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Roosevelt, as candidate for the
presidency in 1904, started in to win
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has "seen" him and "gone" him one
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WEAK and LOW-SPIRITED.
A Correspondent Thus Describes
His Experience.

"I can strongly recommend Her-
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or spending their money on worthless
things, when Herbine is procurable,
and so cheap." 50c a bottle at J. B.
Baker's.

Seven warships, including some of
the big battleships and armored cruis-
ers, will rendezvous at Galveston on
Feb. 18, where they will remain for
one week. This will be a favorable
opportunity for many Texans to see
the big sea fighters.

The scratch of a pin may cause
the loss of a limb or even death when
blood poisoning results from the in-
jury. All danger of this may be
avoided, however, by promptly apply-
ing Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is
an antiseptic and quick healing lin-
iment for cuts, bruises and burns.
For sale by All Druggists.

RESOLUTIONS BY FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE 28th LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
The Haskell County Farmers' Club in regular session assembled, this
7th day of February, 1903, beg leave to submit for your consideration the
following resolutions, herewith adopted by us on this day, as embodying
our views and desires on the several questions treated, to-wit:

Resolved, that we view with satisfaction the wide-spread interest
manifested for the protection of all insect destroying birds, and we respect-
fully ask your honorable body to enact such laws as will most effectually
protect from slaughter all birds known or believed to be insect destroyers,
and that no part of the State be exempted from the operation of such laws.

Resolved, that while we are not in the territory so far ravaged by the
boll weevil, we heartily favor any practical legislation looking to the des-
truction of this pest, or tending to materially lessen its ravages.

Resolved, that we, in common with the people of Western Texas, favor
and earnestly desire and request the enactment of a law that will force
all owners of land infested with prairie dogs to thoroughly exterminate the
dogs on their lands.

We believe such a law necessary from the fact that the prairie dogs
rapidly spread out from infested lands and again occupy the lands of per-
sons who have voluntarily cleared their lands of them, hence some law is
necessary to reach those who will not voluntarily destroy the dogs on
their lands.

Resolved, that we believe that the Farmers' Institute idea now being
advanced and developed in portions of the State is destined to be of im-
mense practical value to the Agricultural and allied interests of the State,
and, to the end that it may be brought into speedy and systematic oper-
ation throughout the State, we favor and ask for an adequate appropriation
of money for the employment of competent organizers and lecturers for
that purpose.

Resolved, that we appreciate the value of the work done by the Ex-
periment station at the Agricultural and Mechanical College and the sev-
eral sub-stations, and we believe that one or more sub-stations in Western
Texas would be especially valuable to that large and comparatively new
and undeveloped section in greatly hastening its agricultural, horticultural
and stock-farming possibilities, which we believe to be great, wherefore
we especially urge that provision be made for same at suitable points.

And, finally, believing that the prosperity of the whole people rests in
large measure on the success and prosperity of agriculture and allied pro-
ductive industries, it is our firm conviction that they should be protected
and fostered by the State in all reasonable ways, and that money spent by
the State on the lines suggested in these resolutions will be well invested
and will in a very few years return many fold to the State's treasury.

Wherefore the Chairman and Secretary of this club are directed to
certify copies of these resolutions to our representatives in the Senate and
House, who are hereby respectfully asked to present same to their respective
bodies for their consideration and action.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolutions
adopted by the Haskell County Farmers' Club at its meeting on Saturday,
February 7th, 1903. G. J. MILLER,
Chairman.

Attest: J. E. POOLS, Sec'y.

Program of the W. H. M. Society.
The meeting will be held at the
residence of Mr. F. G. Alexander,
Friday, Feb. 20, at 3 p. m.
Hymn and prayer.
Bible study, first five chapters of
Acts, origin of the feast of Pentecost
by Mrs. N. C. Smith.

Why was the Holy Spirit given on
Pentecost? by Mrs. C. D. Long.
What was the gift of tongues—Mrs
Cunningham.

State three special facts declared
in Peter's sermon—Mrs. W. T. Jones.
First miracle of healing recorded in
Acts—Mrs. Oscar Martin.
First sin of hypocrisy—Motive and
punishment by Mrs. J. T. Knowles.
Who was Gamaliel, what was his
advice, what is your opinion of it? by
Mrs. Rice Knowles.

Leaflet, will children of the South?
by Mrs. Levi McCollum.
Roll call and minutes of last meet-
ing. Report of Treasurer.
Reading of By-Laws—Mrs. Maloney
Doxology.
Members are requested to meet
promptly and to bring their Bibles to
be prepared on all the above ques-
tions.
Mrs. L. T. Litsey,
Pres. Haskell W. H. M. S.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
Of the Haskell National Bank at Haskell, in
the State of Texas, at the close
of Business Feb. 6, 1903.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$107,890.81
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	7,248.94
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	900.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	8,000.00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	10,000.00
Other real estate owned	5,000.00
Due from National Banks (not re- serve agents)	27,051.03
Due from State Banks and Bankers	89.94
Due from approved reserve agents	7,889.34
Checks and other cash items	605.81
Prepaid paper currency, telegrams, and cents	8.85
Legal Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	\$1,875.00
Legal-tender notes	5,810.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasur- er, 5 per cent of circulation	1,500.00
TOTAL	\$317,916.73

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	60,000.00
Surplus fund	18,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	15,201.48
National Bank notes outstanding	85,000.00
Due to other National Banks	6,818.19
Due to State Banks and Bankers	128.15
Individual Deposits subject to check	28,608.00
Time certificates of deposit	3,975.00
TOTAL	\$217,916.73

State of Texas, County of Haskell, ss:
I, G. E. Couch, Cashier of the above named
bank, do solemnly swear that the above state-
ment is true to the best of my knowledge and
belief.
G. E. Couch, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this
11th day of Feb. 1903.
S. W. Scott,
Notary Public.

Directors:
M. B. Pierson
H. S. Post

Alexander Mercantile Co.

having succeeded the firm of F. G. Alexander & Co., wish to
say to the friends and customers of the old firm that they will
continue the business at the old stand and on the same principles
of equity and justice to all that characterized the dealings of the
old firm.

We shall do business on a cash basis until the accounts growing
out of last year's business are settled in some satisfactory manner,
and we shall expect every one owing us to come forward promptly
and adjust their accounts.

This is purely a business request and is necessary in order to
put our business in a business shape and, while we have not found
fault with those who have not been able as yet to pay up on ac-
count of crop failures, we trust none will give us cause to com-
plain of bad faith by ignoring this, our reasonable request.

To relieve the former manager Mr. F. G. Alexander of some of
the work and pressure of business the collection department has
been placed in the hands of Mr. W. L. Hills, who will be fair to all.
Soliciting your further friendship and patronage, we are yours
in the hope of a prosperous year for all.

Alexander Mercantile Co.

TERRELL'S DRUG STORE,

Southwest Corner Public Square
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Handle only the Purest and Best drugs. Carry a nice line of
Jewelry, Notions and Sundries;
Stationery, Watches, Clocks, Spectacles, Etc.

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I do all classes of repairing on watches and clocks and
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Located at BAKER'S DRUG STORE.

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FINE BOOTS & SHOES

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I have had many years experience in making Cow-boy boots.
A trial will convince you of the excellence of my work.

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" from Waco arrives 5 a. m.

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for all points in North, South and
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"I was troubled for several years
with chronic indigestion and nervous
debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lan-
caster, N. H. "No remedy helped me
until I began using Electric Bitters,
which did me more good than all the
medicines I ever used. They have
also kept my wife in excellent health
for years. She says Electric Bitters
are just splendid for female troubles;
that they are a grand tonic and in-
vigorator for weak, run down women.
No other medicine can take its place
in our family." Try them. Only 50c
Satisfaction guaranteed by J. B. Baker.

The government is to change its
method in disposing of the Kiowa,
Apache and Comanche lands soon
to be put on the market for settle-
ment. The lands are to be sold in
tracts of 160 acres to the highest bid-
ders, instead of being competed for
in a race or drawing. Congressman
Stephens of this district is the author
of the bill making this change in the
method of disposing of the Indian
lands.

FOR SALE.
Four full-blood shorthorn bulls,
one good horse and 8000 bundles of
good sorghum. A. P. McLemore.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. **7c**
Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months. **W. D. Hooper**
Cures Croup
in Two Days.
on every
box 25c.

A GOOD RAIN Fine Crop Prospect for 1903

Beginning Monday afternoon a
general rain fell over this section,
continuing at intervals until Tuesday
night, giving a total precipitation of
1.61 inches. The rain fell slowly
and gently throughout so that an un-
usually large per cent. of it was ab-
sorbed by the earth, thus, with the
moisture already in the ground,
which was more than usual at this
time, putting an excellent season in
the ground. The thousands of acres
of oats which have been sown will
come up promptly and get a fine
start and the wheat, already growing
nicely, will be carried well on toward
maturity, so that with even less than
the average rain later on it should
produce a maximum crop. The
present "season" will also be of suffi-
cient duration to cover corn plant-
ing—if it is done early as it should
be—and give it a good start. Every-
body, especially those who know this
country, feels greatly encouraged
and decidedly hopeful that 1903 is
to be one of the banner crop years
in Haskell county.

The following figures showing the
rainfall here from 1892 to date, ex-
cept for 1894, '97 and '99 for which
the record is missing, were procured
from Mr. W. E. Sherrill and illus-
trate the present condition as to
moisture as compared with previous
years:

Year	Jan.	Feb.
1892	.15	.49
1893	.05	1.85
1895	1.20	1.52
1896	1.52	.00
1898	.97	1.53
1901	.02	1.40
1902	.07	.01
Total	3.98	6.80
Average	.57	.97

January this year the rainfall was
1.15 and so far in Feb. it has been
1.61 ins., a total for the two months
of 2.76, which is a little over the
total for these months in any previ-
ous year, 1895 being the greatest
with 2.72 ins., and we still have half
of Feb. left, with a prospect of more
rain before it is ended.

Tendency of the Times.

The tendency of medical science
is toward preventive measures. The
best thought of the world is being
given to the subject. It is easier and
better to prevent than to cure. It
has been fully demonstrated that
pneumonia, one of the most danger-
ous diseases that medical men have
to contend with, can be prevented
by the use of Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy. Pneumonia always results
from a cold or from an attack of in-
fluenza (grip), and it has been ob-
served that this remedy counteracts
any tendency of these diseases to-
ward pneumonia. This has been fully
proven in many thousands of cases
in which this remedy has been used
during the great prevalence of colds
and grip in recent years, and can be
relied upon with implicit confidence.
Pneumonia often results from a slight
cold when no danger is apprehended
until it is suddenly discovered that
there is fever and difficulty in breath-
ing and pains in the chest, then it is
announced that the patient has pneu-
monia. Be on the safe side and take
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as
soon as the cold is contracted. It al-
ways cures. For sale by All Drug-
gists.

Notes From Marcy

Editor Free Press:
After a few weeks absence we come
again.
We had a fine rain this week,
which will make the oats and wheat
grow in a hurry. We have moisture
enough in the ground now to start
crops and last until May. Garden-
ing will soon be the order of the day.
The Gin is still doing a rushing
business and maybe we will get
through in time to plant cotton.
Comr. S. V. Jones of Marcy is do-
ing business with the court in Has-
kell this week.
Mrs. A. B. Carothers who has been
quite sick for a week, is improving
very fast now.
The singing convention will be
held at Marcy next Saturday and
Sunday. Quite a crowd is expected
to attend, and dinner will be served
on the grounds. Come out and help
us in the singing.

NELLY BLY.
[We are pleased to hear from our
Marcy correspondent again, but as
to that invitation to help 'em sing—
our musical education was sadly
neglected and we can't, not a little
bit.]

JEST and JOLITY

The Only Thing to Do.
"Doctor," said the fussy invalid, "I understand the only proper way to breathe is through the nose. Now, sometimes I wake up and find my mouth wide open."
"Well?" said Dr. Gruff.
"Well, what shall I do?"
"Get up and shut it, of course."

Sized Him Up Right.
"Martha," faltered Mr. Shakes as he crawled cautiously from under the bed, "are you sure there is no man in the house?"
"Quite sure," sneered his wife, disgusted at his lack of courage. "I thought you might be one, but now I find I am mistaken."

Natural Deduction.
"Does he claim to know much about women?"
"No, he says they are beyond his comprehension."
"Then he's married."



Mr. Erastus—Will you have a cold pig's foot, Hestial?
Mrs. Erastus—No; I don't like no kind of cold feet.

DISLIKED THEM.

A Perfect Beauty.
Editor—You say that Miss Fitz is "as handsome as a picture." Why, a homelier girl—
Reporter—Her father has just made \$7,000,000 in coal.
Editor—Is that so? Then give her a paragraph; describe her Parisian costume; say she was the belle of the occasion. I had lost track of her father.—Town Topics.

All Fairly Warned.
The following notice appeared in the newspapers after the dissolution of partnership in a certain firm:
"From this day forth there is no such firm as Binks and Winks. Those that owe the firm may call on me as soon as they are ready, and those that the firm owes had better call on Winks as quick as they can. Signed, J. Binks."

Caustic Comment.
Landlady—I think I'll drop in at the food exposition this afternoon.
Old Boarder—It will only be a waste of time, madam.
Landlady—Why do you think so?
Old Boarder—It will be impossible to find any cheaper kinds of food than you are giving us now.

Didn't Take a Thing.
Mrs. Green—But is the girl honest?
Mrs. Brown—You need not be in the least alarmed. She is perfectly honest. All the time she was with me I never knew her to take a thing—not even my advice as to how things should be done.

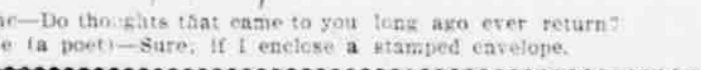
THERE ARE OTHERS.

She—Do thoughts that came to you long ago ever return?
He (a poet)—Sure, if I enclose a stamped envelope.

Mildly Surprised.
"That new boarder went to sleep with the gas turned on and very nearly suffocated," exclaimed the woman who was very naturally in a state of great excitement.
"Well, well," rejoined her husband, who does chores now and then. "Who would have thought it? From the amount of light it gave I never thought that gas was strong enough to hurt anybody."

His Explanation.
"Why are people who buy gold bricks invariably farmers?" asked the man who assumes superiority.
"I dunno," answered Mr. Cortotassel, "unless it's because farmers are the only folks nowadays who have money enough to make it worth while for sharpers to bother with 'em."

His Reason.
"Why," pleaded the prisoner, disregarding all rules of the court, "do you persist in doubting my statements?"
"Because," replied the court in equal disregard of the rules aforesaid, "if I were guilty of the deed of which I believe you to be I should be like the mischief."



COULDN'T TELL WHICH.

Actress—When I reach New York will I have a long run?
Manager—Yes, or a long walk.



A LITTLE TOO FORWARD.

Overheard in a Gun Store.
Desperate Looking Party—I want to buy a revolver.
Dealer—Yes, sir, here's the three latest styles; this plain, substantial arm is much used for self-defense; this silver-mounted one with pearl handle is used for shooting sweethearts, and this cheap, common affair is usually used to shoot wives. It's very popular just now.

Somewhat Different.
Pensmith—Were you at the initial performance of my play last evening?
Critic—No; I was out of town. Did the audience call for the author?
Pensmith (with a sigh)—No; they called for the authorities.

Did What He Could.
"You are charged," said the Billville justice, "with stealing two gallons of whisky. Why did you do it?"
"Kaze I couldn't sit away with a barrel, Yer Honor—I never was very strong!"

Broad Hint.
Sloboy—Why do you write your hands in that peculiar manner, Miss Dolly?
Miss Dolly—Because no gentleman has offered to assist me by ringing even one of my fingers.

Different.
Janitor—You can't occupy this flat. Would-be Tenant—Why not? We have only nine dogs.
Janitor—Oh, that's all right. I thought you had children.

Proof Positive.
An Australian paper announces that there is a woman in that country who is 107 years old, and adds: "Her parents can point to her with pride as a sample of their success in rearing children."

Good Listener.
Mrs. Bouncer—I have been to see Mrs. Grace this afternoon. What delightful company she is.
Mr. Bouncer—Yes, I understand that she is no talker.

Method in His Madness.
Manager—I couldn't pay the wild man of Berneo more than half his salary this morning.
Assistant Manager—I thought there was something unusual about him; he's acting perfectly wild.

Pa's Idea of It.
Little Willie—Say, pa, in this editorial what is meant by the term "all right thinking people?"
Pa—It means all the people who think as the editor does, my son.

More Deadly.
"Don't you dread the cold when you prepare for an Arctic journey?"
"No," answered the fatigued explorer; "what I dread is a frost when I am preparing for my lecture tour on my return."

Revised Version.
Myer—I heard that moss-covered mother-in-law joke again today.
Gyer—Say, that's a new one on me. Tell me the joke about the moss-covered mother-in-law.

George Was Standered.
George Washington—The papers are saying that I never told a lie.
Mrs. George Washington—Oh, well, don't worry about it; all sorts of stories are circulated when a man is running for office.

Hurried Departure.
Fred—How did you come out in your interview with Miss Gatrox's father?
Joe—I'm not quite sure whether it was the door or the window.

A Victim of Environment.
Mrs. Handout—Poor man! I suppose you never had the benefit of religious training while young?
Tiresome Tompkins—Alas! No, mum! Both my parents wuz church choir singers!—Puck.

Under the Mistletoe.
"He caught her under the mistletoe, and—"
"Of course, he kissed her?"
"Not much. He caught her under it with another fellow."

WOMEN UNITE TO OPPOSE SEATING OF SENATOR SMOOT.



Active and organized efforts to prevent the seating of Reed Smoot, elected United States senator by the Utah legislature, are being made. Prominent women have combined in an attempt to influence the senate to unseat him, the allegation being made that he practices polygamy and is a firm believer in the doctrines taught by the Mormon church.

Mr. Smoot was born in Salt Lake City in January, 1852, has been since 1888 a member of the council of the twelve apostles of the Mormon church, and is, therefore, in direct line for the presidency. Previous to his candidacy for the United States senate he had never taken any important part in political affairs. Mr. Smoot served his church for nearly a year, during 1901, as a missionary in England, also visiting the continent.

In Paris, he was elected by his Irish friends to represent Galway in the house of commons. On his arrival in England, June 11, he was arrested on the charge of high treason and his trial and conviction followed.

JOURNALIST HERE ON VISIT
Harper's Weekly Gives High Praise to British Newspaper Man.
A conspicuous Irish invader at the moment is St. Leo Strachey, editor of the famous Spectator. No one who studies his portrait will question the strength of the character back of the countenance, but, to our mind, Mr. Strachey's most pleasing characteristics are his incisiveness and breadth. It goes without saying that his early education was neglected, because, forsooth, this is his first visit to America; nevertheless, he knows a deal more of our country than many of our scribes know, and, while viewing our idiosyncrasies with that amused tolerance which no true Britisher can hide and which, in turn, is amusing to us, he is the most conspicuous, constitutive and staunch friend of the United States to be found in London. He is also, in our judgment, the ablest of English journalists. It is well that he should come here and acquaint himself with our people, and it is fitting that we should express our pleasure of seeing him with our wish that he might remain longer.—Harper's Weekly.

LYNCH SENTENCED TO DEATH
Irish Soldier of Fortune Found Guilty of High Treason.
Col. Arthur Lynch, member of parliament for Galway, Ireland, was found guilty of high treason and sentenced to be hanged.
The British newspapers take it for granted that the sentence will be commuted.

Col. Lynch is an Australian by birth, but an Irishman by nationality and choice. In Australia, the United States, England and South Africa he has advocated home rule for Ireland. His love of conflict overcame him when he reached South Africa as a war correspondent and he became an active combatant.

After an education received at Melbourne university, at Berlin and Paris Col. Lynch took up practical engineering in Australia. He then went to Ireland and became a candidate for parliament, but was defeated. After a short residence in Paris he visited the United States. He then returned to London and became a journalist, varying the monotony by accompanying Sir Garnet Wolseley on the Ashanti expedition. When the Boer war began

ALLEGES ATTEMPT TO BRIBE.
Congressman Says He Was Offered Money for His Vote.
Representative Montague Lessler of New York, who last week stated that he had been offered a bribe of \$5,000 for his vote as a member of the committee on naval affairs in favor of the purchase of Holland submarine torpedo boats, subsequently furnished the name of the man who had offered him the bribe, saying it was Lemuel Eli Quigg, a former representative in congress from a New York City district.

The substance of Mr. Lessler's story was not that he had been actually offered \$5,000, but that it had been intimated to him that he could get \$5,000 if he would vote "right." Lessler's chief claim to remembrance lies in the fact that he defeated Perry Belmont for Congress.



Keene Chary of Giving Tips.
James R. Keene, the noted Wall street speculator, is exceedingly chary about giving market tips to friends, though he is understood not to be so reticent with persons not on his list of intimates. Here is his way of looking at the matter: "Most people will admit that I am about as good a blankety-blank speculator as there is on the street, but the very best I can do is to beat the game four times out of seven. Now, if I gave my friends tips three out of seven would go wrong, and how long do you suppose I could hold my friends under these circumstances. I never had a sure thing in my life. If ever I have I'll let every dash blank one of my friends in."

Hawaiian Delegates to Congress.
A tall, dark man, looking thoughtfully about him at the last white house reception, attracted considerable attention.

Pleasant for Gen. Miles.
When Secretary Root was before the senate committee on military affairs he voiced his opinion of what the duties of the lieutenant general of the army should be when the general staff bill becomes law. It was a brief definition he made and one replete with dry humor. In view of the friction which has existed between Secretary Root and Lieut.-Gen. Miles, Senator Alger asked the secretary, "What would you do with the lieutenant general if you should have him on your hands after this bill passes?" "He should lead a life of dignity and leisure," was Mr. Root's grave reply, whereat everybody else smiled broadly.

Princess May's "Sacred Cross."
The Princess of Wales possesses a "sacred cross," which is supposed to always bring good luck to its owner. It was formerly the property of the King of Denmark, having been discovered years ago in the grave of the beautiful Queen Dagmar. Besides its superstitious interest it is a fine work of art, and was given by the King to the Princess on her marriage.

Praises American Universities.
Prof. Wetz of Freiburg university declared in a recent speech that Americans have better university equipment than Germans. The foremost American universities, he pointed out, are now better equipped than the German universities for comprehensive training, as the munificent gifts from private individuals for libraries, museums, laboratories and professorships supply the American professors with facilities for instruction superior to those of their German colleagues. Therefore Germany is in danger of being surpassed by the United States in intellectual development.

Millionaire's Costly Coat.
D. O. Mills, the New York millionaire, owns a \$1,000 overcoat and the fact only became a matter of public knowledge when the costly garment was stolen. Mr. Mills attended a dinner in the house of a relative and found on preparing to return home that his overcoat had disappeared, having probably been carried off by an expert hall thief. The owner offers a reward of \$100 for its return.



DR. COFFEE
Discovers Remedies That Restore Sight to Blind People.
Dr. W. O. Coffee, a noted oculist, 200 Good Block, Des Moines, Iowa, has discovered medicines for the eyes that people can use at home and cure Cataracts, Scums, Granulated Lids, Evers of Blindness, etc. Dr. Coffee has published an 80-page book on Eye Diseases which he will send to every reader of this paper. This book tells how to prevent old sight and make weak eyes strong. Write Dr. Coffee today for his book.

When a man owns but one suit of clothes he is in a position to gey the festive moth.

Literal Application.
"Children," said the teacher, while instructing the class in composition, "you should not attempt any flights of fancy, but simply be yourselves, and write what is in you. Do not imitate any other person's writings or draw inspiration from outside sources."
As a result of the advice Johnny Wise turned in the following composition:
"We should not attempt any flights of fancy, but rite what is in us. In me there is my stumckle, lungs, hart, liver, two apples, one piece of pie, and stick lemon candy and my dinner."

Not Wanted.
The German immigrant who came over to this country in a dry goods box must go back whence he came. The ruling of the treasury department is this: "This fellow has no business here at all. A man who commits such rash acts is liable to do deeds that surpass this one in lawlessness and rashness. His first deed in coming to this country was to break the law, and his last act before leaving his native land was in violation of the law. We want law-abiding, mentally balanced immigrants. We don't want freaks." He went.

Living Up to Principles.
Once when inviting a guest to Lambeth place Dr. Temple, the late archbishop of Canterbury, is said to have told him: "You know my principles; you will find nothing but water on my dinner table; but my servants have orders to see that wine is placed in your bedroom." In due course the visit was returned and the host said to Dr. Temple: "I know your principles. My servants have orders to offer you no wine at dinner; but you will find plenty of water in your bedroom."

After Best Terms.
When Bishop Potter of New York was asked what his servants thought of woman suffrage he made the diplomatic reply: "My dear madam, I have got away beyond that; I am trying to make the best terms with the sex that I can obtain."
This brings to mind the mot of Williams M. Everts, when asked by a lady if he did not think that woman was the best judge of woman. He replied: "Not only the best judge, madam, but the best executioner."
To which expression men will say, amen.

Evidently Elopers.
There drove up to the Coates house, Kansas City, the other day a carriage from which a young man and young woman alighted. The young man went to the register and wrote thereon: "Everett Hawkins, Wichita."
"Will you have a room?" asked the clerk.
"Not yet," was the reply.
"Is that your wife with you?"
The man stammered. "Well, at well—no," he said, "not yet."
He wrote below his name this: "Miss Iva Lule, Lowery City, Mo."

Men Blush More Than Women.
One of the most ill-founded of all popular delusions is that blushing is the special characteristic of the female sex. As a matter of fact, except in the case of very young girls, men blush far more readily than women. The well-bred woman never blushes at all, while it is a matter of every-day experience that in the excitement of business or political discussions men's cheeks redden with very little provocation. Whatever may have been the case a hundred years ago, the modern woman shows her emotion, not by blushing, but by turning pale.

FAST CATTLE RUN.
A special train of fat market steers starting from Kaufman over the Midland and Frisco Lines at 11:30 a. m., Saturday, the 17th inst., and picking up loads at feeding stations en route, was landed at St. Louis at 3:25 a. m., Monday, the 19th inst. The distance covered is 678 miles, and the total time in transit was 40 hours, the cattle reaching the market in excellent condition.

Truth lies the bottom of a well, but the angler never goes there to fish.

You can't tip a waiter enough to make him lose his balance.

Put your finger on our trade mark. Tell your dealer you want the best starch your money can buy. Insist on having the best. DEFIANCE.

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TWO NEW STATES

New Mexico and Arizona May Come In as One State.

IT LOOKS LIKE A COMPROMISE

Arizona May Be Attached to New Mexico as a Temporary Expedient. Such a Bill Would Be Unopposed in Senate

Washington, Feb. 4.—It is said that earnest efforts are being made to compromise the differences in the Senate on the statehood question, and predictions are that by the end of the week the end of the long filibuster will be in sight.

This morning in the Committee on Agriculture, while the agricultural appropriation bill was under consideration, Senator Quay informed his colleagues that he might have a modification to make of his statehood amendment to the bill, and on this account the committee postponed consideration of the bill until Friday to give him time.

Just what sort of compromise measure will be acceptable to both sides can not be known for a day or two. It is suggested that New Mexico and Arizona be admitted as one state, and that Oklahoma and Indian Territory be also admitted according to the terms of the Nelson bill. Another suggestion is that Oklahoma and New Mexico be admitted, with a proviso that Arizona be admitted as soon as it has a population of 200,000.

It remains to be seen how the advocates of statehood for New Mexico and Arizona will view these propositions. Up to this time Arizona people have stoutly resisted the very suggestion of union with New Mexico, and New Mexico has not favorably looked upon the idea. If DeLoach, Roddy and Mark Smith agree to accept such a solution of the present difficulty it will doubtless be satisfactory to most of the statehood advocates, and the bill would promptly pass.

Such a state would approximate in area the State of Texas, the combined area of Arizona and New Mexico being 235,000 square miles, as against 264,780 for Texas. It is suggested also that provision could be made in the bill providing that the portion of the new state composed of the present Territory of Arizona may be admitted as a separate state as soon as the population has sufficiently increased.

Kentuckian to Establish Horse Ranch.

Waco, R. S. Mayfield has moved from Kentucky to Texas with his family, and will start a blooded horse ranch in one of the western counties. Mr. Mayfield says the demand in the Eastern Hemisphere for fine American horses is large and growing. Texas, he thinks, possesses advantages over any State for horse breeding. He will also breed mules, but expects to make high grade horses his main feature.

Beauvoir to Be Bought.

Atlanta, Ga.: At a meeting of the Beauvoir Committee of the Sons of Confederate Veterans \$10,000, the amount required for the purchase of Beauvoir, the old home of Jefferson Davis, former President of the Southern Confederacy, was subscribed. It is stated that the deed to the property will be delivered by Mrs. Davis as soon as the amount can be paid over.

Unfortunate Blaze at Carlsbad.

Carlsbad, N. M.: The best sugar factory at this place, belonging to Schiltz Brewing Co., Milwaukee, was burned Monday morning. The loss on the building and machinery was total. The factory was valued at \$250,000. No insurance on the building or the machinery. The fire is thought to have been the work of an incendiary. The factory was erected about seven years ago and was one of the best in the Southwest, having a capacity of two hundred tons a day. The building was of brick and of the most substantial character.

Mill Re-Opens: Wheat Good.

Aubrey: The Aubrey Roller Mills, which has been closed down for about twelve months, has now resumed business. The old settlers of DeWitt county say that the prospects for a wheat crop are more flattering than any previous year in their experience. The bank of Aubrey will soon add the word "national."

Dawson: A shaft was sunk on the Eldorado creek Monday, striking bed rock sixty-five feet below the first bed rock with six feet of pay gravel running as high as \$15 to the bucket. The new strike defeats all mining theories and opens up remarkable possibilities. Miners are digging other shafts. If a lower bedrock exists another Klondike district under the first one will be found. It is said there are three or four strata, each bearing its burden of gold ore.

Negro Killed in Wreck.

Texarkana: A freight train loaded with railroad ties and cattle was wrecked on the Transcontinental division of the Texas and Pacific, forty miles west of here Monday night.

Some of the cattle were killed, many were maimed and the rest escaped to the woods. A negro tramp who was leaning his way on the train was killed. The wreck will prove a heavy financial loss.

DOWN AT THE CAPITAL.

What the Servants of the People are Doing to Please the Boys.

Austin. The house met Tuesday at 9:30 and talked hard and fast about the court stenographers till 11:45, when adjournment was taken till 9:30 Wednesday. By skillful and adroit labor the bill was saved from an ignominious death by being recommitted. Among important bills introduced was one to confine operations of foreign corporations to one place in the state. The house committee reported favorably the bill appropriating \$50,000 for department of instruction in the textile industry, to be added to the Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Committee on health and vital statistics reported favorably Mr. Moran's bill to establish a state board of embalming.

Committee on privileges, suffrages and elections reported favorably bill changing time to make election returns from forty to twenty days.

In the senate, Senator Perkins had special order changed from Tuesday to Friday week, his bill providing for the enlargement of the iron industry at Rusk penitentiary. The bill to prohibit divorced parties from marrying within twelve months from date of decree was amended so that they could remarry and went to engrossment. Among bills introduced: A pure-food law, creating the office of dairy and food commissioner. State affairs: Appropriating \$75,000 for additional buildings at the orphan home and establishing a department of industrial training. Asylum committee: An anti-free pass bill, prohibiting the giving of free transportation, except to railway employees. Appropriating the maximum amount of \$250,000 per annum for Confederate pensions. Does not include maintenance for Confederate home. Appropriating \$40,000 for survey of the Brazos river and its principal tributaries, with a view of preventing overflows.

Oil Find Reported Near Mabank.

Mabank: At Tolosa, a ten miles southwest of this place. There is considerable excitement over what is believed to be a discovery of oil, and parties from a distance are preparing to sink a test well at once. Oil leases have been held on a great quantity of lands through this section for several years, which expire this spring, and this fact added to a rumor afloat for some time that oil and coal existed at Tolosa, are, it is thought, responsible for the sinking of a test well at that place.

Dislocated Vertebra Column.

Temple: Monday afternoon, while a young man named Joel Sweatt was driving into a stable on a load of hay, he was crushed between the top of the load and the ceiling, having misjudged the size of the space. He was doubled forward and the strain was so intense that his back was dislocated at about the center. The dislocated vertebrae was reduced with much difficulty, it requiring the exertions of six men to bring it into place, after which the patient was encased in plaster of paris. His recovery is very doubtful.

Want a New State.

Glendive: A committee of citizens spent Sunday in Glendive to arrange for the segregation of Eastern Montana and West and North Dakota and the formation of a new state to be known as Montague, extending from the Bell Mountains in Montana to the Missouri river in North Dakota, with Glendive as the capital.

Gold Excitement in Oklahoma.

Guthrie: Intense excitement prevails in Taloga and Dewey counties over the discovery of gold, copper and iron ore on the farm of R. M. Maloney, five miles northeast of Taloga. Business has been practically suspended there, so great is the excitement. It is estimated that there were 500 people there who have over a thousand mineral claims staked off and shafts are being sunk. A townsite of twenty acres has been surveyed, platted and a townsite company organized.

Woman Burned to Death.

Temple: Information was received here Monday of the death of a Mrs. Fowler, living on the Nelson farm, near Rogers. Her dress caught fire in some manner and before relief could be had the lady sustained injuries which caused her death two hours after the accident. Her husband did all he could to extinguish the flames, and was himself painfully burned.

Tomato Truckers at Terrell.

Terrell: A cooperative company has just been organized in this city for the purpose of growing a ten-acre crop of tomatoes. The company is formed by individual stockholders, who take stock in the organization in shares of \$20 per share. There are thirty stockholders in the company. It is the purpose of the promoters to grow tomatoes in such quantities that they can be shipped in carload lots to consumers.

Would Be Train Wreckers.

Liberty Hill: An attempt was made Tuesday morning to wreck the eastbound Houston and Texas Central passenger train at or near Graphite. After firing a bridge the culverts piled cross-ties on the track and a wreck was narrowly averted.

Two white men and one negro were seen in the vicinity and are suspected of having had something to do with the outrage.

DOINGS AT AUSTIN

The Sessions Are Short and the Attendance is Small.

PROHIBS HAD BETTER LOOK OUT

The Enemy is Camping on Their Trail and Will Ask for an Equal Show For His White Alley, as a Matter of Right.

Austin, Jan. 29.—The Senate confirmed the nominations made by the Governor.

Passed under suspension, bill not requiring jurors to have paid poll tax.

New bills in the Senate—General appropriation bill for support of State Government next two years.

Authorizing the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company to purchase and operate the Denison and Washita Valley Railway Company, also in separate bill, the Granger, Georgetown, Austin and San Antonio Railway. Fixing salaries of principals of the three State Normals at \$2000 a year. Abolishing three days grace on negotiable instruments. Making it optional with Commissioners' Courts and City Councils whether they will order registration of voters on petition of 500 voters.

The Senate committee's report favors a bill making it not necessary to display the sign "posted" to prevent hunting and fishing on inclosed lands excepting pastures of 2000 acres or more. Favorably to punish pawnbrokers who purchase or accept as collateral articles from minors.

In the House: A petition was presented asking for a hospital for indigent and sick colored people. By a vote of 104 to the bill allowing tax payers in Nacogoches County extension of time in which to pay taxes was passed. The bill to allow stepfather and stepdaughter to marry was passed. Making the scholastic age from 7 to 17 passed to engrossment.

New bills in the House: A bill regulating practice of barbering, registering and licensing of persons to carry on such practice, to insure the better education of such practitioners, to insure better sanitary conditions in barber shop; applying to towns of 1000 population and more. To authorize the State of Texas to condemn property for public purposes. Act defining offense of defrauding hotel and boardinghouse keepers of their charges. Act for prevention and suppression of fraud arising from settlement of claims for damages in personal injury cases.

The joint resolution providing for holding a constitutional convention to revise and amend the Constitution of the State of Texas.

The House of Representatives has conferred upon the Farmers' Congress the rather unusual compliment of tendering the use of Representative Hall for the night meeting of the congress on Feb. 2.

It is reported that a bill is being framed for introduction in the House which is designed to prevent the holding of local option elections except after a period of two years from the date of the next preceding election for that purpose has intervened. Under the existing law, if such an election question may be resubmitted within thirty days. The purpose of the bill to two years. The purpose of the bill to be introduced is to give the prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists an equal show.

THE SENATORIAL LOTTERY.

The Boys Take a Turn at the Decennial Game of Chance.

Austin: The members of the senate drew for the long and short terms, four years and two years respectively. It is necessary for these drawings to take place once in every ten years, following the reapportionment of the state. Thereafter the senators are elected for four years, one-half of the membership being elected every two years. The drawing resulted as follows:

Four years—J. T. Beaty of Jasper county, Charles L. Brachfield of Rusk, A. B. Davidson of DeWitt, R. V. Davidson of Galveston, D. E. Decker of Hardeman, J. J. Faulk of Henderson, J. M. Hale of Caldwell, W. A. Hanger of Tarrant, Marshall Hicks of Bexar, J. W. Hill of Tom Green, R. W. Martin of Coryell, W. C. McKay of Dallas, D. A. Paulus of Lavaca, R. N. Stafford of Wood, John Willacy of San Patricio, J. R. Wilson of Bowie.

Two years—T. M. Cain of Raines, A. M. Dougless of Hill, J. H. Faubion of Williamson, Joseph Faust of Comal, Arch Grinnan of Brown, J. L. Harbison of Grayson, A. J. Harper of Limestone, Travis Henderson of Lamar, A. G. Lipscomb of Waller, Seth P. Mills of McLennan, A. W. Morris of Montgomery, James Patterson of Delta, J. I. Perkins of Cherokee, George W. Savage of Montague, W. P. Sebastian of Stephens.

Seven of the eleven senators who served in the Twenty-seventh drew long terms. All of the senators from the larger cities, of Texas, save Senator Mills, of McLennan, got long terms.

Death and Destruction Follow.

Mart: H. Boyd was shot and killed here Tuesday evening. J. W. Huddleston had an examining trial in Justice J. T. Davis' court here Wednesday, and was granted bond in the sum of \$3900 to await the action of the grand jury.

FOSTER WINS OUT.

The Constitution Stands For Free Open Trials and Free Speech.

Dallas: Judge John N. Henderson handed down an opinion in the court of criminal appeals of considerable interest to the press. The case was that of Marcellus E. Foster, who was, in the opinion of the judge of the circuit court of Harris county, in contempt of court for having published in a newspaper the testimony in a murder case contrary to orders from the bench.

The opinion of Judge Henderson in part is as follows: "The fact that no decision can be found in support of the power of the courts of this county to prohibit the publication of evidence developed in the courts of such trial is strikingly persuasive of the absence of such power, for if it had been assumed to exist, evidently somewhere, some judge before this time would have attempted it and we would have a report of the case."

"But even if it be conceded that some other court in some other state had decided in favor of the power of the courts to inhibit the publication of testimony and to treat a violation of the order as a matter of contempt, then such a decision in order to be even persuasive should afford some good and sufficient reason for its basis, otherwise it would be entitled to but little consideration, especially when we take into view our constitutional provisions bearing on the subject."

"Sec. 8 of our bill of rights guarantees the freedom of speech and the liberty of the press. Sec 10 guarantees to all accused persons a speedy public trial by an impartial jury. If the constitution guarantees a public trial is it in the power of the court to make it a private trial? If not, then where is the power of the court to prohibit spectators or to require or enforce thereafter silence on those who may witness the proceedings? If there is no power on the part of the court to prevent spectators from rehearsing evidence, by the same logic the court has no authority to prevent a publication of the testimony. * * * We take it that the learned judge who exercised his authority in this instance did it as he believed in the interest of the due administration of the law, but the argument of convenience can have no weight as against the safeguards of the constitution, which were intended by our fathers for the preservation of the rights and liberties of the citizen."

"And even if there was a conflict here between the authority and dignity of the court, that should yield to the plain letter of the constitution. We accordingly hold that the court has no power to prohibit the publication of the testimony of the witnesses in the case, and that his act in punishing the relator for contempt for violating that order was without jurisdiction and was consequently void. The relator is ordered discharged."

Wreck and Death in Illinois.

Chicago, Ill.: Three persons were killed, four seriously injured and eight slightly injured in a rear-end collision between stock trains on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad near LaFox Wednesday morning. The trains came together in a dense fog, the engine of the rear train crashing into the caboose ahead without warning to the passengers.

Bank at Nederland.

Washington: The Controller of the Currency authorized the First National Bank of Nederland, Texas, to begin business with a capital of \$25,000. A Burson is president and R. A. Frost cashier of the new bank.

Foundry Explosion.

Anniston, Ala.: The large boiler in the malleable foundry of the Southern Car and Foundry company blew up Wednesday morning, killing six persons and injuring probably twenty others, several of whom will die. Parts of the boiler weighing a ton or more were blown over buildings standing a thousand feet from the place of the explosion. It will probably never be known what caused the explosion.

A Century and Ten.

Paris: There is a negro woman, Nancy Young, living in Tudor Grove, a suburb of Paris, who claims to be 110 years old. Citizens of Paris who have known her many years say that she was very old when they first knew her. In slavery time she was owned by Dan Waggoner, the wealthy cattleman of Decatur, Tex. A few months before his death he wrote a letter in which he reckoned Aunt Nancy's age at about 110 years.

The Trinity River snagboat has been completed and named the W. C. Wolf.

It is sixty feet long, twenty feet wide and four feet deep and draws eight inches of water.

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Twenty-five Killed.

Tucson, Ariz.: In a headend collision between passenger trains on the Southern Pacific railroad Wednesday near Vails, Ariz., twenty-five persons are said to have been killed and more than a score were injured. A tourist sleeping car broke from the eastbound train and ran down hill to Tucson, bringing the first news of the wreck. Both trains were running at full speed when the collision occurred. The locomotives and cars were piled up and took fire. Eleven cars were burned.

FROCKS AND FRILLS FOR THE FAIR

Unhemmed Ruches and Frills.

Raw-edged ruches are quite the latest way of making a soft finish to a silk skirt. They cannot be used on moire or on any ribbed silk woven like a poplin cord. But for lousine or taffeta or faille there is nothing better or more modish.

Think what a saving of labor the raw-edged ruche affords to the dressmaker! It is a boon, doing away with the hours of work once bestowed on turning, basting the narrow hem, and of the "mile-run" on the sewing machine necessary to stitch the flounce.

A silk like a lousine or taffeta can be safely pinked or left raw to be used either gathered or rose-quilted, without fear of the edges fraying out.

The Latest in Toques.

One of the exemplifications of the modes of the moment which have specially caught public approval is the all-around Shah of Persia toque. One carried out in ermine, with the important espy at the side is simply charming.



A Graceful Home Dress

For motoring purposes a certain smart furrier is making a toque which he is pleased to call the staff shape, of Russian pony skin, with the back curtain or yoke piece descending on to the shoulders. A small fitting toque, slightly turning off the face, in white caracul or gray squirrel, is also worn.

Chiffon and Fern Confections.

A lovely muff and bon are made of white chiffon and maidenhair ferns. The bon is broad and long and the muff is immense. It is all one great mass of accented chiffon frills, softly, prettily white—a veritable snowdrift, were it not for the delightfully graceful sprays of maidenhair fern. These sprays are in velvet and catch the characteristics of this favorite fern most admirably. The sprays are tied on with Liberty satin ribbon the shade of the chiffon and a good inch in width. The set is a gem of delicate prettiness and could hardly fail to be becoming.

Ornamental Chiffons.

The chiffon gowns are wonderfully elaborate. There was a time when a plain chiffon frock was considered an altogether lovely dinner or evening gown, but now chiffon is not only combined with medallions of lace over silk which are set in frames of velvet, but the chiffon itself is scattered with chenille dots and hand-embroidered flowers. There is quite a vogue for hand-painted chiffon dancing gowns, which are as perishable as they are lovely.

Fancy Fads for Dames.

The embroidered chiffons are the newest things in dress materials, and several of the imported reception gowns seen display the rarest designs in them. They will be worn all through the winter by the ultra-fashionable, but are too expensive for any but the wealthy.

Washable Gloves.

Washable gloves come in great variety this season, in most cases giving the greatest satisfaction. The washable glove gloves are most expensive, costing \$2 a pair, but white and yellow chamolite skin gloves can be purchased for half that price and besides there are washable silk and lisle gloves which fit almost if not quite

as well as kid and wash like a cotton rag.

Among the other novelties is the coaching glove of white glace kid, pique finished with a military cuff of gray, red or blue and fastened with one pearl button.

To prevent boiled starch from souring add a little sulphate of copper.

A solution of bichloride of copper makes a brown spot on alloy, but produces no effect on a gold surface.

A felon may be cured in its early stages by "trapping it in a mixture made of half a teaspoonful of water stirred into one ounce of Venice turpentine."

The taste of castor oil may be destroyed by beating it with the white of an egg, or better still, by dropping it into enough lemon juice to float it. There is nothing equal to finely sifted coal ashes for brightening metals of all kinds—brass, tin, copper or nickel. Rub over with a damp cloth dipped in the ashes.

Soaps and gravies are richer and better if the meat and vegetables are put into a saucepan first with a little butter, and allowed to cook slowly for nearly half an hour before adding the water.

To remove mildew, mix lemon juice with salt, powdered starch and soft soap. Apply with a brush and lay in the sun; or you may rub soap on the spots, scrape chalk on them, moisten and lay in the sun.

Return of the Epergne.

The old-fashioned epergne is making its way to the fore again as more or less of a novelty. A particularly attractive English design in crystal and silver consists of a group of vase-like flower holders, the center one tall and slender, those surrounding it being in floral shapes and detachable. For few covers, these are separated and distributed about the table. Different colors in Italian cut glass are also employed with good effect.

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Only two kinds of sleeves are seen, more or less modified but bearing the fundamental characteristics of the pagoda and pyramid sleeves, borrowed originally, as may be divined, from striking monuments in China and Egypt, although why we should go to these countries to select their monuments for an inspiration in sleeves will always remain a mystery—a freak of fashion.

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For a pretty fluffy petticoat a novel idea is to make the entire ruffle of narrow, filmy insertion. This ruffle should be one-third the length of the skirt, and the lace insertion should be set together and garnished with satin ribbon ruching. The foundation of the skirt lies, of course, under this flounce. A narrow under ruffle or two gives the fluffy effect that all feminine loves.

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Stuffed heads as an ornamentation on muffs have gone out. This year tabs and tails are the proper thing. The muffs are full, flat and square. They look for all the world like foot-warmers for the carriage, but they have the redeeming feature of being comfortable.

NEW IN EVENING DRESS.

Turpentine will remove tar from cloth.

Rows and rows of iridescent buttons give a brilliant effect to some novel evening gowns.

Very odd and brassy-looking brooches are those in the new ware known as La Vert.

Materials of a reasonably heavy weight are all lined with soft silks.

now, but for diaphanous stuffs like chiffon, net, crepe de chine, etc., tab feta is still used.

A handsome hatpin has a coronet of pearls and a luminous topaz at the top.

Many of the latest blouses seem to be especially designed to effectually disguise any waistline.

In cuff buttons and sleeve links the delicately toned moonstone is quite again in the ascendant.

Low-crowned feather toques are much worn in the morning, the favorite being of pheasant feathers.

Narrow silk strappings for finely tucked flounces on silk petticoats is one of the latest adornments.

Black lace gowns, finely trimmed with lace medallions and jet, over a white foundation, are one of the smartest evening gowns of the winter.



For the Hero Aged Six.

This young man is ready for skating, bob-sledding or any of the manly pastimes indulged in by the hero of six winters. His box-coat is of heavy cream colored broadcloth, with big smoked pearl buttons, just like those

on his papa's driving coat. A storm collar of golden brown beaver tops the coachman's cape of broadcloth; leggings of broadcloth are fastened by small buttons of smoked pearl and a Tam O'Shanter cap of the cloth has a brown velvet rosette under the crown on the left side.

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The Bow of Orange Ribbon

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CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)

There was something so frank and persuasive about the elegant stranger that Joris could not refuse the courtesy she asked for herself and her nephew. And, having yielded, he yielded with entire truth and confidence.

Elder Semple was greatly pleased at his friend's compliance. He gave Joris full credit for his victory over his national prejudice, and he did his very best to make the concession a pleasant event. In this effort he was greatly assisted by Mrs. Gordon. She set herself to charm Van Heemskirk, as she had set herself to charm Madam Van Heemskirk on her previous visit, and she succeeded so well, that when "Sir Roger de Coverley" was called, Joris rose, offered her his hand and to the delight of every one present, led the dance with her.

It was a little triumph for the elder. Indeed, he was so interested in listening to the clever way in which "the bonnie woman flattered Van Heemskirk" that he was quite oblivious of the gathering wrath in his son's face, and the watchful gloom in Hyde's eyes, as the two men stood together, jealously observing of Capt. Hyde's attentions to Katherine. Without any words spoken on the subject, there was an understood compact between them to guard the girl from any private conversation with him; and yet two men with hearts full of suspicion and jealousy were not a match for one man with a heart full of love. In a moment, in the interchange of their hands in a dance, Katherine clasped tightly a little note, and unobserved hid it behind the rose at her breast. The loving girl thought it no wrong to put it there; she even hoped that some kind of blessing or sanction might come through such sacred keeping, and she went to sleep whispering to herself:

"Happy I am. Me he loves; me he loves; me only he loves; me forever he loves!"

CHAPTER V.

The Beginning of Strife.

"My dear Dick, I am exceedingly concerned to find you in such a talking-moping about a Dutch school-girl! Pah! I had a much better opinion of you."

"I know I love her beyond everything, and that I am likely to love her all my life."

"Upon my word, Dick, love may live an age—if you don't marry it."

"Let me make you understand that I wish to marry it."

"Oh, indeed, sir! Then the church door stands open. Go in. I suppose the lady will oblige you so far."

"Pray, dear aunt, give me your advice. What is the first step to be taken?"

"Go and talk with her father. The very thing you think worth asking for; but it is very necessary for you to know what fortune goes with her beauty."

"If her father refuses to give her to me—"

"That is not to be thought of. You come of a noble race. You are not far from the heritage of a great title and estate. If you ask for her fortune, you offer far above its equivalent, sir."

"Well, this suspense is intolerable, and not to be borne. I will go and end it. Give me your good wishes."

"I shall be impatient to hear the result."

At Van Heemskirk's store Capt. Hyde asked for the councillor and was taken to his office.

"Your servant, captain. Is there anything I can oblige you in, sir?"

Joris asked the question because the manner of the young man struck him as uneasy and constrained; and he thought, "Perhaps he has come to borrow money." He was not, therefore astonished when Capt. Hyde answered:

"Sir, you can, indeed, oblige me, and that in a matter of the greatest moment."

"If money it be, captain, at once I may tell you, that I borrow not, and I lend not."

"Sir, it is not money—in particular."

"So?"

"It is your daughter, Katherine."

Then Joris stood up, and looked steadily at the sailor. His large, amber face had become in a moment hard and stern; and the light in his eyes was like the cold, sharp light that falls from drawn steel.

"My daughter is not for you to name. Sir, it is a wrong to her, if you speak her name. Like to like, that is what I say. Your wife seeks, captain, among your own women. My daughter is to another man promised."

"Look you, councillor, that would

MAKING THE BURGLAR SUFFER.

Punishment inflicted by Householder on Midnight Marauder.

The noise made by the burglar in the Ferguson pantry, slight as it was, disturbed the light sleeper in the bedroom not far away. The midnight marauder was surprised a moment later to find himself covered with a big revolver in the hands of a determined-looking man in a long white robe.

"I hadn't done nothin' but eat a few cold victuals, mister," stammered the burglar.

"I see," sternly replied George Ferguson, "you have been eating the remains of a cake my wife made. Do you know what I'm going to do with you?"

"Hand me over to the police, I s'pose," gasped the helpless thief.

"Worse than that," said Ferguson, with a ferocious grin. "I'm going to make you eat a quart of health food. It's a new kind my wife heard of and made yesterday, and it's pretty dry eating, but you'll eat every particle of it or I'll bore six holes through you."

be monstrous. Your daughter loves me."

Joris turned white to the lips. "It is not the truth," he answered in a slow, husky voice.

"By the sun in heaven, it is truth! Ask her!"

"Then a great scoundrel are you, unfit with honest men to talk. Ho! Yes, your sword pull from its scabbard. Strike. To the heart, strike me. Less wicked would be the deed than the thing you have done."

There was something very impressive in the angry sorrow of Joris. Yet Hyde persevered in his solicitation.

"Do but hear me, sir. I have done nothing contrary to the custom of people in my condition, and I assure you that with all my soul I love your daughter. No man can love her better."

"What say you? How, then, do I love her? Who carried her—my wife lammette?—in these arms before yet she could say to me, 'Father?'"

His wrath had been steadily growing, and suddenly striking the desk a ponderous blow with his closed hand, he said with an unmistakable passion, "My daughter you shall not have. God in heaven to himself take her ere such sorrow come to her and me!"

"Sir, you are very unkind; but to be plain with you, I am determined to marry your daughter if I can compass this matter in any way. It is now, then, open war between us; and so, sir, your servant."

"Stay. To me listen. Not one guilder will I give to my daughter, if—"

"To the devil with your guilders! Dirty money made in dirty traffic—"

"You lie."

"Sir, you take an infamous advantage. You know that, being Katherine's father, I will not challenge you."

"Christus!" roared Joris, "challenge me one hundred times. A fool I would be to answer you. Life my God gave to me. Well, then, only my God shall from me take it. See you these arms and hands? In them you will be as the child of one year. Ere beyond my reason you move me, go!" and he strode to the door and flung it open with a passion that made every one in the store straighten towards the two men.

White with rage, and with his hand upon his sword-hilt, Capt. Hyde stamped his way through the crowded store to the dusty street. Then it struck him that he had not asked the name of the man to whom Katherine was promised. He swore at himself for the omission. Whether he knew him or not, he was determined to fight him. Now must see Katherine before her father had any opportunity to give any orders regarding him.

In the meantime Joris was suffering as only such deep natures can suffer. Capt. Hyde's proposal and his positive assertion that Katherine loved him, had fallen upon the father's heart with the force of a blow, and the terror of a shattering departure, he shut the door of his office, walked to the window, and stood there some minutes, clasping and unclasping his large hands, like a man full of grief and perplexity. Ere long he remembered his friend Semple. This trouble concerned him also, for Capt. Hyde was in a manner his guest; and if he were informed of the marriage arranged between Katherine and Nell Semple, he would doubtless feel himself bound in honor to retire. Joris found Semple and in a few short, strong sentences, put the case before him.

"My certie! When girls are auld enough for a lover, they are a match for any ray head. I'm thankful man that I wasn't put in charge of any of them. I shall have to speak my mind to Nell, and likewise to Col. Gordon; and you canna put off your duty to your daughter an hour longer. Dear me! To think Joris, o' a man being able to sit w' the councillors o' the nation, and yet no match for a lassie o' seventeen!"

As they walked homeward, the elder talked, and Joris pondered, not what was said, but the thoughts and purposes that were slowly forming in his own mind.

When the evening meal was over Joris rose, and laying his hand on Katherine's shoulder said, "There is something to talk about. Sit down, Lyset; the door shut close, and listen to me."

It was impossible to mistake the stern purpose on her husband's face, and Lyset silently obeyed the order.

"Katherine, Katrijntje, mijn kind, this afternoon there comes to the store the young man Capt. Hyde. To thy father he said many ill words. To him thou shalt never speak again. Thy promise give to me."

She sat dumb, with dropped eyes, and cheeks as red as the pomegranate flower at her breast.

"Mijn kind, speak to me."

Weeping bitterly, she rose and went to her mother, and laid her head upon Lyset's shoulder.

"Look now, Joris. One must know the 'why and the wherefore.' What mean you? 'Which, mijn kindje!'"

"This I mean, Lyset. No more meetings with the Englishman will I have. No love secrets will I bear. Danger is with them; yes, and sin, too. 'Mijn kindje, listen to me thy father. It is for thy happy life here, it is for thy eternal life, I speak to thee. This man for whom thou art weeping is not good for thee. Mijn beste kindje, do I love thee?'"

"My father?"

"Do I love thee?"

"Yes, yes."

"Dost thou, then, love me?"

She put her arms round his neck, and laid her cheek against his, and kissed him many times.

"Wilt thou go away and leave me, and leave thy mother, in our old age? Katrijntje, my dear, dear child, what do I do, and for thy mother, wilt thou do?"

"Thy wish—if I can."

Then he told her of the provision made for her future. He reminded her of Nell's long affection, and added, "To-morrow, about thy own house, I will take the first step. Near my house it shall be; and at the feast of St. Nicholas thou shalt be married. And money, plenty of money, I will give thee; and all that is proper thy mother and these shall have. No more, no more at all, shalt thou see or speak to that bad man who has so beguiled thee. Wilt thou these things promise me? Me and thy mother?"

"Richard I must see once more. That is what I ask."

"Richard! So far is it? Well, then, I will as easy make it as I can. Once more, and for one hour, thou may see him. But I lay it on thee to tell him the truth, for this and for all other time."

"Now may I go? He is anigh. His boat I hear at the landing; and she stood up, intent, hastening, with her fair head lifted, and her wet eyes fixed on the distance.

"Well, be it so. Go."

With the words she slipped from the room; and Joris called Baitu to bring him some hot coal, and began to fill his pipe. As the Virginia cigar and soothed him, the sweetness of his nature was at once in the ascendant; and he said, "Lyset, come then, and talk with me about the child."

She turned the keys in her press slowly, and stood by it with them in her hand. "What has been told thee, Joris, to-day? And who has spoken? Tongues evil and envious, I am sure of that."

"Thou art wrong. The young man to me spoke himself. He said, 'I love your daughter. I want to marry her.'"

"Well, then, he did no wrong. And as for Katrijntje, it is in nature that a young girl should want a lover. It is in nature she should choose the one she likes best. That is what I say."

"Yes, it is in nature the child should want this handsome stranger; but with me thou wilt certainly say, 'He is not fit for thy happiness; he has not the true faith, he gambles, he fights duels, he is a waster, he lives badly, he will take thee far from thy own people and thy own home.'"

She drew close to him, and laid her arm across his broad shoulders; and he took his pipe from his lips, and turned his face to her. "Kind and wise art thou, my husband; and what ever is thy wish, that is my wish too."

"Right am I, and I know I am right. And I think that Nell Semple will be a very great person. On the Judge's bench he will sit down yet."

"A good young man he may be, but he is a very bad lover; that is the truth. If a little less wise he could only be! A young girl likes some foolish talk. Little fond words, very strong they are. Thou thyself said them to me."

"That is right. To Nell, I will talk a little. A man must seek a good wife with more heart than he seeks gold. Yes, yes; her price above rubies is."

At the very moment Joris made this remark, the elder was speaking for him. Nell was walking about the terrace, and he joined him.

"You are stepping in a vera majestic way, Nell; what's in your thoughts, I wonder?"

"I have a speech to make to-morrow, sir. My thoughts were on the law, which has a certain majesty of its own."

"You'd better be thinking of a speech you ought to make tonight, but you care about saving yourself; but Katherine van Heemskirk. You have a rival, sir. Capt. Hyde asked Van Heemskirk for his daughter this afternoon, and an earldom in prospect isna a poor bait. Tak' a word o' advice now. You are fond enough to plead for others, go and plead an hour for yourself. Certie! When I was your age, I was eye noted for my persuading way. Your father, sir, never left a spare corner for a rival."

(To be continued.)

There it is, in that big bowl. Turn yourself loose on it, sharp!"

With grim determination, the indignant householder stood over him till it was finished, after which he picked up the luckless scoundrel, who had fallen exhausted to the floor, and threw him out of the open pantry window.

"It may kill him," soliloquized Mr. Ferguson somewhat remorsefully, as he crawled back into bed, without disturbing the rest of the family, "but a man who breaks into another man's house takes his life in his hands."

Three Hours in a Submarine.

Lieut. Lawrence Spear, formerly naval constructor in the U. S. navy, recently gave an interesting description of his experience while under water during a three hours' trial of the "Adder" in Peconic bay.

Fifteen miles were traveled under water without coming to the surface once. After the first hour the trip became monotonous. There were eleven men in the boat, nearly 18 feet below the surface of the water. No noise could be heard except that of an elec-

tric motor driving the boat through the water at 7 knots. The captain stood with his head in the conning tower, steering by the little compass and timing the boat by his watch, so that he might know when to turn her around and begin the return trip of the three-hour course. Water could be seen rushing by, but nothing else could be distinguished except the small brass whistle which stands close to the rear of the tower; the rest was just a wall of green water through which ten feet away could not be seen. As for the air, it was as pure as any could be in a room of the same area, and much purer than that of many a card-room in which men sit, not for three hours, but for ten and twelve hours with closed doors and with the air vitiated by tobacco smoke.

The Way He Lost Them.

"He looks as if he hadn't a friend in the world."

"Well, he hasn't, if you take his way of looking at it. He judges his 'friends' by their willingness to land him their money."

LITTLE MEN and Little WOMEN.


Game of Fudge.

Here are directions for "fudge": Take pack of cards and distribute among those who play evenly. Then each one looks at his cards. The one to the right of the dealer starts and asks anyone (calling by name) for a certain card, which he wants to get a complete set of. A set must contain every heart or every diamond, spade or club in the pack. As soon as the card is taken from another, the receiver must say "thank you." If he does not say it, anyone else may say "fudge," and whoever says "fudge" has all of the cards of the one who did not say "thank you."

Then the one who has had his cards taken from him must try to make any one of the other speak to him. But all must beware of him and not answer. If, however, someone does answer, whoever notices it first says "fudge" and receives the cards of the one who answered. Then every one who has his cards taken away from him must try to make those who have cards speak to them. Whoever gets all the cards is the winner.

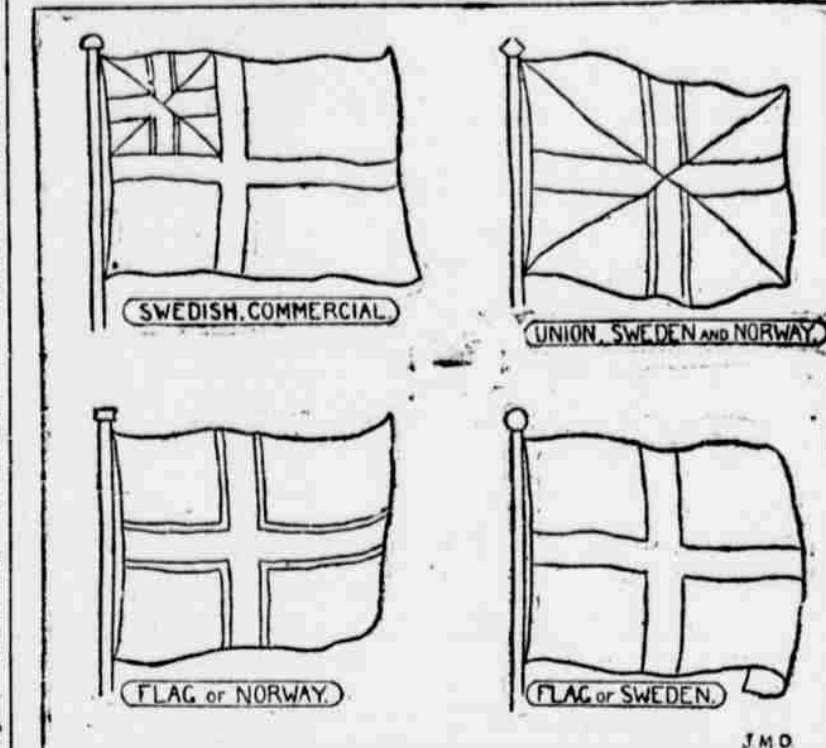
Warning—if you are asked for a card, don't forget to say "thank you."

Tommy Enjoying His First Cigar.



To see him half an hour later, fold forward along BB, then backward along AA, making AA come on CC.

FLAGS OF NORWAY AND SWEDEN.



The flags shown this week are those of Norway and Sweden. Until the year 1414, Norway and Sweden and Denmark formed one kingdom under the rule of the latter country, but in that year the Swedes seceded and, after a hard struggle, won their independence, which was acknowledged in 1523.

They kept the cross in their flag, but made it yellow on a blue ground. Norway still remained under Denmark until 1814, when the Norwegians declared their independence. Their first flag was a red flag with a white cross, and the arms of Norway in the upper left hand corner. This, however, was found to be too similar to a Danish flag, so the present flag was adopted. This still shows the red ground, and the white cross, but a blue cross is placed over the white.

Norway and Sweden have two distinct administrations, and each has its own laws but they are united under one sovereign. The union device shows the colors of both flags and combines the crosses of both countries.

The upper and lower portions show the colors of Norway, the red field and the blue cross placed over the white. The right and left portions show the colors of Sweden, the yellow flag on a blue ground. Paint the pictures.

Then fold forward on EE, and backward on FF, making FF come on DD.

The Seesaw Candle.

We need nothing but a candle, two pins, two gobbets and two saucers, which we promise not to injure. Heat the pins and press their heads into the middle of the candle, opposite each other—or if you choose run a hatpin or knitting needle all the way through. The idea is to get an axle on which the candle may balance and seesaw. Place the ends of the axle on the rims of the gobbets and light the candle at both ends. If the candle does not balance when you put it on the glasses trim one end down or move the pins until it balances exactly. As the candle is horizontal the wax or tallow or stearine will drop off as it melts. To catch it you put the saucers under the ends of the candle. Now, the first splash in the saucer must come from one end, as it cannot very well come from both. Therefore, that end, having lost some of its material, is lighter than the other. The balance is destroyed and the other end dips down. The next instant there is a larger splash from this lower end, and up it goes, and so on. The seesawing is gentle at first, but it increases until it becomes truly terrific, so that the candle stands straight up and down at the end of each sawing. And it continues until the candle is entirely used up; say, for half an hour.

It is a funny thing to see, and you can make it still more amusing to the little ones by cutting a strip of cardboard to represent a real seesaw, putting cardboard figures at its ends and attaching it to the axle far enough behind the candle to avoid danger of fire.

Conundrums.

1. What word by changing one letter becomes its opposite?
2. Why did Adam bite the apple Eve gave him?
3. What is that you can keep, after giving it to someone else?
4. What tree bears the most fruit to market?
5. Why are the nose and chin at continual variance?
6. Why is a pig with a curly continuation, like the ghost of Hamlet's father?

ANSWERS.

1. United—Untied.
2. Because he had no knife.
3. Your word.
4. The axletree.
5. Because words are always passing between them.
6. Because he could a tale unfold.

His Half of the Stock.

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CRANKS OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM.

Many Things in Nature Which Man, With All His Boasted Wisdom, Knows Little About.

There are cranks everywhere. In all forms of creation there is always some one part that does not quite fit in with its fellow atoms; some tree, with no apparent reason, will not grow just like its neighbors; some one flower, out of a whole bedful, elects to appear in a different color; some bird will, without rhyme or reason, distinguish with distinguished marks of class. Rivers, even, have been known to change their appointed course, and in one or two singular instances to upset the rules of gravity and flow uphill. When it comes to man—

Animals have their well defined peculiarities. A certain breed of Persian cat looks at you with one yellow and one blue eye. In the Bahama Islands the so-called "violet" crab lives up in the mountains instead of down in the water. When it is time for the young crabs to appear the elders travel to the sea, and after the youngsters have attained some growth they convey them back to their mountain homes. Now, why they do this and issue a decree limiting the future succession to the male members of the imperial family. Before Catherine there had been several female rulers, and, as a rule, they were good ones, too. She is, therefore, indirectly the cause of the present troubled state of the succession in Russia, the four little daughters of the czar having no chance of the throne and there being no son. The present ruler could, theoretically, break this Sallie law, but practically would not do the inhuman thing on the custom of a century. She was a woman of magnificent tastes, which she generally managed to gratify; she likewise was possessor of a certain number of whims. Among these was the project of having a palace of ice built for her. This she actually put into execution. There was not a timber in the whole building, which was of sufficiently large dimensions. Walls, ceilings, windows, doors, staircases—everything was made of ice. Blocks of ice were laid upon each other, and, without any cement, became frozen together and apparently solid. The structure, during the time it lasted, was quite a while, was as firm as a rock. Inside everything was on a magnificent scale. Chairs, tables, beds, furniture of all kinds were there as in a genuine residence; mirrors and pictures hung on the walls; lamps illuminated the whole palace, gleaming through shades of translucent ice; wreaths of flowers and vines, made of the same brittle material, decorated the panels cut in the cold walls; the whole structure was a dream of beauty. It would seem almost incredible that such a feat could be accomplished, but accomplished it was. The Empress had her costly and novel plaything, and then, in the manner of Empresses and high man beings in general, she tired of it. Time eventually dissolved the shining walls, melted the gorgeous trimmings and thawed the polished floor. Owing, however, to the intense cold of the Russian winter, this royal plaything lasted some time and was the wonder of Europe. Cowper gives a long description of it in his "Task," the account of it beginning: "Silently, like a dream, the fabric rose."—Baltimore American.

EMPERESS CATHERINE'S ICE PALACE.

Marvelous Edifice That Was Erected in Compliance of a Whim of the Great Ruler of Russia.

Catherine II, empress of Russia was one of those sovereigns that ever reigned over that country. She is likewise the cause of there being no longer any female rulers of the land, for her son Paul, who succeeded her, both hated and feared her, and issued a decree limiting the future succession to the male members of the imperial family. Before Catherine there had been several female rulers, and, as a rule, they were good ones, too. She is, therefore, indirectly the cause of the present troubled state of the succession in Russia, the four little daughters of the czar having no chance of the throne and there being no son. The present ruler could, theoretically, break this Sallie law, but practically would not do the inhuman thing on the custom of a century. She was a woman of magnificent tastes, which she generally managed to gratify; she likewise was possessor of a certain number of whims. Among these was the project of having a palace of ice built for her. This she actually put into execution. There was not a timber in the whole building, which was of sufficiently large dimensions. Walls, ceilings, windows, doors, staircases—everything was made of ice. Blocks of ice were laid upon each other, and, without any cement, became frozen together and apparently solid. The structure, during the time it lasted, was quite a while, was as firm as a rock. Inside everything was on a magnificent scale. Chairs, tables, beds, furniture of all kinds were there as in a genuine residence; mirrors and pictures hung on the walls; lamps illuminated the whole palace, gleaming through shades of translucent ice; wreaths of flowers and vines, made of the same brittle material, decorated the panels cut in the cold walls; the whole structure was a dream of beauty. It would seem almost incredible that such a feat could be accomplished, but accomplished it was. The Empress had her costly and novel plaything, and then, in the manner of Empresses and high man beings in general, she tired of it. Time eventually dissolved the shining walls, melted the gorgeous trimmings and thawed the polished floor. Owing, however, to the intense cold of the Russian winter, this royal plaything lasted some time and was the wonder of Europe. Cowper gives a long description of it in his "Task," the account of it beginning: "Silently, like a dream, the fabric rose."—Baltimore American.

CAT WAS TOM REED'S NAMESAKE.

Humorous Incident That Must Have Caused the Ex-Speaker Some Slight Embarrassment.

The late Thomas B. Reed enjoyed a joke on no one more than on himself, yet for the simple reason that it has not appeared in print, it is doubtful whether he ever told one which is related by a brilliant Washington society woman who enjoyed his personal friendship when he was speaker of the House.

After all the joke was chiefly on the lady, which may be the reason why she and not Mr. Reed was the narrator. She is a cat enthusiast. Many and beautiful are the cats she owns; grave and reverend are their names, chiefly borrowed from eminent public personages, but none was more handsome or dignified than the one she had named Mr. Reed.

When one day two Mr. Reeds accidentally met in her reception room and the more illustrious of them, attracted by the beauty of his furry namesake, stooped to stroke him and ask, "What do you call him?" the hostess had a bad quarter of a minute.

She did not know just how the czar of the House of Representatives would like the idea that a cat had been named for him. So she stumbled out a hastily invented fictitious name, and the conversation passed to other topics, when suddenly a peremptory voice sounded on the stairway, "Mr. Reed!"

"Mr. Reed!" it continued, "are you in the parlor? What are you doing in that parlor?" Before any explanations could be made a white-capped head was thrust in the doorway and an angry-looking maid-servant cried: "Come out of that parlor, I tell you, Mr. Reed!"

It is not on record that the cat seemed embarrassed.

IT WAS CLEARLY USURY.

He Wasn't a Lawyer, but He Could Name the Offense.

During the active days of the great mussel shoals improvement conditions prevailed somewhat similar to those often found in new mining districts; nothing akin to calm.

A fellow who had occasion to take a long ride in a great hurry ("borrowed" a native's horse without stopping to speak to the owner about it. But in the course of a few days he returned the animal.

The native did not take a kindly view of the situation, but concluded to be content with legal redress. He announced his intention of having the offender arrested.

"What'll you have him arrested for?" was asked.

"For horse stealin', of course."

"How can you make horse stealing out of it, when he returned the horse?"

"Ain't it stealin' if he brought 'im back?"

"I'm not a lawyer, but I don't see how it could be."

"All right, then; I'll have him arrested for usury."

"I don't see how you can make usury out of it, either."

"W'y, hang it all, he used 'im, didn't he? Yes, sir, he used 'im three or four days and used 'im mighty hard, too, by the looks of 'im."

Of course a thoughtful person, says the New York Times, would have seen at once that e-lope-ment was the crime committed.

HIS HALF OF THE STOCK.

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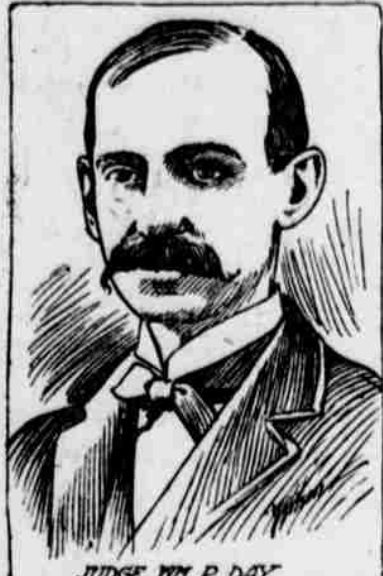
OF PUBLIC INTEREST

DOGS TO AID SOLDIERS.

Proposed Addition to the British Military Service. A dog ambulance is likely to be established soon in connection with the British military service.

GOES TO SUPREME COURT.

Judge Day Accepts the Post Offered Him by President Roosevelt. Judge William H. Day, who has accepted the offer to him by President Roosevelt of the seat on the Supreme court vacated by the retirement of Justice Shiras, was one of the most prom-



JUDGE W. H. DAY

inent lawyers in Ohio when President McKinley in 1897 introduced him into world politics by appointing him assistant secretary of state. Since that time the judge has made a world-wide reputation as a jurist, statesman and diplomat.

REGENT TO DO OSCAR'S WORK.

Swedish Crown Prince Gustaf Assumes Duties of Monarch of Two Kingdoms. At a joint meeting of the Swedish-Norwegian council, held at Stockholm, Crown Prince Gustaf assumed the duties of the regency of the two kingdoms. He is now at Christiania.



KING OSCAR OF SWEDEN

have been canceled leads to the belief that he is in a dangerous condition.

To Honor Samuel Pepys.

The two hundredth anniversary of the death of Samuel Pepys occurs on May 29, and it is proposed to take some public notice of the date. Pepys's library at Magdalen college, Oxford, remains in the old presses mentioned in the Diary as having been set up "to my most extraordinary satisfaction; so that I think it will be as noble a closet as any man hath."

A Musical Heart.

Prof. Reitter has introduced to the Society for Internal Medicine, in Vienna, a woman with a musical heart. For the past four years she has suffered from palpitation, and about eighteen months ago she noticed for the first time a peculiar singing noise in her breast, which was also audible to other persons, and rose and fell in strength and pitch. The sound is said to be due to a malformation of the heart-valves, which sets up vibrations.

May Marry Oriental Prince.

Gossip is connecting the name of Miss Angie J. Graham of Wheeling with that of Prince Enlha, second son of the king of Corea. Both are students at Wesleyan university in Ohio. Miss Graham is the daughter of a Wheeling clergyman and the oriental prince has been paying her marked attention.

Valuable Violin-Bow.

A violin-bow, made by the French bow-maker, Francois Tourte, was recently sold for \$255.

THE WEEKLY PANORAMA

IS A VETERAN DIPLOMAT.

French Ambassador at Washington Well and Favorably Known. M. Jean Adrien Jusserand, the new French ambassador to the United States, who is now in Washington, is a veteran diplomat, having spent half of his life in the service. Not yet 50,



M. JUSSERAND

he has won considerable reputation as an author. Mme. Jusserand, his wife, was formerly Miss Richards of Boston, but she has been a resident of Paris since girlhood. The new ambassador speaks English perfectly.

The Three-Hour Dinner.

The three-hour dinner, against which certain prominent public men in Washington are uniting in a crusade, is undoubtedly an affair that needs to be pruned; but it is not so serious an evil as the ten-minute breakfast or the five-minute lunch, says the Providence Journal, and the crusaders should be careful not to go too far in their proposed reform.

A LEADER OF SOCIALISTS.

Herr Bebel One of the Foremost Opponents of the Kaiser. Ferdinand August Bebel, who is publicly ridiculing the kaiser's alleged



HERR BEBEL

ing armed power of the world," is one of the foremost of socialists in part or present time. He was one of the coworkers of the great Marx in the Red International Workingmen's Union, and he was one of the members of the first imperial reichstag in 1871. Herr Bebel is self-educated, is one of the most fascinating of writers upon social and economic questions, ambition to make Germany the "land and socialism," has already passed through more than eighteen editions.

Looking After Sultan's Prestige.

A petition to leave to establish a public library in Constantinople was recently refused by the minister of public instruction, special objection being made to several books on the proposed list, among them the fables of La Fontaine. The frequent references to the lion, the king of animals, it was held, would be regarded by ignorant people as degrading to the kingdom and insulting to the sultan.

Three Emperors to Meet.

It is reported from Copenhagen that on the eighty-fifth birthday of King Christian, which occurs on April 8 next, there will be no less than three emperors in the Danish capital—King Edward, the czar and the kaiser. It is added that preparations for the birthday festivities are being kept from the king as much as possible and that the celebrations will be of the most splendid kind.

The Prison Holes of Venezuela.

Venezuela's prisons seem modeled on the Black Hole of Calcutta, according to the description of Capt. Davidson, who says that more than a score of persons were crowded into a room 16 feet square, with nothing to sit on. This would be bad treatment for the worst type of local scoundrel, but when applied to innocent victims of politics and revolution it is most abominable.

His Religion Recognized.

W. J. Lewis of Nebraska, a Seventh Day Adventist, recently given a temporary appointment in the postoffice department, has been made a permanent clerk and his salary adjusted in such a manner as to permit him to observe Saturday as his Sabbath. He will not, however, be paid for that time.

Busy City for Mail Men.

The capital of the United States holds what is probably a world's record in letter writing. Each inhabitant spends \$4 yearly in the purchase of postage stamps.



Combined Feed for Pigs.

At the Kentucky station a comparison was made of various feeds for pigs. Corn was fed alone and also combined with other feeds, these being soy bean silage, soy beans and dried distillery grains. Drawing conclusions from the experiment Prof. D. W. May says: The results of these experiments, like those of several previously made, indicate that in feeding pigs, corn should be combined with other feeds to get the best returns. Experiments indicate that silage can not be profitably substituted for a part of the grain ration with pigs. In this experiment it was fed in addition with some profit, giving quicker gains and keeping the animals in better condition. Soy beans made an excellent pig feed mixed with corn in the proportion of one to two. Being rich in protein, it is recommended as an especially efficient addition to the ration when corn composes the larger part. Dried distillery grains proved to be a poor pig feed, except in small proportions. When fed as one-third or one-half of the ration with corn it was unprofitable. When it composed one-fifth of the ration very good returns were obtained. Cottonseed meal may be profitably used to finish hogs for market. In such cases it may be safely fed in quantities of one-half pound per pig daily and then omitted during periods of alternate weeks.

Feeding in Open Sheds or Barns.

The results of the tests on feeding in barns and open sheds at the Missouri station came as a surprise to those that have so long declared that beef steers should be fed in warm barns. The station entered into an extensive correspondence with feeders throughout the state asking their opinion in the matter. Only 18 per cent favored feeding in barns; 69 per cent practicing feeding in open sheds, and 23 per cent, in open lots. Four tests were made, the steers each time being fed similar rations of corn and hay. In the first test the average daily gain of steers fed in barns was 1.47; of those fed in sheds 1.72. In the second trial the gains were for those fed in barns 1.85 and for those fed in open sheds 2.3, while similar gains made by steers fed in an open lot were 2.29 pounds per day. In the third test steers fed in barns gained on an average 1.67 per head daily; those fed in the open sheds 1.59, and those fed in the open lots 1.78. In the fourth test the cattle fed in barns gained 1.83 per day; those fed in open sheds gained 1.97, and those fed in the open lots gained 2.09. This showed that barn feeding, at least in the latitude of Columbia, was not a profitable operation.

Some Conclusions on Sheep Feeding.

As a result of some feeding experiments made at the Iowa station, Prof. W. J. Kennedy holds the following opinion: Corn at 33 cents per bushel is a more economical grain to feed sheep on grass than oats at 23 cents or barley at 40 cents. Mutton can be produced much more economically during the summer months on grass alone or grain and grass than it can be produced by feeding grain and hay during the fall and winter months. The feeder can oftentimes purchase half-fat lambs during the latter part of April or the first part of May, and by grazing them, for from 40 to 60 days, realize a good profit, due to the advance in market prices during the latter part of June and the first of July over those ruling in April and the first part of May. Sheep can be fattened economically on grass and corn or on grass alone. Soy beans, on account of their high protein content, should not form the sole grain ration in conjunction with clover hay.

Spaying Animals.

From Farmers' Review: The practice of spaying females to prevent reproduction is almost abandoned. The early maturing animal scarcely gets old enough for reproduction until it is sent to the market. This was a common practice in earlier days when hogs were allowed to run at large and were kept one or two years before sending them to the market. Rather than run the risk of losing any of the animals by an operation, it is a better method to keep the gilts until seven to nine months old and then sell them. One month of pregnancy is not objectionable in the sow. If allowed to run near time of farrowing, however, the animal, of course, is unfit for market. No animal should be castrated or spayed immediately after weaning. The latter alone tends to check growth and the young animal should become accustomed to doing without its favorite food before its system is shocked by castration.—W. B. Anderson.

The Lunch at the Hog Sale.

A. G. Woodbury: From the "good old times," there has been handed down the custom of free entertainment to man and beast. Select a homelike house. If you want a good sale, don't take your buyers to a cheap hotel. Clean beds and well served meals make the animal, man, a better humor to buy hogs. The strong argument against free hotels, in the expense. This proffer to parties from a distance has rarely been abused with us. Our last bill was \$7.00. It came back to us many times. A simple abundant lunch of hot coffee with pure cream and sugar was wanted, served in tin cups, sandwiches not too dry, made of bun, butter and ham and a few of ground beef; pickles; small cakes and pie. This is the best ever served at our sales and gives satisfaction. Big dinners are not necessary.

The Cochins were introduced from China about 1849 and their popularity in this country proved what we now humorously call the "hen fever." So great was the desire to possess them that fabulous prices were paid. In England \$500 was frequently paid for a single cock, and equally high prices in this country.



New Tests Along Old Lines.

In the Agricultural Department of the Reading College tests were made in the churning of butter which yielded the following results: Butter churned into small grains contained, when worked, 11.4 per cent of water. If churned till it was in the form of lumps it contained 12.5 per cent of water. It is generally considered that a low water content is desirable; in which case the churning into grains is to be commended. This is the degree of churning now taught by nearly all dairy instructors. Another result was obtained that might have been expected. Sweet cream when churned showed a greater loss of fat in the churning operation than did the churning of ripened cream. This loss was ascertained by testing the butter-milk. This is a factor to be taken into consideration in the making of sweet cream butter, which at one time threatened to become as popular in this country as it is in some parts of Europe. Butter (supposedly in granules) was immersed in water at 70 degrees and slightly churned to see if it would absorb water. The result was an increase of 3 per cent of the weight.

A test was also made to ascertain if brine salting would increase the water content over dry salting. In this case it was reported that no increase of water content was shown. This result seems to be contrary to some investigations in Ireland, where it is now generally believed that brine salting increases the water content.

The Butter and Cheese Trade of 1902.

Butter makers have had no occasion to complain of prices during the year just past. Over-supplies in cold storage in January forced some dealers to sell out at little or no margin of profit, but later prices advanced strongly reaching 30 cents in April, the highest price paid for butter in Chicago in several years. The passage of the oleomargarine law sustained the market during May, June and July, but the abundance of feed produced by summer rains increased the supply and prices declined about three cents. In October, November and December, earlier values were restored and extra creamery sold as high as 29 cents per pound, at which figure it now stands. The local demand at Chicago has been the heaviest in years. It is estimated that since March 1st 170,000 more 60-pound tubs of butter were received and marketed than during the same period in 1901, the increase amounting to almost 20 per cent. During the same time New York made a gain of only 1 per cent. The cheese trade of Chicago for 1902 shows a gain of about 10 per cent. June brought the lowest price of the year, viz.: 9 1/2 cents for cheddars. Fall brought so brisk a demand that there was no chance for an accumulation of stocks. Very little cheese was exported from this market the supplying of foreign demands being left to New York and Canada.

Inconclusive Tests.

There are some tests made that count for so little that it is doubtful if they should be considered when determining a principle of practice. Such is the report of a test that comes from Australia. The test was made to increase the fund of knowledge on the skimming qualities of the milk of Jerseys, Ayrshires and Holsteins. The per cent of fat in the skim milk was lowest in the case of Jersey milk, and highest in the case of Holstein milk; but the report adds, "the difference was not marked." Here is the point: There must have been some difference and the fact that "it was not marked" leads one to assume that it was a mere chance that determined the order of superiority.

Composition of Sheep's Milk.

There have been numerous analyses made of sheep's milk. The information on this point is increased by some experiments made in France last year. Altogether 171 samples were analyzed. These were not taken from one flock at one period, but were obtained in six different localities, and they were taken during a period covering three months. The results should therefore be about the average for that region. The milk proved to be very rich, both in fat and in total solids. Ten samples taken in the region of Roquefort yielded the following average composition: Solids, 18.9; fat, 5.8; sugar, 5.3; casein, 5.6; ash, 0.39; lime, 0.25; acid, 2.06 per cent.

Milk of Spayed Cows.

A French paper reports some tests made to ascertain the composition of the milk of spayed cows. It was thought that the milk from such cows would prove to be more uniform than the milk from cows more subject to the natural incidents of maternity. This did not prove to be the case, the usual variations occurring as in the case of unspayed cows. On the other hand, there was a very notable increase in the fat content of the milk and of the sugar of milk. The experimenters expressed the belief that this milk would prove especially suited to the use of infants. But this is another theory waiting to be proven.

Experimenting With Steamed Silage.

The Oregon station is carrying on some experiments in the steaming of silage. As yet the station officials are unwilling to state conclusions, as they propose to repeat the experiments that have been already made. The opinion so far is very favorable to the steaming of silage. In the tests referred to, silos were filled with corn fodder in the usual way and immediately treated with steam for some time. The steamed silage kept well, its composition was studied, as well as that of silage treated with salt, with and without the addition of water, and silage which had received no special treatment.

AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

TO SUCCEED CHAS. M. SCHWAB.

Charles C. Schneider Mentioned for Head of Great Steel Corporation. Charles C. Schneider, vice president of the American Bridge company, is viewed as the man most likely to succeed Charles M. Schwab as president



CHAS. C. SCHNEIDER

of the United States Steel corporation. It being now privately admitted by officials of the steel corporation that Mr. Schwab is too ill to hope to again take up the work of president, Mr. Schneider is in charge of the engineering department of the bridge company. He was born in Germany in 1843 and after graduating from a school of technology came to the United States in 1868. He secured employment as a draftsman in the Rogers locomotive works at Paterson, N. J., and later became assistant engineer for the Michigan Bridge company. After serving the Erie railroad for several years as head of its engineering department Mr. Schneider again became connected with the bridge companies, and eventually was elected vice president of the American Bridge company.

WOMAN SHINES AS SOLON.

Alice M. Rubie an Active Member of Colorado Assembly. Alice M. Rubie, member of the lower house of the Colorado legislature, who distinguished herself by nominating Henry M. Teller for United States



MRS. ALICE M. RUBIE

senator, is having her first experience with official life. Mrs. Rubie was born in Vermont. Her father was a Kansas pioneer. She has always been an earnest worker in the State Suffrage association and has taken a keen interest in politics, although it was not until the last campaign that she consented to stand for an office. She is a devoted mother, and her home is a model of coziness and comfort. She is idolized by her children.

Abram Hewitt's Last Words.

Toward the end of the illness which terminated the earthly career of Abram S. Hewitt the doctor endeavored to keep him alive by the use of oxygen. Those nearest and dearest to the dying man assembled about his bed. The venerable patient slowly raised his hand, grasped the tube and removed it from his mouth. "And now," he whispered, with a flickering smile, "I am officially dead." His eye lighted up with its last flash and in a moment he was no more.

Healthiest Place in the World.

On the strength of mortality statistics prepared by the government of the province of Ontario it is claimed that Ontario is the healthiest place in the world. The death-rate last year was 13.6 per 1,000. But most of the deaths are of infants and elderly people. The death-rate of the great class between infancy and fifty-five years of age is only six per 1,000. This is a death-rate for the working period of life lower than that of any other country in the world.

Fate Sealed.

Col. J. M. Guffey tells the story of two Americans who were discussing the ingenuity of Irish wit, while visiting Ireland. One of the gentlemen determined to put the matter to a test, and he approached an Irishman walking along the road and inquired of him: "If the devil came along here whom would he take first, you or me?" The prompt reply was: "He would take me; he is sure of you at any time."

Senator a Weather Prophet.

The only real, reliable weather sharp in Congress is Senator Platt of Connecticut. It is not believed that any Yankee agriculturist can hold a candle to the Senator when it comes to foretelling the weather. For years he has been a close student of this subject, until now he is regarded as the expert meteorologist of Congress.

Composer at Work on Mass.

Dom Lorenzo Perosi, the prominent priestly composer of Italy, is now at work on a mass. He is 30 years of age.

Persons, Places and Things

REFUSED TO SELL A RELIC.

Widow of Late Napoleon Ney Has Document Vindicating Marshal. Mme. Napoleon Ney, widow of the late Napoleon Ney, who was one of the committee of Frenchmen sent to the United States to present the statue of liberty to the sister republic, has been offered a fabulous sum for a unique Ney-Napoleonic relic. It is the official document issued by the Second Republic habituating the memory of the great Marshal Ney. He was the grandfather of Mme. Ney's husband. Marshal Ney was shot after the battle of Waterloo, when the English and Prussians held Paris and brought back Louis XVIII. He was shot because Louis sent him out to capture Napoleon when returning from Elba, and instead of trying to capture he embraced his old leader. Mme. Ney refuses all offers for the precious document, for it was the wish of her husband that it should be left to the Museum of the Army after her death.

SIDES WITH THE EMPEROR.

Count Von Ballestrem Refuses to Allow Criticism of the Kaiser. Count Von Ballestrem, who has just resigned from the presidency of the



COUNT VON BALLESTREM

German reichstag because of the criticism to which he has been subjected for shutting off discussion of the kaiser's anti-socialist speeches, has few supporters even in his own party in the matter of his arbitrary ruling. His flat suppression of the socialist members has been generally condemned as unwise and unsound. Personally, however, the count is quite popular, and it is said that he will be re-elected. He has been advanced in rank by the Emperor.

SAYS HE TESTIFIED FALSELY.

Dublin Admits Perjury in Celebrated Congressional Bribery Case. Philip Dublin, the New York political worker who a few days ago de-



PHILIP DOBLIN

tailed to the house naval committee at Washington the alleged efforts of ex-Congressman Quigg to bribe Congressman Lester of the committee to withdraw his opposition to appropriations for the purchase of Holland torpedo boats, retracted his story and declared to the committee Lester induced him to perjure himself in order that he (Lester) might "make good" his allegation that an attempt had been made to bribe him. Lester denies Dublin's charges and sticks to his original statement.

Delayed by Red Tape.

Although Edmund Rostrand, the author of "Cyrano De Bergerac," was elected a member of the French academy several months ago, he has not yet been officially received by that body. The reception has been repeatedly postponed until it has been jocularly suggested that the youngest academician would be the oldest before he could sit at the institute.

Biography of Disraeli.

The long-promised biography of Benjamin Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield, is to be published this year. The name of the author is not announced. It is not, at any rate, Lord Rowton, who by the terms of Disraeli's will is in possession of all the personal documents and correspondence. It is intimated, however, that to many of them access has not been refused.

American Centenarians.

Mr. Simon, addressing the Hundred Year Club in New York, cited figures furnished by the United States Census Bureau recording 3,435 centenarians, including eighty-six of upwards of 120 years old and fifteen upwards of 130. The oldest white American is 120, and there are an Indian and a negro of 145. The oldest woman is a negro, aged 137.

Won't Bleat.

The wealthy young lambs who visited the Canteil gambling resort in New York all refuse to bleat. They seem to think there is no use crying over lost wool.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

HAS SMOKED FOR 80 YEARS.

Mrs. Lorica Cox is Now 103 and is Still Hale and Hearty. The eighteenth century had twelve days of life in it, the plantation of Columbia, then a part of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, had been as



Mrs. COX AS SHE IS TO-DAY.

organized town for four years, said Napoleon Bonaparte was the most dreaded man on earth, when a girl baby was born to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tinney, at Columbia, Maine. Since that birthday in January, 103 years ago, little Lorica Tinney, as she was called, has had time to learn her alphabet from the family Bible, to grow up to womanhood and get married to James Cox, who died in the army while serving in the Twenty-second Maine regiment, and to outlive all her brothers, sisters and playmates. She was in good health last Monday, which was her 103rd birthday. She learned to smoke a corn-cob pipe when she was 12 years of age by taking her mother's pipe to the fireplace and lighting it among the hot ashes. At first the taste of the smoke made her sick, but she soon got over this trouble, and has smoked constantly for more than eighty years, using half a pound of cut plug tobacco every week and always taking a long smoke before retiring at night.

NEW ARCTIC LEADER DARING.

Anthony Fiala, Who Will Command Ziegler Expedition, Has Courage. Great interest attaches to the personality of Anthony Fiala, the young



ANTHONY FIALA

photographer who has been selected by William H. Ziegler to command his next expedition in search of the north pole. The members of the Baldwin expedition commented freely on the ability shown by Mr. Fiala to withstand the cold and his recklessness in taking risks to secure good photographic results. He is a silent and somewhat reserved man and is possessed of considerable executive ability. He declines to give any idea as to his plans, simply stating he will "do as he thinks best."

Democracy of the West.

Prof. Richard T. Ely has an article in Harper's on the co-operative town of Greeley, Col., in which he comments on the differing social conditions east and west. "The further west one goes," says the professor, "the more democratic becomes society. I must confess that I did not understand true Americanism, in one of its phases at least, until I got far away from the Atlantic coast. Coming to Madison, Wis., from Baltimore, Md., the freedom of intercourse between all economic classes and men of the widest divergence of wealth and intellect attracted my attention; but there are social differences even in Madison which would be scored in a place like Greeley. Anything like aristocracy seems to be absolutely unknown in Greeley, unless it is the aristocracy of personal merit."

Labor Conditions in America.

Mr. Barnes, the engineers' delegate who came from England to America with Mr. Moseley's industrial commission, having arrived home, gives this summary of the conclusions he came to in the course of the inquiry into American "push": Machinery: More used than at home. Sanitation: Not so good. Hours of work: Longer. Work: Not so good. Wages: Higher. Cost of living: Higher still. Trades unionism: Not so strong. Providing England uses the best machinery he thinks Britain has nothing to fear from America and is quite able to hold her own.

Work for Old Woman's Home.

An Old Woman's Home association has just been organized in Jackson, Miss., with Mrs. Marian B. Loggie, wife of the governor, as president. One of the ladies interested in it somewhat quaintly said that they were going to push the movement until Mississippi has a nice, comfortable home for her old and indigent women, who cannot afford to go to a poorhouse.

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LOCAL DOTS.

-Gloves. -Heavy gloves. -Heavy gloves at Racket Store. -Mr. Jas. Roddy of Honey Grove is visiting relatives here. -If you want CORN see me. I will have a car-load at Stamford within five days. T. G. Carney. -Messrs Ramsey Cox and Col. Head of the Central railroad were here Wednesday. -Finest place in the county for 150 head of cattle till March 15—who wants it? See T. G. Carney. -Special low prices on heavy gloves at the Racket Store. -Mr. Warren Fitzgerald returned Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Gonzales county. -You can always get good apples, oranges, bananas and lemons at K. Jones', on south side. -According to the weather prophets we may look for a big blizzard, the coldest of the winter, today or tomorrow. Parties owing accounts at the meat market must settle on the first of the month, otherwise we cannot continue their accounts. Cunningham & Ellis. -Try K. Jones for the best cigar in town—south side. -There is still time to spend a quarter at Williams' store and get the lucky ticket for that \$20 sewing machine he is going to give away soon. -Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyman went to Stamford Thursday morning. Mrs. Wyman will remain a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Walker. FOR SALE. Four full-blood shorthorn bulls, one good horse and 8000 bundles of good sorghum. A. P. McLemore. -Miss Emma Ramsey of Honey Grove is visiting the family of her brother Mr. Newton Ramsey. -All kinds of nuts, candies and fruits at K. Jones',—south side. -Mr. Robert Hollis has planted one and a half acres in onions on his place about one and a half miles north of town and expects to supply the town with onions next summer. -Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Ingraham of Wisconsin, who have been visiting the family of Mr. W. H. Wyman here, left yesterday morning. They will stop a few days at Stamford and then go on to Florida, where they will spend the remainder of the winter. -K. Jones will have an extra choice line of the celebrated Loose Bros. candies in for the holiday trade. -Ladies use Emoline for rough skin and to prevent and cure chapping. You will find it at Wyman's. -Uncle George Greer was down from Monday a day or so this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Collins, and shaking hands with Haskell friends. -I will relieve a thousand dollars worth of Clothing and Shoes next week. I need money, and these goods must sell—figure with me for what you want in this line. T. G. Carney. -Best line of cigars in town—K. Jones, south side. -Mr. T. N. Johnson of Tarrant county was here this week and bought a place of Mr. G. A. Lambeth in the north part of the county for \$3700. -Mr. T. G. Marks and Dr. McFadden of the Cliff neighborhood were in town trading Tuesday. -Don't wear out your coffee mill grinding poor coffee when you can get Gold Seal Mocha and Java blend coffee, ready ground, in air-tight cans so cheap at Williams' store. -Mr. M. C. Scott, traveling representative of Texas Farm and Ranch, has been here and around the county several days this week getting subscriptions for that most valuable farm, stock and household journal and taking notes of matters of interest about the country. Those who fail to see Mr. Scott and subscribe for Farm and Ranch can get it clubbed with the Free Press. -Mr. E. L. Hatfield called on us the other day and had the Free Press sent to his mother in Kentucky. Mr. Hatfield is in the well drilling business and is having good success.

-A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Goldman on Sunday, 25th inst. -The ladies of the Christian church will give a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Williams on Friday, Feb. 6th. Everybody is invited to attend and get a real good dinner and contribute a quarter to aid the church work. -For colds and catarrh use Old Stager's Catarrh Cure, it gives quick relief—at Wyman's. -The Christian Endeavor society will give an entertainment on Wednesday's birthday, Feb. 22. The place and program will be given later. -The Baptist Young People's Union is preparing to give an entertainment on Sunday night, Feb. 8th, under the direction of Miss Fannie Hudson, leader. The entertainment will be for the benefit of that most meritorious institution, Buckner's Orphan's Home. The program will embrace music and recitations appropriate to the occasion. -If you have a horse with fistula, use Old Stager's Cure. It's guaranteed to cure—at Wyman's. -Messrs. Guy Hemphill, A. C. Lewis, S. T. Florence, J. T. Hester and E. Bivins were among those who remembered the Free Press this week in the way editors like. -Mrs. J. F. Jones left Wednesday on a visit of several weeks to relatives at Farmersville. -Now is the time to use Old Stager's Cough Medicine, guaranteed—at Wyman's. -Mr. E. G. Bennett left Thursday with a car-load of mules for himself and Mr. C. M. Brown, which he expects to convert into cash over in Arkansas. -Mrs. A. H. Martin leaves this morning to visit friends in Dallas for a short time, when she will proceed to St. Louis to buy the usual spring stock of millinery for Mr. T. G. Carney's store. -Old Stager's Liniment, the best on earth for man or beast, guaranteed—at Wyman's. -A letter from Dr. R. G. Litsey yesterday stated that he expects to return to Haskell and be in his office ready for business by the 15th of February. -Rev. C. J. Cathey will preach at Ballou school house tomorrow at 11 a. m. -If you are troubled with headache or la grip get a bottle of Old Stager's Specific,—at Wyman's. GARDEN SEEDS.—The Racket Store will in a few days receive an all around stock of garden seeds in packages and in bulk, also red, white and yellow onion sets. These seeds have been carefully selected with the view to their adaptability to this section of country and they come from one of the oldest and most reliable houses in the middle west, hence we do not hesitate to recommend them to persons who appreciate the value of good seeds. -Mr. L. S. Jones of the northeast part of the county was doing business in the county capitol yesterday. -Mr. Will Whitman had a somewhat serious accident yesterday morning. While chasing a cow his horse stepped in a dog hole and fell with him, fracturing his collar bone on the right side. We saw him on the street a few hours later with his arm in a sling and still able to smile, so his best girl needn't worry. -Mr. Mat Walker is on a business trip to Stonewall county this week. -Kill your prairie dogs with McLemore's guaranteed poison—at Wyman's. -Mr. R. B. Williams went on our subscription list this week. Mr. Williams has 160 acres in a fine state of cultivation, himself and boys doing all the farm work. He is one of the few farmers in this country who produces his own bacon and lard and he says he has an ample supply to do his family of ten through this year. He says other farmers can do the same thing if they will try and do it a great deal cheaper and have a more bountiful supply than when they depend on buying their meat and lard. If Unwell. Try a 50c bottle of HERBINE, notice the improvement speedily effected in your appetite, energy, strength and vigor. Watch how it brightens the spirits, gives freedom from indigestion and debility! Isaac Story, Ava, Mo., writes, Sept. 10th, 1900. "I was in bad health, I had stomach trouble for 12 months also dumb chills. Dr. J. W. Mory prescribed HERBINE, it cured me in two weeks. I cannot recommend it too highly, it will do all you claim for it." Sold by J. B. Baker.

The Railroad. Mr. J. C. Wright, who has the contract to grade the first four miles on the railroad, came in Thursday and is arranging his camps and making other arrangements preparatory to beginning work next Monday. We understand that he expects to be able to start with a force of about 20 teams, to which he will add as he can secure others. We are also informed that Mr. C. P. Jones, an experienced bookkeeper and accountant (who is a brother of our townsman Mr. K. Jones) has come to accept the position of accountant and time keeper on the work. All this begins to look like business and our faith grows stronger. Finds Way to Live Long. The startling announcement of a discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by editor O. H. Downey, of Churubusco, Ind. "I wish to state," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption is the most infallible remedy that I have ever known for coughs, colds and grip. It's invaluable to people with weak lungs. Having this wonderful medicine no one need dread pneumonia or consumption. Its relief is instant and cure certain." J. B. Baker guarantee every 50c and \$1 bottle, and give trial bottles free. -Miss Eva Fields is visiting at Monday this week. -Mr. Walter Tandy is assisting in the bookkeeping department of Alexander Mercantile Co. during the absence of Mr. Henry Alexander. -Mr. S. B. Street of Graham, member of the Alexander Mercantile Co., came in Saturday and remained here two or three days. Dislocated her Shoulder Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Ferris Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by All Drug Gists. -Elder C. N. Williams late of Jennings, La., the new pastor of the Christian church at this place, arrived Thursday accompanied by his father and mother, who will also make their home here. -Chairman G. J. Miller says don't forget the Institute meeting called for the 7th of Feb. He wants all to come prepared to discuss the questions mentioned in the call published last week. Croup. The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as directed and all symptoms of croup will quickly disappear. For sale by All Druggists. -The relatives and friends of Miss Emma Draper were sadly shocked by her sudden death on last Sunday morning. She resided with her mother and brother Robert Draper in the western part of the county. The other members of the family went in to breakfast, leaving her in the family room feeling somewhat indisposed. Returning to the room after finishing their meal they missed her and on looking about found her lying in the yard unconscious or dead. A physician was summoned but his services were useless. Her remains were laid to rest in the burial ground at Marcy on Monday morning. Rev. I. N. Alvis conducting the services. Her death is supposed to have been the result of heart disease or apoplexy. Miss Draper was a sister of Messrs. W. F. G. C. M. A. J. C. and R. I. Draper of this county, all of whom came from Alabama within the last two or three years, except Mr. W. F. Draper, who is one of our first settlers. Simple Colds. Cease to be simple, if at all prolonged. The safest way is to put them aside at the very beginning. Ballard's Horehound Syrup stops a cold and removes the cause of colds, 25c, 50c and bottle at J. B. Baker's.

New Clothing Department. I am arranging a new and complete clothing department in connection with my store and will carry a larger and more complete line of clothing than I have heretofore, and will in consequence be in position to make better prices to my customers. I will make it pay you to call and examine my stock when you want any thing in the clothing line. T. G. Carney. -Messrs. R. J. Barrett, W. R. Chapman and County Judge J. B. Thomas of Jones county were here this week and bought 1500 acres of fine land in the north part of the county. Heads Should Never Ache. Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster, of Winnie, Va.,—she writes "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of sick headaches I had suffered from for two years." Cure headache, constipation, biliousness. 25c at Baker's drug store. -Miss Stella Couch is spending a few days in town this week with the family of her brother, Mr. J. A. Couch. Following is a list of the tardies in the school for this week: 1a Prof. Litsey's room, 24; Prof. Cunningham's, 28; Miss Ramsey's, 8; Miss Isbell's, 3; Miss Ellis', 3, and Miss Rogers' 3. It will be noticed that there is a material decrease in the number of tardies among the smaller children and some decrease in Prof. C's room, but none in Prof. L's room. If the little fellows can get there on time certainly the larger pupils ought to do so. We believe in coaxing as long as it will produce satisfactory results, but when it ceases to work—well, just give 'em fits! HELPFUL READING THE FARMER'S DEPARTMENT SPECIAL OFFER. Millions are daily finding a world of comfort in Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It kills pain from burns, scalds, cuts, bruises; conquers ulcers and fever sores; cures eruptions, salt rheum, boils and felons; removes corns and warts. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25c at Baker's drug store. One evening last week there was a great reception at the White House to which cabinet members, congressmen, department officials, et als, were invited. Hundreds of people attended, among others a number of negroes and their wives, the latter in low neck and short sleeved costumes. It is said that scores of the white people left as soon as they discovered the presence of the negroes. The incident has been the subject of much comment unfavorable to President Roosevelt. A number of congressmen say they will not again visit the White House while it shelters its present occupant. The Free Press is like Senator Carmack of Tennessee who, when asked by a reporter for his opinion on the matter replied that he had nothing to say as his opinion of it was not fit for publication, so we make no comment. SEED OATS—SEED CORN. We have a supply of the genuine Texas Red Rustproof seed oats, warranted clear of johnson grass seed, also the northern red seed oats. We will also have several kinds of the best recommended seed corn, including Texas grown and northern varieties. These seeds will be sold at the lowest possible prices. W. W. Fields & Bro. -I'm after your cigar trace—try me for a good smoke, K. Jones. The EGGS which some coffee roasters use to glaze their coffee with—would you eat that kind of eggs? Then why drink them? Lion Coffee has no coating of storage eggs, glue, etc. It's coffee—pure, unadulterated, fresh, strong and of delightful flavor. Uniform quality and uniform price. Buy the sealed packages.

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