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## MISS MONROE ENTERTAINS AS GRADUATING EVENT

Miss Zada Monroe, a pupil of Mrs. F. L. Hutcheson's School of Expression gave her graduating recital at the Christian Church last Friday night before a large and intelligent audience. She was assisted by Mrs. E. B. Barnes as pianist.

The recital embraced the reading of Alice Hagan Rice's entire book "Sandy" and the story called for the impersonation of 18 separate characters and these were all presented in characteristic tone, diction and dialect. It requires a finished artist to present so difficult a reading in so comprehensive a way, but Miss Monroe met every point in its fullest measure.

She is a reader of marked talent and excellent training. She is one of our own home girls and we all feel that she will reflect great credit not upon herself alone, but also upon her teacher and our educational and social institutions.

At the close of the exercises Mrs. Hutcheson gracefully presented her a diploma of merit, showing that she has completed the course.

The following is the program as presented Friday night.

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after, reaching forth unto those things which are before."

—Philippians.

The stowaway.

On shipboard.

Sandy retires from business.

Hollis Farm.

"The Venetian Boat Song."—Men.

dolssohn.

Aunt Meivy as a soothsayer.

Transition.

The county fair.

The Nelson home.

Revolutionary Etude.—Chopin.

(Chopin expresses the Polish indignation towards the Russians.)

The elopement.

The evils of drink.

At Willowvale.

Sandy in jail.

The primrose way.

Presentation of diploma, Mrs. Hutcheson.

## CITY COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZED

The City Council met Monday night in regular bi-monthly session. This was the first meeting since the election and hence was the time for re-organization and for installation of the new mayor. The weather was stormy on the outside but absolute harmony reigned within.

Dr. Harris, the retiring mayor was not present and Alderman Robt. H. Curnutte, mayor protem presided.

The returns of the recent election were canvassed, and the vote counted as follows:

For Mayor, J. Z. Noble, 142, E. J. Anderson 3.

For alderman, Ward 1, P. M. Bolin 40.

Ward 2, J. C. Maxwell 48.

Ward 3, S. R. Fickas, 33; Fred A. Grayum 20.

J. Z. Noble was declared elected mayor and the oath of office was administered by Secretary C. L. Ezell.

P. M. Bolin, J. C. Maxwell and S. R. Fickas were declared elected aldermen and were sworn in. Mr. Maxwell is the only new Alderman on the board.

Mr. Noble said: The oath just taken shall be my guide in my official actions." He complimented the council on their management of City affairs.

He considers a city council a business institution and that a city is a company of stockholders. He hopes to see the city progress but realizes that to achieve certain lines would call for an increased capital in the way of bonds or taxes and he would not now favor an increase of taxes.

He hopes to see the water works and sewerage put on a paying basis, but would not favor increasing the taxes, but use efforts to secure more public patronage. He hopes the people will strive to keep the city clean and make their homes more beautiful and attractive and when things are better the taxes may be raised for further extension of the public utilities.

Acting Mayor Curnutte, then relinquished the high chair to Mayor

Noble, who appointed his standing committees as follows.

Finance—R. H. Curnutte, Chairman, J. C. Maxwell, P. M. Bolin.

Streets and Bridges—P. M. Bolin Chairman, W. W. Smith, S. R. Fickas.

Water Works and Sewerage—R. H. Curnutte, chairman, J. C. Maxwell, Joe Monroe.

Buildings—J. C. Maxwell Chairman, Joe Monroe, S. R. Fickas.

Ordinances—R. H. Curnutte, Chairman, P. M. Bolin, J. C. Maxwell.

Robt. H. Curnutte was re-elected mayor protem to act at all times in the absence of the Mayor and with full executive powers.

The secretary was authorized to collect the customary charge from the Santa Fe R. R. Co. for certified copy of ordinance closing two certain streets at crossings of said railroad.

An ordinance was adopted closing Chicago and Fair streets where they cross the Santa Fe railroad.

A motion prevailed asking the mayor to appoint a city health officer, at the usual fees allowed for services rendered for the city.

In response to a citizens petition relating to disposition of waste water from the laundry, the mayor appointed R. H. Curnutte, S. R. Fickas and O. P. Wolfe to investigate the matter.

The secretary was instructed to transfer \$200 from the street and bridge fund to the general fund to meet the current expenses.

The following current bill were allowed and ordered paid:

B. C. Davenport ..... \$3.00

W. A. Jones ..... \$2.00

International Meter Co. .... \$1.56

W. A. Jones ..... \$27.75

Gulf Refining Co. .... \$7.28

The Snyder Signal ..... \$11.00

J. W. Jones ..... \$12.00

L. J. Nichols ..... \$2.00

T. J. Blackburn ..... \$2.00

M. A. Grimes, ..... \$2.00

A. C. Wilmeth ..... \$2.00

J. O. Tatum ..... \$2.00

J. E. Chinn ..... \$2.00

W. S. Payne ..... \$2.00

H. H. Cotten ..... \$2.00

W. T. Brice ..... \$2.00

D. Grantham ..... \$2.00

Maverick Clark Litho Co Time

Warrant ..... \$24.25

## THE WELCOME RAIN OF MONDAY NIGHT

The strong south wind which prevailed in a distressing degree here all through Sunday and Monday led the more optimistic of our people to believe that we would get a rain on the wind up and we did.

During Monday afternoon a heavy cloud came over the Hermleigh country and a good rain fell over a large scope of the east part of the country.

Threatening clouds continued to float about and at nightfall a promising cloud gathered up toward the west. About 9 p. m. the gentle sprinkles commenced and grew into a good downpour here lasting about an hour.

Allen Weaver's rain gauge showed a precipitation of 73-100ths of an inch. The ground was pretty well saturated and crops, gardens, grass and everything else of the vegetable kind was greatly benefitted.

The rain at Fluvanna was about the same as at Snyder, but it is said to have been light in Kent and Garza counties. There was a good downpour in Borden county, also as far east as Fisher and Nolan counties.

Wheat and oats had begun to need rain and feed stuff that was just coming up will now hump itself.

Many farmers were waiting for rain and warmer weather to finish planting and they will now get busy. This rain gives us a new feeling of assurance that Scurry county is going to make good this year in the way of crops.

## SUNDAY'S SERVICES AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rt. Rev. Edward A. Temple, bishop of the Diocese of North Texas, will preach at Grace Episcopal church at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday the 13th of this month, all are invited to attend; communion service at 10 o'clock a. m., Rev. E. Cecil Seamon will be present also and assist in the services.

## MISSSES HENDRICKS, HENDERSON AND NATION

Misses Inez Hendricks, Edna Henderson and Emma Nation, pupils of Mrs. Hutcheson's School of Expression gave their graduating recital at the opera house on Tuesday night of this week, before a very large and appreciative audience.

They were assisted by Misses Mary and Louise Clark, violin and harp, and the entire program was beautifully rendered.

The young ladies are our own home girls. They have faithfully pursued their studies in elocution and have reached excellent proficiency, under the tutelage of Mrs. Hutcheson.

Their annual recitals have been occasions of much pleasure to their friends and now when comes the time for their graduation, the people manifested marked interest in the event.

The young ladies were lovely in rendition of their graduating numbers and gave readings that require marked talent and showed superior training and the people of Snyder feel a degree of pride in our young elocutionists.

The motto of the class: "Not, as though I had already attained, either were already perfect, but I follow after, reaching forth unto those things which are before."

Miss Henderson's reading was the story of "Polly of the Circus." Impersonating eleven different characters.

Miss Hendricks rendered cuttings from David Copperfield, by Charles Dickens, impersonating a half dozen characters, all calling for a wide range of talent.

Miss Nation's reading was a word presentation of Scenes from "Lady of Lyons," impersonating a trio of distinctive characters. The readings were all good and held the close attention of the great audience.

The closing number was given in pantomime, presenting in dumb accents a scene in a millinery shop by Miss Inez Hendricks, as milliner; Miss Emma Nation, Milliner's model; Miss Edna Henderson, customers.

The diplomas for the graduates were presented by their teacher, Mrs. F. L. Hutcheson.

## THE OLD SOLDIERS HELD INTERESTING MEETING

The regular meeting of Camp Bill Scurry, U. C. V. met last Monday in Justice Brown's office and had a good time. There was a pretty good attendance of the old boys.

The camp elected as delegates to the re-union to be held at Chattanooga, Comrades L. S. Knight and W. R. Waldrip. G. W. Angel and T. D. McMullan were elected as alternates.

## W. C. T. U. PROGRAM

For April 17th at the Presbyterian church, Thursday afternoon 4:00 o'clock.

Leader Mrs. E. W. Clark.

Co-operation with the missionary societies, Mrs. Messimer.

Music, Mrs. Hunt.

Bible reading, 1st Peter, 5th chapter.

Prayer by leader, for better missionary and temperance co-operation.

Roll call, How to get the missionary societies to work with us.

Minutes.

Paper, The need of Temperance work in the church and church societies, Mrs. Morrow.

Talk, The relation of temperance to missions, Mrs. U. C. Howard.

Appointment of Committee to visit missionary societies and carry these facts.

Election of officers.

Benediction.

Track Meet Saturday.

On next Saturday there will be held at Wolfe's Park beginning at 1:30 p. m. a track meet between representative teams from the high school at Dunn and Snyder.

An entrance fee of 15 cents for school children and 25 cents for others will be charged to help meet the actual expenses.

G. A. Glenn dropped in on us Wednesday and showed up his subscription credit.

## COUNTY COURT CONVENEED IN REGULAR SESSION

County court is in regular session this week with Judge C. R. Buchanan on the bench.

The case of Oliver Corley, charged with aggravated assault, which has been before the court of appeals has been reversed and the papers in reversal were received here a few days ago. This case has not been reset but will probably be tried next week.

Roy Sisson, unlawfully giving liquor to a minor, set for next Monday.

Jesse Kerns, disturbing the peace fined one dollar.

Buck Kerns, disturbing the peace fined one dollar.

Jesse Kerns and Buck Kerns, assault, dismissed.

Higginbotham Harris Lumber Co. vs. L. E. Lasseter and D. Halcomb, suit on note, judgment for plaintiff.

W. W. Eiland vs. H. Kempner, suit on account, dismissed without prejudice.

H. G. Towle vs. Texas Surety and Casualty Organization, breach of contract, dismissed.

W. E. Head vs. H. C. Jordan, et al, judgment for plaintiff.

J. R. Willis vs. N. Beavers, suit for commission, on trial Thursday.

R. W. Higginbotham, et al. vs. A. W. Boucher, note and foreclosure, judgment for plaintiff.

Fulllove and Monroe vs. N. S. Reed, suit on note judgment for plaintiff.

M. F. Cornelius vs. J. A. Harlow, suit on note etc., judgment for plaintiff.

## NEW LAW REGARDING COURT PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-third Legislature started out early in the regular session to bring about some reform measures in the court procedure.

One feature promised was to so regulate the rules of the courts of appeals so that judgements would not be reversed on mere technical errors in the trials.

That point and many other ideas were passed over without much attention.

One bill passed and sent to the governor provides that trial judges shall deliver their charges to juries after the evidences is in and before the attorney's make their arguments to the jury. This matter has been extensively discussed, and in order to find what the lawyers think about it, the Signal has this week submitted to the members of the Scurry county bar this question: "Do you favor, or not, the law requiring trial judges to charge their juries before the attorneys make their arguments?"

Following are their replies:

Hardy M. Boyd—"A strong reason in favor of the new law requiring the court to charge the jury before argument of counsel, is that the jury will be better able to weigh the argument and distinguish the wheat from the chaff, or in other words, the law as it really is from the various art reney's conception of it."

T. P. Perkins—"Yes, provided the charge of the court is carried into the jury room by the jury as, is now done."

M. E. Rosser—"I consider the law requiring Judges to charge the jury before the attorneys make their argument to the jury an advanced step in judicial reform."

C. C. Higgins—"I consider that a law requiring the trial court to instruct the jury before the argument of counsel, is a loss of time in the lower court, for the reason while the argument is going on the trial court is preparing his instructions. The trial court also loses the benefit of the study the lawyers have given the case in assisting him to present the case correctly. It is the duty of the lawyer to know the law of his case and to assist the court by correctly stating it to the court, and if necessary to cite the authority to support it. The court is not supposed to know the law of a particular case like the lawyer who has studied out the particular case, and it is am mistake to think that a lawyer has no plan in the trial of a case it is just as great a mistake to think that any trial court knows all

the law without the assistance of counsel, who has given time to the preparation of his case even before it was brought to court. It would be a good move however, to require the trial court to give counsel opportunity to examine his charge in time to prepare special instructions not covered by the general charge."

W. S. Payne—"As to the bill providing for judges to charge the jury as to the law applicable to the case at bar before the argument of counsel, in our opinion would be conducive of the best results to all litigants, and would in a great measure, reduce the number of appeal cases."

A. C. Wilmeth—"It is a very meritorious bill. It would save the state lots of expense."

Arthur Yonge—"I have not studied the bill and cannot give a clear opinion on it, but I am inclined now to not favor it."

C. S. Perkins, Jr.—"I favor the law. Think it good."

V. M. Tyler—"I'll have to see and read the law before I could express an intelligent opinion concerning it."

W. W. Hamilton—"I haven't studied the bill and may not now understand fully its provision and purposes. I have been inclined to consider it a lot of legislative dope, dished out for political effect. No man or set of men can by legislation do away with the science of law."

R. W. Webb—"Have not given the matter a sufficient study to form a clear opinion in the matter, but from what study I have given it I am inclined to think it a good law."

Judge C. R. Buchanan—"I am not acquainted sufficiently with the provisions of the law to form a clear opinion of it, not having read any thing of the bill that passed except brief newspaper comments. I understand that the intentions of the law are to clear away some of the grounds on which cases are reversed by settling them in the trial court. If these ends are attained by the law it has my approval."

## ONE MEXICAN SHOOTS A FELLOW COUNTRYMAN

News was received here last Sunday evening that a difficulty had occurred at a railroad camp on the Santa Fe, between Hermleigh and Pylon and that one Mexican had shot one of his countrymen. It was learned Monday that the wounded man was still alive. The shooter had not been captured up to last reports. He was said to have come over from Fisher county.

## METHODIST MISSIONARY WOMEN MEET

The Missionary society of the Methodist church met at the parsonage as usual, but from some cause our crowd was small. We attended to some business. We will continue our market at Curry & Taylor's grocery and will be glad to serve you.

## ENGAGE IN PITCHED BATTLE AT GALVESTON

Galveston Texas, April 8th. For one hour early today Mexicans and negroes fought a pitched battle with United States soldiers here killing one and wounding two soldiers.

The police reserves and provost guard quelled the fight.

Private George D. Cooley, Company D. Nineteenth infantry, was stabbed to death.

## SANTA FE DEMONSTRATORS VISIT SCURRY COUNTY

L. L. Johnson and G. W. Graves representing the Santa Fe experimental farm work paid the Signal a visit Thursday. They were here to meet our people and get in closer touch with us. They have been visiting the several experiment stations in Scurry county and are very much pleased with the general outlook.

The Santa Fe people are doing a good work in West Texas in the way of experimentation and their efforts have already borne good fruits. They are demonstrating in crops and cultural methods to prove what is best for West Texas and what we must do to obtain the best results.

J. M. Hunter, H. H. Haynes, L. E. Pyeatte and a number of other people were here this week attending county court.

## DALLAS BUSINESS MEN TO VISIT SNYDER SOON

The Chamber of Commerce, at Dallas, Texas, has arranged a tour of representative business men over the Panhandle region, West Texas, and the Pecos Valley, and their schedule will put them in Snyder on April 24th.

Speaking of this proposed itinerary the official voice of the Chamber of Commerce says:

"Snyder and Scurry county, one of the great farming and cattle raising sections of West Texas, will be visited by a large delegation of Dallas business men, jobbers and manufacturers on the thirteenth annual excursion of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, which will leave Dallas April 17, and which is scheduled to arrive at Snyder April 24, at 2:45 p. m. West Texas, the Panhandle and the Pecos Valley territories have been selected as the territories to be visited this year, owing to the marvelous development of these sections of the Southwest, their varied resources and enterprising citizenships. The leading men of practically every large mercantile and manufacturing institution of the city will take part in the trip, as they are anxious for a closer business relationship with the business men, farmers and stock raisers of Scurry county. They declare that to know of the marvelous development of West Texas, its varied resources and enterprising citizenships, is to appreciate how important this section is getting to be in the commercial life of the state and how much good it will do Dallas to get in closer touch with Snyder and other West Texas and Panhandle cities."

T. E. Jackson, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, said of the trip:

"The Dallas party is looking forward with great interest to the visit to Snyder and Scurry county. We appreciate the importance that this rich agricultural and stock raising county has in the industrial life of West Texas and we desire to meet personally the business men of Snyder and the stock raiser and farmers of Scurry county. We believe that Dallas is the logical market of the Southwest and that we are equipped to supply their needs in a commercial and industrial way and we know that Scurry county has much that Dallas needs in its industrial and commercial life."

The Signal feels authorized to say that the people of Snyder will be ready to extend a cordial welcome to the party and we'll be in position to show them one of the prettiest, cleanest towns in the very best section of West Texas, and we hope the visitors will have time to drive out into the country and see our beautiful prairies and rich, wellkept farms.

## GRANDMOTHER WYNN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. M. F. Wynn, aged 77 years, died at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening with pneumonia and was buried in the Snyder cemetery Thursday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at 3 p. m. Thursday by Rev. M. T. Tucker at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brice.

Mrs. Wynn was the mother of Mrs. Brice and grand mother of Mrs. R. L. Smith and Mrs. J. M. Denson. She was a member of the Baptist church and has long been a faithful and true Christian mother. She was a native of the state of Georgia. She was sick but only two or three days.

The Signal extends sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

## PETTY THE FORD CAR MAN LOCATES IN SNYDER

W. L. Petty is here from Loraine this week arranging to establish a sales station here for Ford Automobiles. He is the man who has made the Ford car famous in West Texas, and has ordered a carload of Fords direct to Snyder and expects to receive them in a few days. The Signal extends the glad hand to Mr. Petty.

Mrs. E. B. Barnes is at Stephenville this week as the representative of the Altrurian club at the State Convention of the Federated Women's Clubs.

**SIGNED MANY BILLS**

**VETO USED ON ONE**

Governor Colquitt had a busy day last Friday and vetoed the house bill providing that county commissioners shall not create an indebtedness of over three thousand dollars for repair work without the consent of the people, on the ground that damage from fire or any other cause might require an expenditure of over three thousand dollars when a special election was called, which would cost a large sum.

The governor signed the bills abolishing the degrees of murder, for a constitutional amendment increasing the pay of legislators to twelve hundred dollars per year, and five dollars per day for special sessions; prohibiting hazing at the state institutions; providing for an election to vote on the constitutional amendment for the initiative, and referendum; placing county officers on a salary basis; recalling the House bill to home rule; indeterminate sentence law; and providing that the county commissioners shall receive not over thirty dollars a month as road overseers.

**REVIEW OF THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

The Thirty-third Legislature which adjourned, April 1st, to meet again in special session, July 21st, considered a total of 1,467 bills and resolutions. Of this number 197 general bills and resolutions finally passed both branches of the House and have been acted upon favorably by the Governor.

In all 1,397 bills were introduced. Of this number the Senate fathered 494 and the House 903.

In the Senate twenty-four joint resolutions were offered and in the House forty-three.

Bills and resolutions offered this session exceed those of the Thirty-second Legislature by 443. During the session of the last Legislature a total of 1,024 bills and resolutions were presented for consideration.

There were ninety-five bills passed by the Senate, all of which have either received consideration at the hands of Governor Colquitt or will soon be at his disposal, while 102 bills passed the lower branch of the House.

A perusal of the records show that during the past session of the Legislature one hundred and fourteen bills were either killed or died on the calendar while twenty-three amendments to the constitution met the same fate.

A joint resolution calling for a constitutional convention was also killed.

A concurrent resolution providing for a commission to frame a program of court reform met death.

The following Senate and House Bills which passed both branches of the House were vetoed by the Governor:

No. 26. Brelsford.—Normal school for the Twenty-eighth Senatorial District.

No. 54. McGregor.—Giving railroad employees a voice in the con-

trol of hospitals supported by earnings from railroad men.

No. 95. Hudspeth and Johnson.—Permitting the sale of school lands in forty-acre tracts.

No. 159. Connor and Latimore.—Providing for the issuance of first-grade certificates (teachers') by colleges that will enlarge their curriculum.

No. 402. Warren and Astin.—Making Thirteenth Judicial District of Navarro, Freestone and Limestone counties and creating a new district in Navarro county.

House Bills vetoed:  
No. 5. Davis.—County park bill.  
No. 29. Williams of McLennan and others.—The Katy Consolidation bill. (Vetoed by the Governor but passed over the veto.)

No. 46. Dodson.—Authorizing ex-officio salaries for County Attorneys.  
No. 59. Paddock and others.—Establishing a Texas memorial commission and appropriating \$50,000 to erect monuments in the National parks to Texas soldiers.

No. 65. Coffey and others.—Establishing a normal college.

No. 10. Simpson.—Authorizing transportation Companies to sell surplus power to cities.

No. 376. Reeves and Webb.—Creating a State training school for the feeble-minded and appropriating an experiment station in the First Senatorial District.

the market, at  
**O. L. Wilkison Lumber Co.**

**SNYDER CITIZEN OWNS A RARE VOLUME**

The Signal office is rebinding a book for Mr. J. B. Gildart, which has a rare bit of history and is treasured as a sacred heirloom. The book is 155 years old and has come down to him through three generations.

The volume is a copy of the old Episcopal prayer book in use by authority of the old church of England. This volume belonged to James Gildart, Esq., who was Mayor of London in 1786. He is the great grand father of J. B. Gildart of Snyder.

The title page shows the following official trade and publication note:

Printed by Joseph Dentham, printer to the University by whom they are sold in Cambridge and by Benjamin Dodd, bookseller in Avenue Mary-Lane, London, 1758. Price 10 shillings, unbound.

**School Teachers Notice.**  
The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has called a special teachers' examination for May 1913 and notice is hereby given that such examination will be held at the court house in Snyder on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, of May, 1913.

Subjects for permanent certificates come on Thursday, those for first and second grade certificates come on Friday and Saturday. Those interested will govern themselves accordingly.

**C. R. BUCHANAN,**  
County Superintendent, Scurry County, Texas 43-3t.

**District Debate and Declamation Contest at Sweetwater.**

On Friday of last week the district contests in debating and declamation for the Sweetwater District were begun in the Methodist Church at that place. The preliminary debate for the evening paired the Snyder debating team against the Spur debating team. In that contest the Snyder boys won out over the Spur team with two points to one. On the same night the Roby team won out over the Rochester by two to one. On Saturday morning the Snyder Team met at Sweetwater team and defeated them by two to one, while the Ablene team won out over Rochester team. In the afternoon Roby matched Ablene and won out over them giving that team four points in all. This put Snyder and Roby in the final contest Saturday night. The subject for discussion was: "Resolved that the right of suffrage should be extended to women in Texas on equal terms with men." Snyder had the affirmative and put up a game fight but their opponents having had several years training seemed to deliver better and when the time was called and judges decisions read it developed that Roby was awarded the honor to represent this district in the state contest at Austin the first Friday and Saturday in May.

In the debating contest Snyder High School was represented by Homer Watkins and Willie Eubank who spoke in the order here given. In the first contest they had the affirmative and in the second when they defeated Sweetwater they had the negative. In the final contest with Roby they had the affirmative. The fact that they won over two good strong teams and on either side of the question shows they had pretty well mastered the subject and had all the facts pretty well in hand. Sure Snyder should be proud of the record the boys made when they remember that these boys never had training in debating before this year and that neither of them ever made a speech until after Christmas of this year.

The declamation contest was held Saturday morning at ten o'clock and here were ten entries. All the boys declaimed well but the judges decided that Roscoe and Rochester had the two best declaimers and they were called upon to enter the final tryout Saturday night for first and second place. Roscoe won first honors and Rochester second. The young man from Roscoe will represent the district in the state contest at Austin at the same time as the debating contest. Snyder High School was represented by Grayum Baker and he delivered an interesting declamation in away to meet with many compliments from the auditors. The judges made a favorable mention of his delivery but on account of the closeness with which several of the boys came to each other the judges rendered their decisions as above mentioned.

Quite a crowd went down from Snyder both Friday and Saturday nights. Teachers attending were Miss Brady, Miss Burch, Miss Wilkins, Miss Heath, Miss Davis, Mr. Hazell, Miss Lizzie Eubank, Miss Bessie Buchanan, Miss Hallie Godley, Miss Leclair Stokes, Miss Winnie Winton, Miss Ilene Harpole, Mr. Ivan Dodson, Mr. Connel McMullan, Master Forest Sears and Master Billie Harris also went along and all had nice time.

This contest should not in the least discourage the Snyder boys, but should cause them to redouble their energies and go out next year with better preparation. It is to be hoped that this feature of the school work, which is very practical, will be pushed forward until the boys of the Snyder High School will be able to go out in the world and meet their neighbors on the hustings and show themselves masters of the fine art of public speaking and debating.

The time to begin is now not next year and all the boys who think they will enter these fields next year should get busy at once and keep it up till victory comes.

Respectfully,  
**E. A. WATSON.**

Bois'd'arc post hold staples and last always. Get them at  
**O. L. Wilkison Lumber Co.**

J. G. Davis and his little daughter Mildred May Davis, were pleasant callers at the Signal office. Mr. Davis came in for a bundle of advertising matter which the Signal had printed for him.

J. Pierpont Morgan, the multimillionaire died recently in Rome, Italy. He controlled more wealth than any other American. His death is apt to cause some degree of flurry in financial matters but it is not necessary or profitable that it should cause any additional stringency.

**THE LODGE**

**SCURRY LODGE 706 A. F. & A. M**

Meets on Saturday night on or before the full moon. Visiting brothers invited.

**W. S. ADAMSON, W. M.**  
**ROBT. H. CURNUTTE, Sec'y.**

**SNYDER CHAPTER No. 286 R. A. M**

Meets on Saturday night on or before the new moon. Visiting companions invited.

**C. L. EZELL, H. P.**  
**G. W. BROWN, Secy.**

**ARTHUR YONGE,**  
Attorney-at-Law  
Vendors' Lien Notes Bought and sold.  
Snyder, Texas

**Drs. HARRIS & HARKRIDER**  
Dentists

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Pope's Herb is prepared to provide a dependable household remedy, based upon the principle of purity of blood insuring freedom from disease. It is a medicine for maladies such as Rheumatism, Liver Complaints, Constipation, Fever and Ague, Female Disorders, Indigestion, Lumbago, Kidney Derangements, Catarrh, Sick and Nervous Headaches, loss of appetite and all ailments arising from inactivity of the Liver and Kidneys.

It's a purely herbs, bark and roots compound. It is put up in Chocolate coated Tablets, pleasing and easy to take (or can be dissolved in water.)  
Mrs. J. C. Mead of Hyattsville, Md., says:

"For years I have suffered with Backache, Headache, Neuralgia, and Nervousness and extreme Fatigue. I tried many remedies without relief. Four months ago a grateful friend induced me to write to Pope Medicine Company, Washington, D. C. for a box of Pope's Herb Compound Tablets. The very first dose of two tablets gave me relief. I used not quite a dollar box and I am entirely cured of the pain in my back and have no more headache."

Dr. J. V. Hennessy, a prominent Physician and Surgeon of Albany, New York, in part says:

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Governor Colquitt has offered a reward of \$250 for the arrest of the late county judge Bledsoe, of Abilene. Sheriff Weir had added \$50 and the people of Taylor county have made the total \$300.

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and ready when she knock at your door. An account at a good bank is always helpful in attracting the attention of opportunity. The amount of your bank balance is material, yet not so much so as the fact that you have a balance, that you give good care to your account, that you handle your financial affairs in a systematic manner and the habits you will form in building the account to such proportions as will enable you to make satisfactory and profitable investments.

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**SCURRY COUNTY CITIZEN AT HOME FROM SOUTH TEXAS**

J. W. Shaw returned a few days ago from a stay of two months in South Texas. He says spring is well advanced down there and the country looks prosperous. He says land prices are higher than a cat's back and one hears nothing but land and money.

There has always been a good deal of rain and he found that such damp country keeps him nearly sick with cold all the time. He concludes that he likes the climate and atmosphere of West Texas better.



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No. 5 Ar. Roscoe	7:55 a. m.	No. 4 Lv. Roscoe	9:40 a. m.

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8:45 a.	8:45 a.	5:30 p.	5:00 p.
9:30 a.	9:40 a.	4:05 p.	4:15 p.
10:00 a.	10:15 a.	4:00 p.	3:45 p.
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Rev. J. W. Hunt is assisting Bro. Garvin in a meeting at Haskell. Bro. Hutcherson preached here last Sunday to a large and interested audience. He delivered one of his best sermons we have heard him preach. He is growing rapidly in the ministry and already is recognized as a successful evangelist.

A report has been sent out from Austin that Gov. Colquitt will veto the bill establishing a state normal school in West Texas. He doubtless thinks he has ample reason for so doing, but it does look like the time has come for West Texas to begin to receive some measure of consideration.

G. B. Clark special agent for the Saginaw Slio. Rod Grantham was here Monday from Post City.

**NEW BAPTIST PASTOR IS NOW HERE**

Rev. M. T. Tucker the newly installed pastor of the First Baptist church arrived here last Friday and conducted services Sunday morning and night.

Splendid services and sermons filled the day and two persons united with the church.

Bro. Tucker is a gentleman of pleasing personality and is a preacher of culture, ability and spiritual power.

He has been pastor of a large and strong church at Dublin and the people there by resolution expressed great regret in having to give him up as pastor. His family have not yet come to Snyder, being detained by sickness.

The Signal joins voice with the people of Snyder in extending to Bro. Tucker a cordial welcome.

We feel sure that he is a preacher well suited to this charge and we know that he has come to serve with as good a church and people as he could have found anywhere. We believe that he will be a blessing to his church and the whole city and we hope we may all be mutually benefited.

Let me take care of and oil your mill by the month. Phone 262. 35tf W. E. BAZE

**REGULAR SERVICES AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Services at First Christian Church next Lord's day as follows:

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Sermon 11:00 a. m.  
Communion 12:00 m.  
Junior, C. E., 3:00 p. m.  
Training class meeting 4:00 p. m.  
Evening sermon 8:00 p. m.

Prayer and praise and choir practice every Wednesday evening 7:45 p. m.

You are cordially invited and heartily welcome to attend any or all these services. Come and bring someone. If you have no one else to bring then bring yourself and see us smile, we will appreciate it.

Thomas N. Plunkett, Pastor.

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The Signal for all the news.

**PASSING OF FATHER Mc-GREGOR AT FLUVANNA**

The death of D. C. McGregor, which occurred last Saturday night at Fluvanna, brought feelings of sorrow to many friends throughout the county.

He was a man of influence and widely known and generously respected for his many admirable qualities of mind and character. He was a loyal citizen, an humble conscientious Christian gentleman, an honest counsellor, a good husband and father, an up right man.

The Signal had the honor of numbering him among its list of good personal friends and we feel that in his passing away, we have suffered a distinct loss of a friend.

Several members of the Snyder Masonic Lodge went to Fluvanna last Sunday to attend the funeral.

**PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES — A WOMAN SPEAKS**

One of the most active women and efficient in Christian work in Texas is Mrs. W. B. Preston, of San Marcos. She is president of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary work of the State. She will be in attendance upon the Presbytery and come from Sweetwater to Snyder, where she will speak at 11 Sunday at the Presbyterian church. She will also address the Junior C. E. Society at 3:30 p. m. and the Missionary society at 4:30 p. m. The ladies will return from Presbytery and be with Mrs. Preston in the services. No services at night.

**CHANGES HIS BASE KEEP SIGNAL COMING**

Goshen, Calif., 4-3-1913.

Editor Snyder Signal:

Please change my address to Dinuba, Calif., and keep my paper coming.

We are all getting along fine, not making any money, but living on climate and prospects.

The rainfall is away below normal for the season, and not a single sand storm.

Will leave for Dinuba Saturday, it is out toward the Sierras in the edge of the orange belt, and a beautiful country.

Scurry will come to the front if the citizens will conserve the water from rainfall, put in some pumping plants and irrigate.

Best wishes to all.

Lee Boren.

The Signal appreciates the many compliments it is getting every week from the people of Scurry county on its makeup and its full news features and the assurances that the Signal and one state paper and a church organ cover the case as to current reading matter.

**OFF TO PRESBYTERY AT SWEETWATER**

This is Presbytery week. The Abilene Presbytery meets Friday night of this week at Sweetwater, continuing in session till Monday. Several parties from here are in attendance. Rev. U. C. Howard and Mrs. Howard, Miss Willie Strayhorn, Mr. Wilson, and Judge Buchanan, representing the church, and others.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard went Thursday, he to meet with the trustees of the Presbytery and several committees of which he is a member, and she to prepare similarly with the ladies who have charge of the Woman's Missionary program and work.

The ecclesiastical year with the Presbyterians closes March 31. Bro. Howard has accepted the call of the church here for the fourth year, and in spite of the times, is entering upon the new year very much encouraged. The reports of the past year's work, which are just tabulated, are fine for a church of few members, over one third of which are children. Nearly every department is in healthy condition. The Sunday school is showing unusual activity. After meeting the home obligations, all nine boards of the denomination and the American Bible Society were liberally remembered. When all is summed up done for Christian work at home and abroad the average given per member (children counted) is \$22.00. The pastor retracts the statement that he preaches to a small church, really feeling that he is preaching to a big church, one with big ideals.

A slight change in the time-card of the Texas and Pacific will go into effect at 12:01 a. m. Sunday, April 6. The change will affect only one train. Train No. 3, provided that it arrives on time, it will remain here for thirty minutes. Should the train be late it will not be effective. — Abilene Reporter.

Guess no one needs to change any plans to meet new conditions, for it won't be on time.

We have 5 per cent money to loan on town property. Snyder Abstract Company. 38-1f

There is a moral satisfaction in living in West Texas. For instance, the same week that the Scurry county grand jury report that they had been in session six days a central Texas grand jury reported a session of five weeks.

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### COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

#### FLUVANNA NEWS

J. F. Dowdy and family of Walnut Springs are visiting friends and relatives in our town this week.

Joe Calhoun and wife of Hermleigh came in Sunday. Mrs. Calhoun will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Green for a few days. Joe returned home on Sunday evening's train.

J. A. J. Jones and H. H. Haynes were elected trustees in Saturday's election.

N. Beaver, one of Scurry county's old time citizens, but who moved to Lyford, Texas, a short time ago, came in Sunday for a few days visit and to wind up some of his business. Mr. Beaver seems highly pleased with the coast country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunter's baby has been quite sick the past few days but we are glad to state it is some better at this writing.

J. V. Ainsworth shipped in two cars for cattle from San Angelo last week.

Mrs. J. H. Tate left Thursday for Moran, Texas, in response to a message announcing the serious illness of her sister, Miss Garrett, who has been suffering several months with tuberculosis. Her condition is reported critical.

Mr. Dolph Favors and Miss Willie Knight were united in holy bonds of wedlock Sunday at high noon. Rev. G. H. Gattis said the words that pronounced them man and wife. The contracting parties have lived in this community for a number of years, and each has a host of friends that wish for them success and happiness

through life. Dolph is the son of T. B. Favors one of the oldest and highly respected citizens. Miss Willie is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Knight, highly esteemed by all. Congratulations are extended by all to Dolph for his selection of a life time companion.

Quite a number of Snyder citizens attended the burial of D. C. McGregor.

A. J. Stephenson and family left Friday for Decatur, Texas where they will make their future home. Mr. Stephenson was one of the oldest citizens of this part of the country, coming here in the early days. Their many friends regret to see them go but as best of friends have to part they extend to them their best wishes.

Mrs. Alice Haley left Thursday for St. Louis, for a few weeks visit.

We are glad to state the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. D. Duvall is fast recovering from the serious illness mentioned last week.

Mrs. J. F. Haynes is reported on the sick list this week, but we are glad to say if no complications set up she will soon be up again.

Mr. Altentzer, of Colorado spent a few hours in our town Sunday.

Dr. A. W. Browning left Saturday for Abilene to accompany Mrs. Browning home if she is able to leave the sanitarium where she has been under treatment for several days.

Mrs. Jones, of Hamlin, Texas, mother of Mrs. W. J. Beaver came in Sunday, for a few days visit.

L. D. Moss moved his family back to the ranch in Borden county Tuesday of last week.

Ben McCarry, of Snyder, spent a few hours in our town Sunday.

Miss Lena Landrum and Miss Nellie Dietz, visited Snyder Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Daniels of Colorado, has purchased the Moreland & Stephenson wagon yard and will soon move in and take charge. We welcome him.

Owing to the death of Mr. McGregor the eleven o'clock service at the Methodist church was not conducted.

R. N. Miller and J. R. Williams returned from Sierra Blanca Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hardin spent last week in Snyder attending the protracted meeting at the Christian church.

Mrs. A. J. Weems returned home from Lubbock Saturday where she has been visiting the past two weeks. Her cousin came home with her for a few days visit.

Miss Bula Weems has been quite sick the past few days, but is reported some better at this writing.

A light rain fell here Monday night precipitation one half inch, which will be of great benefit.

Lee Spindle and family moved this week to T. O. Edwards ranch in Borden county.

W. J., F. F. and N. Beaver, J. A. J. Jones and Jim Wootan are all attending county court this week.

Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Browning returned from Abilene Monday.

The Browning drug store was burglarized Sunday night. Three gold bracelets and a colts revolver is all that has been missed. The burglar broke the glass where he could reach the latch and raised the window so he could enter. No arrest has been made.

Lon Graham was in our town Monday.

Our town was again draped in mourning Sunday morning when the word went out that one of our most

prominent citizens, Mr. D. C. McGregor had passed away at 1:26 a. m. that morning. His death had been expected most any hour for the past month and came as no surprise. Mr. McGregor had out lived the three score years and ten. He had just passed his 83rd birth day. He had been a citizen of this part of the country for many years, has been engaged in the mercantile business most of the time and had always taken an active part in the development of this part of the country. He has left behind him a record that will long be remembered. For years he had been a devoted member of the Methodist church. He leaves a wife and daughter, Mrs. D. T. Davis, now of Fort Worth, and several step sons and daughters, and a host of friends to mourn his death. He was buried under Masonic honors in the Fluvanna cemetery at 2 p. m. Sunday.

#### WEST POINT LOCALS.

Still we have our regular sand storms. Otherwise we are getting a long nicely.

Some sickness around in the neighborhood.

B. H. Lewis and Walter Bratton went fishing last week but I don't think they had any trouble about hauling in what they caught.

Miss Nellie Fenton is home on a visit to recuperate from the measles.

Mrs. H. C. Fenton visited Mrs. M. H. Boyd, Saturday.

J. A. Williamson and family visited Mrs. R. H. White's Sunday evening.

Miss Maud Turner visited east of town Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Fenton and children visited G. W. Lightfoot's family Sunday.

A lot of our men folks went east after wood Monday.

Arthur Turner visited east of town Sunday.

G. W. Lightfoot visited the city Monday.

B. H. Lewis visited the city Monday.

Walter Bratton visited the capital Monday.

—A BLOCKER.

During the rain Monday night there was considerable display of electricity and about forty telephones sion.

Ross Bishop a prominent stockman at Ira is owner of one of the best jacks in West Texas. He was in town this week and had the Signal job office print a big lot of advertising matter for him. The stock interests in Scurry county are growing to be a source of interest and profit.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz., Mrs. P. H. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says, "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For cough there is nothing that excels it." For sale by all dealers.

The State of Connecticut has ratified the constitutional amendment for direct election of United States Senators and it is now the law. Two-thirds of the state's voting have said "yea."

#### NEW FARM TELEPHONE LINE ESTABLISHED

A new farmer line having eight subscribers has just been connected with the Snyder exchange of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company. The line extends fifteen miles out toward Ira and furnishes service to the following well known people: Horace Holley, W. A. Merrell, A. L. Barnett, C. Taylor, A. L. Holcom, J. C. Amos, Bob Adams, T. H. Moore.

Manager W. P. Duckett states there is considerable activity among farmers in matters of securing telephone service in their homes. He has had a number of inquiries and the indications are that several new contracts for connection with the Snyder Exchange will soon be signed.

The extension of the telephone service to the farm is valuable to the merchants and business men of the City, placing them in constant communication with an important ele-

ment of their trade. Manager Duckett is building up fine business in his territory and his success is largely due to his uniform courtesy to the public and the prompt and correct service rendered by his corps of employees.

Quite a decided norther blew up Tuesday night and Wednesday was sorter like winter time.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is Hereby given, that by virtue of certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Scurry county, on the 9th day of April, 1913, in a certain cause wherein M. F. Cornelius is plaintiff, and B. A. Eubank, E. R. Gideon, M. A. Gideon and E. W. King are defendants in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 18th day of March, 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff M. F. Cornelius against the said defendants B. A. Eubank, E. R. Gideon, M. A. Gideon and E. W. King for the sum of one hundred thirteen dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in May, 1913, at the court house door in the town of Snyder, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of B. A. Eubank, E. R. Gideon, M. A. Gideon and E. W. King in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of B. A. Eubank, E. R. Gideon, M. A. Gideon, and E. W. King, to-wit: All of lot No. 2 in block No. 17, in the Cody Heights addition to the town of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above judgment for One hundred, thirteen dollars in favor of M. F. Cornelius together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

J. B. BOLES,  
Sheriff Scurry county, Texas  
Snyder, Texas, April 10, 1913.

The sewer pipe leading off from west of the square has been found to be too small and a new and larger one is being put in this week.

**\$1.00 Purchase gets \$20.00 Dinner Set now on display in window**  
A premium given with every \$1.00 purchase.

## The Arcade

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is Hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Scurry county, on the 9th day of April, 1913, in a certain cause wherein Mrs. A. L. Jones is plaintiff and R. L. English and John A. Couch are defendants, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 18th day of March, 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff Mrs. A. L. Jones against said defendants, R. L. English and John A. Couch for the sum of Twelve hundred, thirty-one & 40-100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied

upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in May, 1913, at the court house door in the town of Snyder, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of R. L. English and John A. Couch in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of R. L. English and John A. Couch, to-wit: All the north one-half of section No. 194, block No. 97, H. & T. C. Ry Co. survey in Scurry County, Texas.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above judgment for Twelve hundred thirty-one & 40-100 in favor of Mrs. A. L. Jones, together with the cost of said suit,

and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

J. B. BOLES,  
Sheriff Scurry County, Texas  
Snyder, Texas, April 10, 1913.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is Hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Scurry county, on the 9th day of April, 1913, in a certain cause wherein R. H. Davis is plaintiff and R. L. Palmer is defendant in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 18th day of March, 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff R. H. Davis against said defendant R. L. Palmer for the sum of Two hundred, ninety-five (\$295.00)

dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in May, 1913, at the court house door in the town of Snyder, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said R. L. Palmer in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of the said R. L. Palmer, to-wit: The north half of section No. 145 in block No. 2, H. & T. C. Ry Co. survey in Scurry county, Texas.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above judgment for Two hundred ninety-five dollars

in favor of R. H. Davis, together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

J. B. BOLES,  
Sheriff Scurry County, Texas  
Snyder, Texas, April 10, 1913.

#### MRS. HUTCHESON VISITS AT WEATHERFORD

Mrs. F. L. Hutcheson left this week for Weatherford where she will visit for the spring and summer. She has just closed her school here, sending out four bright graduates in elocution. Mrs. Hutcheson has taught expression here for several years and has done a splendid work. She is a reader herself of rare powers and she has trained her pu-

pils thoroughly along that line. She is a lady of culture and refinement, such as it is pleasing to have in our midst and the educational and social life of Snyder is better for her life and work here. We hope she and her husband will continue to make Snyder their home.

Goods bought at auction sale will not be engraved free. H. G. Towle.

The auction sale of Jewelry, china cut glass and other good and pretty things at H. G. Towle's this week has drawn great crowds and such bargains were never before heard of in this town.

J. H. Floyd spent Sunday at Sweetwater.

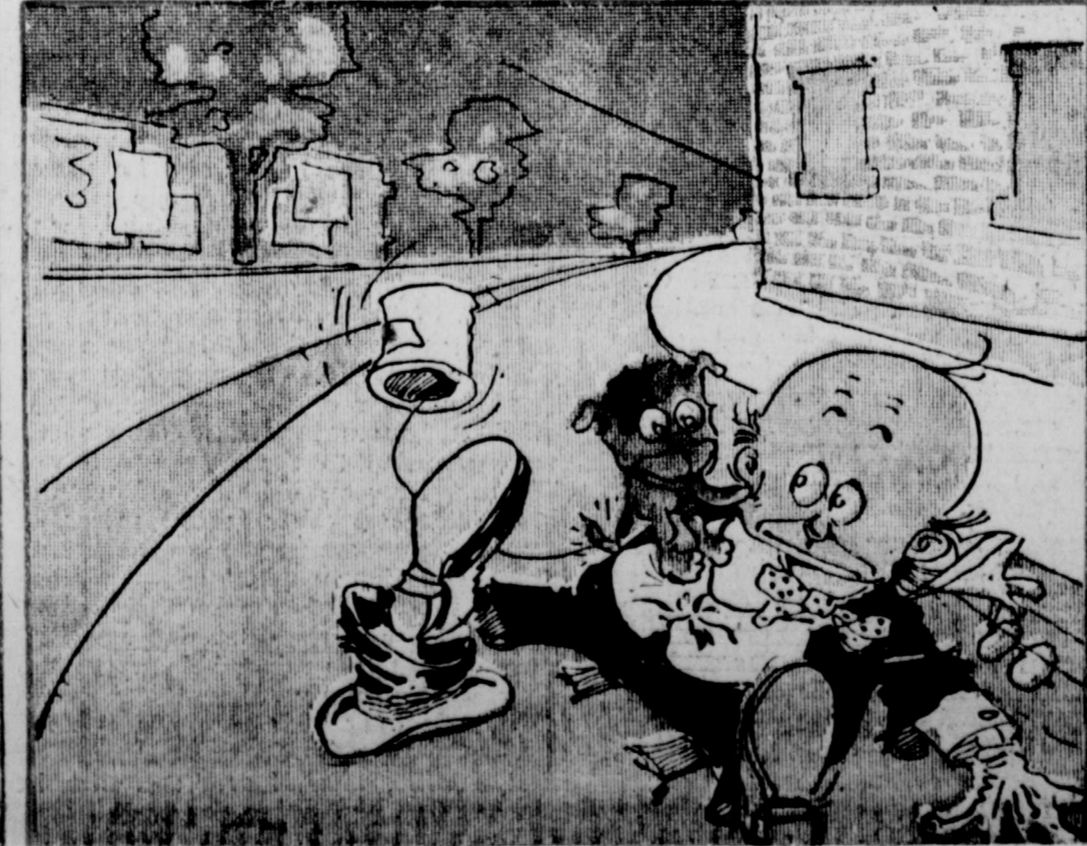
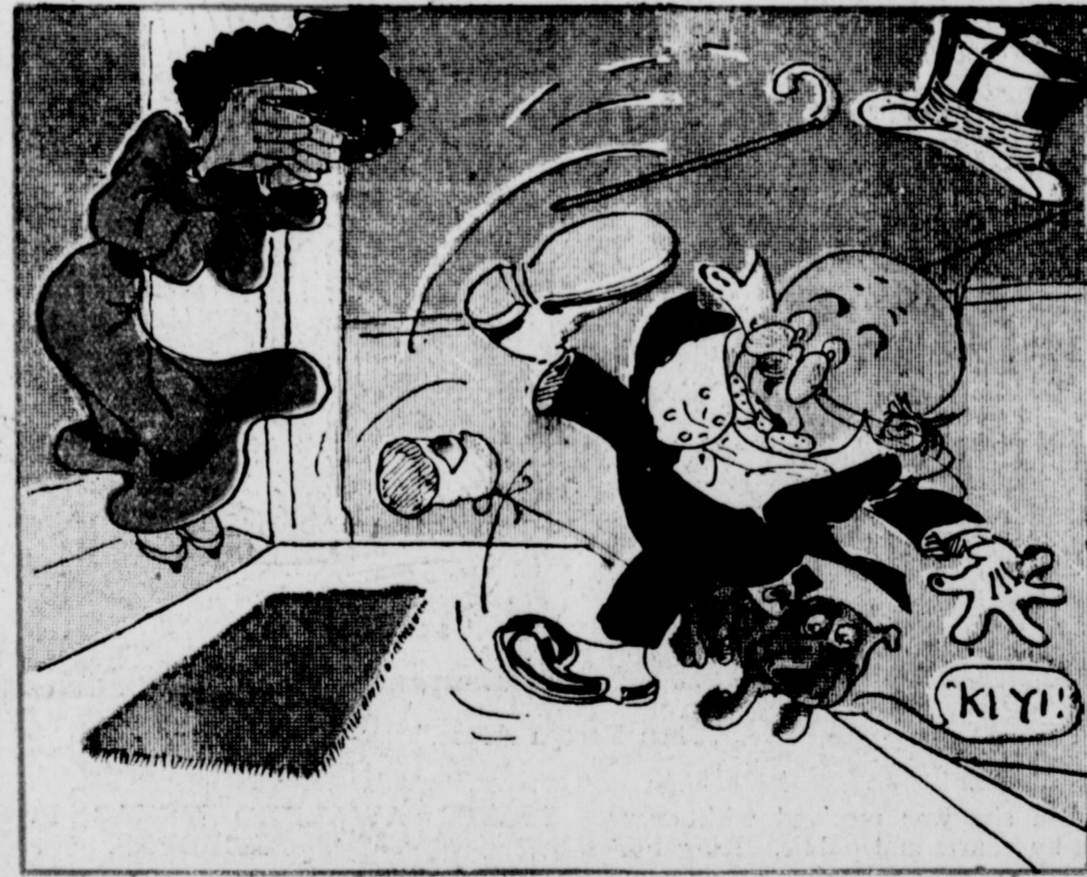
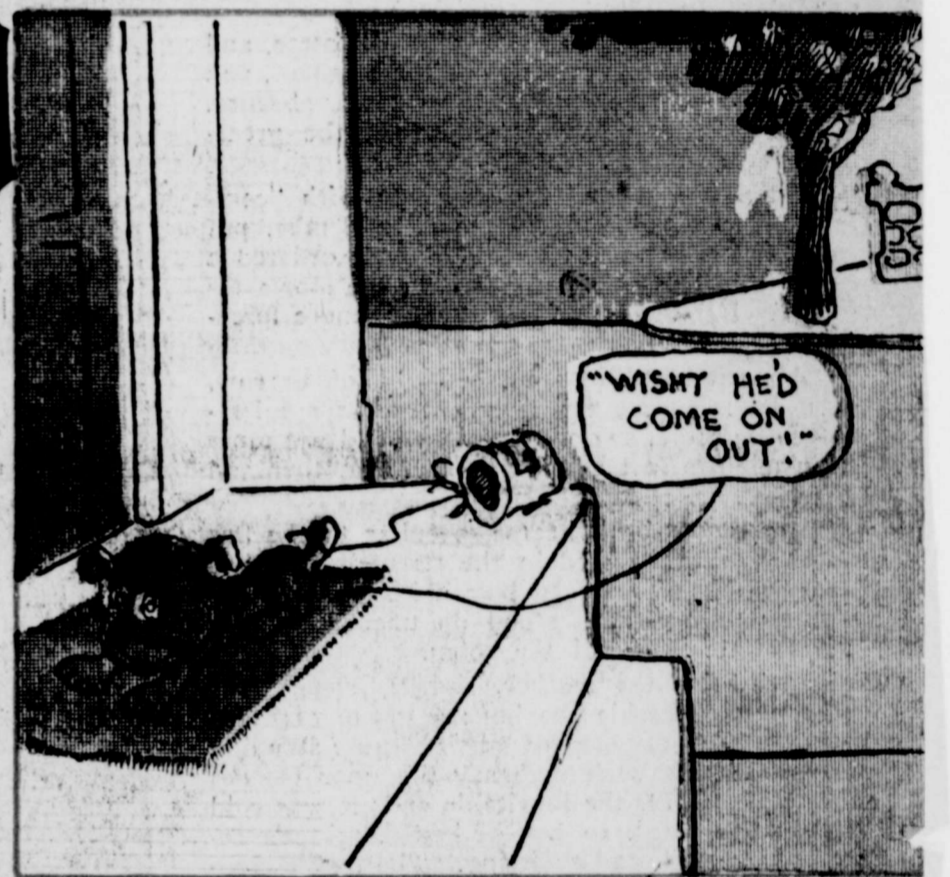
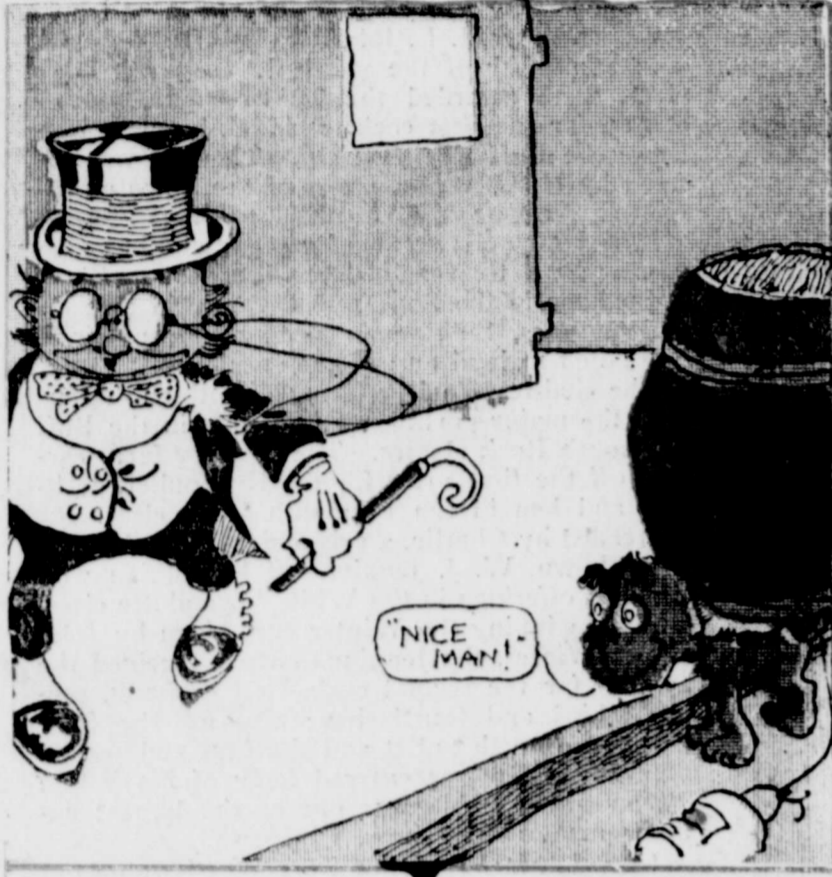
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## "WAG" THE DOG THAT ADOPTS A MAN



# PAREPA-ROSA'S GREATEST SONG

## Incident of a Grand Opera Singer of Long Ago

By J. C. HENDERSON

**M**ANY years ago, in the city of London, a poor widow living a hard life of never-ending struggle for bread and butter, was deprived by death of the one treasure she had in all the world, her only child. For fifteen years mother and daughter had toiled together, their only ray of sunshine being their loving companionship. But the girl was always delicate, and at last, under the heart-broken mother's watchful eyes, she faded and wasted away with consumption. For many months the two had been supported by the sewing which the mother could get to "take home," and it was while making a visit to one of the east side London tenement houses that a woman well known in the musical circles of that city came upon the struggling pair, gave the mother employment, and with books and flowers and kindly words, won the love of the helpless daughter. Having no kindred ones, the dying girl's grateful thoughts turned in her last moments to this new friend, and she begged her mother to notify the lady of the funeral, and ask her to attend.

It was the last of December. A cold, pelt-ing rain made the day doubly dreary. In her cozy rooms, with blinds closed to shut out the storm, and with the gas lighted to cheer her spirits, the woman of prosperity sat down to enjoy the beauty of her costly apartments, when, suddenly Parepa, the great operatic idol of London at that time, burst in upon her. The two were warm friends, and were just congratulating themselves upon their prospects for a delightful day together, when a little tear-blotted note was handed in, asking the recipient to go to the humble funeral of the sewing woman's daughter.

"This is terrible!" exclaimed the hostess, and then explained to Parepa the circumstances, and planned for her some amusement in her absence.

"But I shall go with you," said the great-hearted songstress.

So the two wound their throats with "comforters," a precaution singers always take, put on heavy cloaks and worsted gloves, ordered a closed carriage and started off in the storm together. But the rest of the story is more forcibly told in the narrator's own words:

"We climbed flight after flight of narrow, dark stairs to the top floor, where in a miserable little room, scantily furnished and not more than a dozen feet square, lived the mother and daughter.

"The canvas-back hearse, peculiar to the \$25 London funeral, stood in the street below, and the small cherry-stained box, with its ruffle of glazed white muslin, stood on uncovered trestles in the center of the room.

"There was the mother, haggard, speechless in her grief, beside the box; a group of hard-working, kindly-hearted neighbors standing about. It was useless to say the poor woman was prepared for the inevitable end; it was cold comfort to speak to her of her daughter's release from pain and suffering. The bereft creature, in her utter loneliness, was thinking of herself and the awful blank future, of the approaching moment when the box and its precious burden, would be taken away and leave her insupportably alone. So, therefore, with a sympathizing grasp of the poor, worn, bony hand we sat silently down to attend the funeral.

"Then the minister came in—a dry, self-sufficient man, with nothing of the tenderness of his holy calling about him. Icter than the day, pitiless as the storm, he rattled through some selected sentences from the Bible and offered a set form of condolence to the broken-hearted mother, telling her of her sin in rebelling against the decree of providence, and assuring her that nothing could bring back the dead. Then he hurriedly departed, while a hush fell upon every one gathered in the little room. Not one word had been uttered of consolation, of solemn import befitting the occasion. It was the emptiest, hollowest, most unsatisfactory moment I ever experienced.

"Then Parepa arose, her cloak falling about her noble figure like a mourning drapery. She stood beside the stained cherry box. She looked a moment on the white, wasted face, upturned toward her from within; she laid her soft, white hand upon the forehead of the dead girl, and while it lay there tenderly she lifted up that matchless voice of hers in the beautiful melody:

"Angels, ever bright and fair

Take, oh, take her to thy care.

Speed to your own courts her flight,

Clad in robes of virgin white."

"Her voice, at first low and somewhat affected by the tears in her eyes, rose clear and sweet, swelling into an epic of melody as the last words of the song died upon her lips. If ever the angels in heaven paused to listen to earth's music, it was when Parepa sang so gloriously beside that poor dead girl. No words can describe its effect upon those gathered there. The sad mother-mourner sank on her knees and with clasped hands and streaming eyes implored Parepa to sing on. The little band of mourners stood reverently around the singer.

"No queen ever went to her grave with a grander funeral ceremony.

"To this day, Parepa's glorious tribute of song rings in my memory as the most impressive service I ever witnessed. I have heard her sing to large audiences who were wildly insistent in their applause, but never so sweetly as she sang to the dead girl in the cherry-stained box."

Thus was a gifted songstress privileged to

pour out upon that lonely mother's heart a sympathy that would heal and bless her throughout all her after years. Truly, there is nothing in all a singer's life more beautiful than the happiness she is enabled to contribute to others. In company, in church, at home and abroad, in all the changing scenes of life, someone is sure to be blessed by the subtle power of a real musical voice. Fortunate is the child who has this enviable gift; fortunate, indeed, the parent who has the privilege of perfecting its development to maturity.

Parepa-Rosa, familiarly called "Parepa," an operatic singer, was born at Edinburg May 7, 1836. She was the daughter of the Baron Georgiades de Boyesku, a Wallachian noble. On the death of her father, about 1836, her mother took to the stage to support herself and her child.

Parepa was instructed in languages and in singing by her mother and soon learned to speak English, Italian, French, German and Spanish with fluency. In 1855 she made a highly promising debut in opera as Amina in "La Sonnambula," at Malta. She afterward appeared at Naples, Rome, Florence, Genoa, Madrid and Lis-

bon. In 1872 Mme. Parepa-Rosa made her last appearance in London during the Convent Garden season, when she was heard on three occasions as Donna Anna and Norma, and at the Philharmonic, where she sang "Ah Perfido." The winter of 1872 she passed in Cairo where, at the grand opera she played in "Ruy Blas."

Later in the year she was in England, rehearsing the part of Elsa in an English version of "Lohengrin," which her husband had arranged to produce at Drury Lane. But before the performance took place she died at 10 Warwick Crescent, Maida Vale, on Jan. 21, 1874. She was buried at Highgate cemetery.

Mme. Parepa had a fine sympathetic soprano voice of two and a half octaves in range and an admirable stage presence. She was loved for her many philanthropies and kindnesses as well as for her great gift of song. Her sympathy was ever with the unfortunate; also her purse.

The story here told of her attendance upon the funeral of the little girl in a London garret, singing over her dead body, is one among many similar stories of her magnanimous nature and noble character.



"Then Parepa Arose."

bon. At Lisbon she was received with every mark of favor by courts and public. King Ferdinand was so impressed with her attainments as to give her a letter of introduction to the prince consort. The young artist was put to the test by the prince consort in person, and she was promptly commanded to sing before the court at Osborne.

Her first appearance in opera in England took place on May 21, 1857, when she sang the part of Elvira in "I Puritani" at the Lyceum theater. In August of the following year she played Camille in "Zampa," after the reopening of Convent Garden and for several years she continued to sing with success at that theater, and at Her Majesty's her "creations" including the title part of Mellon's "Victorine," "La Reine Topaze" in Masse's opera, etc.

She also appeared at the Philharmonic concerts in 1860 and at the Handel festivals of 1862-65.

In 1866 Parepa made a professional tour through America under the direction of Maurice Strakosch and Bateman, and here met Carl Rosa, to whom she was married in New York on Feb. 26, 1867. Shortly afterward the Parepa-Rosa English Opera company was formed and remained a conspicuous feature in American musical life for the next few years, its promoters making a considerable fortune.

### PRIZES AWARDED TEXAS POULTRY BREEDERS.

H. J. McClung of Tyler, who is one of the largest breeders of Brown Leghorns in the state, took the largest number of prizes in that class of birds and carried off the Finney special prize of \$25 in gold for the best cock, cockerel and pullet at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. He also won the Fryatt cup for the best cockerel and was awarded the cup offered by Emmett Curran, manager of the show, for the largest exhibit in the Brown Leghorn class.

In the Indian Runner duck class E. W. Olds & Sons of Tyler swept the boards. With but a few exceptions the Olds farm won in every class entered. The Olds winnings were not confined to either of the varieties, but they took off first honors in each. More special prizes were awarded to them than to any other exhibitor. They carried off the Burton silver cup besides several other special prizes.

Following close upon the winnings of the McClung and Curran winnings were those of Mrs. W. R. Gill of Dallas, who took everything she competed for in the Partridge and Buff Cochins class, except two minor prizes. In the bantam class, Mrs. Gill won everything for which she competed along with several specials.

Mrs. Gill received awards for the first cock, first, second, third, fourth and fifth hens; sec-

ond, fourth and fifth pullets; first, second and third cockerels.

She was also awarded \$25 in gold by W. C. Stripling for the best display of parti-colored birds. She received \$10 in gold for the best display in the Asiatic classes and a life scholarship in the Brantley-Draughon Business college for the largest and best display.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Johnson of Arlington, who won a number of the prizes in the Buff Rock class, were awarded the Pohlzon cup, valued at \$15, for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet of the Buff Rock variety. The cup was offered by H. C. Pohlzon, one of the office managers at Armour & Co.'s packing plant.

Mrs. Harry Singleton of Dallas, who has won more prizes than any other breeder of Black Langshans in the South, was winner in that division. Mrs. Singleton's birds won four firsts but failed to land any of the specials.

The Godfrey Poultry farm, Midlothian, Texas, won the major portion of the prizes in the Buff Plymouth Rock classes. The Godfrey farm carried off the first prize for the best pullet, cockerel and hen in the Plymouth Rock class.

Headed by Charlie, a prize-winning bird wherever shown, W. J. Jennings of Midlothian won the best offerings in the White Wyandotte class. Besides winning the Winter cup, given by John Lewis Winter, the Jennings entries received the awards for the second cock, first cockerel, second, third and fourth hen; also for the first third and fourth pullet and the first and second pen. Mr. Jennings entered forty of his White Wyandottes, which was one of the largest exhibits made at the show.

John Lewis Winter of Fort Worth came out with many winnings in the second and third denominations and landed the Allison cup for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet.

Mr. Curran was a large winner, too, carrying off the first prize for the best cockerel. He also won the Con Hines cup for the best Brown Leghorn exhibit.

W. A. Smith of Lockhart won the awards for the best White Plymouth Rock male and female exhibited in the show. Mr. Smith also won the Depew special cup for the best female White Rock.

Roy McDonald of Dalhart and H. M. Cornelius of Midlothian were winners in the Barred Plymouth Rock class. Mr. Cornelius won first cock, second cockerel and second pen. Mr. McDonald won third cockerel and fourth hen.

The Finney cup, valued at \$25, offered by H. E. Finney, general manager of Armour & Co., was awarded to H. F. Vermillion for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet of any variety. Mr. Vermillion also won the Carter cup for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet in the Rhode Island Red class.

### THE SWEETEST TIME O' YEAR.

The blackbird in the hollow and the robin in the tree,  
Are shouting hallelujahs up to heaven and to me;  
The forest trees are budding with a freshness rich and rare,  
And pronounce a benediction through the blossom-scented air.

The south wind in his rambles, searches ev'ry shady nook,  
And gathers sweetest perfume from the blossoms by the brook.  
The sun in gorgeous splendor smiles upon the sprouting grain;  
The flowers nodding to and fro are welcoming the rain.

I love to hear the droning of the husky bumble-bee,  
As he tumbles through the meadow in a muffled ecstasy.  
I love to hear the ripple of the bustling little rills,  
And the music of the breezes as they kiss the daffodils.

There is something that is pleasing ev'ry minute of the day,  
When Apriltime brings the blossoms out and flaunts her banners gay.  
All the glories of the seasons in a single bunch appear  
For the blossoming of nature is the sweetest time of year.

It's a part of my religion I would like to have you know,  
That a loving smile's an antidote for ev'ry human woe.  
It's a trite and useful saying and its secret I'll impart,  
When your thoughts are with the flowers there's no winter in the heart.

—BUSH PHILLIPS, in Outdoor Life.

Ten thousand new coke ovens are to be built in Connellsville, Pa., at a cost of \$20,000,000.

Twelve million packages of garden seed will be sent out by congressmen before May 1.

A four-mile tunnel through the Selkirks, built at a cost of \$12,000,000, will eliminate the delays caused by landslides experienced by a Canadian railroad.

It is expected that in 1913 over 1,400,000 immigrants will land in the United States.

There are 250,015 children in Chicago under 5 years old.



"They at Once Gave the Alarm."

# INDIAN RAIDS IN TEXAS

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## Battle of the "Adobe Walls"

**N**OTWITHSTANDING the battle of Antelope Hills has been copiously exploited by almost every writer on Indian warfare in Northwest Texas, I have concluded to recount it in this chapter.

Colonel Buck Barry, who died recently at Walnut Springs, Bosque county, Texas, although he did not participate in the battle of Antelope Hills, was afterward associated with Colonel John S. Ford, who was in command on this memorable occasion.

This was the first great battle in which the Tonkawas participated since their terrible conflict with the allied tribes in Palo Duro canyon.

The scenery on the South Canadian, at the foot of Antelope Hills, was rough and almost unapproachable. This was the home of the fierce Comanches.

When pursued by government troops they invariably retreated to this refuge, where they felt secure from attack, by reason of the natural difficulties presented to an invading force.

It was the spring of 1858, after returning from a very successful raid into the North Texas settlements, that the Comanches rendezvoused in this their favorite retreat.

The Comanches were led by their great chief, Pohebits Quasho, better known as "Iron Jacket," because he wore a coat of mail beneath his hunting shirt, which rendered him safe from the arrows and rifle balls of his foes. Where the old chief procured this coat of mail is still a mystery, although some writers claim that it was an heirloom captured from the Spanish invaders by "Iron Jacket's" father. Be that as it may, no doubt it gave him great power over his tribe, more than had ever been exercised by any other chief who preceded him.

"Iron Jacket" was not only the head chief, but also the great medicine man and prophet of his people, who were ignorant as well as superstitious of the real cause of his immunity from death in battle. He was idolized like some heathen god whose charmed life belonged to the supernatural power of the Great Spirit.

The sub-chief, or second in command of the Comanches, was Peta Nocona, the son of Iron Jacket, and husband of Cynthia Ann Parker, a white girl captured at Parker's Fort in the year 1836. (Quanah Parker, son of Peta and Cynthia Ann, succeeded as chief of the Comanche nation.)

It was during the year of 1858 that the Comanches became so troublesome to the white settlers on the border, especially along the Brazos and its tributaries, that the state government determined to follow them to their stronghold in the Antelope Hills, and if possible drive them out, capture their women and ponies and destroy their tepees.

For this purpose Colonel Ford was directed by the government to make up an expedition, and begin a war of extermination upon the Comanche Indians.

This expedition, made up of soldiers, rangers, settlers and a band of Tonkawa scouts, under Chief Placido, started for Antelope Hills about May 1, Colonel Ford in command.

About a week after the command began the march the Tonkawa scouts discovered the main body of Comanches near the foothills of the mountain range. Contrary to their usual vigilance, the Comanches were caught napping, and did not know of the approach of Ford's command until the day of the battle, notwithstanding they were camped within a few miles of their stronghold the day previous. Consequently the Comanche camp was taken by surprise at daylight, and before sunrise a fierce battle was being fought.

The best account we have of this battle was published in the Victoria Advocate. That paper said the panorama of the surrounding country thus presented to the rangers was so beautiful that their pent-up enthusiasm found vent in a shout of exultation, which was speedily suppressed by Colonel Ford.

Just at this moment a solitary Comanche was descried riding southward, evidently heading for the village that Placido had so recently destroyed. He was wholly unconscious of the presence of the enemy. Instant pursuit was

made. He turned and fled at full speed toward the main camp on the Canadian, closely followed by the Rangers. While dashing across the stream he revealed to his pursuers a safe ford to the miry and almost impassible river. He rushed into the village beyond, sounded the note of alarm, and soon the Comanche warriors presented a bold front of battle between their squaws and papposes and the rangers. After a few minutes forming a line of battle, both sides were arrayed in full force. The friendly Tonkawas were placed on the right, and a little forward. Colonel Ford's object was to deceive the Comanches as to the character of the attacking force and as to the quality of the arms possessed. Pohebits Quasho, arrayed in all of his gaudy trappings, coat of mail, shield, bow and arrow and lance, completed by a headdress with war paint, gayly cantered about on his war horse, midway between the opposing lines, delivering taunts and challenges. As the old chief dashed to and fro a number of rifles were discharged at him at point blank range without any effects whatever, which seeming immunity from death encouraged his warriors greatly and induced some of the best shots among the rangers to inquire within themselves if it were possible that old "Iron Jacket" really bore a charmed life. Followed by a few of his braves, he now bore down upon the rangers, described a circle, gave a few necromantic puffs with his breath and let fly several arrows at Colonel Ford, Chief Placido receiving his fire without harm. But as he approached the line of Tonkawas, a rifle ball directed by the steady aim of Jim Pockmark, a Tonkawa brave, brought the big medicine man to the group. The shot was a mortal one. The fallen chief was instantly surrounded by his braves.

These incidents had occupied but a short time, when the order to charge was given, and then ensued one of the grandest assaults ever made against the Comanches. The enthusiastic shouts of the rangers and the triumphant yells of the Tonkawas greeted the order to charge, which was responded to by the defiant war whoop of the Comanches. The battle was now on.

The shout of enraged combatants, the wail of squaws, the piteous cries of the terrified papposes, the howling of frightened dogs, the rush to and fro of riderless ponies, the deadly reports of rifle and revolver, constituted a discord infernal and indescribable. The conflict was short and sharp. A charge, a momentary exchange of rifle and arrow shots, the heartrending wail of discomfiture and defeat, and the Comanches abandoned their lodge and camp to the victors, falling into a disorderly retreat. But sufficient method was observed to take advantage of each grove of timber, each hill and ravine to make a stand against their pursuers, and thus enable the women and children to make their escape. The tumult of battle now diverged from a common center in every direction and continued for several hours, gradually growing fainter, as the pursued disappeared in the distance.

Another band of Comanche braves, numbering 500, under command of the noted chief, Peta Nocona, distant ten miles from the scene of the first engagement, heard the report of firing and were soon on the way to the relief of their comrades.

About 1 o'clock in the afternoon as the last of the rangers returned from the pursuit of the band of Pohebit Quashos, they found a force under Colonel Ford arrayed in line of battle, and on inquiry as to the cause, Colonel Ford, pointing to the hills, replied:

"Look there and you will see."

A glance in that direction disclosed a force of 500 Comanches, drawn up in battle array. Colonel Ford, with 221 men had fought 400 Comanches, and now he was confronted by a stronger force, fresh from their village higher up the Canadian. They had come to drive the pale-faces and their hated allies, the Tonkawas, from the captured camp, to rescue prisoners, and retake over 400 horses and a large amount of booty. They did not fancy the defiant note of preparation awaiting them in the valley, and were watching to avail themselves of some incautious movement on the part of the rangers. But the ranger

was a soldier of too much sagacity to allow any advantage to a vigilant foe. The two forces remained thus, contemplating each other for over an hour, during which time a series of encounters took place between single combatants, illustrative of the Indian mode of warfare and the marked difference between the wandering, migratory Comanches and the Tonkawas. The Tonkawas took advantage of the ravines, trees and other natural refuge. Their arms were rifles and revolvers. The Comanches came to the attack with shield, bow and lance, mounted on gaily caparisoned, prancing horses, and flaunting feathers, and all the gorgeous decorations incident to savage display and finery. They were probably the most expert equestrians in the world. A mounted Comanche warrior would gaily canter to a point halfway between the opposing lines, yell a defiant war whoop and shake his shield. This was a challenge to single combat. Several of the Tonkawas who accepted such challenges were placed "hors de combat" by their more expert adversaries, and in consequence Colonel Ford ordered them to decline the savage banter, much to the dissatisfaction of Placido, the Tonkawa chief, who had conducted himself throughout the series of engagements with the bearing of a savage hero.

"In the combats," said Colonel Ford, "the mind of the spectator was carried back to the days of chivalry, the jousts and tournaments of knights of old, and to the concomitants of knight errantry. The feats of horsemanship were splendid, the lance and shield were used with great dexterity, and the whole performance was a novel show to civilized man."

Colonel Ford now ordered Placido, with a part of his warriors, to advance in the direction of the enemy, and, if possible, to draw him into the valley, so as to afford the rangers an opportunity to charge. This had the desired effect, and the rangers were ready to make a charge, when it was discovered that the Tonkawa Indians had removed the white bandages from their heads because they served as a target for the Comanches. Consequently, the rangers were unable to distinguish friends from foes. This necessitated the entire withdrawal of the Tonkawas. The Comanches witnessed these preparations, and now commenced to retreat. The rangers advanced at a gallop, and a headlong charge followed. Lieutenant Nelson made a skillful movement and struck the enemy's flank, breaking the Comanche's line. A running fight now ensued for three or four miles. The enemy was driven back wherever he made a stand. The most determined resistance was made in a timbered ravine. Here one of Placido's warriors was killed, and one of the rangers, young George W. Paschal, was wounded. The Comanches left some dead on the field and several wounded. After routing them at this place the rangers continued to pursue them for some distance, intent upon taking the women and children prisoners; but Peta Nocona, by the exercise of those commanding qualities which had often before signalized his generalship on the field, succeeded in covering the retreat and effecting the escape of the women and children.

It was now about 4 p. m., both horses and men were almost exhausted, and Colonel Ford ordered a halt and returned to the village. Brave old Placido and his warriors fought like demons. It was difficult to restrain them, so anxious were they to wreak vengeance upon the Comanches. In all of these engagements seventy-five Comanches were killed. The loss of the rangers was small—two killed and six wounded. The trappings worn by Pohebits Quasho, or "Iron Jacket," the noted Comanche chief who was slain, consisted of lance, bow, shield, headdress, and the celebrated coat of mail, were gathered up on the field and brought to Austin, where they were deposited by Colonel Ford in the old state capitol. Placido, the chief of the Tonkawas, fell a victim of Comanche vengeance on the government reservation at Fort Sill. He had always been the friend of Texans, and rendered invaluable service to the early pioneers, by whom he was implicitly trusted.

Several years passed after the sanguinary battle of Antelope Hills before the Comanches recovered from the effects of their severe punish-

ment at the hands of Colonel Ford's command. In the meantime their brave chief, Peta Nocona, seemed to be thirsting for revenge and lost no opportunity to attack an isolated ranch house or kill a lone traveler. Encouraged by the success of these raids, he grew bolder, until he started out with a picked band of warriors on an extended raid upon the settlements along the Brazos and Red rivers, going as far even as Jacksboro. During this raid the settlers lost large bunches of cattle and horses, besides the willful destruction of their houses and barns.

It was during the closing years of the civil war that Peta Nocona's band became so dangerous it threatened to depopulate the frontier of white settlers. Notwithstanding the scarcity of any kind of troops in Texas, the authorities at Austin saw the necessity of sending an expedition against the Indians. For this purpose a squad of fifty rangers, with the aid of the Tonkawas, and the settlers en route, took the trail of Peta Nocona's band with orders to either destroy or drive them beyond the borders of the state.

At this time Peta Nocona was in the zenith of his power, and was not only the chief of his own tribe, but by reason of his dashing bravery was often chosen to lead the allied forces of the Comanches, Apaches, Kiowas and Kickapoos.

On the occasion of this expedition, that culminated in the battle of Soldier's Hole, on the Peas river, Chief Nocona was leading an unusually large band of warriors on a successful raid, laden with booty. He was also accompanied by his wife and children, Cynthia Ann Parker, two sons, Pohibit and Quannah, and a daughter, Prairie Flower. Quannah, the oldest son, was acting as sub-chief.

The rangers avoided the trail and made a cross-country march ahead of Nocona's band, and lay in ambush near Soldier's Hole.

The unsuspecting Indians, flushed with the spoils of the raid, rode down the peaceful valley to their doom. The rangers and Tonkawas opened fire on them at close range, and, though surprised and thrown into confusion, the Comanches fought desperately, with their gallant chief, Peta Nocona, in the thickest of the fight. But the superior equipment of the rangers and Tonks, armed with Spencer carbines, was too great an advantage to overcome with spears, bows and arrows, and a few old pistols and guns.

At last, when hope had fled, and the warriors began to retreat, Peta Nocona tried to shield the women and children, but was killed while covering the retreat of his own wife and children. Quannah Parker and his brother, Pohibit, mounted on fleet-footed ponies, escaped, but Cynthia Ann Parker and her daughter, Prairie Flower, were captured, notwithstanding Cynthia Ann made a brave resistance, and but for the fact that her blue eyes attracted attention and proclaimed her to be a white woman, she would have been killed by the Tonks. The fight terminated in a rout, and the fleeing Indians and pursuing rangers carried on a running fight for several miles.

On the return of the expedition east, Cynthia Ann and her daughter, Prairie Flower, were sent to relatives in Parker county. And though everything was done to reclaim them, they always longed for the wild life of the Indians. The beautiful Prairie Flower withered and died before she bloomed into womanhood. Cynthia Ann, though never entirely satisfied with her environments, gradually submitted to the influences of civilization.

With the blood of tribal chiefs coursing his veins, the young chief, Quannah Parker, was not content to remain idle, but thirsting for revenge, he determined to organize a band of select warriors and avenge the deaths of his father, Peta Nocona, and grandfather, Pohebits Quasho. Young Quannah became chief by right of succession and acknowledged leader by reason of his skill and bravery.

During the beginning of the systematic killing of buffalo for the hides, several firms in Fort Dodge, Kan., sent out an expedition consisting of a long wagon-train loaded with supplies and with instructions to locate in the center of the range. Arriving on the upper Canadian in a valley merging into the Staked Plains, they found the ruins of an old mission, once occupied by

the Spanish friars, where a trading post and a mission school stood in the days when Texas belonged to Mexico. The walls of three buildings were in excellent preservation and without great expense were made to accommodate the agents of the Kansas firms in which to store their goods and open supply stores. The two large buildings were occupied by James Langton and Fred Leonard, and the smaller one was taken possession of by Jim Hanrahan with a general store. Tom Keefe started a blacksmith shop in the old chapel. Fred Leonard also erected a stockade and conducted a wagon yard and a mess house for the freighters and hunters. This trading post grew into importance soon and became a center for traffic in hides.

Roving bands of Indians became troublesome and began to attack isolated camps, and rumors were afloat that a concentrated attack would be made on "Adobe Walls." The medicine men of the Comanches were conjuring up "good medicine," that would allow the Indians to kill the hunters while they were asleep. Captain Arrington, with a squad of Texas rangers, trailing a band of rustlers, passed by "Adobe Walls" and reported that the Comanches, Cheyennes and Arapahoes were concentrating for some purpose on the Deep creek of the Colorado river.

It was during the moonlight nights in June, 1874, and the hunters were so busy killing and drying buffalo hides that they paid no attention to the rumors of attack. The storekeepers at "Adobe Walls" sometimes discussed the topic, but came to the conclusion that the Indians would confine their raids to outlying camps and not attack so formidable a place as "Adobe Walls."

Consequently they were not prepared when Quanah Parker led 900 painted warriors down the peaceful valley about two hours before daylight and cautiously approached "Adobe Walls"—900 well armed, well mounted red men eager for battle—perhaps the largest body of Indians that ever charged a white settlement in Texas.

With their front rank formed into a phalanx and disguised to resemble a herd of buffalo, by wrapping buffalo robes about their bodies, they had hoped to approach the "Adobe Walls" without being discovered. The plan of attack was to take the walls by assault before the inmates could organize a defense.

But for an accident at Hanrahan's at 3 a. m. the plans of the wily foe would have succeeded. A cottonwood beam used as a ridge pole in the end of Hanrahan's store began to give way with a cracking sound that awakened every one in the room. The danger of the dirt roof falling upon them forced the men to take steps to prop up the beams, and two of them mounted the roof and shoveled off the dirt to lighten the weight. The stir at Hanrahan's aroused Tom Keefe, who raised himself upon his elbow and gazed at

what he supposed to be a buffalo herd about one-fourth of a mile northwest. He watched them intently.

While he was looking, not satisfied in his mind that everything was all right, two men by the name of Watson and Ogg started out to hunt their horses, intending to get an early start for the range. They, too, saw the supposed herd, but on closer observation discovered that it was a band of Indians. They at once gave the alarm, and the Indians, realizing that they could no longer keep up the deception, uttered their blood-curdling war whoop and charged down upon the settlement.

Tom Keefe, who was sleeping outside of his blacksmith shop, ran to Langton's and aroused the inmates, and was admitted as a volley of arrows and bullets struck the wall of the building.

Watson and Ogg turned and ran to Hanrahan's and closed the door in time to escape death or capture.

When the sun rose that morning every house at "Adobe Walls" was in a state of siege, and the occupants fighting for their lives.

Quanah Parker with his warriors made a dash for Leonard's open door to force an entrance. Someone pushed the barrel of a gun in the doorway and fired. A Comanche chief fell off his horse with a bullet hole through his breast, which confused the warriors long enough for the door to be closed.

The roar of the battle became incessant. The Indians had divided into bands, and were using every device known to savage warfare to dislodge the defenders.

There were ten men in Hanrahan's, five men and one woman in Langton's and twelve men in Leonard's. Ike and Shorty Sadler were sleeping in their wagon and were killed and scalped before they could escape.

Again and again, many times during that long, hot day, the Indians tried to force the doors, but could not withstand the destructive fire of the buffalo guns. This was a new high-power rifle built especially for killing buffalo. Fortunately the houses were so situated that the men could keep up a cross-fire and concentrate on any given point. This gave them a decided advantage and proved very disconcerting to the Indians.

When Quanah Parker was wounded and put out of commission, the command devolved upon the sub-chief, Stone Calf's nephew. Becoming exasperated at the many futile attempts to force an entrance, this brave young chief led fifty picked warriors in an attack on Hanrahan's house, and tried to break down the door by whirling and backing the weight of their ponies against it. But the withering fire from the Sharp's rifles killed the chief and many of his braves, and forced the remainder to retreat.

The Indians then withdrew out of range and held a pow-wow. During the last charge a man named Tyler was mortally wounded and died before the sun set.

After the powwow a young Kiowa chief assumed command and led sixty warriors in a fierce charge on Leonard's corral, but was killed when he dismounted to open the gate. Six braves fell near his body during this destructive fire. The Indians then withdrew and kept up the battle from long range. The ground around the adobe buildings was strewn with dead and wounded Indians and ponies. During the remainder of the day the Indians tried to carry off their wounded.

At the base of a low rough hill "Adobe Walls" creek ran through a grove of trees, which proved an excellent concealment for a band of Indian sharpshooters, who peppered away at the windows from which the defenders delivered their deadly fire. The Indians gave up their attempt to capture "Adobe Walls" by direct attack, and resorted to strategy. Under cover of the buffalo grass some of them gained the rear of Leonard's store behind a pile of buffalo hides and prepared to set the building on fire and force the defenders to come out in the open.

The men in the building could hear the Indians behind the hides talking to those concealed in the grass, and believing that some devilry was being hatched, Bill Dixon and Fred Leonard began firing their high-power guns into the hides, the bullets passing through the pile of hides, killing a pony and driving the Indians from concealment.

In the meantime the Indian sharpshooters kept up such a hot fire at the windows and loopholes that the besieged dare not venture within sight of their foe. Under cover of this fire the Indians removed their wounded.

The Indians then formed a distant line of battle and came swooping down, and began circling the building at full speed, shooting from beneath their ponies' necks. During this maneuver the chiefs gathered on a distant mound to view the situation and hold a council of war. This attracted the attention of Billy Dixon and Bat Masterson, who elevated the sights of their buffalo guns and blazed away at the bunch. One chief fell from his horse and the medicine man's horse was killed, which ended the powwow.

When the Indians desisted from their attack the hunters began to sum up casualties. They found Tyler dying from his wounds, and the two Sadler brothers dead and scalped. They were buried in one grave at the close of day.

During the night Hanrahan's was abandoned, and all of the hunters concentrated in Leonard's and Langton's stores, dug wells and barricaded in anticipation of a renewal of the battle.

A man by the name of Reed was sent to Dodge City for assistance. Very little fighting was done

during the second day, the Indians maintaining their distance and keeping up a state of siege.

The third day the battle was carried on at long range, the Indians keeping up a fire from Adobe Walls creek, and the hunters replying from the windows.

William Olds was killed while taking observations from the roof of Leonard's house. He fell through the trap door at the feet of his wife.

During the third night the besieged were reinforced by the arrival of about 100 men from the surrounding country.

After two more days without any open demonstration, the hunters supposed that the Indians had given up the siege, and two by the name of Huffman and Roberts walked out to a small hill to make an observation. Huffman was killed and Roberts escaped to the protection of the defenders at Leonard's.

It was ten days before the Indians, after losing eighty-five braves killed and wounded, raised the siege and withdrew from "Adobe Walls."

Fearing a renewal of hostilities the hunters marched out, and the majority of them went to Fort Dodge and some of them to Fort Griffin, to reorganize their outfits for the winter's hunt.

They met A. C. Myers, Leonard's partner, on the trail with eighty wagons to get the stores, which he hauled back to Fort Dodge.

The commanding officer at Fort Dodge refused to believe Reed's story that twenty-eight white men were fighting 900 Indians, and sent no soldiers to relieve the situation.

Governor Osborn of Kansas was willing to arm the citizens of Dodge City if they would send out a relief party, and he forwarded 1,000 guns with the necessary ammunition, but before any relief could be organized, couriers came in and reported that the hunters had abandoned the Walls.

The Indians returned after the hunters had left, and burned and destroyed the "Adobe Walls" settlement, leaving only the old walls standing like mourners at the graves of the departed.

It was a long time before Quanah Parker was able to head another war party. The alliance of the Indians was broken up, and each tribe went back to its own hunting ground.

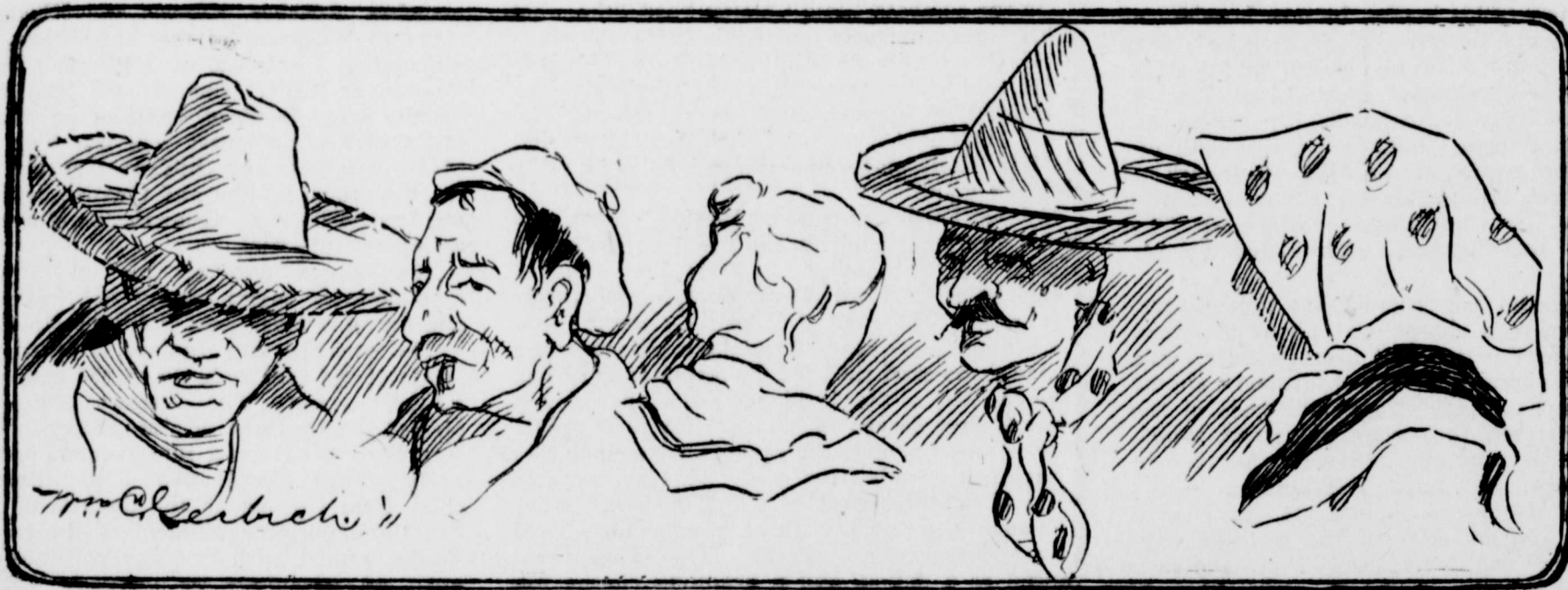
The next season the hunters, with but few exceptions, made Fort Griffin their headquarters, securing their short order supplies from Conrad & Rath's branch store on the Deep creek of the Colorado.

Many of the outlying camps owed their safety to the severe lesson the Indians learned at the siege of Adobe Walls. They were taught to respect the long range guns and superior marksmanship of the white men.

("Indian Raids in Texas" will appear once each month in our magazine section.)

# FACTS ABOUT MEXICO

## Its History and Resources



**A**CCORDING to the census of 1900 the population of Mexico numbered 13,007,250, of which less than one-sixth were classed as whites, 38 per cent as Indians, and 43 per cent as mixed blood. There were 57,507 foreign residents, including a few Chinese and Filipinos. Since then the Japanese have acquired an industrial footing in Mexico. Under the constitution of 1824 all race distinctions are abolished, and these diverse ethnic elements are nominally free and equal. For many years, however, the Indians remained in subjection and took no part in the political activities of their native country. Since about 1866, spurred on by the consciousness that one of their own race, Benito Juarez, had risen to the highest position in the gift of the country, they have taken greater interest in public affairs as indicated by the overthrow of Porfirio Diaz by the Maderistas. In southern Mexico the Zapatecos furnish school masters for the village schools. Peonage, however, is still prevalent in many of the larger estates and serious cruelties are sometimes reported. The old Diaz form of government must be held partly responsible, as for the transportation of the mountain-bred Yaquis to the low tropical plains of Yucatan, but the influence of three and a half centuries of slavery and peonage cannot be shaken off in a generation.

According to Humboldt the census of 1810 gave a total population of 6,122,394, of which the whites had 18 per cent, Mestizos 22 per cent and the Indians 60 per cent. The census of 1895 increased the whites to 22 per cent, which was apparently an error; the mixed bloods to 47 per cent, and reduced the Indians to 31 per cent. It is probable that the returns have never been accurate in regard to the mixed bloods and Indians, but it is the general conclusion that the Indians have been decreasing in number,

while the mixed bloods have been increasing. Neglect of their children, unsanitary habits and surroundings, tribal intermarriage and peonage are the principal causes of the decreasing Indian population. Recent observers, however, deny the assertion that the Indians are now decreasing in number except where local conditions are exceptionally unfavorable. The death rate among their children is estimated at an average of not less than 50 per cent, which in families of five or six children on an average permits only a small natural increase. The larger part of the population is to be found in the southern half of the republic, owing to the arid condition prevailing in the north. The unhealthfulness of the coastal plains prevents their being thickly populated, although Vera Cruz and some other states retain a large population. The most favorable regions are those of the *tierras templadas*, especially on the southern slopes of the great central plateau which were thickly populated in prehistoric time.

The dissimilar races that compose the population of Mexico have not been sufficiently fused to give a representative type, which, it may be assumed, will ultimately be that of the *Mestizos*.

Mexico was conquered by 700 Spanish adventurers, led by Hernando Cortes, who landed at the port of Vera Cruz March 4, 1519. The success of Cortes in capturing and destroying the natives attracted thither a large number of his own people. The discovery of rich deposits of gold and silver together with the coveted commercial products of the country, created an urgent demand for laborers and led to the enslavement of the natives. To protect these adventurers and to secure for itself the largest possible share of these sources of wealth, the Spanish crown forbade the admission of foreigners into these colonies and then harassed them with

commercial and industrial restrictions, burdened them with taxes, strangled them with monopolies and even refused to permit the free immigration thither of Spaniards. Out of such adverse conditions has developed the present population of Mexico. It was not till after the middle of the nineteenth century that a long and desperate resistance to foreign intervention under the leadership of Benito Juarez infused new life into the masses and initiated the creation of a new nationality. Then came the long firm rule of Porfirio Diaz, who first broke up the organization of bandits that infested the country and then sought to raise Mexico from the state of discredit and disorganization into which it had fallen.

The white race is of Spanish descent and has the characteristics common to other Spanish-American creoles. Their political record previous to the presidency of Porfirio Diaz was one of incessant revolutionary strife, in which the idle unsettled half-breeds took no unwilling part. The Indian element in the population is made up of several distinct races—the Aztecs, or Mexican, *Misteca-Zapoteca*, *Mayas* or *Yucateco*, *Otomi* or *Othomi*, and in smaller number the *Totonac*, *Tarasco*, *Apache*, *Mathlanzingo*, *Chantal*, *Mixe*, *Zoque*, *Guaicuro*, *Opata-Pina*, *Tapijulapa*, *Seri* and *Huariz*. As the tendency among separate tribes of the same race is to develop dialects, and as habitat and custom tend still further to differentiate them, it may be that some of the smaller families are branches of the others. In 1864 Don Manuel Orozco y Berra found no fewer than fifty-one distinct languages and sixty-nine dialects among Indian inhabitants of Mexico, to which he added sixty-two extinct idioms—making a total of 182 idioms, each representing a distinct tribe. Thirty-five of these languages, with sixty-nine dialects he succeeded in classifying under eleven linguistic families. A later

investigator, Don Francisco Belmar, has been able to reduce these numerous idioms to a very few groups. None of them were written except through the use of ideographs, in the making of which the Aztecs use colors with much skill, while the Mayas used an abbreviated form or symbol.

Before the present insurrection and exile of Porfirio Diaz, the republic of Mexico was politically divided into twenty-seven states, one federal district and three territories. The states were generally divided into districts and these into municipalities which correspond to the townships of the American system. The federal district consisted of thirteen municipalities. The territory of Lower California is divided into two large districts, northern and southern, and the latter into *partidos* and *municipios*—the larger divisions practically forming two district territories.

The agricultural resources of Mexico are large and unusually varied, as they comprise some of the cereals and other food products of the temperate zone, and most of the leading products of the tropics. Agriculture, however, receives slight attention, owing to the early development of the mining industries. The indirect result of the industrial development of Mexico, which began during the last quarter of the nineteenth century, has been an increased interest in agriculture, and especially in undertakings requiring large investments of capital, such as coffee, sugar and rubber plantations. A large part of the country is too arid for agriculture, and even with irrigation no water supply is sufficient for only a small part of the dry area. This region has, for the most part, a temperate climate, and produces wheat, barley, Indian corn and forage crops. Long droughts often destroy the wheat and Indian corn, and compel their importation in large quantities to supply the people with food. This uncertainty in the wheat crop extends to the southern limits of the higher plateau and is a serious obstacle to the increased production of this cereal. Indian corn, also, is a staple food with the poorer classes. The deficiency is made up through importation. These drawbacks tend to restrict agriculture on the plateau to comparatively limited areas, and the country people are, in general, extremely poor and badly nourished.

Stock-raising dates from the earliest Spanish settlements in Mexico and receives no slight encouragement from the mother country. For this reason much importance has always been attached to the industry and stock-raising of some sort was to be found in every state of the republic, prior to the insurrection and overthrow of the Diaz rule, though not always to a great extent. The Spaniards found no indigenous domestic animals in the country, and introduced their own horses, cattle, sheep and swine. Cortes brought ten cavalry horses with him in his ships, from which the natives fled in terror, having never seen horses before and believed they were



sent down by the heathen gods from heaven to destroy them. From these horses and cattle are descended the herds and flocks of today, with no mixture of new blood until toward the end of the nineteenth century. The horses and cattle are of a degenerate type, small, ungainly and used to neglect and hard usage. The horse is chiefly used for saddle purposes and is not reared in large numbers. The mule and burro, is more generally used in every part of the country, being hardier, more intelligent and better adapted for service as a draft and pack animal. The transport of merchandise and produce was wholly by means of pack animals before the advent of railways, and is still the common means of transport away from the railway lines. For this purpose the sure-footed burro is invaluable. In some districts, however, oxen and ox carts are employed, especially in the southern states, and always in the open, level country. The varying climatic conditions of Mexico have produced breeds of cattle that have not only departed from the original Spanish type, but likewise present strikingly different characteristics among themselves. Those of the northern plateau are small, hardy and long-lived, being bred on extensive ranges in a cooler atmosphere and accustomed to long journeys in search of water and pasture. In the south they are larger and better nourished, owing to the permanent character of the pasturage, but are less vigorous, because of the heat and insect plagues. In Yucatan the open plains, rich pasture and comparative freedom from moist heat, insects and vampire bats, have been particularly favorable to cattle raising, and the animals are generally rated among the best in Mexico. Notwithstanding the frequency of long, destructive drouths, cattle-raising is a preferred industry among the land owners of the northern states and especially near the American frontier. Almost total losses are frequently experienced, but the profits of a favorable season are so great that losses seldom deter ranchers from trying again. In the sierra regions of western Chihuahua and Durango, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, Aguas Calientes, San Luis Potosi and the plateau states farther south the rainfall is more abundant and the conditions are more favorable. The largest herds are to be found in Chihuahua and Durango. Above 1,000 feet the wild pasturage is short, tender and reproduces itself annually. It is exceptionally nutritious but it disappears altogether in the dry season because of its short roots. The lowland pasture, from 2,000 to 5,000 feet, is composed of more vigorous grasses, with an undergrowth of an exceedingly succulent character. The stock raiser on the border pastures his herds on the uplands during the rainy season and on the lower pastures during the remainder of the year.

Next in importance is the breeding of sheep, which is largely confined to the cooler sierra districts. They are commonly of the Spanish Merino breed and suffer in many localities on account of insufficient pasturage.

Some attention is given to the breeding of goats because of the local demand for their milk, meat and skins, but the industry is apparently stationary. The raising of swine, however, is increasing. In the last decade of the nineteenth century the capital invested in these livestock industries was estimated by Bancroft to exceed \$700,000,000, but an official return of June 30, 1902, gave an aggregate valuation of only \$120,423,158 (Mexican). According to this report, which is not strictly trustworthy, there were in the republic 5,142,457 cattle, 859,217 horses, 334,435 mules, 287,991 asses, 3,424,430 sheep, 4,206,011 goats and 619,139 swine. The greater part is consumed in the country but there is a considerable export of cattle to the United States, Cuba and Central America, and of hides and skins to the United States and Europe. A few mules are sent to Central America, but the home demand usually exceeds the supply.

There are no fisheries of importance except the pearl fisheries on the eastern coast of Lower California, and the tortoise fisheries on the coasts of Campeche, Yucatan and some of the states facing the Pacific. The pearl fisheries have been worked since the arrival of the Spaniards, and were once very productive, notwithstanding the primitive methods employed.

The best known and most productive of the industries of Mexico is that of mining. It was the chief object of Spanish exploitation and was the principal occupation of European residents and capitalists during three centuries of Spanish rule. Agriculture and pastoral industries gradually gained footholds here and there, and in time became important, but mining continued far in advance until near the end of the nineteenth century. Mines of some description are to be found in twenty-six of the thirty-one states and territories, and of these the greatest majority yield silver. The most celebrated iron deposit is that of the Cerro del Mercado, in the outskirts of the city of Durango—a mountain 640 feet in height, 1,100 feet in breadth and 4,800 feet in length, reputed to be almost a solid mass of iron. Large masses of the metal are also said to exist in the sierras of Lower California. The principal coal fields that have been developed are in the vicinity of Sabinas, Coahuila. They have been opened up by American capitalists and the coal is used on the railways passing through that region. Mexican coal is of a low grade, but as an official geological report of 1908 estimates the supply in sight at 300,000,000 tons, its industrial value to the country cannot be considered inferior to that of the precious metals. The same is true of the petroleum deposits of Tamaulapas, near Tampico, and in southern Vera Cruz. An investigation by the United States Geological survey in 1900 finds that the crude Mexican oils are of low grade, but that while not equal to those found in the upper Mississippi basin for refining purposes, they furnish an excellent fuel for railway engines and other industrial purposes. Many of the Mexican railways are using these fuel oils, which are superceding imported coal. In 1909 a well was opened in the southern oil fields whose yield was equal to the best American product.

Few countries, if any, can present a greater

diversity in plant life as Mexico. This is due not only to the geographical position and its vertical climatic zones which give it a range from tropical to arctic types, but also to its peculiar combination of humid and arid conditions in which we find extensive barren table land interspersed between two tropical forested coastal zones. These widely divergent conditions give to Mexico a flora that includes the general and special characteristic of nearly all the zones of plant life on the western continent—the tropical jungle of the humid coastal plains with its rare cabinet woods, dogwoods, limas and palms; the semi-tropical and temperate mountain slopes, where oak forests are to be found and wheat supplants cotton and sugar cane, and above these the region of fine forests and pasture lands. Then there are the mangrove-fringed coasts and the dripping wooded slopes where rare orchids thrive and above these on the inland side of the sierra a treeless, sun-scorched tableland where only the cactus, yucca and other coarse vegetation of the desert can thrive without irrigation.

To a large extent the climate of Mexico is determined by vertical zones. According to H. H. Bancroft (Resources of Mexico, pp. 3-4), the tierras calientes, which include a coastal zone thirty to forty miles wide and the low-lying states

rise from sea level to an elevation of 3,280 feet. The tierra templada, or sub-tropical zone rise to an elevation of 5,577 feet and comprises the greater portions of Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, San Luis Potosi, nearly half of Tamaulapas, a small part of Vera Cruz, nearly the whole of Chiapas, nearly all of Oaxaca, a large portion of Guerrero, Jalisco, Sinaloa and Sonora, together with small parts of the inland states of Puebla Mexico, Morelos and Michoa. The mean annual temperature is about 75 degrees. Above this is the tierra fria, which ranges from 5,577 to 8,200 feet and includes all the higher portions of the Mexican plateau and which corresponds to the temperate regions of Central United States where frosts are very rarely experienced. Even here the high sun temperatures give a sub-tropical character to the country. In the sierras, above the tierras frias, which are not "cold lands" at all, are the colder climates of the temperate zone, suitable for cereals, grazing and forest industries, and farther up the isolated peaks which rise into the regions of snow and ice.

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## THE REAL WOODROW WILSON A Character Study

"IT GRIEVES ME," said President Wilson to one of his traveling companions during the campaign, "to realize that there are a lot of people who think that because I've been a college professor I'm a stiff old ass who doesn't know anything."

Those who come to know him during the next four years will realize how little any such description applies to him. The men who have been his constant associates since he was nominated at Baltimore have found him a delightful companion and their most disagreeable experience has been in meeting persons who ask if Mr. Wilson is a regular human being. One of the reasons why the personality of the new President is so little known is that he is not inclined to display and when he does something spectacular the chances are ten to one that he doesn't know it until he reads the newspapers the next day.

His love of plain fun and good stories is in itself a refutation of the idea that he is a reserved, austere scholar with aristocratic leanings. Whether it was aboard a train, in the smoking room of the steamer bound for Bermuda or in the quiet of his study at Princeton, Mr. Wilson has revealed himself as a very approachable individual, one whose dignity is not of the kind that hurts and yet one whose jocoseness never causes him to forget his manners. The Scotch and Irish in him are well mingled and a love of laughter offsets constantly upon a tendency to sombreness.

Mr. Wilson was 56 years old on Dec. 28 last. He stands 5 feet 10 inches in his socks and his weight of 177 pounds is well placed. He can run half a mile at a good clip without losing his wind. Golf and walking are his favorite exercises and while he enjoys motoring he frequently goes to sleep in the car. His fondness for sleep is marked. It has been remarked that he fondles the idea of going to bed. He takes nine hours sleep when he can get it and doesn't object to adding a few more when business is not pressing. He can sleep anywhere and often in railroad trains when he has appeared to be deep in thought closer inspection has shown him to be dozing peacefully.

While exemplary in his habits Mr. Wilson

would hardly be called an ascetic. He never drinks ice water. He does not use tobacco. Once in a while he takes a little wine or a Scotch highball when he is very tired. Buttermilk is his favorite beverage. One night he was sitting with the newspaper men swapping stories. From time to time they offered him lemonade, a glass of plain soda or something equally innocuous. Finally he looked around with a gleam in his eye and said:

"Gentlemen, there are but two great beverages in the world; the first is water, the second buttermilk. Make mine a glass of cold buttermilk."

He got it.

Ordinarily Mr. Wilson is careful of his speech. He generally has himself under excellent control. But Scotch temper will out, and on those occasions there is a punch in everything he says. For good measure he throws in now and then a wholesome great big D, like the Captain in "Pinafore." He has three stock phrases: "That's exceedingly interesting," "I am very much gratified," "I am deeply grieved." Every interviewer has bumped up against them. He can listen so hard that the silence is deafening. When he does speak he uses words with such discrimination that the interviewer needs a book of synonyms in order to be sure he has caught his meaning.

The favorite author of the President is Shakespeare, and he likes "Henry V." best. He says the spirit of that drama appeals to him. But his reading has been in many fields and his knowledge of the best English poetry is surprising in one whose particular work has not been literary. He is fond of the theater, but prefers comedy or light opera to the heavy plays.

In his lifetime Mr. Wilson has collected some curios. One acquisition is the alleged first suit case ever invented. He insisted on taking it with him during the early stages of the campaign. Various schemes were devised by the newspaper men to get rid of it, but his watchful eye was upon it almost constantly. He would never let anyone carry it for him. One night in Chicago he lost it and had to borrow a dress suit to go to a reception, but it came back and is still preserved in the family.

Another peculiarity of the President is a fondness for soft brown hats. The campaign and

Bermuda made inroads upon the one which he had been wearing for many months and when he arrived in New York on Dec. 16 and declared he must have another hat his friends had hopes. He left the Waldorf, went up Fifth avenue and returned with another brown one.

President Wilson is a shorthand and type-writing expert. His prepared speeches, very few in number, have been written first in shorthand. The typewriter he uses is no longer described in newspaper advertisements as the best typewriter made. It is the machine upon which he has done most of his writing, however, and he declines to part with such a tried friend.

The number thirteen has no terrors for the President. There are thirteen letters in his name and in his thirteenth year at Princeton he was elected as the university's thirteenth president. Time and again it has happened that his chair on a train has been number thirteen. He carries a horse chestnut in his pocket always. It is his talisman of good fortune, not a symbol of his stories. However, he might look hard if one referred to it after hearing one of his limericks.

He is impatient of military display and pomp of any kind. The secret service men have a hard time getting him to take all the precautions against possible attack which they believe advisable. He objects strenuously to being taken through private thoroughfares and into elevators in such places as big railroad stations. He likes to be one of the crowd and frequently persons coming to meet him at a railroad station have found him on a stool in the quick lunch place oblivious to everything except the plate of beans before him.

Mr. Wilson shaves himself. When at home he uses the ordinary kind of razor, but employs a safety when traveling. His razor strop is his barometer. According as it is hard or soft does he know whether the day is to be fair or rainy. He never wears a raincoat, but will carry an umbrella if he has to. Shortly after election he bought one in Princeton and was quite proud of it. He paid \$3 for it. He admired the intricacy of it. There was a lot to it. But as an umbrella it wasn't much. The first time he opened it the handle came off and the second time he opened it he couldn't get it closed again.

The President has no illusions about his face. He has referred to "the visage that won't mind marring." He has enormous ears and a large mouth. His teeth are large, irregular and somewhat discolored. His chin is protruding and the muscles at the point of his jaw are knotted. His head is massive and covered with iron gray hair, except on the top, where baldness has begun to appear. His lips are full. He wears glasses all the time and when reading uses a monocle for his right eye, which is almost blind as the result of an accident in his youth.

His smile is fetching. It was remarked upon frequently by campaign crowds, and his general aspect when he is speaking is pleasant. His voice is deep and sonorous. In the largest meeting places he speaks apparently without effort, but is heard to best effect in the auditorium of a theater or a small banquet hall.

One of his delightful characteristics is his outlook upon life. There could be no pleasanter experience than a walk with him through places affording him an opportunity to point out interesting things. His observations are always refreshing. There is nothing bromidic about him. He is eager for enjoyment and will dwell rather on the good points of a play or a game than upon other features.

He is quick to meet cynical remarks and to attack the point of view of the scoffer. Bitter experiences in politics and in his scholastic life have not soured him. If he has a difference with a man he will sit down and talk the thing over. If he thinks he is right he sticks. If the other fellow misrepresents him he remains silent or adopts some positive action as the best means of showing where he stands. He is not given to noisy denial, nor does he call other men names.

Of the solemnity of the task to which he has now set his hand he is fully aware. The spirit in which he contemplates his responsibility has manifested itself on many occasions. He hopes for reform in many things, but he scouts the idea of revolution. How he feels may be illustrated by what he said one night at Seagirt when he was at dinner with the newspaper men and the task before the next President was being discussed.

He said that a poor woman who was being aided by his daughter Jessie in one of the social settlement houses in Philadelphia had often expressed the wish that Mr. Wilson might be elected. When she was asked why, she said:

"Because bread is going to be cheaper then." "Think of what is in that woman's mind, gentlemen," he said. "I have no doubt many think the same. To make bread cheaper! My God, I can't do that, but I must face the hopes that give such ideas birth."

### HEAVY WOOL PRODUCTION.

A special from San Angelo says stockmen in that vicinity expect one of the heaviest lamb crops in the history of the industry, during the next three months. The lambing season begins the middle of March and continues steadily until the latter part of June, although the birth rate becomes greater about the latter part of April and the first of May. In the territory adjacent to San Angelo it is estimated that over 150 miles of wolf-proof fences have been constructed this season and stockmen in all parts of the Concho country are restocking their ranges with sheep and goats. This industry is fast gaining in favor with the cattlemen in the surrounding territory. One of the heaviest spring wool clips in years is predicted this season and local hardware men report numerous sales of modern clipping machines which are supplanting the old-fashioned hand shears. The local warehouses are undergoing repairs incident to the handling of next season's clip and both producers and dealers are optimistic over the prospects.

Over 850 children are crowded out of Cleveland public schools.



# The Fine Arts

## CHICAGO-PHILADELPHIA GRAND OPERA COMPANY.

Never has Dallas enjoyed so great a musical treat as that given by the Chicago-Philadelphia Grand Opera Company. Music lovers crowded the Coliseum during the four operas to hear the different artists. Many people were unable to secure tickets for Saturday night, when the great coloratura soprano Tetrazzini appeared in Donizetti's Lucia de Lammermoor. Tetrazzini at once recognized that she was singing before a Texas audience, and her glorious tones which have captivated the hearers of the musical world were given with all the freshness and freedom of the laugh of a child. Such waves of tonal beauty were never heard before. They warmed the hearts of her hearers, and they gave to her the greatest ovation ever tendered anyone. Her graciousness and thorough love for her audience caused her to cast aside all formality and custom and readily respond with three encores, a special privilege long denied the vast audiences that crowd the great opera houses of the world where Tetrazzini appears.

Mary Garden endeared herself to her hearers in Massenet's Griska. Mrs. Alda was heard in song recital in the Palm room of the Adolphus March 14, this being the fifth of the series of recitals offered by Mrs. Jules D. Roberts.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, AT 7:45 P. M.** in the choir of the Central Presbyterian church of Dallas rendered the sacred oratorio, "Olivet to Calvary," written by Maunder, assisted by an orchestra, soprano soloist, Miss Alice Bullock, and Miss Eileen Newton; tenor, David L. Ormesher; baritone, R. J. Bradford; organist, Miss Kate Hammond, tenor and director, David Ormesher.

David L. Ormesher sang the tenor role in the "Crucifixion," which was given by the choir of the Episcopal church of Paris, Texas.

## BRILLIANT ARTISTIC SUCCESS.

Robert N. Watkins, secretary Dallas Grand opera committee, said: "The season of grand opera, the first in Texas, which has just closed, was a brilliant artistic success. The grand opera company gave the most perfect performance and the audiences were one of the most representative and fashionable which have graced any function in the city of Dallas. The music lovers being well represented, and Dallas society was there in its most dazzling display. We feel sure that the public appreciated the opera season, which was made possible through the enterprise of the Dallas Grand Opera committee, composed as it was, of Dallas's most prominent business men. To those who have made opera possible music-lovers must surely be grateful and look with pleasant anticipation next year. The thanks of the committee are certainly due to the citizens of Dallas and of Texas, who co-operated to the best of their ability to the success of the opera season. Especial thanks are due to the railroads, Interurbans, newspapers, business houses, banks, etc., who have been liberal in their co-operation."

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man heart. One night—it was dreary and misty—we happened in on two friends who were playing piano and violin selections from old Scottish airs. We suggested that our baritone friend sing "The Last Rose of Summer." He sang this and many other old songs so well that we asked why these old songs were not included in his repertoire. He replied he sang them sometimes, but that they were more suited for parlor than public rendition.

This baritone friend is strong in the classics of music and has a fine voice. Some seem to think a public audience does not want to hear him sing the old-fashioned songs. Following close upon the grand opera in Dallas were a number of recitals, and one of these some one's grand voice would break away from the French, the Italian and the German and sing an old song in English.

## LATE POPULAR SONGS.

Following are the latest popular songs in sheet music: "All Night Long," "That's How I Need You," "On the Mississippi," "Waiting for the Robert E. Lee," "Be My Little Baby Bumble Bee," "Flooding Down the River."

## MENDELSSOHN MALE QUARTETTE.

The Mendelssohn male quartette composed of R. W. Fender, W. A. Jones, S. S. Losh and H. Hubbard appeared in their second recital at Mulkey Memorial church Tuesday night, March 4. The recital was given under the auspices of the Mulkey Memorial Woman's Missionary society. It is hardly an exaggeration to proclaim this the best male quartette in the state. Messrs. Jones, in tenor; Losh in baritone, and Hubbard in base have magnificent voices, with a wide compass and under perfect control at all times.

## WALL PAPER FASHIONS.

Fashions in wall paper are largely the outcome of common sense and the multiplied expression of experience of the decorators and the home owners. For this reason red has dropped out of use, because it has been found impractical, light destroying and tiring, instead of bright and restful. Everything in the newest papers runs to soft tints and soft tones. Lavender is coming up again as a tone for bedrooms and drawing rooms, for the former the light and for the latter the dark. But no purple is used. It must be lavender. Also grays are in favor, and particularly are they chosen for halls in country houses. The popular designs for the hall is the foliage or tree pattern, but the leaf design in foliage papers is no longer used.

## BAND INSTRUMENTS.

Marsh & Needles band house of Dallas reports the sale of imported band instruments as somewhat diminishing. Holton instruments, manufactured in Chicago outselling the imported kind. The bands over Texas are demanding the best and have outgrown cheap imports. The Ludwig drum is also becoming popular.

## PIANO SOLOS.

Miss Augusta Bates played two solo numbers for the Euterpean club at the Majestic theater Feb. 4.

## CANTATA.

The Weatherford Choral society gave a cantata March 20 from "Midsummer

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Night's Dream," by Paul Bliss, which was a pronounced success. Mr. George Walter Weiler of Fort Worth conducted the cantata. E. Clyde Whitlock of Fort Worth gave selections from the violin.

## PICTURES.

Pictures are no longer considered a luxury. They are as much a necessity in the modern American home as any other article. Pictures combine in its most entertaining form art and an educational influence. They are even more effective than books, from the fact that the story in a picture is open to the eye. It is looked at daily. The story of a book, once read, lies between covers that must be opened. Good reproductions of some of the best pictures should grace the walls of every home. Pictures that bear on the nation's history do much to stimulate a love for country. One of the best in this line is "The Declaration of Independence," painted by one of America's foremost painters, Joe Trimble. This is one of four historical pictures he was commissioned to paint for the capitol at Washington. He died in New York in 1843.

Most everyone owns a reproduction of Raphael's "Sistine Madonna." It is probably the best known picture in America. Raphael painted it in 1511 for the Benedictine monastery of San Sisto at Piacenza. It was bought in 1754 by Augustus III, elector of Saxony and taken to Dresden. It is the most loved of all the Madonnas, and hangs in hundreds of school rooms all over the country. It is a daily inspiration to the pupils, exerting a silent unconscious influence to higher ideals of life. Good pictures are within the reach of all these days. Let us be satisfied with nothing less than the best.

While the Houston Art League has done much for the promotion of art about a larger appreciation for the things which possess no standard save the standard of beauty. It has never done more to satisfy the artist's need than when it announced the presentation of Eugene Ysaeye at the Prince Hotel on the evening of April 22.

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# Automobile Hints

**AN INTERESTING STORY.**  
There is in the New York office of the Ajax-Grieb Rubber Company, a casing that recently was taken from the rear wheel of a car owned by Horace de Lissar, which tells an interesting story. The tire ran 6,000 miles before it blew out and even then, save for the whole in the tread, it was as clean and fresh looking as if it had only gone a 1,000 miles or so, yet that tire never was off the rim until it blew out. Mr. de Lissar says the tire's fine appearance, aside from naturally good tire building, is due to care in inflation, caution in avoiding inflation on the roads and considerable driving over the worst stretches. The other three tires on the car have done 7,000 miles and are still going. "The same precautions I have taken to make these tires of mine stand up," says Mr. de Lissar "will produce like service for any other consumer if he drives carefully and keeps the tires properly inflated, then the casings will last."

**TREATING AN OIL LAMP PROPERLY.**  
Generally a man when extinguishing the oil lamp on his car turns down the wick to keep the light in and tear on the door hinges which frequent usage occasions. Instead of turning the wick up again, when the flame has gone out, he usually puts down the wick until the lamp is again required, by which time he has forgotten which way to turn the thumb wheel to bring the wick up. In many cases this results in the wheel being turned the wrong way, and the wick dropping down into the oil reservoir, from where it has to be fished out, a proceeding which is not likely to add to the fisher's out's amiability. While the best way to extinguish the light is to open the door of the lamp and blow the flame out, thereby leaving the wick in a proper position for relighting, those who insist on adhering to the practice of turning down the wick to extinguish the lamps should, at least turn the wick up again before leaving, so that it will be ready for use.

**ONE CAUSE OF GEAR DESTRUCTION.**  
Many a gear box has been ruined by using unsuitable lubricants, and many an owner has viewed with dismay the condition of his gears, although he has superficially taken all precautions, keeping the gear box well supplied with grease. I believe it is not generally known that if a suitable lubricant is not used the gears will "frack," or, in other words, will displace the grease, and leave a clear channel for them to revolve dry, with disastrous results. To obviate this a thick, tar-thin oil lubricant must be used and doing so considerably quietens the running.

**KEEP THEM OUT OF CYLINDER.**  
Should a valve or the porcelain in a spark plug break be certain that none of the pieces get into the cylinder. If any have done so they should be removed before attempting to run the motor, as it does not take a piece of steel or a few chips of hard porcelain very much time to cut a cylinder, and that it must be renewed. As a rule cylinder walls are not of sufficient thickness to permit reboring when it is necessary to take off more than the merest suspicion of a cut, while a few chips caught by the piston can make fairly deep grooves the entire length of the stroke.

**WARE THE WRENCH!**  
Though a monkey wrench is a most serviceable article in itself, nevertheless it is an instrument of destruction in the hands of a novice. A wrench should be used to occasionally go over the various nuts to see if all are tight and trim, but to be over-enthusiastic linking with a vehicle or its motor, as some seem unable to refrain from doing is ruination to the nuts, threads and joints. It means that when it is absolutely necessary to shift a screw the wear on the sides of the nut makes doing so quite impossible. Use a screw driver, ratchet and carefully, or else don't have one at all.

**FAIR SLIPPING CLUTCHES.**  
In the case of a slipping leather cone clutch a little fuller's earth will prevent the trouble for the time being when the car reaches home a good dose of castor oil should be well rubbed to make it right. If no fuller's earth can be procured a little dust of very fine sand will do, but care should be taken to clear away all traces of this on arriving home.

**APPEALS TO THE BUYER.**  
Other things being equal, the car which makes the least noise in action is apt to be the most attractive to the purchaser. Therefore silent running should be a quality sought most carefully by the designer and fostered by the dealer making his adjustments. The matter resolves itself usually into a reduction of lost motion and of providing sound deadening mediums wherever possible.

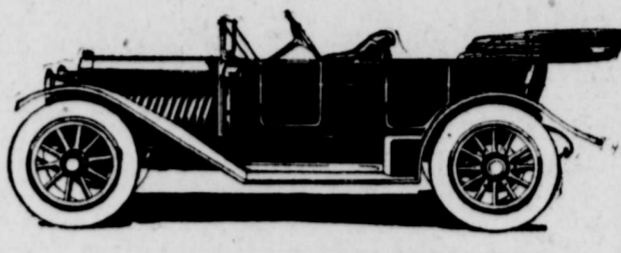
**HINTS ON THE REPAIRING.**  
The greatest faults with most vehicles are permit reboring when on the pairing of old, worthless tires. You have often heard the remark: "Never have a tire retreaded, as it doesn't pay, and a number of times it doesn't."

As stated before, some repair men are so anxious for the job that they overlook the condition of the tire, and the result is another retread gone to the bad. I don't mean to say that all retreading is a failure; it is not; but before having a tire retreaded, look it over and use your own judgment. The first thing to consider is age and mileage. The tire has been covered. Also the casing when the tire is stiff with age and the beads crack and break on bending, the tire may as well be junked as worthless, always being the casing inward, pushing in on the tread with thumbs, and you will notice the different defects, such as separated fabric and stiffness of tire, if the plys of fabric are badly separated



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When having a tire retreaded ask for a guarantee as to mileage, which is as a rule, from 2,000 to 3,000 miles. If the firm is reliable it is not necessary to have a written guarantee; don't let them charge you extra for blowouts when retreading your tire, unless they are extensive and it is always a good idea to have the tire retinned at the same time; always call for a two-ply lining. There are a number of firms that will give you the two-ply at the same price as the single ply lining, and they are just twice as strong; this will give the casing its original strength, and assure you against blowouts.

In retreading call for a good heavy retread; some firms are putting out what they call an extra heavy retread; that is, heavy in the center where the wear comes, called the camel back tread; this is the most desirable form of retreading and should be used for 3,000 miles wear, when a two-ply lining is included with retread.

If a repair man tells you that your tire is not worth repairing, disregard it; find out the reason first, so as to be able to be your own judge later. I have come in contact with practical motorists who are as able to judge their tires as some repair men, therefore, give the little things attention and you will be well paid for your trouble in the long run. C. D. H.

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A 245-mile endurance run was held by the San Jose, Cal., Motorcycle club March 2.  
A motorcycle club of twenty-two members has been formed at Lindsay, Cal.  
An Indianapolis, Ind., confectionery store delivered valentine packages by special motorcycle messengers.  
The Salt Lake Motorcycle club is the worst foe of the reckless rider, and a member of the club who is caught speeding is summarily dealt with.  
A minister of Welcome, Minn., who has charge of several country churches, uses a motorcycle in going from one charge to another.  
California motorcyclists are already working to secure the 1915 F. A. M. convention for San Francisco.  
Aurora, Ill., boasts of having the greatest number of motorcycles of any city its size in the country.  
Alabama and Portland have been added to the list of states having State Federations of American Motorcyclists.  
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Duke's brigade was immediately gotten under arms in expectation of an advance but the enemy moved down the road toward Glade Springs and by the main road in the same direction.

Duke moved his brigade rapidly to Saltville, reaching that place before noon.

General Breckenridge had already concentrated there all of the reserves that could be collected, and which had just returned from the valley.

Vaughan had retreated, when he found himself cut off, toward the North Carolina line, and was virtually out of the fight from that time. Our force for the defense of Saltville was not more than 1,500 men; for offensive operations, not 800.

On that day the enemy made no demonstration against Saltville, and at nightfall General Breckenridge ordered Duke to move with 150 men of his brigade through McCall's Gap, and passing to the right of Glade's Springs, where the enemy was supposed to be, enter the stage road and move toward Wytheville. He had received information that 300 or 400 of the enemy had gone in that direction and he wished Duke to follow and attack.

Duke moved as directed. He found the enemy, not at Glade Springs, but at the point at which he wished to enter the main road. Driving in the pickets, he advanced his whole force to within a short distance of the road, and discovered convincing proof that the entire federal force was there. He did not attack, but withdrew to a point about a mile distant, and permitting the men to build fires, and posting pickets to watch the enemy at the crossroads, awaited daylight. His guide had fled away when the pickets fired on Duke's men, and he could only watch the movements of the enemy and be governed as dictated by circumstances.

Just at daylight a force of Yankees, about 1,200 strong, appeared in Duke's rear and between him and Saltville. The force had passed through Glade Springs and far around to the rear. Fortunately, his men were lying down in line and by their horses, which had not been unsaddled. They were at once formed, the pickets called in and the line moved slowly toward the enemy, who had halted.

The noise of the pickets galloping up the road made the enemy think that reinforcements were arriving. Not caring to fight when directly between two superior bodies of Yankees, and but a short distance from either, Duke wheeled into column, and soon as the pickets detailed arrived, moved toward a wood on his right. The enemy did not pursue vigorously, and soon halted. Only one shot was fired and that by one of our pickets, who killed his man. No one of Duke's detachment knew the country, but a citizen guided him over an almost impracticable route to the road which enters Saltville at Lyon Gap.

The enemy crossed at Seven-Mile ford and went toward Wytheville. Breckenridge determined to follow, harass him and prevent the waste which was the object of the raid. He marched out from Saltville on the night of the 16th with 800 men, leaving the reserves and the men belonging to the cavalry without firing a shot, as there was no one there to fire at but defeated a detachment of Vaughan's command, not far from town, taking and destroying the artillery which was attached to this brigade. The Yankees also captured and seriously damaged the lead mines.

On the 17th Colonel Wycher, who had been sent in advance of the column commanded by General Breckenridge, attacked a body of Yankees near Marion, and drove it to Mount Airy, eight miles from Wytheville. General Breckenridge pressed on to support him, and when our men reached Marion they found Wycher coming back, closely pursued by a much larger force of Yankees. Cosby's brigade, which was in front of our column, at once attacked and the whole command, having deployed and moved up, the enemy was easily driven back across the creek. Duke's brigade crossed and pressed the federals back some distance further on the right of our line of advance. Night coming on, Duke took a position on a commanding ridge which stretches from the creek in a southeasterly direction. Duke's left flank rested near the ford at which he had crossed, and his line was an obtuse angle with that of the other brigade, which had not crossed, and inclining toward the position of the enemy. During the night Duke kept his men in line of battle. On the next morning it became known that Stoneman's entire force had arrived during the night and was confronting the Confederates. After feeling the line, commencing on the left, the enemy apparently became impressed with the belief that the proper point to attack was on the right, and he made heavy pushes in rapid succession upon Duke's position. Duke had about 220 men, and was reinforced at midday by Colonel Wycher with fifty of his battalion. The line Duke was required to hold was at least half a mile long, and the troops fought resolutely. The men were formed in a single thin skirmish line with intervals of five or six feet between the files and yet the Yankees could not break the line or force them away. Our men were forced to receive attack where the enemy chose to make it,

not daring, with our limited number and the important responsibility of holding our position, to attack in turn. Many Yankees were killed and wounded here, while not one of our men received a scratch up to this time. Had the position been taken the ford would have fallen into the possession of the enemy, and they would have been master of the entire field. The fire, which met the advancing federals at every effort was the most deadly ever witnessed by the writer. Our ammunition gave out three times, but fortunately our men were enabled to replenish it during the lulls in the fighting. The sharpshooting on both sides, in the intervals of attack, was splendid. Men were killed at almost every shot by the sharpshooters. Charles Taylor, one of the best shots in Duke's brigade, and one of the bravest soldiers, killed a Yankee at every shot on the line of the sharpshooters. As his rifle cracked, the dust on the breast of the Yankee would fly and he could be seen to fall. Sometimes he would shoot them through the head and they would fall as dead as if their heads were chopped off. He would always aim for the head when distance was not too great. On one occasion he shot a Yankee just above the right eye and the ball passed around to just above the left eye. The Yankee fell and floundered like a dying chicken. There were other sharpshooters almost as fine as Taylor, but none superior.

Every officer and private in Duke's brigade, on this occasion, claimed the distinction of having killed at least one Yankee. They must have done so, for there were more dead and wounded federals buried here than there were men in Duke's brigade.

About 3 o'clock Colonel Napier, who was commanding the extreme left, advancing, and sweeping down the line, drove back a body of Yankees immediately confronting his own little battalion, and struck the flank of another moving to attack the right of the position. But coming suddenly upon a line of white and negro troops, which rose suddenly from ambush and fired on his men, the line halted. The combatants fought here for a while, with clubbed guns, and the negroes, ferociously used their guns as they would mauls. Several of our men were knocked heels over head by buck negroes, whose eyes were as big as saucers, so to speak, and whose strength came upon them in proportion. One very large negro, dressed from head to foot in blue and brass buttons, seemed to be surprised when first stumbled upon, and exclaimed "Dar dey is!" His eyes almost popped from their sockets. He cocked his gun as he ran backward, but was killed with a pistol by an officer before he could fire. Soon after this the most serious charge of the day was made upon our right and center. The enemy came in two lines, each 1,200 or 1,500 strong. The front line swung first one end foremost, then the other, as it came on at the double quick, and Duke's line facing to the right and left, massed alternately at the threatened point. This time the federals came up so close to our men that they could see their eyes. Their repulse was chiefly due to the exertion of the men of Captain Lea and Colonel Wycher. They had approached so closely that 200 of them were shot down in their tracks immediately in front of our lines, and when they fled they continued in range so long that our men were enabled to fire at their backs three times before they could reach shelter. Thus they lost heavily and fled from the field in disorder.

The enemy fired too high, and our loss was surprisingly small. Receiving a reinforcement of sixty men, just before sundown, Duke sent it to get in the enemy's rear and attack, but nothing was done on account of the timidity of the officer in command.

The enemy having disappeared our men marched back to Marion. Marching then southward through the gorges of the mountain, Duke reached Rye Valley, fifteen miles distant, by morning. From Rye Valley Duke moved to the main road again, striking it at Mount Airy thirteen miles from Marion. Here General Breckenridge learned that the enemy had marched directly by to Saltville. General Breckenridge ordered Duke to collect details, from all the brigades, of men who were least exhausted, and the most serviceable horses, and follow the enemy as closely as he could, relieving the small detachment at Saltville, if the garrison held out until he arrived. He accordingly marched with 300 men, arriving at Seven-Mile ford at nightfall on the 10th. He halted until 1 o'clock at night, and then pressed over terrible roads and reached the vicinity of Saltville at daylight. The night was bitterly cold, and the men were so chilled that they were scarcely able to sit on their horses. Passing through Lyon's Gap indications were that Saltville had indeed fallen. Still it was necessary to make sure, and Duke moved in the direction of the southern defenses. Shortly afterward the enemy was sighted. A sharp skirmish ensued in which four Yankees were killed and we lost one man. The Yankees sprang to arms when they heard the firing, and we saw that the force was too strong to attack successfully by a charge. Scouts were then sent all around the enemy and reported that they held all entrances.

The Confederates then went into camp to await an attack from the superior force, but on the 22nd he retreated and marched toward Kentucky. We followed. At Hyter's Gap the forces of the enemy divided. Those under Gilem (who had gotten together another brigade after his former one had been destroyed) moving in the direction of Tennessee and those under Burbridge going straight toward Kentucky. We continued our pursuit of Burbridge. The

weather was the coldest of the year. The horses of Duke's men, already tired and half starved, could scarcely walk. Those of the enemy were in about the same condition, as the roads he traveled were strewn with dead horses. They lay dead and frozen in every conceivable attitude, as death overtook them in their agony.

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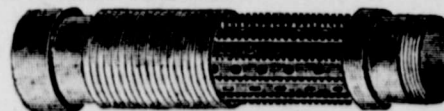
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# Texas Farm News

## WEATHERFORD CREAMERY FLOURISHES.

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"The Peerless creamery, which was established here last October, beginning the first week with only seventeen customers, now has 197 patrons, and in the month of February shipped out nearly 7,000 pounds of butter, with only twenty-eight days. Manager Evans says the creamery this month will churn more than 8,000 pounds of butter.

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## TOO MANY BIG FARMS IN TEXAS.

"There are too many large farms in Texas and the average Texas farmer is trying to do too much," said Judge S. A. Lindsey of Tyler, who, as chairman of the Texas farm life commission, is directing the work of that body.

The average size of a Texas farm is 269 acres, while those of Ohio and Indiana contain 71 and 78 acres respectively, according to federal census figures recently compiled. There are 23,956 farms and ranches in this state that contain more than 500 acres and Texas ranks first with other states in the union in this respect. A large number of these tracts are said to be held for speculative purposes and only a small portion are being used.

## TEXAS BEES AND THEIR USES.

Texas ranks first among the states of the union in the beekeeping industry, according to the report of the thirteenth federal census recently issued. The actual production in 1910 was 3,003,007 pounds of honey valued at \$308,488, and 58,402 pounds of wax valued at \$14,310 or a total valuation of \$322,798 for the product.

The average yield per colony for the state of Texas was 25 to 30 pounds of comb honey and 40 to 50 pounds of extracted, the former bringing the producer from 15 to 25 cents per section and the extracted honey from 10 to 20 cents per pound when sold directly to the consumer.

## THE TEXAS HORSE.

The Texas horse was worth \$30 each ten years ago, while the latest figures placed upon him by Uncle Sam gives him an average of \$82 per head. A large number of Uncle Sam's cavalry steeds were bred in Texas and the polo players of two hemispheres look to the Lone Star state for their ponies. Texas is running Kentucky a close second for beautiful women and fast horses.

## NOTES.

One car of cauliflower, eight cars of lettuce and 166 cars of cabbage is the shipping record from Laredo for the months of January and February. It is estimated that there are still ten cars of lettuce to be shipped from that section.

According to figures of the secretary of the Business Men's League, over 40,000 acres are now in cultivation near Charlotte. Large ranches are being cut up into small farms and sold to northern homeseekers.

Five thousand beef cattle were received at the feeding pens in Sugarland last month and will be fattened at the feed-mixing plant of the sugar refinery. It requires seventy days to fatten the cattle on this new food product.

Two concrete silos are to be built by the creameries near Belton. Experts on silos of the federal government and cement experts will supervise the construction.

At least 100 corn clubs will be organized among the boys and girls of Tulsa county, Okla., this spring. Fifty clubs were in operation last year, with successful results in each case. The clubs will be under the supervision of J. P. Harter, former federal demonstrator in agriculture. The members will be enrolled from the rural schools over the county.

A prize hog weighing 685 pounds gross was killed by Tom Moore on his farm near Taylor. This and another 2-year-old Tamworth weighing 653 pounds killed at the same time weighed 1,337 pounds. Forty gallons of lard was rendered from the hogs.

One of the banks at Petty has offered to lend money without interest to build ten silos in Lamar county. Several have already contracted to have silos built on their farms during the coming summer.

The recent rains have put an excellent seasoning in the ground and the farmers in the Jacksboro vicinity are now planting. A decreased cotton acreage is expected, while it is presumed that one of the largest corn crops in history will be planted.

Over 100 new barns have been built in the Wills Point vicinity during the past three months and the local lumber yards report the best business in years. It is considered locally as an indication of prosperity among the farmers.

The citizens of Gillespie county have decided that they have too many rabbits and will pe-

tion the legislature to enact a law which will place a bounty on them.

A fruit growers' association was organized at Longview with twenty-eight members and a buying agent appointed and an inspector secured.

It is estimated that the Texas Bermuda onion crop will reach about 4,500 cars this season.

Another lecture on good roads was given at Paris by D. Ward King, "Split Log Dragman." At the same time the Texas & Pacific railway's special agricultural demonstration train was on exhibition.

J. C. Dibrell of Coleman sold to Tom Parrott and others of Throckmorton forty head of registered Hereford cattle at the rate of \$175 per head. This is the banner price paid for such cattle in the state this year. Mr. Dibrell has sold \$8,500 worth of these cattle since Jan. 1.

A split log drag has been added to the equipment of the road gang of Copperas Cove and is used to good advantage after each rain.

One hundred and ten farmers of Cooke county have joined the Texas industrial congress to engage in demonstration farm crop work.

Experiments made last year with the kafir corn and milo maize, in Erath county, were so successful that the acreage to be planted with these grains has been greatly increased for this year.

Plans are being arranged for the second annual "turkey trot" to be held at Cuero in September. It has been decided to greatly enlarge the scope of the affair this year.

F. N. Wood of Hereford has purchased 6,000 sheep in Pecos county for which he paid \$2.25 for lambs and \$3.25 for sheep. The herd will be wintered in Pecos county and shipped to New Mexico in the spring.

Henry Acker, demonstration agent, has submitted his report for the quarter from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1912, to the commissioners of Smith county. He shows that during that time he has traveled 600 miles by team and 160 by rail, that he has enlisted 600 co-operators in the county and also 75 demonstrators. During the quarter he visited 60 schools, enlisted 705 boys in corn and cotton clubs and 760 girls in canning clubs.

Five carloads of lettuce arrived in St. Louis from Laredo, Texas, and found ready buyers on that market.

Although Charlotte, in Atascosa county, is not yet a year old it demonstrated its progressiveness by voting \$20,000 for road bonds Feb. 8 for improving highways in this vicinity. Only eight votes were cast opposing the issue.

Farmers in Eastland county are taking unusual interest in intensive cultural methods this year. A. J. Seederford, the agricultural demonstration agent, has enrolled 226 demonstrators and co-operators, who will practice demonstration methods covering an acreage of 1,500.

A girls' canning club has been organized at Lockhart with Mrs. Carrie Martindale as president and demonstrator. The new club will be county-wide in scope and will be financed by the county under the supervision of the agricultural department.

A letter placed in a bale of cotton last August by an employe of one of the gins at Granger has been answered by an employe in a cotton mill in Lancashire, England.

One thousand, three hundred and fifty dozen eggs shipped in a single day is the record for Merkel. The eggs were shipped under the supervision of the Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock association.

What is thought to be a record yield from such a small plot of ground is reported by N. W. Fredericks, a farmer near Sulphur Springs. He says that from a piece of ground ten yards wide and 180 yards long he first gathered \$25 worth of Irish potatoes and \$5 worth of sweet potatoes, afterward sowing the land in turnips which netted him \$117.75. The total from the tiny tract amounted to \$237.75.

Business men are preparing a plan to offer prizes for men, boys and girls in Smith county engaged in farm demonstration work. Plans were partially formed and business men, in the county outside of Tyler, will be asked to assist in making the fund a large one.

R. S. Mitchell, special agent of the United States department of agriculture, addressed the school at Bloomington in the interest of a boys and girls' corn club work. The business men will contribute prizes for the best yields and the members can also compete for the prizes offered by the Texas industrial congress.

## Washing Berries.

If berries grow where one can be sure of the picking, do not wash them; but when they are bought, the many hands and clouds of dust through which they have to pass necessitate washing. Do not let berries stand in a pan of water, nor be put in a colander through which water is poured to wash out the sand. But gently put a few at a time in a pan of cold water; shake out the water and sand by lifting them out carefully. Keep in a cool place, always. For utensils use agate or granite ware, wooden or silver spoons and silver knives. Do not use tin.

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American Trust Company	18	19
Amicable Life Insurance	10	11
Amson Fire	9	10
Bankers International Life	113	115
Bankers Trust Company	140	141
Bankers Improvement Company	280	285
Bitum Refining (Waco)	115	115
Commonwealth Trust Company	100	100
Continental Trust Company	14	15
Eagle Lake Rice Milling	50	60
Equitable Life Insurance	34	34
First Mortgage Trust	100	100
Frost-Johnson Lumber	95	95
General Bonding & Casualty	185	185
Fayette County Trust	100	100
Globe Fire Insurance	80	80
Greater Houston Suburban	10	11 1/2
Great Southern Life	10	11
Guarantee Life Insurance	200	210
International Cr. & Cons. Co.	155	155
McKlinsky Cotton Oil	115	115
National Bank of Commerce	105	108
Pittsburg Rice Milling	50	50
Prudential Life Insurance	101	105
Republic Trust Co.	7	7
Rio Grande Fire Insurance	55	60
San Houston Life Insurance	17	17
San Antonio Life	18	18
Southern National Fire Insurance	100	100
Southern Union Life Insurance	11	11
Southern Life Insurance	18	18
Schommer Mfg. & Supply	95	95
South Texas Commercial Nat. Bank	200	210
South Texas Mortgage	40	40
South Texas Paint & Glass	105	105
Southern Trust Company	150	160
Southwestern Casualty Insurance	125	125
Southwestern Surety Insurance	17	18
Texas Cotton Mill	35	35
Texas Fidelity & Bonding	9	9
Texas Life Insurance	115	122
Texas Loan & Guaranty	6	6
Texas Traction (Common)	22	22
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# Stories for Children

### HONOR FOR OLD COMANCHE.

Writing from Sheridan, Wyo., a correspondent of the Minneapolis Journal states that Comanche, the famous old horse who escaped death at the hands of the Sioux Indians at the massacre of the Little Big Horn in 1876, is soon to receive a military burial beside the Custer monument where are buried the bones of all the soldiers killed in the battle. According to reports made at Fort McKenzie, arrangements are being made to disinter the bones of the horse from where they now rest at old Fort Lincoln, and to have them reburied close to the monument.

Comanche was ridden into the battle by Private Miles Keogh. Two days later, when relief came, the animal was standing on the battlefield, head down, wounded in six places—and every one a desperate wound. Around him were dead men and dead horses and at his feet was his dead master. He was the only living thing on the battlefield. Every man of Custer's command was there, all but two had been scalped. One was "Yellow Hair" Custer, the other was a soldier who had saved his last bullet for his own heart, and as no Indian would do such as touch a suicide, his body was neither scalped nor mutilated.

Old Comanche was carried almost bodily down to the Little Big Horn river and his wounds bathed and bandaged. At first it was considered necessary to shoot him. But the soldiers begged so hard that the colonel gave permission that they might make an effort to save his life. His master, Keogh, was buried with the other dead soldiers, and when the relief boat came down the Yellowstone, it carried Comanche.

The horse was taken in charge by other troops of the Seventh cavalry and nursed back to health. General Sturgis then issued an order that Comanche should not be ridden again. It was ordered that he never again be harnessed, never know the sting of a spur, never feel a rein upon his neck. His rations should be the full measure of those of a cavalry horse and he was to be given a special stable in which no other horse should be kept.

Furthermore, at regimental formations, Comanche was ordered draped in mourning and led by one of the men of Troop I, Seventh cavalry. Wherever the regiment went, Comanche was to go. The Seventh was the Custer regiment.

This order was carried out literally and for sixteen years old Comanche was the idol of his regiment. From post to post the Seventh cavalry went; the organization was stationed at practically every foot west of the Mississippi. And at every one of these stations Comanche was the guest of honor. Because of their pride in the old horse, Troop I became the "crack" troop of the regiment. Comanche grew fat and lazy with years of idleness and little exercise.

Sixteen years after the Custer battle, Troop I of the Seventh was back at Fort Lincoln where Comanche had recuperated and recovered from his desperate wounds. One day he refused to eat his oats. There was consternation in the regiment. The veterinary was called. The regimental surgeon offered his services also. The next day Comanche died and the entire regiment went into mourning. The old horse was buried with full military honors and a volley was fired over his grave.

Today Comanche is simply a tradition in Troop I. All his old friends have been retired, or pensioned or buried. Some time ago it was decided to have his bones transferred to the Custer battlefield and there reburied near the monument. But the Custer battlefield is a national cemetery and is under the direction of the war department.

Advices at Fort McKenzie are that permission of the department has now been secured and the transfer will be made shortly. Men of Troop I will be detailed to give old Comanche another, and final, burial.

### COURTESY A BUSINESS ASSET.

One of the big cities in the east thirty-odd years ago had a famous "dry goods" establishment. In a way it was the forerunner of the big department stores of today, though of course much smaller. To it came seven-tenths of the high-grade trade of that city, and along with this a "market-basket custom," women from a nearby tenement section attracted by the excellence of the goods and the considerate treatment they always got. Two partners ran this store. One was hidden in some inaccessible office, managing and planning. The other occupied a desk in plain sight on the store's ground floor.

The latter had one of the best social positions in the town. Nearly all of his day was spent in greeting and chatting with people. At sixty he was one of the gallants of his city. Hundreds of people traded there merely for the pleasure of meeting him. But it was always to be noted that the old beau would give precisely the same attention, give the same careful thought, to a poor woman with a shawl over her head, whose purchase could scarcely have been more than 30 or 40 cents, or a shabby child, no one knew from where. There was not a single shade of difference.

The old gentleman had the first principles of courtesy as applied to trade. He served—in the good ancient sense. Out of his courtesy grew a business that was wonderful in his day. Were he now living no better model for the youth in big companies in this generation could be found, and he would be eagerly sought after. He was deferential without being servile, never above his business, raising it to his personal level, taking the ground that his customers were doing

him a favor and honor when they came to his store.

The unthinking young man of the present, he who has not yet fully learned the spirit of business, would call this old merchant a "back number" and laugh behind his back. But the young man's elders, those who have the responsibility of affairs, know better. They would eagerly reach for the opportunity to graft some of this courtesy and consideration into the vigorous, go-ahead personalities of their most promising men. It would mean many dollars in their pockets if they could. For, chemically analyzed as it were, it is in this trait that the modern young man is weak. His fire, dash and originality lack this one vital element. Those that have it go up rapidly, provided the other qualifications are theirs. Those that lack it stick in places below the top; if by chance they rise they are the blunderers, seen or unseen.

A corporation president tells the story of once picking a man from a job because of his smile. He noticed him first as a minor clerk. He walked out of his way through the office half a dozen times just to watch that expression. Somehow it made him feel better. It was a mental tonic. Within a week he had asked the manager of his department about him.

"Good boy—Blake," said the manager. "It's strange, sir, there are others quicker and more accurate; but, somehow, he's the best of the lot."

The president laughed gently. "I thought so—I was sure of it," he replied.

From that moment he had that young man in training, constantly in his mind's eye. He saw the rare commercial power of that smile, and could hardly picture the uses to which he could put its possessor. With the smile he knew would go consideration, diplomacy, thoughtfulness. It all came out as he had foreseen, and some day that youth will step into his own shoes. Men like this are difficult to get.

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Aristotle and Roger Bacon were but the forerunners of the fruition of this practical mind. Future ages will better understand the momentous importance of Thomas A. Edison in the history of human development. We may say that he is one of the few geniuses of the 3,000 years of recorded history whose fame was acknowledged within his life. But his fame, we know, will grow as the ages roll by.

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### BELIEVES IN "CHARGE ACCOUNTS."

The housemother trying to economize should watch the garbage pail, for here often is the greatest leak, and watch the daily papers for advertised sales. The papers, with their advertising sheets, are a blessing to the housemother, and though some may not agree with me, I believe absolutely in the "charge account" at the large city stores, for it's a time saver. A penny postal will bring any advertised article and if not satisfactory a penny postal can have the store send and credit the customer.

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# Fashions and Household



### FASHION NOTES.

Costumes follow anything new. After the appearance of the Russian dancers, Russian blouses were quite popular, and are still considered the best of taste; now the Balkan blouse is entirely the latest thing in a suit. Balkan trimmings, laces, colored embroidery, etc., are to be worn on everything.

Costumes are made of the new imported cotton fabrics that are rivals of the silk, such as ratine, cotton crepe, sheerest cotton voile, lingerie, cotton eponge, embroidered mousseline and exquisite.

Parasols should match your gown. Good tailored suits are fashioned of such suitable materials as fine serge, bedford cord, wool bengaline, wool sponge, fancy worsted diagonals, mixtures in the new one, two and three-button effects, the Balkan blouses, the cutaway and the Russian blouse.

Somewhere between an assortment of styles for morning, afternoon and evening gowns you will fit the correct colors, including Nell rose, Copenhagen, sand and yellow in all shades.

The late models found this year are represented copies from Paquin, Cheviot, Poiret, Callot and Worth. The largest collection of handsome gowns ever shown and, as far as we know, ever exhibited in the South. In this collection you will find the richest of silks and woolsens ever brought to America. They are divided into three general classes—Chinese, Japanese, Indian Oriental, Parisian and Turkish silks; Balkan, Servian, Bulgarian and Roumanian silks; French, Crepe de Chine, Crepe Meteor, Louis XVI, and Pompadour. In this great showing it is made possible for Texas ladies to have a voice in the fashions for spring.

This is a season of novelty in the most charming suits ever produced. Brocaded charmeuse coats, with solid color charmeuse draped skirts; brocaded canton crepes, brocaded and Faille silk; linen cretonne printed coats with cream wool skirts and other charming combinations and designs exquisite and attractive are being shown.

The new skirts are novel and beautiful. They are draped to the side and button trimmed. New model skirts are shown in black and white checked woolen serges, new striped worsted and eponge.

New blouses are made of shadow laces, sheer voiles trimmed with Bulgarian embroidery, with hand embroidery and with lace, boucle crepes, embroidered nets, fine trend lawn and lingerie.

There are small hats so pronounced in departure their newness is refreshing. The wonderful new French colorings and the adorable styles are attractive, becoming and charming. There are large hats, for Paris says they are still popular, greatly modified, however, from previous seasons styles. The curves are graceful and the models correct.

### HOME IS A BUSINESS.

I have resolved my home into a business. My husband is president and superintendent, while I fill the position of manager and all the other offices. I have studied the nourishing foods. I do not consult my butcher as to what I shall serve, but I consult my scrapbook which advocates the simple life, that life the well disposed stomach responds to, and I find myself growing younger and more beautiful each day. No more care or worry.

My family likes chicken or roast for Sunday. That meal almost works out its own salvation. But it's Monday and the left-overs! No one but the initiated knows what it means to take the left-overs into the repair shop and work them over until they look like new. And here let me say, don't spread a few indistinct pieces of fowl

over a large platter, when it would look so much more appetizing fitted into a casserole just its size. Have a stew once in a while, but not too often. Withdraw it from the exposed glare of an electric dome and conceal it under a golden flaky crust and it almost arises to the dignity of chicken pie. S. J. B.

### AN ART TO CULTIVATE.

An Englishwoman addressing a school of girls said, "I would express my admiration for the girls of today, especially those who belong to the educated classes. At no time in the world's history has the young woman so well mastered the art of making the best of herself and taking care of her clothes.

"I maintain that no girl can be taught too young to take a healthy interest in dress, to understand its preliminary laws, to study color and style and to master the rudiments of millinery and dressmaking. To be able to make a good blouse, or to renovate last season's millinery, is even a more useful accomplishment than to have a smattering of science, to sing, play or paint, or even to bake bread."

That was bold to talk to a graduating class, but it is talk that is worth while. Nowadays a woman must look her best to do her best. Clothes and the way they are worn are a factor in success.

A musical club wished to engage a soloist for one of the club's musicales. Two names were under discussion; each had the same number of votes on the committee. The chairman, who had the deciding vote, said: "I decide for Miss Blank. She may possibly not be quite so much of an artist as the other, but her personality is so charming, she dresses so well, has so attractive a presence that she'll 'take' better."

That holds true in everything one does. Given two applicants for a position, two strikers for social success that girl wins out who has studied how to make the most of herself.

It is an unkind person who decides the modern girl is frivolous because she wants to look well. The maiden of today in her mid-Victorian fichu is more practical than the girl who first wore a pannier and puffs and tucker. She usually has her own dress allowance and learns to live within it. To her, clothes mean winning out in everything she undertakes.

And it's another mistake to think the girl of today cannot sew. She may not learn at home, but she begins to handle her needle in kindergarten days and doesn't stop until she is through the practical sewing courses in the intermediate schools and is ready for technical dressmaking and millinery in special domestic science courses.

The girl so behind the times as not to know how to make the best of herself and take care of her clothes should specialize on that art. Time and money spent in its acquisition yield big returns in increased power.

As our minds run to economy let's not let the kitchen be the beginning and the end. Let every department bear its own share of the responsibility. Where will economy be found better than in sewing? Do you remember a series of articles in the Ladies' Home Journal where articles were shown where the store-bought and home-made articles were shown upon a girl and you were asked which was which. I couldn't tell, could you? Then have every tot learn to sew.

### THE DINING ROOM.

Our very health is dependent upon right surroundings in the dining room. A dark, depressing room checks the appetite just as a bright, stimulating room whets it. As Wordsworth says, "Their colors and their forms were then to me an appetite." Truly color plays a more important part than is generally realized.

Too often we give less attention to the dining room than to the other rooms. We are tempted to feel we must conform to regulations. For this reason the dining room is frequently commonplace and conventional and lacking in individuality.

Since originality is almost impossible in the necessary furniture of the dining room it is all the more important to give a distinctive touch to the room through the treatment of the walls. The position of the dining room is generally such that comparatively little light enters the room. For this reason dark papers should be avoided, for light in a dining room is essential. Since the heavy furniture and the doors and windows occupy a considerable amount of room, the decoration of the walls must be concentrated upon the space above the eye level. A plate-rail tastefully arranged with quaint or striking china gives a pleasing effect. Plain or neutral walls make a good background for such treatment. Unless plates have a distinct decorative value they are meaningless. Plate rails are in doubtful taste today.

There are not as a rule pictures, books, photographs, etc., to give interest to a dining room, and the walls have therefore an added responsibility. Since the furniture is apt to be massive it is necessary to give the impression of strength to the walls above the furniture level so that a correct proportion may be attained and the entire weight of the room may not seem to rest about one's feet.

It is well to infuse the spirit of "livableness" into the dining room, for the homemaker must realize that she has to meet competition in the public cafes and restaurants which are daily adding patrons to their numbers at the expense of the home table.

NO WAITS, DELAYS, OR MISCONNECTIONS WHEN YOU

## The Interurban Lines

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Send via Parcel Post cash with order—you pay coming in, we pay returning.

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And always pay the highest market price for hand separated cream of good quality. Write us today for further information.

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Highest prices at all times for Hand-separated Cream. Write for prices.

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## HOTEL WALDORF

(Dallas' New Hotel.)  
Furnished in Birch and Marble. Capacious lobby. Artesian water. Excellent service. In heart of city; convenient to street cars. Interurbans pass the door. Rates not too high for average business man or tourist. Come and make yourself "at home."  
W. S. MCGRAY, Proprietor.  
1202 Commerce Street.

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A Swiss scientist has invented an instrument for accurately measuring the intensity of X-rays when used on deep-seated human organs at any depth desired.

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Rates \$1.00 and up.

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### Old Hats Made New

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Cor. Main and Market Sts., Dallas, Tex. A comfortable home-like place in business center. Rates 50c per day and up. Your patronage solicited.

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### Classy Ladies' Tailoring

By expert ladies' tailors. Suits, riding habits, furs, etc., made to order and perfect fit guaranteed. All kinds of remodeling.

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Will please write, phone or call

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"The Laundry That LEADS"

N. E. Gambrell, Prop. Phone 176  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

(In answering advertisers mention this paper.)

# Dry Goods and Millinery

We have a nice stock of both and if you have not bought that Spring bill yet, we want you to take a look at our stock. A Shipment of New Shadow Laces just in, and we are selling them awful cheap. You should see them before you buy trimming for that New Dress.

**Ladies Wash Skirts \$1.25**  
We have a new lot in. Come and see them.

**Queen Quality Bland Slippers**

We have in a new shipment in all the new Lasts. You will have to see them to appreciate their real worth. We appreciate your patronage and promise to serve you with better values. Come to see us.

## HUNTER MERCANTILE CO.

### SINGER SEWING MACHINES

Their superiority is confirmed by their long established record. There are more sold now than ever before. Sold on easy terms, old machines traded for by

**E. W. Hancock**  
Office South Side Square

### POOL HALL MOVED

I am now in charge of the Pool Hall and have moved it to the Wilmeth Building where I can accommodate the public.

**China Baze**

### "FORD"

The Universal Car

Henry Ford has built more automobiles than any man who ever lived. He knows how. That's the reason he can build "The Universal Car" at a wonderfully low price. Better get yours now—if you want a Ford this season.

Our great factory has produced nearly a quarter of a million Model T's. Prices: Runabout, \$570.00; Touring car, 645.00; f. o. b. Snyder, with all equipment. For particulars get "Ford Times"—an interesting automobile magazine. It's free—from Detroit factory. Ford Motor Company, 1444 Michigan Ave., Chicago. Car load to arrive soon.

SNYDER, TEXAS EAST SIDE OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE



(These excursions open to all persons.)

Account Panhandle Teachers' Association, tickets will be on sale to anyone and return for \$7.45. Selling dates April 3, 4. Returning limit April 6th.

Account Panhandle Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association tickets will be sold to Amarillo and return at \$8.15. Dates of sale April 6 and 7. Return limit April 9.

Account meeting Amarillo Presbytery tickets will be on sale to Plainview and return at \$5.20. Dates of Sale April 7, 8, 9. Return limit April 12th.

Low rates at stated dates to Commerce, Texas and return account East Texas summer normal.

All year tourist tickets now on sale to Corpus Christi and return account K. of P. and Knights of Templars. Three months return limit.

Low oneway second class colonist tickets to California and the north west on sale until April 15th.

**I. G. CLARK, Agent**

**Hugh Boren Works at Ennis.**

The Ennis Daily News says: Hugh Boren has accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Ennis Ice Light and Power Company.

The Signal for all the news.

#### Appreciated Visitors.

E. P. Deloach and his son, Tom, were pleasant callers at the Signal sanctum Wednesday. Mr. Deloach moved his subscription date up and said a number of nice things about the Signal. Tom Deloach is a carpenter and has been living at Plainview but he and his wife are enroute to the Corpus Christi country where they will reside for awhile.

#### Severe Rheumatism.

Grove Hill, Ala. Hunt's Lightning Oil cured my wife of a severe case of Rheumatism and my friend of a tooth ache. I surely believe it is good for all you claim for it.—A. R. Stringer. 25c and 50c a bottle. All dealers. 42tf.

We can furnish you 5 per cent money to buy or build you a home or take up the notes against your property and give you 100 months in which to repay. 38-tf

#### SNYDER ABSTRACT CO.

#### Express man Gets Promoted

Samuel Yeargin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Yeargin, with the Fargo Express Company at Sweetwater has been transferred to Amarillo as night agent. His friends in Snyder are glad of his promotion and are sure he will make good.

Have you ever enjoyed a massage Let us apply one for you. Garrett & Norris.

Mrs. John A. Evans, of Fort Worth, is quite sick at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Scarborough.

#### FRUIT OF WEST TEXAS

##### NOT ALL KILLED

That the fruit and young vegetables of West Texas were practically uninjured by the recent frosts and cold snaps is the opinion of C. M. Haines, industrial agent for the Gould lines in Texas, who has just returned from a trip as far west as Abilene.

Haines says that the farmers of Shackelford, Palo Pinto and Taylor counties have not made a minute examination of their fruit trees, but they all contend that neither the trees or the blooms have been injured materially.

At one place I visited farmers told me that their peach crops had been injured at least 30 per cent. In this same town other farmers told me that the peaches had not been hurt, so I find it hard to place an estimate upon the extent of damage.

"However, I believe if the damage was of any extent I would have heard a general complaint. The fruit and small vegetables are not extensive in the West, but such as there are they are much in demand. The Elberta peaches are the easiest hurt and from what I can learn they are about the only fruit hurt."

Haines says that he finds that the farmers of the West are going into the hog business. On nearly every farm he found that peanuts are being raised and in most of the country the farmers are adopting milo maize and kaffir corn. Peanuts and the sorghum crops are becoming popular with the Western farmer and the industrial agents believe that the Fort Worth Market will receive its greatest number of hogs from the country immediately west of Fort Worth.—Fort Worth Star Telegram.

J. W. Couch is back in Snyder and will run his car for service from now on. Any thing you need in guaranteed tires, I can save you money. Phone 81. 42tf.

**J. W. COUCH.**

#### WIND AND SAND STORMS ON THE PLAINS

Judge M. E. Roser attended the court of Appeals at Amarillo last week and came home Sunday. He says the sand storms were bad up there and he thinks the people of Scurry county ought to be satisfied. Conditions are a hundred per cent worse on the plains than here.

#### How Foolish.

To suffer from skin diseases, itch, eczema, ringworm, etc., when one 50c box of Hunt's Cure is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist in the state stands behind this guarantee. Ask your druggist and see the guarantee with each box. You don't risk anything in giving it a trial. 42tf.

#### WARREN SCRIVNER ENTERS FARMING CONTEST

Warren Scrivner, of Dermott has entered the crop contest in Scurry county under the auspices of the Industrial congress and will make a strict and careful test of the Congress methods.

Scurry county is getting nicely lined up in agriculture and good results will follow.

Bring in your chickens, eggs and hides. Highest market price. 3-5t

**C. Nation & Sn.**

Have you ever enjoyed a massage Let us apply one for you. Garrett & Norris.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

##### THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Scurry.

By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District court of Scurry county, Texas, on the 7th day of April, 1913, by W. S. Adamson, Clerk of said Court, against J. L. Murphy and S. E. Murphy, for the sum of Eight Hundred and 30-100 (\$800.30.), Dollars and costs of suit in cause No. 1680, in said Court, styled L. W. Blackard versus J. L. Murphy, et al. and placed in my hands for service, I, J. B. Boles, as sheriff of Scurry county, Texas, did, on the 9th day of April, 1913, levy on certain real estate, situated in Scurry County, described as follows, to-wit The south-east one quarter (S. E. 1-4) of Section No. One Hundred Forty Four (144), in Block No. Three (3) of the Houston & Great Northern Railroad Survey, in Scurry county, Texas.

and levied upon as the property of said J. L. Murphy and S. E. Murphy, and on Tuesday, the 6th day of May, 1913, at the court house door of Scurry county, in the town of Snyder, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M., I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. L. Murphy and S. E. Murphy by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Snyder Signal, a newspaper published in Scurry county, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 9th day of April, 1913.

**J. B. BOLES**

Sheriff of Scurry county, Texas

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is Hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Scurry county, on the 9th day of April, 1913, in a certain cause wherein M. F. Cornelius is plaintiff and E. J. Tindall, John L. Berry and O. P. Scranton are defendants, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 18th day of March, 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff M. F. Cornelius against said defendants, E. J. Tindall, John L. Berry and O. P. Scranton for the sum of Four hundred, twenty-six and 95-100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in May, 1913, it being the 6th day of said month, at the court house door in the town of Snyder, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of E. J. Tindall, John L. Berry and O. P. Scranton in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of E. J. Tindall, John L. Berry and O. P. Scranton, to-wit: All of lots Nos. 1, 2, and 3, in block No. 38, of the Wilmeth addition to the town of Snyder, Scurry county, Texas.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above judgment for Four hundred twenty-six and 95-100 dollars, in favor of M. F. Cornelius, together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

**J. B. BOLES,**

Sherriff Scurry county, Texas. Snyder, Texas, April 10, 1913.

W. R. Waldrip was here Monday from Ira and attended the Ex-Conferate meeting.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is Hereby given, that by

virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Scurry county, on the 9th day of April, 1913, in a certain cause wherein Fluvanna Townsite Co. is plaintiff and W. F. Morgan, Jess Wilson and F. F. Wren are defendants, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 27th day of March 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff Fluvanna Townsite Company against said defendants, W. F. Morgan, Jess Wilson, and F. F. Wren for the sum of Two hundred seventy-one & 30-100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in May, 1913, it being the 6th day of said month, at the court house door in the town of Snyder, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of W. F. Morgan, Jess Wilson and F. F. Wren in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of F. F. Wren, to-wit: Lot No. 1, block No. 123, in the town of Fluvanna, Scurry county Texas.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above judgment for Two hundred seventy-one & 30-100 dollars in favor of Fluvanna Townsite Company together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

**J. B. BOLES,**

Sherriff Scurry county, Texas. Snyder, Texas, April 10, 1913.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is Hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Scurry county, on the 9th day of April, 1913, in a certain cause wherein J. W. Templeton is plaintiff and George Henry and J. E. Ketner are defendants, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 18th day of March, 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff J. W. Templeton against said defendants George Henry and J. E. Ketner for the sum of Ninety-two and 8-100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in May, 1913, it being the 6th day of said month, at the court house door in the town of Snyder, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of George Henry and J. E. Ketner in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of defendants to-wit: Lot No. 2, in block No. 56, of the Blankenship addition to the town of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above judgment for Ninety-two and 8-100 dollars in favor of J. W. Templeton together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

**J. B. BOLES,**

Sherriff Scurry county, Texas. Snyder, Texas, April 10, 1913.

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#### Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the

##### FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST CO.

at Snyder, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of April, 1913, published in the Snyder Signal, a newspaper printed and published at Snyder, State of Texas on the 11th day of April, 1913.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	
personal or collateral	
lateral	\$ 96 144 35
Loans, real estate	9 778 00
Overdrafts	NONE
Real Estate, (banking house)	15 600 00
Other Real Estate	715 00
Furniture and fixtures	3 600 00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net.	28 891 31
Cash Items	514.13
Currency	3,535.00
Specie	4,673.90
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	887 90
Total	\$164 339 59

Liabilities	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50 000 00
Surplus	8 000 00
Undivided Profits, net	1 840 53
Due to Banks and Bankers subject to check, net	74 66
Individual Deposits, subject to check,	91 342 86
Time Certificates of Deposit	6 731 54
Demand Certificates of Deposit	1 350 00
Bills Payable and Discounts	5 000 00
Total	\$164 339 59

State of Texas, County of Scurry: We, P. Brady as President, and C. L. Ezell as Cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

P. BRADY, President.  
C. L. EZELL, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th day of April, A. D., 1913.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.  
J. C. SNUFFER, Notary Public  
CORRECT—Attest:  
W. W. SMITH,  
P. M. BOLIN,  
GEO. W. HARRIS,  
Directors.

#### Mayor Noble Issues Proclamation

In compliance and in agreement with the proclamation of the Governor of Texas, I, J. Z. Noble, Mayor of the City of Snyder, do hereby proclaim April 18th as a general clean up day for the said city of Snyder, and do request that the people of Snyder be very diligent in cleaning up their premises on such day. In addition to impressing upon the minds of the people the various protective measures called attention to in the Governor's proclamation. I wish to add that persons having domesticated animals and fowls to die may materially aid in the economical administration of the city's affairs as well as a protecting public health by taking them to proper places and burying them. In this connection I will call attention to the city ordinance prohibiting the throwing of dead animals or fowls into any public place within the city limits.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the city of Snyder to be affixed, this 9th day of April, A. D. 1913.  
J. Z. NOBLE, Mayor  
Attest: C. L. EZELL, Secretary.

# NEW NOVELTY GOODS . . . . .

We have just received a shipment of the newest novelty goods, including Hand Crocketed Beaded Purses, Bulgarian Purses, Beautiful Mesh Bags, Jabbots, beautiful assortment of Colars, Spun Glass Hair Ornaments set with Pearls and Brilliants, Bar Pins, etc.. and I invite you to come in and see the pretty things.

East side of Square **A. D. Dodson**

## The Snyder Signal

J. S. HARDY & SON, Publishers.

Absorbed  
Scurry County News - - 1892  
The Coming West - - 1910  
The Western Light - - 1910

Entered in the postoffice at Snyder, Texas, as second class mail matter.

Four Weeks Constitute a Month.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing, or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of The Signal will be gladly corrected if called to the attention of the editor.

### WHAT ABOUT IT SNYDER.

"Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest."

Is it not time that you seriously consider the question. Shall I become a city with the busy factories and different industries of which I can establish and successfully maintain? or shall I be content to remain a quiet little village and look to the uncertain products of the surrounding country for existence.

We have the water, you are a central point for West Texas. You have the necessary advantages equal to any in the state of Texas, for becoming a "manufacturing city."

Why should you sleep on your rights and let some other western point take it away from you?

You should have a foundry and machine shops equipped for manufacturing brass metal goods.

You should have a cotton factory. You should have a creamery. You should have many things you have not.

Now we can't have all these spring up in a day, but we can begin the good work and grow, and grow, and grow.

You start right with the proposition and you will be surprised at the number of good citizens all over this country that will take stock and help to develop this great land and country of West Texas.

Let's start it. What do you say?  
—BILL.

### "LET US ALONE."

A number of business men of the town of Corsicana, Texas, have signed a strenuous protest against the action of Attorney General Looney in prosecuting certain oil concerns that have offices, a refinery and other valuable interests in that town.

In their resolutions concerning General Looney's proceedings they admit that they do not know whether or not the defendant concerns have violated the law, but because

they are profitable interests to Corsicana, they don't want them prosecuted. That was the same spirit that prompted a certain people to prefer the ravages of evil spirits in their neighbors rather than have the people restored and their herds of swine drowned in the sea.

The same spirit was in the hearts of the people of Ephesus and because the Disciples of Christ preached a religion that interfered with the gold workers and broke up the popular demand for heathen gods, they would have the Apostles hustled out of the country.

Corsicana grants that the oil men may be criminals, but because to drive them out would cripple the business of the town, they want the authorities to let them alone.

About the most "Amcozin" sight now promised the people of Texas will be speaker Terrell running for Governor on a prohibition platform.

### THE POLITICAL POT STILL BOILS AT AUSTIN.

It is said that during the closing hours of the regular session of the Texas legislature the senate and the House would each trot bills through hoping that the other would kill them, but instead of doing that, the last man at the bat would knock a straight fielder and depend on Gov. Colquitt to use his veto power. The Governor got onto the scheme and sent word to both branches that if they wanted bills killed they had better be at the killing for he was liable to let a lot of them become laws.

For all that, soon after adjournment the Governor found his desk covered with bills, some good and some bad and he proceeded to chop.

He vetoed the bill providing for electrocution of criminals, but upon advice of the attorney general he decided that he could not veto submission of the initiative, referendum and recall to a popular vote, and a constitutional amendment to that end will be submitted.

The Governor has declined to bandy words with speaker Terrell in their personal row, in fact it looks like Terrell is about to get on top and if an effort is made to oust him from the speakership, he is apt to win in the fight and therefore it is the better part of generalship to see the out come in advance and avoid a conflict if possible.

Terrell was elected speaker as an anti, but since parting company with one of the chief antis, he is being groomed by some of the pros as a good enough pro to be governor and he will be in the running. L. J. Wortham, of Fort Worth will be a candidate for Governor and several other statesmen have their eyes on the job.

It is now thought that Culberson will retire from the United States Senate and Ex-Governor Campbell is known to be in a receptive mood and there are those who believe that Mr.

Colquitt may get into the running. Colquitt is said to be opposed to direct election of Senators and since the primary plan in Texas is practically a popular election, he may decline to mix up in it.

There has been a lot of other political maneuvering at Austin which will gradually develop as time goes on.

### Look to Your Plumbing.

You know what happens in a house in which the plumbing is in poor condition—everybody in the house is liable to contract typhoid or some other fever. The digestive organs perform the same functions in the human body as the plumbing does for the house, and they should be kept in first class condition all the time. If you have any trouble with your digestion take Chamberlain's Tablets and you are certain to get quick relief. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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### HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Elmo Curry said here Monday that he has about 100 acres of feed planted and he would like to see a good rain.

Warren S rivner says he will get some good schooling from his Industrial Congress efforts this year.

Henry Wellborn says the Knapp country is in good shape. He says a fellow gets out what he puts into anything and if a man puts in his time kicking about conditions he will reap a lot of kicking.

Ed Thompson says he has been called on his report that he would double his cotton crop. Looks like everybody knows about it. They saw it in the Signal.

Bud Nickols says he got ahead of Pack Wolfe on cleaning up, but Pack hitched up his belt and soon outstripped him.

T. P. Perkins, esquire, says he believes in living at home. He has a hen with 20 young chicks and another has started into incubating season.

### Notice to Tax Payers.

Tuesday April 15th will be the last day to pay your tax before it goes on the delinquent roll. Come and pay up and save the extra cost.

W. M. Curry  
Tax Collector.

### WEATHER CONDITIONS WEEK ENDING APRIL 5.

By J. Allen Weaver, Special Observer.

	Max.	Min.
Sunday	83	35
Monday	88	41
Tuesday	83	44
Wednesday	90	45
Thursday	87	42
Friday	79	35
Saturday	63	33

Mean Maximum 82, Mean Minimum 40.

Days clear, 7.  
Southwest wind 4 days, North wind 3 days.

G. B. Clark special agent for the Saginaw Silo.

### SIGNAL IS GRATEFUL TO LADY FRIENDS

Mrs. Kellum and Mrs. Lewis, of Ira, were shopping in Snyder last Friday and brought the Signal under obligations. By their courtesy the Signal readers at Ira got the big bundle of papers on Friday evening without having to wait till Monday, while the mails were going around by way of Colorado.

### Straight at It.

There is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cures has gained a world wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

### THE GRAND JURY MAKES A REPLY

In regard to the report the grand jury made on the court house, will say we had a duty to perform unsolicited and under oath.

We were under oath not to favor a friend or persecute an enemy. This we did to the best of our ability, as we could see it, and have no apology to make.

In regard to the four prominent M. D.'s, etc., we do not know of what official capacity they were filling, when they inspected the court house (as they failed to state) or whether they were just nosing around or "butting" in.

Nor do we know the part they found in good shape, nor the part they did not want to speak of.

Will mention a matter that occurred to one of the grand jury men using the lavatory for urinal. When his attention was called to what he was doing he said the thing was so nasty that he thought it was for that purpose.

P. M. Bolin, Foreman.  
J. Monroe, Secretary.

**Cough Medicine for Children.**  
Too much care cannot be used in selecting a cough medicine for children. It should be pleasant to take, contain no harmful substance and be most effective. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets these requirements and is a favorite with the mothers of young children everywhere. For sale by all Dealers.—Advertisement.

### LIBRARY OF CURRENT READING BEST VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY

You can get the following publications at a considerable reduction, as you will see by the pages shown, if you order at once.

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Holland's Magazine is published monthly and consists of from sixty to eighty pages of Fiction, Special Articles, Kitchen Recipes, Household Hints, Fashion and Embroidery and a department for the little folks.

Farm and Ranch is published weekly for the farmer who wants to keep up with the latest methods of farming and marketing.

The Signal is full of home and general news every week.

Order this Combination Today.

Heavy rains along the upper Ohio river a few days ago caused a renewal of flood dangers further down. Conditions were desperate at Hickman, Ky., where 2500 people were forced to higher land.

Everybody reads the Signal.

### WARLIKE CONDITIONS PREVAIL IN MEXICO

The war cloud is again, or still hovering over old Mexico. There is said to be a strong organization forming in north Mexico, against the Huerta-Diaz regime and the revolution forces are stronger than those of the government. In fact many of the regular troops have joined forces with the reactionaries.

There are abundant evidences of general unrest all over northern Mexico and lately it is reported that President Huerta will resign and let some more ambitious patriot assume the honors and the dangers of being president of a nation of red hot tamales. Huerta evidently remembers Madero and Squar z as well as Gollad and the Alamo.

Iurgency is plainly noticeable at San Antonio and along the border, especially at Laredo, where munitions of war have been smuggled across the line in violation of neutrality.

These conditions have been reported to Secretary of War G rrrison at Washington and he promises to have the border more thoroughly patrolled.

If you have considered building a Silo it would be to your interest to see G. B. Clark, Special Agent for the Saginaw Silo.

The Signal for all the news.

## JUST ARRIVED FROM EASTERN MARKETS

A beautiful assortment of Dress Patterns in Silk Ratine, Striped Nub Ratine, Fancy Voile, Silk Voile, Colored Silk Finishing Linens. Also some beautiful patterns in Colored Batiste Embroidery Flouncing with Embroidery Braid to match, with many other dress togs too numerous to mention.

These are personal selections of our Mrs. Coates for her Snyder customers, while in route through the Eastern Markets, to be with her daughter Mrs. J. R. Welch for a short time.

We will appreciate an opportunity to show you these beautiful designs.

"The Store Ahead"

# Coates-Coleman Mer. Co.

NORTH SIDE SQUARE

# Keep

---your money in this bank and your cancelled checks will be a receipt for your purchases and accounts.

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
of SNYDER, TEXAS



# G. B. Clark Says:

That the Saginaw Silo is worth investigating  
He is agent for them.

**Will pay for itself in One Year**

## The Famous "Light Crust" Flour

Is the delight of every cook. It pays in the long run to buy a flour that does what "the best" is supposed to do.

We handle the "Golden Gate" brand Teas, Coffees, Extracts, Spices, Soda, Etc.

### J. W. Templeton

Your Up to Date Grocer

### BURTON LINGO CO

Successors to Snyder Lumber Company

A complete line of all kinds of building material carried. Fencing of all kinds a specialty. AGENTS FOR THE CELEBRATED SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINT. SEE US FOR ARCO-TUM, A SPECIAL PAINT FOR ROOFS AND CEMENT BUILDINGS. AGENTS FOR THE FAMOUS PITTSBURGH ELECTRIC WMLD WOVEN WIRE. WE GUARANTEE QUALITY, RIGHT PRICES, COURTEOUS AND EFFICIENT SERVICE.

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### Fish and Oysters Every Tuesday and Friday

THE BEST SHORT ORDER HOUSE IN TOWN

### ELKINS & SON

WEST SIDE SQUARE.

### Higginbotham - Harris & Co.

Dealers in Lumber, Wire, Posts, Paints and Oils, Screen Doors, Wire Cloth

Snyder, Texas

#### OUR GASOLINE ENGINE

Bessie E. Armstrong.  
We have in Colorado  
A ranch called "Alamo."  
Pride of the San Jaun Basin  
Our tax receipts will show.

The secret of its beauty  
Can now be plainly seen  
'Tis a little "five-horse engine"  
We run with gasoline.

This engine pumps the water  
For garden, house and barn  
It churns the cream for Birdie  
And launders for the farm.

The derrick team grows lazy  
Dame Nature holds the sway  
The engine runs the "hoister"  
That hoists and stacks the hay.

It chops the grain so nicely  
It fans the grain that's sold  
It doesn't kick the "union"  
And is worth its weight in gold.  
—Bessie E. Armstrong in Farm and Ranch.

And while we brag about it  
And how it grinds the crop,  
We are waiting our turnout  
And the bloomin' thing will stop.

Just when we want to pump or churn  
Or feed the Basin cow  
The bucking engine takes a turn  
And stops, we don't know how.

The hired hand will sweat an "cuss"  
And swear by the old Harry  
If he'd a good sledge hammer,  
The boss an engine—"narry."

See O. L. Wilkinson Lumber Co.  
for roofing of all kinds.

The blue sky law of Kansas is a mighty good one and should be strengthened if possible but the man who will consult his banker in regard to investment will never have need of its provisions. We can only wonder at the men who will take the word of a stranger, and a stranger who is after their money at that, in preference to going to their banker for advice. In the business of investing money. In anything outside of land and farm property, the banker is in a position to know the value of the investment better than the farmer and if you will consult him you will find him ready and willing to help you all he can. We do not think we are far out of the way when we say that had the people of Kansas taken the advice of their bankers on all their investments during the last 10 years the amount saved to them would have paid all the expenses of the state government during that time.—Farmers Mail and Breeze.

For Sale.—One Horse hack and harness all in fine condition.  
Snyder Marble Works.

Last week brought about the finish of Turkish dominion in the far East, when the Bulgarian forces captured the forts and city of Adrianople. Turkey has been an austere nation for a long time, but her days of power have passed.

#### AND LET IT BE TODAY

Joe H. Harrison.

Spend just a minute doing good  
Each day that passes by;  
A cheerful word, a kindly glance  
Into a tear wet eye,  
May turn the current of a life  
That else had gone astray;  
Spend just a minute being kind,  
And let it be today.

Spend just a minute cheering lives  
Each day as you go 'long,  
Let your thoughts be sunny thoughts  
And cheer them with a song;  
Your words of cheer will not be lost  
Nor idly cast away;  
Spend just a minute cheering lives,  
And let it be today.

Spend just a minute easing pain,  
The time is only lent,  
And it—though it were all the day,  
Could not be better spent;  
Misfortune hovers evermore  
About each crowded way;  
Do something then to stay her hand,  
And let it be today.

Spend just a minute with the poor  
And help them bear their load,  
A little kindness—just a look,  
May smooth the rugged road  
Of one whose strength is nearly spent  
Whose weakness makes him away;  
Go help him forward just a bit,  
And let it be today.

Spend just a minute with the old,  
They need companionship,  
Note well the nerveless, palsied hand  
And pulseless, trembling lip;  
They soon must quit the walks of life  
So cheer them while you may;  
Do something kind to warm their hearts,  
And let it be today.

Spend just a minute with yourself  
Each day that passes by  
Call forth your soul and strip it bare,  
And calmly ask it why  
It bears the stain of evil deeds;  
The humbly bow and pray  
For grace to make it spotless, clean,  
And let it be today.

#### HAZING SHOULD NOT EXIST.

The people of Texas will regret that the faculty of the A. & M. College found it advisable to expel over 400 students for hazing and insubordination. Hazing is a brutal practice that belongs to the "dark ages." Self-respecting students can not afford to take any part in such violence. Our educational institutions were established for the benefit of boys and girls in Texas who want an education and who desire to make use of their opportunities in securing it. It was the desire of those who established our colleges and universities that every boy and girl should have an opportunity for education at the state's expense. Those who accept the state's offer should be willing to conduct themselves in a manner prescribed by the president and faculty.

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#### GREAT INDUSTRIAL SHOW FOR TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Tulsa, Okla.—A permanent annual crop exposition for Tulsa is assured on a national scale. The business men of this city have organized the Southwestern Soil Products Exposition company, with a capital of \$50,000.

Fifty men went out in committees of five, under the direction of the Commercial Club, and canvassed the business district for seven hours. At the end of that time the sale of every dollar of the proposed stock issue was certain.

The new company will buy 120 acres of land adjoining the fair grounds. All exposition buildings now planned to house the International Dry Farming Congress and its crop exhibits in October will be built in permanent form. The special buildings to be erected by the state of Oklahoma and the federal government for the International Congress will be bought and preserved for the permanent Tulsa show. The money raised will be used for the great crop-products exposition this year, and the gate receipts in October will be devoted to the permanent work of the company.

The entire city of Tulsa is aroused as never before to the importance of farm development. Practically every business house in the city has joined the movement. It is conceded that the presence of the International Dry Farming Congress in Tulsa this year is the most important event in the city's history.

#### IT'S DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

Texas Sale of Cattle Illustrates Change in Prices.

Cattle deals in the range country are occurring daily, and many changes are taking place in ownership. A few days ago P. L. Fuller, of Snyder, Texas, who is an old cowman made a sale of 1,000 head of yearling steers at \$37.50. While this price is not considered a record breaker for this year, Mr. Fuller has distinct recollection of selling 2-year-old steers a year ago for that same price.—Kansas City Drovers Journal.

#### EXTRA SESSION NATIONAL CONGRESS TARIFF REVISION, ETC. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The most popular general news and farm paper in Texas is the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News. It is read by more people than any other publication in the Southwest. It is the favorite with men readers, women readers and boy and girl readers because it has something for all of them, and the best to be had at any price.

The Snyder Signal and the Semi-Weekly Farm News will be sent a whole year to any address for \$1.75. We accept and receipt for all subscriptions at this office. We do all the ordering and take all the risk.

The Signal for all the news.

#### McCLINTON & HERN Boot and Shoe Makers

Have opened a new and well equipped shop in the Wilmeth building. Stockmen's Boots a specialty. Good work guaranteed. Repair work promptly done

#### Ideal Tailors

There is one place in town where you can get your clothes cleaned, pressed and repaired RIGHT.

### Geo. Bargeman

The Tailor.

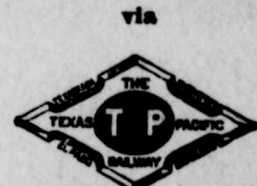


#### FINE MACHINES

Needles, Oils, Belts and Repair of all kinds for any make of machine at  
J. D. BOYD'S  
Southwest Corner of Square  
Snyder, Texas

#### LOW RATES

COLONISTS ONEWAY FARES TO CALIFORNIA AND THE NORTHWEST



And Connections.

Tickets on sale March 15 to April 15, inclusive. Liberal Stopover Privileges

ASK T. & P. TICKET AGENTS Or Write

GEO. D. HUNTER,  
General Passenger Agent.  
A. D. BELL,  
Asst. General Passenger Agt.  
Dallas, Texas.

O. P. Dorsey and A. A. Newell, prominent citizens of Floydada, were here the latter part of last week buying a tract of Scurry county land from a local agency. Whenever earnest prospectors take a good look at Scurry county they begin to want to own some of it.

50 acres improved land in Johnson County where land is worth \$80.00 per acre. A good residence in Clifton, Bosque County, Texas that cost \$2,000.00 to build. Price \$1,600 and \$2,000 in cash to give for a good little ranch stuff or stock farm in Scurry County. Your stuff must be priced in accord with prevailing prices.

4 Room house and lot in Lorain Texas to trade for Snyder property.

640 Acres Land in Motley County, 450 acres in cultivation, three sets of improvements, brings over \$1,500.00 rent per annum. Motley County is in a favored belt of Texas. This choice farm to trade for a good ranch at grazing land prices.

## Real Estate Exchange Company



## The Sign of a Good Drug Store

Training cuts ice in Prescription work. Our advantage along this line has been exceptional and thorough. Four years success in Snyder—and with never a mistake. Though we have rubbed up against some knotty ones, requiring the care, skill and precision of experience.

Bring us your prescriptions. Also give us your drug business as we can greatly aid you in solving any problem that may come up in connection with your drug wants.

## OWL DRUG STORE

The Drug, Book and Stationery House  
F. V. CLARK, Druggist

T. F. Campbell was here Monday from Ira.

J. R. White is advertising a good jack for sale.

S. J. Littlepage was here from Ira with the first Monday crowd.

Shave with Garrett & Norris on the West Side of the Square.

Homer Cotton went to Plainview Tuesday.

Goods bought at auction sale will not be engraved free. H. G. Towle.

L. C. Wasson made a business trip to Amarillo this week.

See Hardy M. Boyd, for Abstracts, over State Bank. 41-1f.

Rev. D. H. Burt made a business trip to Lamesa this week.

The latest style buggies at Blackard Johnson Hardware Company.

Sam Wilson of Hermleigh route 1 was transacting business in Snyder Monday.

See Hardy M. Boyd, for Abstracts, over State Bank. 41-1f.

O. C. Wooliver, of Ira, has been quite sick, but was reported better Wednesday.

Trunks, hand bags and suit cases, the very thing you will need to go away with will be found at Kincanon & Davis.

From every side we are hearing complaints about lice and other insect parasites on stock. The severe winter makes this condition much worse and almost everyone is more or less in need of something to kill these pests and put the stock in condition to thrive and put on flesh. Naturally the demand is for a material that is safe and easy to use. In other words, nobody wants to employ rank poisons on account of the ever present danger of a disastrous accident, and a material that requires a great deal of work to prepare, boiling, mixing, settling, etc., is just about as unpopular. It will be good news to all to know that there is a product on the market that kills lice, ticks, mites, fleas, etc., cures scab, mange, ringworm and other skin diseases, yet when used as directed is practically free from caustic, injurious, irritating and poisonous qualities.

Get circulars and other information at THE OWL DRUG STORE

L. T. Condra and Esquire Stinson were among the Ira delegation here for big Monday.

Have you ever enjoyed a massage? Let us apply one for you. Garrett & Norris.

County Court is in regular session this week, Judge C. R. Buchanan presiding.

China Baze says he has sold his windmill tools and will go into other business.

Shave with Garrett & Norris on the West Side of the Square.

W. W. Cave a prominent ranchman of Fisher county spent Monday night in Snyder, a guest of the Maxwell.

W. N. Price is limping around with a sore foot caused by his horse stepping on him.

Just received a shipment of gents pretty suits. Come and see them. Caton-Dodson Dry Goods Co.

D. P. Strayhorn is getting about on a crutch this week because of a serious hurting in his back.

100 pair of boys pants in assorted styles and colors good quality to sell at 50 per cent discount. At Kincanon & Davis.

If you want the best buggy on the market we have it. Blackard-Johnson Hardware Company.

Look Good. Come and get one of those pretty suits at Caton Dodson's. They will make you look good.

Presiding Elder J. M. Sherman will fill the Methodist pulpit in Snyder next Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. Thompson returned a few days ago from Sweetwater. She reports Mrs. Johnson better.

You will find a full and complete line of fancy vests in the latest shades at, Kincanon & Davis.

Gay McLaughlin has sold his farm interests east of town to A. J. Ellard and has come back to town to stay.

Need 'Em. Come and get 'em. A good grade of duck pants for 85 cents at Caton-Dodson's.

Rev. F. L. Hutcheson, has gone to Pittsburg, Texas, to assist Bro. A. B. Ingram in a revival meeting.

Mrs. J. H. Tinker and her little nephew, Ralph Fox, left Wednesday for their Kansas home. Ralph likes the little boys and girls in Snyder so well that he wants to stay here all the time.

## When You Think of Drugs Think of Us

It is always flattering to a store to have many regular customers. People who come repeatedly must have confidence.

A large percentage of our business comes from regular customers who trade here year in and year out. They know our methods are right and that they will always be treated as we would like to be were we the buyer instead of seller. Why not make this your regular trading place for drugs and medicines.

WHEN YOU THINK OF DRUGS THINK OF US.

## The Snyder Drug Comp'y

"We give mail orders prompt attention"

FOR RENT—SUIT OF OFFICES OVER OWL DRUG STORE. EASY OF ACCESS AND THE BEST LOCATED OFFICES IN TOWN FOR ANY BUSINESS. APPLY TO OWL DRUG STORE.

Dead Wood For Sale. Good dead wood for sale. \$1.50 for 2-horse wagon load. Apply at this office or phone Tarlton ranch. 43-1tp.

Manager W. P. Duckett of the Telephone Exchange, came in Tuesday from a business trip to Abilene.

J. B. Jordan one of the best farmers in the Dunn country, or anywhere else, was transacting business in Snyder Monday and paid the Signal a pleasant call.

W. O. Sanders from five miles north of town was here Monday exhibiting his fine Hamiltonian-Percheron stallion.

J. R. Corley was here Monday from Hermleigh and substantially remembered the printer.

Read the Signal ads.

## Fresh Vegetables Every Day

Our leaders this week are: Golden Sun Coffee, Bouquet Flour and Van Camp's Canned Goods.

## CURRY & TAYLOR

Snyder, Texas

### TO THE PUBLIC

I have purchased the interest of Bert Beauchamp in our confectionery business, west side of the square and am now sole proprietor. I cordially invite all my old customers and the public to give me a share of your trade. The best of fruits and candies, cold drinks and all sorts of confections. Prices right. I will treat you right. Your patronage appreciated. S. T. MINGS.

### Residence Destroyed by Fire.

A three room house near the oil mill and belonging to E. J. Ely and occupied by Mal Cox and family, was destroyed by fire Monday night. There was no insurance on the house. Mr. Cox lost all his household goods. He carried \$150 insurance.

W. A. Reynolds was in Monday from his farm ten miles west of town. He has planted about 40 acres of feed stuff and it is coming up. He will not hurry about planting the rest of his crop.

FOR RENT—SUIT OF OFFICES OVER OWL DRUG STORE. EASY OF ACCESS AND THE BEST LOCATED OFFICES IN TOWN FOR ANY BUSINESS. APPLY TO OWL DRUG STORE.

Tuesday morning. Te says the rain Monday night was much heavier at Sweetwater than at Snyder.

The Signal hopes that Mayor Noble will be able to start a movement to establish a city park.

### AGED LADY DIES AT HER HOME AT DUNN

Miss Merry Susan Rogers, aged 66 years, died last Thursday at her home at Dunn.

Relatives of the lady request the publication of this card of thanks: To The Snyder Signal:

We thank the people for the kindness and sympathetic help with our sister and aunt, Miss Merry Susan Rogers. It was so hard to give her up in this world, but we are proud to be among so many friends as we find around Dunn with ready hands and hearts to help in needed times. We thank them again.

MRS. M. C. HARKER AND CHILDREN.

### LICENSED TO WED

H. H. Lavender and Miss Bama Ellen Shows.

Rudolph Favor and Miss Will Knight.

It is not buying the things which we need that puts us in hard circumstances. It is buying things that we do not need. Come to Caton Dodson Dry Goods Company and they will sell you just the things that you need.

A. J. Ellard who went back to Harrison, Arkansas, some time ago, has come back to Snyder and says he thinks he will stay here this time.

H. C. Hayter spent the winter in Corpus Christi country and came back home the other day to spend the summer.

## Goods bought at Auction, during sale will not be engraved free. H. G. TOWLE

### SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Scurry county, on the 9th day of April, 1913, in a certain cause wherein Robert Rodman and Flora Rodman are plaintiffs and R. L. Palmer is defendant in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 18th day of March, 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff Robert Rodman and Flora Rodman against said defendant R. L. Palmer for the sum of Five thousand, four hundred ninety-one and 50-100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum

from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in May, 1913, it being the 6th day of said month, at the court house door in the town of Snyder, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said R. L. Palmer in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of the said R. L. Palmer to-wit: 120 acres out of the southeast quarter of section No. 144, in block No. 2 H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey in Scurry county, Texas, which is to secure the amount due Flora Rodman, and all of the northeast quar-

ter of section No. 144 in block No. 2 H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey in Scurry county, Texas and the following personal property, 1 double disc breaking plow, 1 two horse wagon and set of double leather harness, 1 riding single row planter, and 1 walking single row planter, which is to secure the amount due Robert Rodman. The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above judgment for five thousand four hundred ninety-one and 50-100 dollars in favor of Robert Rodman and Flora Rodman, together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

the said H. C. Jordan in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of the said H. C. Jordan, to-wit:

All of lot 3 in block No. 46 in the Blankenship addition to the town of Snyder Scurry county, Texas.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above judgment for Two hundred eighty-eight & 10-100 dollars in favor of W. A. McCullough together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

J. B. BOLES, Sheriff Scurry county, Texas. Snyder, Texas, April 10, 1913.

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### AGENCY FOR



## "A Customer Said"

The Reason why I Have

## Grayum Drug Company

To fill all of my PRESCRIPTIONS is because they are carefully compounded by a druggist of 20 YEARS experience.

Their prescription department is complete; they keep just what your doctor prescribes. In fact they handle every thing kept in first class DRUG STORES.

Try them and I will prove to you that what I have said is true.

## GRAYUM DRUG CO.

The Rexall Store

FREE DELIVERY

PHONE No. 37.

## Seed Peanuts

Peanuts \$1.25 per bu.  
See Kaffir Corn \$1.00 per bu.  
Now is the time to get your Seed Cane and Millet.  
Good Will Flour \$2.65 per 100 pounds at

## DENSON & SMITH