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THE WORLD'S FOOLISHNESS.
 President Roosevelt in his late speeches has taken occasion to defend the policy of the administration in its enormous expenditures in adding to our naval equipment and, to advocate the building up of a great navy as a safeguard against war.

SPECTRUM OF LIGHTNING.
 Photographs Successfully Obtained Showing the Divisions of Colors.
 Prof. E. C. Pickering, the director of the Harvard Observatory, announces what are said to be the first successful experiments in photographing the spectrum of lightning.

W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.
 WHY YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD SIGN THE TEMPERANCE PLEDGE.
 Because of the nature and extent of the rum power, several important agencies have been created to counteract its influence; one of which is the temperance pledge.

THE TEMPERANCE PLEDGE.
 Representative in the Legislature Jesse M. Libby of Mechanics Falls, Me., was going to his office from his residence the other day when he met Joshua Winslow, an acquaintance from a neighboring town.

Illness is the mother of sloth
 the father of crime.
 Give the boys something to do.
 A loafing boy learns nothing but bad habits and a distasteful employment.

The latest action of the Kansas authorities requires all southern cattle entering that state to be dipped, "to relieve them of scab itch or mange."

Miss Ellen Stone, the missionary, has asked the United States government to demand of Turkey damages on account of her capture and detention by brigands while in Turkish territory.

Now that school is out give the boys something useful to do. It will serve them at least two good purposes; teach them habits of industry and keep them out of disreputable mischief.

The way for Texas cattlemen is to beat the Kansas and Colorado quarantine is to go strictly into the stock-farming business, feed and finish their cattle at home and sell to the home packeries.

Details are coming in from private sources which discredit the denial of the Russian government that there had been a massacre of Jews in Russian Poland of Bessarabia. These details say that in the town of...

At the Epworth League... a member who had been looking up statistics called attention to the following remarkable fact: "The people of the United States pay annually for foreign missions \$5,000,000, for church support \$100,000,000, for amusements \$400,000,000, for jewelry and plate \$700,000,000, for tobacco \$800,000,000, for spirituous liquors \$1,400,000,000."

In the athletic contest at Atlanta, Ga., last week by the Southern Interscholastic Athletic Association, composed of students of the Universities of several Southern states, following are some of the records made: Hundred-yard race, 10 2-5 seconds. Two hundred and twenty yards, 23 4-5 seconds. Four hundred and forty yards, 55 seconds. Half mile run, 2:21 4-5 seconds. Mile run, 5:04 4-5 seconds. Hammer throwing, 114 feet 10 1/2 inches. Running high jump, 5 feet 9 inches. Running broad jump, 20 feet 10 inches.

Board of Health Notice.
 Notice is hereby given that all privies within the town limits of Haskell must be cleaned up at once and fifth of all kinds, such as manures, ash piles, old cans, paper, rags, etc., must be removed or burned. All cesspools and ponds of stagnant water must be drained and disinfected, and premises generally cleaned and kept in good sanitary condition.

W. H. WYMAN,
 Secretary of Board of Health.

It is really questionable whether a great military and naval equipment is more of a safeguard against than it is a temptation to war. Governments are only the aggregated average of human nature. Give the average man a feeling of security as to his powers and he is apt to be more or less overbearing and, in his dealings with others, he will be quicker to resent a real or fancied insult or injury.

Let him feel that might is supreme and that he will not have to answer to a higher power and he often becomes oppressive and takes what is not justly his. Just so with nations. We have much history to show us that through all time as nations have grown powerful they have domineered over, subdued, enslaved and robbed others.

Human nature has not changed greatly, only become a little more refined and subtle, and what has been done will be done again—in some degree. We have to look back no farther than a year or so to the conquest of the Boers of South Africa by Great Britain for an illustration.

The nations of Europe stand today hovering like a lot of vultures over China, only restrained from conquest and appropriation of such territory as would best please their greed by the fear of each other.

This country is following fast in their footsteps, since the men in authority have seen fit to take a hand in European contentions.

The only way to prevent such a result among European nations and probably our own is, for all to enter into a solemn and sensible agreement to stop where they are and waste no more money in building great warships and supporting standing armies.

Under such an agreement the yoke might in time be lifted from the neck of the masses and all become prosperous. But we hardly look for such an agreement, notwithstanding the fact that all are spending—squandering—multiplying millions every year and only about maintaining the same relative position toward each other as to armament and strength that existed before they began it.

Transition from Open Range to Stockfarming.
 This immediate section of Texas is just now undergoing a process of transformation by which it is passing into somewhat better than a range cattle country. The stock farm is rapidly taking the place of the larger ranches yet remaining the growth of range crops is annually increasing.

Another potent factor in the development of the present situation has been the coming of the big packing houses to this state. With a great market in progress of establishment an incentive has been created for the breeding and feeding of cattle at home.

These experiments will be watched with much interest, for many believe that the shadow of the coming of a new era is upon us.

from those marked lines quite different from those marked by the hydrogen lines, for example, found in some, but not in all, stellar spectra. The photograph of a star spectrum is not so much the photograph of the star as of the luminous vapor immediately surrounding it, from which it is possible to deduce the composition of the burning mass of the star itself.

The hydrogen lines of the lightning spectra obtained are found to be very much like those shown by the spectra of "new" stars, except, of course, that they radiate no solid body. An interesting comparison shows that the hydrogen lines of the lightning flash that illuminated the whole heavens correspond exactly with those of a small quarter-of-an-inch flash of lightning produced artificially in a tube or in the open air.

Didn't Mind Black Flies.
 A guide in the Maine woods was bragging the other day about his indifference to the attacks of the black flies, from which those in his party were suffering greatly.

THE SALVATION.
 Its Work Has Grown Into Proportions of Surprising Magnitude.
 The work of the Salvation Army in the United States may be surprising to those who have little knowledge of their projects nor realized benefit it is given by the Mid-working exporters who are seen of an evening preaching in the streets to the casual listeners.

No, Never.
 Some women can wear a new dress so that its newness will not be observed—but they don't.—Chicago Tribune.

The Two Blind Chaplains.
 Across the broad plaza in front of the Capitol the other day walked two blind men. They were the chaplains of the House and Senate.

Bean Crop in United States.
 With reference to weight, the commercial bean crop of the United States is more nearly comparable to that of rice than to any other domestic food crop.

Order From the Philippines.
 Among recent orders from Philippine headquarters is the following: "The metallic lining of boxes and packages belonging to the United States, used to protect matches and other articles from moisture, and when no longer needed will be melted and thrown into deep water or otherwise disposed of in such manner as to prevent recovery."

Who is first and resolute in will, needs the world to himself.
 (Goethe.)

Riches exclude only on inconsequence, and that is poverty.
 (Johnson.)

positive stand for the right. We can labor with some temperance organization. We can extend a lifting hand to some fallen brother. We can evince by a consistent life that the power of Christian living is obtained from the Spirit Divine, and that only as we walk in the light of truth can we be bright and shining lights to others.

DIRECTORY.
THE CHURCHES.
Presbyterians—Rev. W. C. Young, pastor. Praying at 11 o'clock A. M. on first Sunday, and 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. on second and third Sundays in each month. Sunday school at 10 o'clock A. M. every Sunday. Mr. F. H. Leonard, superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.

SOCIETIES.
L. O. O. F.—Haskell Lodge, No. 325. F. J. MEADORS, Sec'y. J. W. MEADORS, V. G. J. E. ROBERTSON, Sec'y.

THE COURTS.
DISTRICT COURT.
 The regular terms of district court are held on the fourth Mondays in May and November. Term court, H. H. Jones, judge; John C. Higgins, attorney; C. D. Long, clerk.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.
 The regular sessions of the commissioners' court are held on the second Mondays in February, May, August and November.

JUSTICE COURTS.
PARKING No. 1—Meets on the third Monday in each month at the court house in Haskell. J. T. Knowles, justice of the peace.
PARKING No. 2—Meets at Mary on the fourth Saturday in each month. S. V. Jones, justice of the peace. W. T. York, constable.

IF YOU WANT TO BUY, SELL or EXCHANGE Lands or Live Stock, SEE A. B. NEAL, The Hustler.

Helpful Reading
 Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of The Semi-Weekly News to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

The Farmers' Department
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Special Offer
 If you are not taking The Free Press you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county for \$1.75, cash in advance. I'll mail you a copy of the paper. Galveston or Houston. Write to The News for details.

After a little "Hell Fire," Representative in the Legislature Jesse M. Libby of Mechanics Falls, Me., was going to his office from his residence the other day when he met Joshua Winslow, an acquaintance from a neighboring town.

Every young man and woman ought to sign the temperance pledge because it is only one of the contracts of life. But it is a very important one. A life of total abstinence is filled with personal peace and blessing to others.

Every phase of life has its pledge. Little children promise to obey their parents. Parents in presenting their infants for baptism promise to train them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Every boy and girl should sign the temperance pledge, because it is "specific. It defines an evil against which we ought to protect ourselves. It is not an indefinite statement that is capable of various interpretations, but it can be made to mean only total abstinence.

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The rain the first of this week was general over northwest Texas and the tone of all crop reports is very encouraging.

Since the affairs of Santiago and Manila Bay, when any point of interest comes up between the "Powers" our Uncle Sammel's opinion is asked before any decisive action is taken.

The Taylor County News has the subscription list and good will of the Sentinel, of Abilene, and is covering the field of both papers. Messrs. Crayton and Andrews are making an excellent paper of the News.

Texas has never been decently represented at any of the World's fairs. Texans ought to redeem themselves at St. Louis or forever feel ashamed to own that they are from Texas when they go outside the state.

Texas will miss the opportunity of a lifetime to make her advantages and inducements to capital, labor and enterprise known to the world if her people fail to send a proper exhibit to the great St. Louis exposition. Don't you think so? If you do, help to send it.

Col. Charles Hamilton, vice president and general manager of the Central, again denies all reports as to the sale of the Central. This does away with the report that the Rock Island had bought the Central and would extend to Albany from Graham and extend the Central westward from Stamford and still leaves Haskell in the ring.

The attorney general has filed a suit in Hall county to recover three sections of school land from a party on the ground he did not reside on it years as required by law. Many similar cases

THE WEST
 We were pleased to publish statement of the financial condition of the West Fair Association of Abilene, including the fair last fall. Association paid expenses last year and made improvements to the amount of \$1,194.59 and has \$70 cash left in the treasury besides some small amounts due it. We think that a very good showing for such a year as the last one. This fair was not gotten up or run as a money-making enterprise but for the purpose of bringing the productive resources and other advantages of West Texas—and most especially the group of counties surrounding Abilene—to the attention of the people beyond their borders and incidentally to benefit Abilene.

It was a meritorious and praiseworthy undertaking on the part of the Abilene people who have backed it up with their means and taken all the risks of financial loss. The counties within convenient reach of this fair which have not made use of the opportunities freely offered them to exhibit their resources and otherwise patronize it have no doubt been losers by their neglect. Haskell county has always had the invitation extended to her but has used it but once, then making a very creditable display.

The Free Press would like very much to see our enterprising citizens take hold of the matter and prepare an exhibit for the West Texas Fair the coming fall. This is a matter that the Haskell County Farmers' Institute might well take a pride in fostering.

We believe that a good exhibit there would do our county as much good as would one at the Dallas fair. It is a fact, which we know from personal observation in part and from reliable heresay, that the West Texas Fair at Abilene has for several years far excelled the Dallas fair in the quantity, quality and variety of agricultural exhibits—this notwithstanding the fact that the former is situated in a section of country believed by many persons not farther away than Central and Eastern Tex.

Several couples of our young people in buggies made a swing around the western part of the county the other day, bird hunting? Such expeditions tempt Cupid to let fly his arrows and, woe he does, blind though he be, he is in danger of being pierced. Take notice and see if any have been wounded. J. N. Williams, Hollis Johnson and Misses son, Maud Hunt and

of the northwest Marey, called

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His Lenten Promise.

They were engaged, so, of course, her principal duty in life was to look after his moral welfare. But the trouble was he had no bad habits. If he only smoked or wore red neckties, or something! But he didn't, you see. It was so annoying.

Last Wednesday, however, she was resolved that he must deny himself something during Lent. So she spoke to him about it.

"Horace," said she, "brother Charley has promised to stop smoking until after Easter. Now, what sacrifice are you going to make?"

He meditated long and earnestly. "I'll tell you," he finally said. "I will deny myself the exquisite pleasure of kissing you."

She was hardly prepared for this, but there seemed to be no way out of it.

That was last Wednesday. Sunday night they sat in the parlor, she at one end of the sofa, he at the other.

"Horace," she said, sliding toward him. "I've something to tell you."

"What is it, sweetheart?"

She slid so close that her fragrant breath softly smote his cheek. "Dearest," she whispered, "brother Charley is smoking again." Curtain! —Brooklyn Eagle.

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Nothing to do with the Question.

"You are always talking about people who have no thought except for their own pleasure," argued the man in the check suit, tilting his hat further back. "What have you ever done to make mankind happier or better?" "Well," said the man with the heavy watchchain, "I have trained at least fifty successful elocutionists." "Just so. But I'm asking you why you have ever done to make mankind happier or better?"

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W. C. T. U.—Meets Tuesday of the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 3 o'clock at the home of the president, A. B. Mason, president; Mrs. secretary.

THE SENIOR LEAGUE, evening at the Methodist, Mrs. Anna Martin, secretary.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE, evening at the Methodist, Mrs. J. C. C. Ebel Gilbert secretary.

EARNER, evening, president.