protection. When I needed your support, you turned against me.

Rufus Grim was an evil genius during his lifetime, and he is more unbearable dead than living. Every night since I murdered him—yes, it was I who did the deed—he has

visited me in my dreams. All night long he walks up and down my bedroom—back and forth—and curses me. Sometimes I pull the cover well over my head and entice sleep for a moment, but he drags it off, rubs his cold, clammy fat hands about my face, and I awake in shuddering fright. He has also found out that I robbed the stage and bribed the sheriff, and tortures me on those scores.

"To live is to suffer, and I am tired of it all. I have not slept for ten nights. My brain is on fire. You want vengeance, but I intend to cheat you—yes, I will cheat you—and in this I find my only consolation."

An hour ago my attorney came to my hiding place and told me the higher court had reversed the decision as to the ownership of the Peacock mine. When this is known, all Gold Valley will turn against me. Even now I can hear them hissing the words, "Scoundrel!" "Murderer!"

My ambition has always been to be wealthy. Now, I am so poor that if I continued to live and was not hunted down and sent to prison, I should not have even a crust of bread.

Gibbons and Casey are the owners of the Peacock mine; the higher court has so decided. With the money they will join you in persecuting me, but I'll cheat them, as well as you. Your longing for revenge shall not be satisfied.

I have but one sorrow—Helen. At the old shaft on the Peacock mine, where I struck the fatal blow that hurled Rufus Grim into eternity, you will find the remains of the persecuted, despised and hated

J. ARTHUR BOAST  
To Fred Rockwell.

## THE WEED PROBLEM

It is a problem indeed, weed is the most expensive of the farmer or gardener grows, says the Gem State Run. It takes up space, robs the crops of its fertility and divides weeds, if it does not monopolize them, the essentials of plant growth. It does these things too, without any return for the mischief made, excepting worry and trouble caused. It is beyond this the general effect of a rank growth of weeds is most depressing. It gives an unthrifty appearance and an untidiness to a place that always reflects on the owner, or participant, whether justly or not. It is, therefore, on general principles, a condition to avoid wherever possible.

One of the most important steps in the battle with weeds is the co-operation of all having in charge the rights of weed.

See's duty to keep free from troublesome weeds as keep it payable and free from nuisances in other respects. It is true of railroad rights of way and of irrigating canals. There is no reason why they should be permitted to a menace to public convenience and comfort.

This is a matter that needs more attention than it is receiving, because no matter how painstaking the farmer may be in his efforts to overcome the weeds, he will be seriously handicapped if the highways, public lands and vacant places are allowed to be taken possession of by noxious growths to spread their seed far and wide. The weed problem is in fact an important one and cannot be solved by any one individual.

## THE CITY CHILD'S VISION.

I know what the country is, I know what they mean When they talk of running brooks and the fields of green;

I have a fresh-air day and the world is mine All the year to dream and dream of the tree and vine!

I know what the country is—last night when I slept Something like an angel's hand into my hand crept; And I followed where it led over field and hill, And I wish that I could lie, dreaming, dreaming still!

I know what the country is—it is this that lies All about my little room when I shut my eyes, Mist and maze and bloominess, bird and brook and tree And a lovely hand in mine, leading me!

—Baltimore Sun.

Caller—Do you think the doctor is going to help you, Mr. Jones?

Jones—He may, if I can only follow orders. He told me to drink hot water thirty minutes before every meal, but I'll be blamed if it ain't hard work to drink hot water for thirty minutes.—Harper's Weekly.

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"Pierce told me that his company was an independent concern. I did not investigate; I placed my sole faith in Pierce's word. Davidson investigated the facts and he is a 'jelly fish' for doing it."

"I see no impropriety in serving public service corporations for pay while I am Senator. George Armstrong, Billy Shea, Jim McNealus, the Houston Post, the Ft. Worth Record, Austin Statesman, and George C. Rankin says it is all right, and I don't care to investigate. Long Thin Jones of Tyler says it is all right, and Long Thin is a gentleman—my kind of a gentleman."

"Crane says Bryan says its wrong. Bryan is a Socialist and a Populist. Jim McNealus is stuck on Bryan, but I ain't; that's the difference between me and Jim. Still Jim is my undying friend, and I am the undying friend of Harriman, Morgan, Belmont, Rockefeller, Aldrich and Pierce. Me for the 'loans' and the 'fees.' They're the things that fill the meal barrel high."

"I am the only Democrat who stands between my party and destruction, and Hearst wants to destroy me. All the others are guff and fizzle, and so am I."

"Yes, I attended the August Belmont caucus at Washington four years ago, that nominated the back-bowed Judge C. ... President. It is true that Governor Hogg and Jim McNealus denounced Parker as a Cleveland Republican, but Jim McNealus is not an orthodox Democrat, and neither was Jim Hogg. Their Democracy borders on Socialism, but Jim, when choosing between principle and me, takes me every time."

"Yes, I drew the charter of the Security Oil Company, and received a fee of \$5000 therefor, and the man who says it is a Standard Oil concern may be all right, but he is a 'hyena' for saying it. I got the \$5000, and that is enough."

"It may be that I should not have taken Pierce's word for it, but Pierce is my friend, and like my other friend; George Rankin, I never doubt the false affidavit of a friend. It is not good 'business' policy to do it."

"I cannot tell you why Pierce came to me in the first place, or why he did not go to Charley Culberston. The situation is Greek to me, and Charley may be finicky. I ain't."

"No, I do not know why Kirby and Pierce did not go to Culberston, or why the Security Oil Company did not go to Charley to draw its charter. I suppose they wanted a good lawyer and Charley did not fill the bill. You may find a man a lawyer, but that does not make him one. ME and Blackstone have always been 31st legal cousins. Marcus Parks claims kinship with us, but as lawyers we have one more but coming, and so has Billy."

"I believed Pierce because I did not want to go through the world doubting every other man's word. Particularly is this true if the other man is a member of the Rockefeller syndicate."

"What my enemies want to do is to destroy my usefulness in the Senate. But that can't be done again. I did a good job when I borrowed as high as \$156,000 from Pierce on one single clip."

"I never rode in Pierce's private car in my life. But neither did I

ride from St. Louis to Austin in a box car to see my old time friend, Tom Smith."

"Once I believed that a Congressman who failed in his attendance on the sessions of the House should be docked his per diem on principle, but that was earlier in my public career when I wore long hair and scorned 'yaller' shoes. I've outgrown those narrow views, and am frank to confess that I have undergone a decided change in my views. Me for the loans and the fees and every dollar in sight that may be made by the rabbit route."

"I am frank to confess that had I it to do over again I would not persecute the lamented Gen. Joe Wheeler for fighting for the cause of his country in Cuba and drawing pay from Uncle Sam for his services. Instead, I would vote to give him four salaries instead of two. It was a mistake of my uncontrolable, exuberant youth."—Corpus Crony.

**IN FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON COTULLA WINS.**

**Defeats Devine Ball Team on Local Diamond.**

In a match game between the Devine ball team and the Cotulla Reds the Reds defeated Devine on the local diamond Tuesday evening.

The score was 10 to 8. Notwithstanding this the game wasn't so bad, and the Reds certainly did finish in "grand stand" style.

The game opened with Devine at the bat and the first inning they scored three times. Cotulla run in 2. Second was a shut out for both sides. Third Devine got 1, Cotulla 0. Fourth each side went down in a hurry. Fifth both teams scored 1. Sixth Devine got 1 and Cotulla a shut-out. Seventh Devine run in 2 and Cotulla 4. With two more innings and the score 8 and 7 in favor of the visitors things were warming up. In the eighth both sides went out in 1, 2, 3 order. Devine went to the bat for the last time. They had a pretty chance to raise their score but three men went down before the home plate was reached. The Reds went up for their last show and it was necessary to get one man around even to score. But what they did was a plenty. They had on their batting clothes and must have had blood in their eyes from the way they acted. They rapped the old horse-hide all over the field. Three men crossed the home plate. The game was won and only one out and two on bases when it was called off.

Devine has played seven games this season and won the first six. They met their Waterloo when they tackled the Reds on the seventh. Brack Hanson, an ex-league player, and who played with the Broncos against St. Louis last year, is manager of the Reds this year, and is getting them straightened out in good shape. With only a couple of days practice for Tuesday's game, he had 'em acting pretty nicely.

**The Line Up.**

Devine	Cotulla.
Ketchum, c	Hanson,
Machleman, p	Mulholland,
C. Adams, 1b	Cotulla,
Tilley, 2b	A. Knaggs,
Kerchville, 3b	Woodward,
W. Adams, ss	R. Knaggs,
Simms, rf	Manning,
Cook, cf	Neal,
Howell, lf	David.

David caught last half of game. Hanson pitched one inning.

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**TEN YEARS' AGO.**

**Items That Appeared in the Record March 19th, 1899.**

Buck Rowland of Dilley was in the burg this week.

Mrs. A. Armstrong Sr., went to see Alamo City yesterday.

J. W. McMullin of Encinal was in the burg Thursday.

Clifford Lane was in the city this week.

County Commissioners Court met today with a full attendance.

S. Elliott of Dimmit county was in town for several days this week.

Mrs. Laura Kerr and Peyton Kerr, left yesterday for Flatoni.

George Tarver, of the House Ranch, one of our County Commissioners is in town.

Henry Earnest a prominent merchant of Millett visited our city between trains on Tuesday last.

Gus Haseloff of Dilley was here this week with a fine lot of fresh garden vegetables, eggs and chickens.

H. R. Trammel, a prominent and influential stockman of Dimmit county, was in town this week and left his subscription for the Record.

I. N. Hall, the photographer, has some very fine views of J. S. Taylor's dam, on the Nueces, showing the work in all its different stages.

J. S. Taylor, who is having a big dam erected on the Nueces river near Carrizo Springs was in the city Tuesday and says his dam is progressing nicely.

Simon Cotulla received three ice cream freezers this week. As he is so near the Record office we think it will be no trouble for us to keep cool this summer.

Mrs. Ollie Johnson returned from her visit to St. Louis this week after a three months absence. She was accompanied home by her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Brown.

We are now in our new office, in Landrum's new brick, opposite the postoffice. We have a bran new outfit and can give you first class work on anything in our line. Try us.

G. B. Withers of the firm of Withers & McGhee who have a large stock of cattle ranging in Dimmit county was in town this week. We learn that they will begin shipping cattle to the Indian Territory in the near future.

Mrs. L. J. Terry of Carrizo Springs, after a ten days visit to relatives in this city, left Wednesday for Encinal, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. V. N. Terry, to visit her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Shaw.

We learn that the mail route between this place and Carrizo Springs will be re-established about June. Bids are out for contracts to carry the mails. This will be of considerable benefit to the people between the two points.

The question always come up: What is a gentleman? Some say he is a man with a silk hat, and others a man with a smooth tongue. But men connected with the newspaper trade have a canon of their own. "Y. Editor," said a patron one day, "how is it you never call on me to pay for your paper?" "Oh," said the man of types, "we never ask a gentleman for money." "Indeed!" the patron replied. "How do you manage to get along when they don't pay?" "Why," said Mr. Editor, "after a certain time we conclude he is not a gentleman, and we ask him."



"I don't like the title of your latest novel."

"Sorry—because in that book I studied the interest of my readers."

"In what way?"

"Killed my hero in the middle of the story!"

Everybody is a born editor in his own estimation. It used to be said that a man who could not make a good cobbler was good enough to be a minister. But is all changed now, and the rule is that the man who isn't good for anything else can easily control a newspaper. The reason of course, is that everybody thinks he knows how to do the job, at all events, that he knows how to do it better than the man who happens to hold the situation.—Ex.

A father and mother, with six children, spent a holiday at the seaside. Immediately on arrival they set about looking for cheap lodgings.

At length they came to a notice of a "furnished room to let" and made inquiries.

"Oh, yes," said the landlady in answer to the father's question: "it's here the room is to let, but there's only one bed in it."

"Oh, that's all right," replied the father; "we're used to roughing it. The wife and bairns will sleep on the floor."

Two gentlemen dining in a New York restaurant were surprised to find on the bill-of-fare the item, "green bluefish."

"Waiter," one asked, "what sort of fish are green bluefish?"

"Fresh—right out of the water," said the waiter, offhand.

"How well enough that they do make bluefish at this sea—"

"The waiter came up and looked at the disputed item."

"Oh, that, sir," he said, with an air of enlightenment, "that's a hot-house bluefish, sir."—Ex.

It was in a Lenox avenue subway train and a very tired and cross youngster of four, who had evidently spent the day shopping with his mother, was keeping the ear in a turmoil by a little pastime of his own. He sprawled all over his mother's lap, at the same time keeping up a whimpering cry, "Mamma, mamma, mamma." This went on until an elderly man sitting next suddenly turned to the child with: "Have you a father?" The youngster, startled out of his imaginary grief, stopped crying and nodded his head, "Yes." "Well, for Heaven's sake, call him and give your mother a rest." The boy sat up like a ramrod and never let out another whimper.—Ex.

A man who, with his family, had spent several weeks at a fashionable summer resort, discovered one morning that he had lost his pocketbook. Thinking it possible that it might have been found by some employe of the hotel at which he was staying, he reported his loss to the landlord.

"That's too bad, Mr. Johnson," said that functionary. "I'll make inquiries about it. What kind of a pocketbook was it?"

"Russian leather," answered the lodger.

"What color?"

"Dark red."

"Any distinguishing marks about it?"

"It has a clasp."

"What was the shape of it?"

"Flat, of course," said Mr. Johnson. "Haven't I been here more than a month?"

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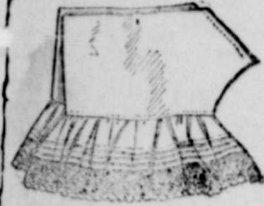
on the 3rd and 4th of April. On these two days we will have on exhibit a complete and up to date line of Hats. This department is in charge of Mrs. Lee Matlock, formerly of Floresville, who has had 17 years experience and we are sure she can please the most fastidious.

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### Youngsters Rounded Up.

About a half dozen youngsters ranging in age from 11 to 16 years were hauled up before Judge Thomas Wednesday morning charged with chicken theft. The boys acknowledged getting a chicken off a roost in the rear of Peters restaurant Tuesday night and selling it at a Mexican restaurant in the lower part of town. Within the past two weeks numerous complaints have been made of chicken losses about town, but the boys positively declared this was the only chicken they ever pulled out of a roost. Judge Thomas gave them a good lecture and on promise that they would not have to be brought before him again, let them go. He warned them that if any of them was brought before him the second time the law would take its course, and also instructed the officers to arrest all boys found at places they should not be after night.

Judge Thomas also desires parents and guardians to know that hereafter they will be held responsible for "delinquent" children as provided by an act of the thirtieth legislature, as follows: "In all cases where any child shall be a 'delinquent child' or a 'neglected or dependent child' as defined in the Statutes of this State, the parent or parents, legal guardian or persons having the custody of such child, or any person responsible for or who, by any act, encourages, causes or contributes to the delinquency or dependency of such child shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon

conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one thousand (1000) dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for any period not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The court may impose conditions on any person found guilty under this act, and so long as such person shall comply therewith to the satisfaction of the court the judgment imposed may be suspended."

"The words 'delinquent child' shall include any child under sixteen years of age who violates any laws of this State, or any city ordinance; or who is incorrigible; or who knowingly associates with thieves, vicious or immoral persons; or who knowingly visits a house of ill repute; or who knowingly patronizes or visits any place where any gambling device is or shall be operated; or who patronizes any saloon or place where any intoxicating liquors are sold; or who wanders about the streets in the night time without being on any business or occupation; or who habitually wanders about any railroad yards or tracks; or who habitually jumps on or off of any moving train, or enters any car or engine without lawful authority; or who habitually uses vile, obscene, vulgar, profane or indecent language; or who is guilty of immoral conduct in any public place."

### Chickens Off the Market.

Chickens I have been advertising have been taken off the market and will not again be offered for the price advertised.  
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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Embroidered fine lawn shirt-waist patterns, \$1 each. Y. P. Jennings was up from Zapata county this week.

Wm. Earnest was in the city from Millett first of the week. Latest 1908 Wall Paper samples—JONES.

Henry Huff of Laredo was here this week. J. H. Burwell returned to San Antonio.

Miss Blanche Alderman of Artesia was in the city Tuesday. John McMullin of Encinal was here Tuesday.

YOUR SPRING SUIT—REED. Lee and Ed Henrichson were in town from Artesia Thursday.

T. W. Conlan was in town first of the week from the lower country. J. L. Hamilton was down from Millett one day during the week.

Miss Mary Baylor is in the city from the La Motta Ranch visiting friends. F. D. McMahon attended the Cattle Raisers Association this week.

Ladies dress patterns, handsomely embroidered \$1.50. Y. P. Bowen & Co. If you want a job of painting that will look and last well, let JONES do it.

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The automobile line between Mendale and Bermuda is now operation.

Col. W. A. H. Miller has been in San Antonio for a week or more. Jno. M. Daniel made a business trip to the Alamo City during the week.

Miss Sophy Jordan of Encinal visited at the home of Mr. and G. H. Knaggs this week.

Miss Dossia Shaw was among the Cotulla visitors in the Alamo City during the week.

Andrew Armstrong Jr., a well known stockman of Sanderson was in Cotulla this week.

E. M. Irvin was among the cowmen that attended the Stockmen's Association at San Antonio this week.

B. B. Hanson has purchased L. B. Lindsey's interest in the Star Saloon here and has assumed charge.

Quite a number came down with the Devine ball team Tuesday to witness the game with the Reds.

J. T. Maltzberger was among the ranchmen that attended the big Cattle Raisers Association in the Alamo City this week.

Richly embroidered pongee shirt waist patterns, all colors, \$1.50 to \$2.00 each. Y. P. Bowen & Co. S. Elliott was in town first of the week. Mr. Elliott has sold a piece of his irrigable land up the river.

J. M. Talbott, one of the successful onion growers of the the Nueces Valley, went up to San Antonio during the week. S. V. Edwards of Laredo stopped off here yesterday on his return from the Stockmen's Convention.

Jos. Cotulla Sr., of Cotulla, attended the Convention at San Antonio. G. A. Manly is drilling a well for Jno. Gilbert on the West side of the river.

M. T. Davis and Sam John went up to the passenger wreck near Pearsall Thursday evening, returning on the night train. They say it was a pretty bad mix up.

Miss Blanche Tubbs of San Antonio arrived in the city Wednesday and left the same evening for the Lake Grove Farm where she will visit.

Mrs. J. H. Rogers returned to Austin Monday after spending several days here, at the bedside of her mother who is now considered out of danger.

Dr. Parker has begun building a nice residence in the central portion of town. W. A. Cox has the contract for putting up the building.

Hot weather is coming on and it's about time the dog catcher or killer, was getting busy. There's entirely too many dogs running loose around town anyway.

W. E. Campbell was down from Gardendale first part of the week and reports "lots doing" up that way, making ready for the Opening which will come off April 7th.

Mrs. M. J. Swisher went up to the Alamo City Wednesday to meet her mother from Slaton, Mo., who came out to spend a few weeks with her.

J. W. Baylor was in town a day or two this week from the La-Motte Ranch. He also took in the Cattlemen's Association at San Antonio.

Mrs. J. W. Campbell and daughter, Mrs. Pat Speer, were arrivals on Monday's train from San Marcos where they had been visiting relatives. They left next morning for their home at Carrizo Springs

Mrs. H. A. Burwell who was seriously ill last Saturday and Sunday has improved greatly this week and it is now thought she is out of danger.

Every morning's express carries out a big lot of Woodward water. The demand is becoming so great for this water that it is becoming a problem to ship it out fast enough.

At the close of the term of District Court Judge Mullally appointed a committee of three, Judge F. B. Earnest, L. A. Kerr and G. W. Henrichson, to examine into the finances of the county.

Jno. H. Gallman accompanied by his mother and Misses Lizzie Gilmer and Kathrine Poole left Thursday for Austin to attend the Presbyterian Sunday School Convention.

The way it opened up Thursday night it looked as if a good rain was going to descend from the heavy overhanging clouds, but it did not last long and amounted to little more than a quarter of an inch.

Frank Claunch is wearing a 23-karat smile that won't rub off over the arrival of a fine looking young lady at his home last Tuesday. Mother and child are doing well and there is some hope for Frank.

Mrs. Mattie Sullivan and daughter Miss Mae, returned from San Antonio yesterday where Mrs. Sullivan has been in the hospital for two weeks past. Her many friends will be glad to know that she is regaining her health rapidly.

G. W. Taylor and Yancey Hoover of Williamson county were here this week. Both of these gentlemen own land on the Nueces and were here to make arrangements for having farms cleared ready for cultivation the coming fall. They returned home Thursday.

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