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Maud. "Did you hear about that member of the legislature who wants to pass a law requiring a physician's certificate before people can kiss?"
Mamie. "Yes, I think it's time they made a man produce proof that he is sane before they let him into the legislature."—Washington Star.

WEAK and LOW-SPIRITED.
A Correspondent Thus Describes His Experience.

"I can strongly recommend Herbine as a medicine of remarkable efficacy for indigestion, loss of appetite, sour taste in the mouth, palpitation, headache, drowsiness after meals with distressing mental depression and low spirits. Herbine must be a unique preparation for cases such as mine, for a few doses entirely removed my complaint. I wonder at people going on suffering or spending their money on worthless things, when Herbine is procurable, and so cheap." 50c a bottle at J. B. Baker's.

Ladies Edit a Newspaper.

We are in receipt of a copy of the San Angelo Press of Feb. 25, which was edited entirely by the ladies of the San Angelo Civic League. Besides the usual run of personal and local news items attractively written up, this issue of the paper is devoted largely to questions pertaining to home making and beautifying the town, sanitation, education, etc. A community built up and conducted or administered according to the ideas suggested by these ladies would be an ideal one and if it does not result in bringing San Angelo up to the ideal, it will surely produce a beneficial effect.

Wide Rows and Wide Hills for Cotton and Corn

It would seem both from the deductions arrived at and advised by the scientists and farmers of practical experience that there is a double advantage to be gained reducing corn and cotton to thinner stands than is the usual practice among farmers. The scientists point out how that it is one way—or part of the plan—of combating the boll weevil, as well as giving each plant more space from which to draw moisture in times of drouth—just as a large herd of cattle would exhaust a pond of water two or three times sooner than would a herd of one-third the size and then be without water until more was supplied.

In this connection we reproduce from the Taylor County News the plan for planting and cultivating cotton given by T. J. Harrell, said to be a most successful farmer of Hood county, he says:
"As I have read so much about cotton and the boll weevil, I will tell you my experience for seven years in the culture of cotton. I have planted both ways, checked and drilled. My success has always been in checked cotton. I have three reasons for checking, first, it is easier to cultivate; second, I am not bothered with insects; third, it makes larger bolls, matures better, makes longer lint and of course makes more per acre. I first clean my land, burn all trash, cotton and corn stalks and any other trash we have to contend with. I break my land as deep as I can, narrow good; I then mark my land off three or three and a half feet, the wider the better; then I take a small plow, lay off across three or three and a half feet, drop fifteen or twenty seed to the hill, plow as deep as I can with a double shovel first and second time and plow shallow and regular every ten days until the first of August or later if I think it needs it. This last year I planted nine and eight-tenths acres of checked cotton. I gathered six bales off it. I also had between twenty-eight and thirty acres of drilled cotton, off which I gathered seven bales. The seed I planted was all of the same kind."

We also take from the Abilene Reporter the views and experience of Judge J. V. Cockrell on the same subject. This is a case near home and most Free Press readers know and appreciate Judge Cockrell's sound sense and ripe experience. The Reporter says:
Judge Cockrell has 1,600 acres in cotton every year and he has observed and pointed out to his tenants time and time again that where the staple has a poor stand it makes the best cotton. In fact some years where no stand could be had was the only parts of the fields that made any crop. Last year he induced an old tenant to chop down eight acres to what he considered a half stand, and it doubled the fields that had a full stand.

"Cotton grows only on limbs," said the judge to us Monday, "and not on the stalk. The stalk cannot make limbs when it is crowded, and it is plain to any man who will think twice that a thin stand will make more cotton than twice or three times as many plants."
When a dry season hits us it is the scattered stalks that make the most bolls.
In dry seasons the lack of moisture is as disastrous as the lack of soil, and then the man who has wide rows of cotton and scattered stalks is the one who gathers the lint.
Even in wet seasons (they are never went all the way through here) a medium stand allows the vigorous growth of limbs and the formation of bolls."

We believe that this question of thin planting has enough of scientific knowledge and of practical experience behind it to command the consideration of farmers in this section, and that if a man does not want to plant all of his crop that way it would be wise to plant some of it that way and get the experience for himself. Certainly there is not much probability that he could be much loser.

—Mr. F. G. Alexander, president of the Alexander Mercantile Co., returned Wednesday from his trip to Chicago, where he purchased an all-round stock of goods for the spring and summer trade of the Company's Haskell and Munday houses. He says that he didn't hesitate to put in a full stock on account of the hard times last year, but put in a stock to meet the demands of one of the most prosperous years this country has ever experienced, which he believes we are going to have.

Some of their goods have arrived and by next week they will be rolling in in large quantities.

MAKING FARMING PAY.

In Spite of the Boll Weevil.

Last week the Free Press published the first and second prize winning letters in the Dallas News contest as to how to make farming pay in spite of the boll weevil. This week we publish the letter which won the third prize in the contest, written by Mrs. G. H. Miller of this county. There can be no doubt but that this contest has been of great value, showing the value of diversification, bringing to view the experiences and plans of successful farmers and starting a new line of thought.

MRS. MILLER'S LETTER.
I see so many are writing on the most important subject, how to make farming profitable in spite of the boll weevil. Of course it is to diversify. We haven't got the weevil in this country yet. I will give husband's and my plan. First, keep out of debt as much as possible. Then raise hogs and chickens and milk as many as four cows. I sell chickens, eggs and butter the year round. We raise our own meat and lard, and have some to sell. Also try to raise everything that is good to eat in the garden. Always have onions and Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes to sell. I have my husband plant sorghum close to the house and I feed it to the hogs at dinner. I delight in raising hogs. Will give my experience with hogs. Year before last we bought a sow, paying \$12 for her. She brought ten pigs. One was blind, so my husband was going to kill it, and I told him to give it to me and I would raise it a pet. I sold her this Christmas for \$15 and six shoats at \$5 apiece and have three 6-week-old pigs left. Have refused \$3 apiece for them, making \$54. She cost us mere nothing to raise her. I also sold \$80 worth of chickens, eggs and butter last year and didn't buy feed for them. I topped kaffir corn heads for them this winter. Some women may think that I am so backwoodsy a thing that I don't know anything but work. For fear they do, I will tell them I attend church in town and am a teacher in Sunday school, and am the mother of two children. This country is drouthy, so we have to live savingly. If more farmers would raise everything they used at home and the wife do her part and not raise cotton and buy everything on credit and expect the cotton to pay for it, they would all have money. When we buy on time we know that we have to pay more than when we pay cash.

Times are hard with us. We have just finished paying for our place. I wore my last winter's dress and hat, which helped to save. I have fifty young chickens and eight hens sitting. I will have a nice lot of fryers to sell the 1st of April, which will pay for corn to plant small grain with. As it is time to milk, I will have to close. I hope some one will be benefited by this.

Cured Consumption.
Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months; the doctors stated he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and it cured him. That was six years ago, and since then we always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds, it has no equal." 25c. 50c and \$1.00 bottle at J. B. Baker's.

—Mr. J. E. Davis was in to see us Tuesday and arrange his subscription, about which he is always prompt. He says the Free Press is on the right track on the road question and he hopes to see a movement started on that line that will result in good to the country.

Cancer Cured!
Mr. W. W. Prickett, Smithfield, Ill., writes, Sept. 10th, 1901: "I had been suffering several years with a cancer on my face, which gave me great annoyance and unbearable itching. I was using Ballard's Snow Liniment for a sore leg, and through an accident, I rubbed some of the liniment on the cancer, and as it gave me almost instant relief, I decided to continue to use the liniment on the cancer. In a short time the cancer came out, my face healed up and there is not the slightest scar left. I have implicit faith in the merits of this preparation, and it cannot be too highly recommended." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. For sale by J. B. Baker.

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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 account of crop failures, we trust none will give us cause to complain 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.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.  on every seven million box. This signature, **C. H. Brown** box. 25c.

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If nonresidents will write me what they want I will find it for them, if it is not already on my list—Address
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The Farmers' Institute might take up the question of a broom factory.

Miss Ida M. Snyder.
Treasurer of the
Brooklyn East End Art Club.
"If women would pay more attention to their health we would have more happy wives, mothers and daughters, and if they would observe results they would find that the doctor's prescriptions do not perform the many cures they are given credit for."

"In consulting with my druggist he advised McLemore's Wine of Cardui and Theodore's Black-Draught, and so I took it and have every reason to thank him for a new life opened up to me with restored health, and it only took three months to cure me."
Wine of Cardui is a regulator of the menstrual functions and is a most astonishing tonic for women. It cures scanty, suppressed, too frequent, irregular and painful menstruation, falling of the womb, whites and flooding. It is helpful when approaching womanhood, during pregnancy, after childbirth and in change of life. It frequently brings a dear baby to women that have been barren for years. All druggists have \$1.00 bottles of Wine of Cardui.

WINE OF CARDUI

At Wichita Falls the Kemp Grocery Co. is putting in a canning factory which is to be ready for business June 1st and will employ about 75 hands for five or six months in the year. It will have a capacity of 15,000 cans per day. It is stated that blackberries, beans, peas, corn, tomatoes, peaches, grapes, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, okra, etc. are in the list of things that will be canned.

It is also said that it is probable that arrangements will be made to manufacture the cans there next season.

That the Kemp Grocery Co. has this matter in hand is an assurance of its success, as the head of that company, Mr. J. A. Kemp, is a man who looks before he leaps.

Now we all know that agricultural conditions around Wichita Falls are practically the same as they are here and that things that will grow there will grow here—then why not have a canning factory at Haskell to furnish a market for diversified products and add to the prosperity of the town and country?

We also notice in the Wichita Ledger that Wichita has a broom factory that gives employment to 40 people at good wages and is enjoying a constantly increasing business. This also gives the farmers another crop to grow. The wages of these canners and broom makers is nearly all spent in the town.

Broom corn is nearly as sure a crop as sorghum and Haskell could at least have a broom factory. It requires but comparatively small capital.

Newspapers propose things but the people must dispose of them. How will you dispose of this proposition?

READ IT THROUGH.
"Would Spoil This Story to Tell It in the Headlines."

To use an eighteenth century phrase, this is an "o'er true tale." Having happened in a small Virginia town in the winter of 1902, it is a story very much of the present. Up to a short time ago Mrs. John E. Harmon, of Melfa Station, Va., had no personal knowledge of the rare curative properties on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. "Last January," she says, "my baby took a dreadful cold and at one time I feared she would have pneumonia, but one of my neighbors told me how this remedy had cured her little boy and I began giving it to my baby at once and it soon cured her. I heartily thank the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for placing so great a cure within my reach. I cannot recommend it too highly or say too much in its favor. I hope all who read this will try it and be convinced as I was." For sale by All Druggists.

Texas is furnishing the St. Louisans and Chicagoans with cotton tail rabbits. It is said they are extra fond of the Texas variety and that two car loads of them have been shipped from Waco within the last two weeks. Orchardists and gardeners are rejoicing at the thinning out of the rabbits.

It Saved His Leg.
P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For ulcers, wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure Baked. Only 25 cts. Sold by J. B. Baker, druggist.

Pres. Roosevelt called a special session of the senate to meet March 6. This is practically a continuation of the regular session to finish up work which it failed to complete.

The general estimate by people who ought to know what they are talking about, of the so called anti-trust laws passed by the present congress at the request of Pres. Roosevelt and Atty Gen. Knox, is that they are a delusion and a snare, designed to catch and hold those republican voters who have been demanding that the party do something to curb the trusts. This pretense of a law is designed to make them believe that the party has acceded to their request.

Are you Restless at night
And harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It will secure you sound sleep and effect a prompt and radical cure. 25c. 50c and \$1 bottle at J. B. Baker's.

A COTTON SIMPOSIUM.

From the State Agricultural Department and from the Cotton Field.

THE MEXICAN COTTON BOLL WEEVIL.

E. DEBOUT SANDERSON, State Entomologist.
No apology is offered for publishing in full this important report. The question is the most important one now before the State of Texas. Every resource has been placed at the command of the State Department, and its report should be the summary of all practical information available on the subject. The report says:

History.—As its name indicates, the Boll Weevil is a native of Mexico or Central America, having been first described from Mexico in 1878, where it caused the abandonment of the cotton culture at Monclova about 1882. The Boll Weevil was first found in Texas about 1892, near Brownsville, where it had undoubtedly crossed the Rio Grande or Gulf of Mexico in 1892. It spread northward to San Antonio and Victoria. Since that time it has been spreading steadily north and eastward, until it has reached our northern and eastern frontiers, spreading along the lines of the railroad.

What the Boll Weevil Is.—The Boll Weevil is a small, grayish or brownish beetle about one-fourth of an inch long. It is quite variable in color and does not always readily recognize, but can usually be distinguished from nearly allied weevils with the aid of a glass, by the two prominent teeth at the tip of the basal joint of the fore-leg. The Boll Weevil is entirely distinct from and not nearly related to the Acorn Weevil whose grub lives in acorns and which is frequently attracted to lights at night. It is due to confusing these two weevils, which can readily be done by superficial comparison, that some parties assert that the Boll Weevil is caught at lights. It is not.

The Blood-weed Weevil, a large black weevil about half an inch long, which lives in the stems of the blood-weed, is often mistaken for the Boll Weevil when found on cotton. The Nettle Weevil, a small gray weevil with a short snout and with three black spots back of the head, is in the middle and one on each shoulder—and with short black dashes beneath the tip of the abdomen, is often found in the stalks of the Bull Nettle and "Spanish Thistle" and is taken for the Boll Weevil.

The Plum Curculio and Plum-pot Weevil are also quite distinct insects. They are not readily distinguishable in the larval or grub stage, but the adult beetles are quite dissimilar.

The Boll Weevil and "Sharpshooter" are often confused. The true "Sharpshooter" are bugs, which suck the juice of the plant and look more like immature grasshoppers than beetles.

The Boll Weevil is in no way related to the Boll Worm or other cotton insects.

Food.—So far as known the Boll Weevil feeds on no other plant than cotton, either in Texas or in Mexico.

The Egg.—Soon after the hibernating weevils emerge from winter quarters, the females commence to lay eggs. The eggs are deposited in the young squares at this season and usually but one in a square. Later in the season when the squares become scarce they are laid in the bolls also, sometimes several in a boll. As far as known they are laid in the stalks or foliage. The eggs are elliptical, almost colorless, and hatch in from two to three days. Eggs laid in the fall do not survive the winter.

The Larva or Grub.—From the egg hatches a small, white, footless larva or grub, which feeds in the cotton upon the undeveloped blossom. Here it feeds, entirely protected, during its whole life. When full grown it is from 1/4 to 1/2 inch long, slightly curved, white, footless, and with a brown head. All the growth of the insect takes place in this stage, which is permitted by the molting of the skin several times. The grub does not grow, which fact accounts for its slight feeding. The larva becomes full grown in about two weeks after hatching.

The Pupa.—When the larva is full grown, it transforms into the pupa, which is similar to the chrysalis of the butterfly and moth. The pupa is a partially dormant stage in which the wonderful development of the adult beetle takes place. The pupa has the general outline of the adult weevil, but the legs and wings are closely pressed to the body, the mouth parts and antennae are not free, it has little power of movement, and takes no food. The pupa is at first white, but as it matures it becomes gradually harder and darker. In about seven to ten days from the larva the skin of the pupa breaks open and the adult weevil emerges from it. It requires a couple of days for the weevil to become fully hardened and to secure its normal dark color. It then eats a small hole in the square and emerges. Thus the whole life cycle from egg to adult weevil, occupies from 23 to 30 days and occurs entirely within the square or boll.

Increase.—Each female lays from 50 to 150 eggs, which mature into weevils in about a month. The rate of increase may be readily computed. Generation follows generation until heavy frost. A few weevils early in the season will cause serious loss by late summer or fall. The planter should not neglect to do everything in his power to control the weevil, because he finds but few in early spring. Large numbers of the weevils are killed during the winter. They do not emerge at once, but continue to leave their winter quarters gradually until early June. Owing to this rapid rate of increase, all efforts toward combating the weevils directly should be made upon this first hibernating brood as it appears, and the larvae which it produces, during the month of May and the first half of June.

How to Combat the Boll Weevil. The following recommendations are based upon our present knowledge of the habits and means of controlling the Boll Weevil. The methods recommended have been tried and found effective. With further work, others may prove of value and will then be recommended. It is vitally important that the planter adopt the best means

of combating the pest now known and apply them thoroughly, and not depend on remedies of doubtful value or await some possible easier method.

Winter Plowing.—During the winter plow the land thoroughly and deeply. This will destroy many of the beetles which are hibernating in the crevices of the soil around the old cotton stalks and others under cloids, by turning them so deeply for them to arrive, and will also destroy large numbers of the pupae of the Boll Weevil. The thorough plowing of the ground at the present time is therefore of value, but burning the stalks will more thoroughly destroy the weevils. Destroy the weevil stalks must be cut before frost and burned in November or December. Harrow thoroughly before planting and put the ground in the best condition possible for seeding.

Variables.—The main object in all the following work is to make an early crop in spite of the Boll Weevil. To do this the crop must be made early before the second brood of the weevil commences to do its worst injury during the latter half of July. This is also necessary on account of the fall treatment of burning or grazing the cotton early in October and thus destroying any possible "two crop." The top crop, however, is agreed by all authorities to be a very speculative matter, being of value about once in seven to ten years, and undoubtedly adds to market speculation.

To secure such an early crop will necessitate the purchase of seed of early varieties for the seed ordinarily used is least adapted to making an early crop. The following varieties have been thoroughly tested and are recommended by this office: Sains King's Improved, Massey Bohemian (genetinae early strain); Wellborn's Perfection, and Dickson's Improved. These early varieties cannot be secured, but seed from as far north as Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, North Territory, Oklahoma, Kansas, or Missouri may be secured and sent north to mature a crop two or three weeks earlier than local seed. By the use of early varieties or northern grown seed, good crops of cotton have been made the past year in districts where hardly any cotton was made with home grown seed. The most important matter for the attention of the planter at this time is to secure the best seed possible, at once. If planters will secure a few bushels of seed in the year and keep it pure, they will have sufficient seed of these early varieties to plant a large acreage in 1904.

Planting.—Plant early. Use plenty of seed, take some risk of frost, and replant partly if necessary. Make the rows as far apart as possible, and the plants as far apart in the rows as will make a good crop, according to the nature of the soil, and run them north and west. Rows 4 feet apart in bottom and 4 feet in upland is a fair average. This is for the purpose of giving the maximum amount of sunshine between the rows. Shade and moisture are conducive to the development of the larvae in the fallen squares. The heat does not destroy the weevils or larvae, but it withers up the fallen squares, and the larvae within them are thus starved. Cotton is usually planted too close to secure the best crop. Wide planting will produce a better crop and will decrease the cost of cultivation materially.

Cultivation.—Cultivate the cotton thoroughly and late. Late cultivation has been shown to be of considerable value in making a crop in spite of the weevil.

In brief, the whole object should be to give the crop the very best conditions and culture to make a good seed of bolls by the first or middle of July (Central Texas), so that the bulk of the crop may be made by this time, free of weevil injury.

Hand-picking and Picking Fallen Squares.—Both picking off the weevils from early cotton as they come out from the information and picking up and destroying the fallen squares in which are all of the larvae of the first brood, are among the very best means of controlling injury on small plantations where plenty of labor can be secured. Whether this method is profitable or not, will depend largely on local conditions and the size of the plantation. We would advise planters to try the picking of the weevils and the collection and destruction of the fallen squares on moderate scale and each can then be the best judge as to whether such work is profitable under the individual conditions. The picking of the weevils requires some skill, and the man should be trained to it. The squares should be picked as soon as the first ones appear and until about June 1st. The collection of the fallen squares should commence about the middle of May and continue until the middle or latter part of June according to the season and latitude.

The above recommendations are published at this early date so that all may be informed in ample time for their use. The best means of controlling the weevil, namely, to plant early maturing cotton as early as possible, and do everything possible to hasten the early maturity of the crop. The above recommendations include all the remedies or means of combating the pest which will be advised by us until fall. A thorough test of the above and all other possible remedies for the Boll Weevil will be published during the coming season and the results will be published upon completion. Further directions, based upon the experience of the past few years, will be published during the late summer for guidance in fall work against the weevil. We shall be glad to hear from planters as to their successes or failures in fighting the weevil, as such an accumulation of evidence will be of value to all.

IN SPITE OF THE WEEVIL.
Several weeks since the Dallas Morning News offered a number of prizes for the best articles of limited length written by practical farmers for successful operation of the farm in the cotton-raising section despite the ravages of the boll weevil. For some time the News has been printing these letters, which ran up into the hundreds. The awarding committee has announced its decision, and the two articles awarded first and second prizes are published herewith:

FIRST PREMIUM.
John Ballew, Crenshaw, Texas.
I raise Poland-Chinas, Plymouth Rocks, male colts, red heifers, fat peas,

potatoes and pumpkins, sweet yams, butter and milk, eggs and vegetables of endless variety. We buy potatoes and turnips, preserves, can and dry fruit and vegetables for winter, and every farmer should keep bees and raise his syrup and bicuit.

Grain hogs on green pastures. Have canabones, melons, and okra alongside the hog pasture to feed in summer and a door leading into the house so they can get the gleanings and damaged corn. Have long corn rows and lots of them. Raise peanuts, sorghum, alfalfa, timothy and sorghum, cabbage, beets, beans, tomatoes and onions. Make kraut and homemade cheese.

I planted one pint of Jerusalem corn, cultivated as ordinary corn, cut big heavy heads and a bushel per acre. My corn had failed in July and got eight tons of fine feed from four acres. Thrashed 25 bushels of burt oats from one acre, reseeded in sorghum, got 29 bushels of seed and three tons of sweet hay.

One field made three good crops—wheat, cowpeas and turnips. I made two crops of maize and kafir, and made a third crop of sorghum. Wife's table is supplied with chickens, eggs, milk, butter, potatoes, peas, pumpkins, hams, turpises, biscuit, sausage, and—oh, go away trouble.

We laugh at the weevil's face. He has no terror for us. The supplies were produced on this farm with team raised on the same place, and tools that are polished, repaired and sheltered by me. I made half a bale by pasturing close, burning everything at night bedding and rebedding in cold weather with mammoth sweep and four horses. I mowed early, thinned early, cultivated frequently. My supplies were corn and cotton, six vixs each, but suggest the following improvement: Enlarge on diversification. Use home-made fertilizers, and intensive cultural methods. Don't depend largely on plant. Plant earliest Northern delinquent seed very early on checked hills 1x4 feet, alternating with diversified crops. Keep the dirt high around the hill so the falling squares will roll down in the sunshine. Pick early, white, hands on jar of punctured squares; keep plenty of domestic fowls in the cotton. Rake the squares in piles along the middles and burn at night. Protect the birds and nests. Pick early, white, hands can be had cheap, and cotton is heavy and brings good prices. Put away your tar jug, look on the bright side; encourage organization, congresses, institutes and an agricultural or entomologist. Cultivate that field fenced by the skull. Take experiment bulletins. Put in energy, economy, vitality, intensity. Wake the rooster, and feed tobacco, whisky, stay at home, read the best papers, get to the head and stay.

I came to Texas without one nickel to rattle against another. By the fore-gone system I have acquired a wife and six children and 100 acres of prairie land.

Billy Thinks Schedder is "It."
Kiel: On the occasion of raising of the blockade Emperor William cabled to Commodore Schedder, as follows: "It is with satisfaction that I have gained the conviction from your reports that you, together with the commanders and crews of my ships in Venezuelan waters during the blockade operations, did your duty and accomplished your task in every particular under difficult conditions. It is with gratification that I take the opportunity, now that the blockade is raised, to express to you and the officers and men of your command my fullest satisfaction with the services you have rendered. I direct you to make this known."

Washington: The senate committee on commerce agreed to report favorably the Cooper bill relative to the expenditure of the appropriation for the improvement of Sabine Lake channel. Representative Stephens has introduced another bill providing for the opening of the 550,000 acres of Kiowa, Comanche and Apache pasture and wool reservation.

NINE FIRE VICTIMS

VICTIMS OF A HOTEL FIRE AT CEDAR RAPIDS

Forty-two receive injuries

Death's Alarm Comes After All Escape Is Cut Off By Smoking Flames and Smoke.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 21.—Fire this morning destroyed the Clifton hotel, cremated nine of the guests and caused injuries to forty-two persons, who were scorched or forced to jump to the frozen street from second and third-story windows. After an all-day search in the debris four bodies have been recovered. It is now believed that five more bodies remain in the ruins of the hotel, which is said to have been a flimsy structure, filled with delegates to the State Young Men's Christian convention and the district convention of the Knights of Pythias. The hotel register was destroyed, thus making it difficult to ascertain the names of the missing persons.

The flames started in a pile of rubbish in the basement. The night clerk was on the third floor when the cry of fire started him. In an instant the halls were choked with frightened guests. A rush was made for the stairway; the fire, feeding ravenously on the under-like material of the lower floor, had completely cut off escape. Then followed a stampede for the windows. The victims were literally driven by the flames to jump. Nearly every one of them lingered to the last moment in hope of assistance. In a short space of time the street was filled with men and women, bruised, battered, broken-limbed and half crazed. All were in their night garments.

Second Prize.
O. A. Hiett, Mansfield, Tex.
How can farming be made profitable in spite of the boll weevil? I can only speak for myself and my good woman. We can make good money without cotton, and so can lots of others, while others can not, because all are not situated alike. But the majority can't speak for myself and my good woman. We can make good money without cotton, and so can lots of others, while others can not, because all are not situated alike. But the majority can't speak for myself and my good woman.

To Navigate Red River.
Denison: The Government snagboat Howell, now clearing the Red River for navigation is 160 feet long, 26 feet wide and draws three and one-half feet of water. It costs the Government about \$1400 a month to operate it. It is now at the mouth of the Kiamitha, just north of Paris, and will be there for several days as there is some work to be done just below there.

Disappointed Girl Suicides.
Little Rock: Miss Nelle Smith, the beautiful 22-year-old daughter of G. B. Smith, was found dead in her father's home Friday with a ghastly pistol wound in her head. She was to have met her affianced at the station Friday as he passed through for Forrest City. She missed the train. The girl's body was found by her father when he came home for his luncheon.

Beat Them With Kindness.
Better than the irritation, and necessary as that may be at times—better than arbitration, especially an enforced arbitration, is mutual confidence, respect, confidence, and ease of approach, and so take immediate root and there is totally absent, on either side, a spirit of human sympathy. The other day we asked a highly successful manufacturer how he got on so many years, with his great crowd of employees and their labor-union allies. "We beat them," he said, with kindness.

Politics Before Health.
The slang phrase "up against it" appears to fit the position in which Mayor Fagan of Jersey City finds himself. He is in bad health and doctors have ordered him to get away from home. But Mr. Fagan is a Republican and if he leaves his office it will be filled by Alderman Block, a Democrat. Political lines are drawn thickly in Jersey City, and no one knows what Acting Mayor Block might do. Therefore Mr. Fagan is filling up with medicine and sticking to his job.—N. Y. Times.

Secrets of Plant Life.
Plants have developed almost as many dodges for perpetuating their existence as animals, only we don't easily realize the fact. More than this, bulb or tuber is not merely a reservoir of material for the plant that is to grow out of it, but also a mass of fuel for supplying heat necessary to the sprouting seedlet. More than this, if you look at the early spring buds and flowers you will notice that those which are likely to be exposed to frost, such as catkins or willow and hazel, are well protected by a thick covering of soft material.

Some societies spend a dollar in an effort to raise a dime for charity.

FUEL IS SCARCE.

Dallas: From many portions of the state come reports of a great scarcity of fuel, occasioned by the recent rainy spell, which so cut up roads that it is impossible to haul timber to the towns. Coal is practically out of the question, and wood has advanced beyond all bounds in price. In one instance at Terrell \$1 was paid for fifteen sticks of timber. There is much distress and poverty over certain portions of Texas on account of the inclement weather conditions. Hundreds of laborers are unable to work, and are in need of food as a result.

The Red river is rising and overflowing the bottom lands near Texarkana, and much damage to vegetation and stock is apprehended. Stock are also suffering in many places, an uncorroborated report placing the loss at 1500 on one ranch. In Corsicana the fuel shortage threatens to seriously interfere with the conduct of the schools.

Big Blowout on Tap.

Fort Worth: The arrangement committee of the board of trade on the formal opening of the two packing-houses here on the 6th of next month, decided to extend an invitation to Gov. S. W. T. Lanham to be present and deliver an address and to also have his staff accompany him. An invitation will also be forwarded to the Texas Legislature to be present on this occasion, which it is intended to make a memorable one for Fort Worth.

Diabolical Deed in Lavaca.

Hallettsville: A murder has been unheeded in this county which is probably the most diabolical ever committed here, and three of the accused have been given an examining trial and are now in the county jail. All are negroes. These three, it is alleged, with a number of others, induced Oliver Wyatt, an old man, to go on a coon hunt with them, and while on this hunt he was killed. An effort to burn his body was made, but was only partially successful. Two of those now in jail have made a statement, claiming they committed the deed because the old man had threatened to kill them.

Port Worth: It is learned here that the names of the two boys who were killed in the Texas and Pacific passenger wreck near Aledo, in Parker county Thursday morning, were I. H. Riley, whose age was thought to have been 18 years and whose home is in Harmony, W. Va., and J. W. Matthews, whose home was in Athens, Tenn., and whose age was supposed to have been about 16 years.

El Paso, Tex.: Martin McLaughlin, a youthful tramp from Holyoke, Miss., barely 20 years old, received what may prove to be his death wound while attempting early Friday morning to rob the countinghouse of Krakauer, Zork & Moy's hardware establishment. He was shot by John L. Huerr, a clerk, who sleeps over the store.

Choctaws Going to Territory. Greenville: The passenger train from Shreveport brought a coach load to Choctaw Indians Friday, who were en route from Meridian, Miss., to the nation to claim allotments. They were in charge of two white men.

Honors to Former Mayor. Paris: The remains of Richard Woodridge, who died at Gainesville Thursday, were brought here and the funeral took place from Centenary Methodist church. The deceased was at one time mayor of Paris and formerly a member of the bar here.

Killed by a Fall. Terrell, Tex.: Mrs. M. S. Kelly, an aged lady of this city, started to walk out of her room, and her foot slipped on the doorstep and she fell, striking her head on the step with such force that she died from the effects of the injury a short time afterwards. Deceased was about 70 years old and was the mother of G. E. Kelly of this city.

Gone to Take Pasteur Treatment. Lockhart: J. D. McMurtrey, a merchant here, and Ed Burleson, son of James G. Burleson, president of the First National bank, the persons who were bitten by the supposed rabid dog Tuesday, left for Chicago to take treatment at the Pasteur Institute.

Two Men Frozen at El Paso. Eagle Pass: Besides Miguel Zapatoro, who was frozen to death in the C. P. Diaz jail, the body of an unknown man who had succumbed to the cold was found in a brickyard in the outskirts of that city.

To Enlarge Waco's Postoffice Building. Waco: The large appropriation made by congress for the improvement of the federal building here is sufficient to double the size of the entire structure, and this extension is not more than has become necessary, owing to the immensely increased volume of business in the postoffice, which is now 200 per cent larger than was the case in 1885, the year the present building was planned.

Turkish Army Defeats Insurgents. London: According to a dispatch from Sofia, desperate fighting has occurred between a small band of revolutionists and 800 Turkish troops in a defile close to the village of Berkli. Ninety Turks were killed. The insurgents lost heavily.

News is received of a case of self-destruction in the northern part of Brown county. Mrs. Anna Jenkins took two spoonfuls of arsenic and died of the effects.

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How many beautiful young girls develop into worn, listless and hopeless women, simply because sufficient attention has not been paid to their physical development. No woman is exempt from physical weakness and periodic pain, and young girls just budding into womanhood should be carefully guided physically as well as morally.

If you know of any young lady who is sick, and needs motherly advice, ask her to write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., who will give her advice free, from a source of knowledge which is unequalled in the country. Do not hesitate about stating details which one may not like to talk about, and which are essential for a full understanding of the case.



Miss Hannah E. Mershon, Collingswood, N. J., says:

"I thought I would write and tell you that, by following your kind advice, I feel like a new person. I was always thin and delicate, and so weak that I could hardly do anything. Menstruation was irregular. I tried a bottle of your Vegetable Compound and began to feel better right away. I continued its use, and am now well and strong, and menstruate regularly. I cannot say enough for what your medicine did for me."

How Mrs. Pinkham Helped Fannie Kumpfe.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it is my duty to write and tell you of the benefit I have derived from your advice and the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. The pains in my back and womb have all left me, and my menstrual trouble is corrected. I am very thankful for the good advice you gave me, and I shall recommend your medicine to all who suffer from female weakness."

—Miss FANNIE KUMPF, 1922 Chester St., Little Rock, Ark. (Dec. 16, 1900.)

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HERE IS A "PEACH."

Effusio That Must Have Cost Writer Hours of Thought.

Arabella, active, agreeable and angelic, arranged alluring and attractive amusements, acknowledged above all advertised an automatic apparatus, and accepted as appropriate at all academic assemblies.

Arabella arbitrated an argumentative aggregation, avoiding abhorrent action and address—always. Able, ambitious and adventurous, an absolute adept, according ability all admiration and adoration.

Arabella adroitly accommodated accomplices and associates, abominably adding appetizing admixtures and absorbents, appropriating, affecting and alleviating aggressive alimentary agony. Accordingly, after Arabella appeared Augustus Arlington's appetite, awakened an ardent affection, amative, and also acceptable, as Arabella anxiously approached antique age, awaiting adventurous association, allowable and agreeable among aesthetes and agnostics.

Augustus's attentive attitude aroused anger and animosity among Arabella's associates, as all around Augustus an adorable admirer, and apprehensively awaited activities; and Augustus's avowed attachment appeared Arabella's abnormal aversion, albeit affairs appeared awfully awkward, as asking always antedates acceptance.

Augustus, ancient academician, abnormally agitated, anxiously awaited accommodating artifice; ably attempted asserting affection and adoration, and asked and awaited Arabella's acceptance.

And Arabella answered affirmatively.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

IS "SORE" ON LATIN.

One Man Who Sees No Manner of Use in Its Study.

Latin is a dum-fool taling. I feel that way today. My boy works at Latin and he requires 80 per cent of something to pass something else. I do the other 20 per cent myself. The new French pronunciation is what puts me at a disadvantage. When I was a boy bonus was simply bonus, now it is bonuse; but when a thing is a dum-fool thing the way you say it doesn't matter. I know a writer in the Book-Lovers' Magazine. "Isn't it time that our schools waken up to the fact that we can get along very well over here without Latin? If we must have it, give us three weeks of Latin roots from an old spelling book and let it go at that. The teacher told me upon inquiry that Latin gives a boy culture. I told her in two words that I didn't believe in any such thing. You might as well scratch a boy's back to produce culture, or learn from observation as well as from experience that Latin produces obstinacy, and crankiness, and deceit, and fickleness, and hatred, and indigestion, and lying, and sore eyes, and a strong tendency to drop profanity. I admit that Latin has its place, but it belongs with other Roman creations now dead. If we were the least bit short of studies there would be some excuse, but we're not."

Praise for Judicial Decision.

Judge Hazen of Kansas is an ornament to the bench. He upholds with integrity the rights of citizenship and the privileges of happiness as vouchsafed by the Constitution. Almost in the same breath he decides that the Bible may be read in the public schools, and that theaters may be opened for the entertainment of the public on the Sabbath day. The Christian may not be without his Bible where he will, and the heathen may surrender himself to quiet pleasures as he may elect. It is likely that both Christian and pagan will quarrel with this eminently fair and unbiased decision, each declaring that the good judge is pandering to superstition. "I pray you," said the beautiful Theodotus, "reply to the wise Socrates, smiling benignantly, 'in the other fellow's religion.'"—Roswell Field in Chicago Evening Post.

Unfinished Still.

A baby's boot, and skein of wool, faded, and soiled, and soft; Odd things, you say, and no doubt you're right. Round a seaman's neck this stonny night up in the yards aloft.

Most like it's folly, but, mate, look here, When I first went to sea A woman stood on her small, soft hand, With a wedding ring on her small, soft hand, Which clung so close to me.

My wife, God bless her! the day before She sat beside my foot, And the sunlight kissed her yellow hair, And the dainty fingers, deft and fair, Knitted a baby's boot.

The voyage was over; I came ashore; What, think you, found I there? A grave the daisies had sprinkled white, Cottage empty, and dark as night, And this beside the chair.

The little boot, 'twas unfinished still; The tangled skein lay near; But the knitter had gone away to rest, With the babe to sleep on her breast.

Down it, the churchyard dross.

Historic Scotch Castle.

Barnhogue castle in Scotland has some interesting legends. There was once a barony of Barnhogue, and the legend is that a strange apparition made its appearance when a baron was about to die. This apparition, took the form of a black man accompanied by a fearsome looking hound. Their favorite spot was a jutting piece of coast now called Hound point, after the dog. As for the black man, he sounded the death note of the baron of Barnhogue upon a battle. This worn stones of Barnhogue castle might relate a stirring story could they only speak—as, for instance, that of a duel said to have been fought near it in the sixteenth century. To prevent a wider feud among sept and clans, the king could order two chiefs who had a quarrel to decide it by individual combat. This judicial duel on Barnhogue links is said to have been the last one of the sort that took place in Scotland.

Sewing in Public Schools.

Haltfax school board wishes to discontinue teaching infants sewing, on the ground that it causes defective vision.

A Rival to Ping Pong.

The latest Parisian development of ping pong consists in substituting for the ball a light feather made of colloid, and for the rackets rods or wand electrified by friction. The feather is first thrown into the air between the two players, where it temporarily remains by virtue of its lightness. The game consists in driving it backwards and forwards, not by force, as in ping pong, but by the repellent action of the hands which are continuously electrified for the purpose by an energetic rubbing.

Greatly-Petted Fire Horses.

The horses of the New York fire department receive more petting probably than any other horses in the world. In nearly every engine house each of the stalls bears the name of the horse occupant occupying it, large black letters on aluminum marking the quarters of "Tom," "Harry," "Dick," or "Major," as the case may be. The firemen are proud of their dumb friends, and not only do everything possible to make them comfortable when they are off duty, but take pleasure in providing them with little luxuries and tidbits.

Out of the Age.

Maximilian was an anachronism. He belonged to the age of chivalry. For himself immolation was attractive in comparison with cowardice and meanness. The very motive which impelled him to embrace that ill-starred mission was noble and unselfish. Those who fought against the empire he sought to establish on American soil always honored and esteemed the man. There was none among the true soldiers of Mexico who did not respect his memory, and no attempt to blot that sentiment will escape reprobate while one survives.

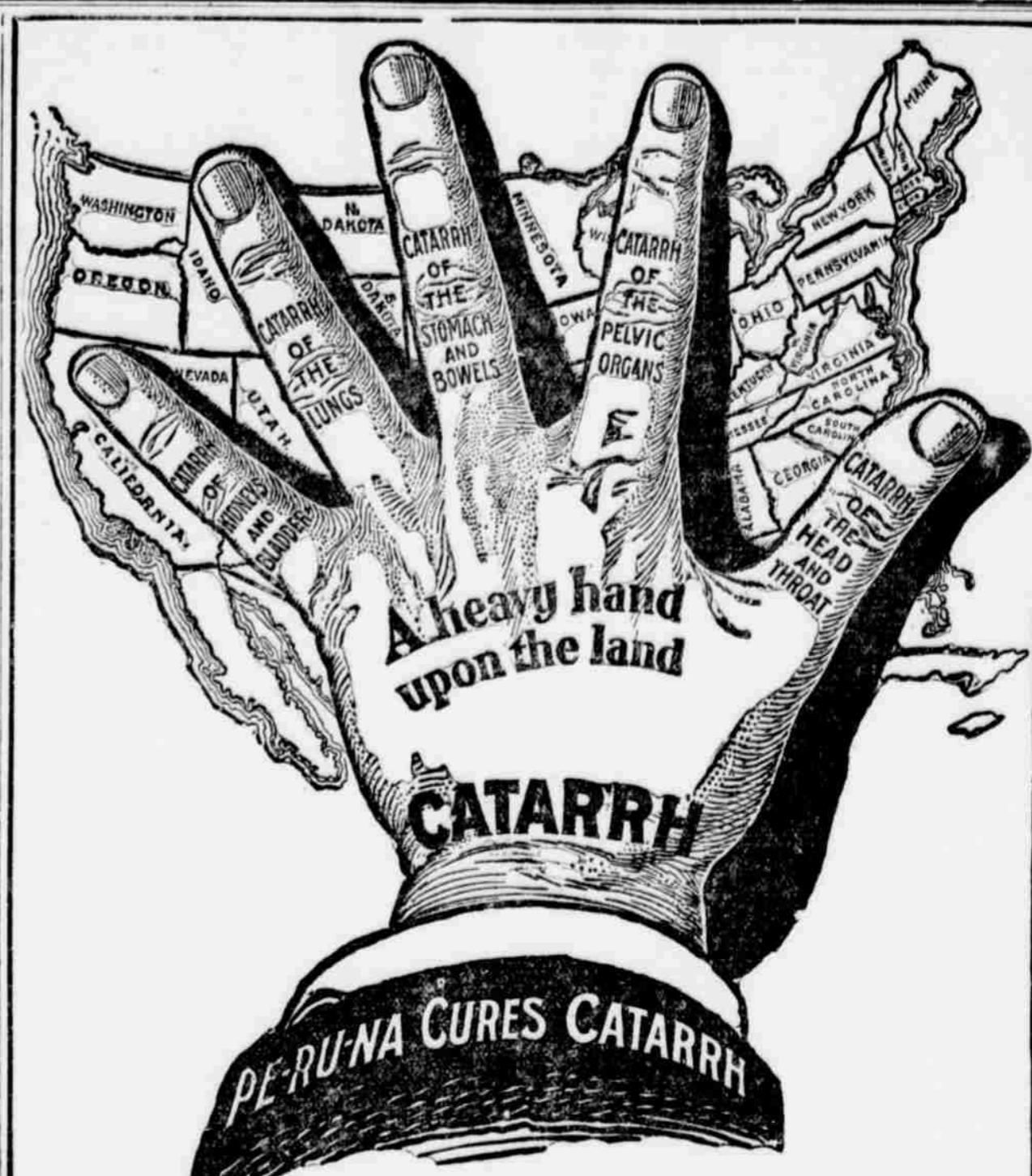
A Lost German Expedition.

Among the papers issued in connection with the German budget, is, we learn, one relating to the German expedition to the south pole. From this document it appears that absolutely nothing has yet been heard as to the expedition. This protracted silence produces anxiety, and in estimating the expenditure for 1900 a sum of £25,900 has been contingently earmarked for the expenses of a search expedition. Such an enterprise will be fitted out, should nothing be heard of the expedition by June 1.—London Globe.

Friends Thought Him Dead.

Ex-Congressman Outhwaite of Ohio has been visiting Washington and was surprised to find that nearly everybody thought him dead. A Joseph H. Outhwaite of Ohio died recently, and newspapers generally announced that it was the former member of congress who had departed the land of the living. "Fifty times during the past ten days," said Mr. Outhwaite, "I have seen a startled look come into the eyes of acquaintances when I meet them. 'Great Scott, man,' they will exclaim, 'I thought you were dead.'"—Exchange.

To reject correction is to refuse wisdom.



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The man that beat the Russian cork trust was a corker.

Fortune smiles on the few; to the majority she gives the laugh.

The valued Detroit Tribune asks, "Is hell hot?" But why this impatience?

Abram S. Hewitt left an estate of \$7,000,000. But he did not die disgraced, nevertheless.

Poetry thinks of trying again to reach the north pole. Isn't there anything else you can take for this?

The unfortunate man that ate \$100 in paper currency must have been accustomed to patent breakfast food.

The doctors are once more preparing to perform the historical feat of operating on the sick man of Europe.

J. Pierpont Morgan says newspapermen are good fellows. He has missed a lot if he has just made this discovery.

Yes, Eugene, a girl can give you her lip without being saucy. Have you never caught her under the microscope?

Western boys make the best sailors, according to navy officials. That is natural. They also make the best landmen.

Congress proposes to stop pelagic sealing by killing all the seals. The remedy has at least effectiveness to commend it.

Wireless telegraphy is a grand achievement of the century, but it will never be complete until it results in poleless streets.

President Roosevelt has written to congratulate cordially that mother of quadruplets. Now let the father of them cheer up.

"Drink and the world drinks with you," observes the sage of the Marysville Tribune, "but settle the bill and you settle alone."

Wherever she is the great American girl—she she three or three-and-twenty—is accustomed to hold the center of the stage.

It should be quite exhilarating for the Utah man to go home on health day and find his several wives cleaning house all at once.

Life must seem sweet indeed to those 4,000 or 5,000 horses in Brooklyn who are being fed on molasses, because it is cheaper and better than oats.

Over in Russia a large number of writers have demanded the abolition of the press censor. Let us hope they have their furs ready for the trip to Siberia.

Inasmuch as Correspondent Blowitz appears to have left a handsome fortune it will be hard to make a case of cruelty and neglect against the London Times.

No doubt the troubles of the sultan of Morocco seem serious to him, but they are not big enough to get him on the first page of the American newspapers.

Brazil and Bolivia are at war over a boundary question. When the South Americans have nothing else to fight for the good old boundary question always remains.

Mrs. Annie F. Eastman, a woman preacher of Elmira, N. Y., says superannuated ministers should be shot. Annie ought to draw well now for a week or two.

The cable brings the news that Russia and Austria are about to "move against Turkey." Probably they are contemplating establishing a Thanksgivings day of their own.

The Washington Post states that Mr. Carnegie has varied the monopoly by giving an organ to a Pennsylvania church. What? A Scot encourages the use of a "list o' whistles" in the Kirk?

No, Clarence, the fact that a baby is born in New York every ten minutes does not mean that the size of families is increasing. The births that are ten minutes apart are not in the same family.

Seven months and a half was the time taken in traveling around the world by a picture post card, which has just been delivered to its sender at Berlin. It is estimated that 4,325 people read it before it got around.

The most shining mark for the fool-killer is the man who thinks he knows just what a woman will do in a given situation. Profane history relates that even Methuselah received a few jars in his nine hundred and sixty-ninth year.

A Baltimore girl has married a man whom she had arrested for picking her pocket. Perhaps she thinks a fellow who is able to find a woman's pocket without assistance will be a handy fellow to have around the house.

Seven billions of cigars, or nearly 100 for every man, woman and child in the country, are consumed in the United States annually, unless the statisticians are lying about it.

If Mount Pelee were only situated a few hundred miles to the northwest of its present location how gleefully one would chorale at the cool barons.

To settle controversy Signor Marconi announces that he is not going to be married. There is no spelling needed in the wireless system.

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CHAPTER VII.—(Continued.)

Now, here was the real Katherine. Her very presence, her smiles, her tears, her words, would be a consolation so far beyond all hope, that the girl by her side seemed a kind of miracle to her.

She was far more than a miracle to Hyde. As the door opened, he slowly turned his head. When he saw who was really there, he uttered a low cry of joy—a cry pitiful in its shrill weakness. In a moment Katherine was close to his side. She kissed his hands and face, and whispered on his lips the sweetest words of love and fidelity. Hyde was in a rapture. He lay still, speechless, motionless, watching and listening to her.

Hyde could speak little, but there was no need of speech. Had he not nearly died for her? Was not his very helplessness a plea beyond the power of words. And so quickly, so quickly, went the happy moments! Ere Katherine had half said, "I love thee," Mrs. Gordon reminded her that it was near the noon.

"Then we must part, my Katherine. For a little. When will you come again?"

This was a painful question, because Katherine felt that, however she might excuse herself for the unforeseen stress of pity that all unwary had hurried her into this interview, she knew she could not find the same apology for one deliberate and pre-arranged.

"Only once more," Hyde pleaded. "I had, my Katherine, so many things to say to you. In my joy, I forgot all. Come but once more. Upon my honor, I promise to ask Katherine Van Heemskirk only this once. To-morrow? No! Two days hence, then?"

"Two days hence I will come again. Then no more."

He smiled at her, and put out his hands; and she knelt again by his side, and kissed her "farewell" on his lips. And, as she put on again her cloak and veil, he drew a small volume towards him, and with trembling hands tore out of it a scrap of paper, and gave it to her.

"Under the lilac hedge that night she read it over and over,—the bit of paper made almost warm and sentient by Phoedria's tender petition to his beloved:

"When you are in company with that other man, behave as if you were absent; but continue to love me by day and by night; want me, dream of me, expect me, think of me, wish for me, delight in me, be wholly with me; in short, be my very soul, as I am yours."

CHAPTER VIII.

"The Silver Link, the Silken Tie."

If Katherine had lived at this day, she would probably have spent the time between her promise and its fulfillment in self-analysis and introspective reasoning with her own conscience. But the women of a century ago were not tossed with winds of capricious opinions, or made feebly subtle by arguments about principles which ought never to be associated with dissent. A few strong, plain dictates had been set before Katherine as the law of her daily life; and she knew, beyond all controversy, when she disobeyed them.

In her own heart she called the sin she had determined to commit by its most unequivocal name. "I shall make happy Richard; but my father I shall deceive and disobey, and against my own soul there will be the lie." This was the position she admitted, but every woman is Eve in some hour of her life. The law of truth and wisdom may be in her ears, but the apple of light hangs within her reach; and with a full understanding of the consequences of disobedience, she takes the forbidden pleasure.

There are women who prefer secrecy to honesty, and sin to truthfulness; but Katherine was not one of them. If it had been possible to see her lover honorably, she would have much preferred it, but she knew well the stings of reproach and disapproval which would answer any such request; and her thoughts were all bent toward devising some plan which would enable her to leave home early on that morning which she had promised her lover.

But all her little arrangements failed; and it was almost at the last hour of the evening previous, that circumstances offered her a reasonable excuse. It came through Batavus, who returned home later than usual, bringing with him a great many patterns of damask and figured cloth and stamped leather. At once he announced his intention of staying at home the next morning in order to have Joanna's aid in selecting the coverings for their new chairs, and counting up their cost. He had taken the strips out of his pocket with an air of importance and complaisance; and Katherine, glancing from them to her mother, thought she perceived a fleeting shadow of a feeling very much akin to her own contempt of the man's pronounced self-satisfaction. So when supper was over, and the house duties done, she determined to speak to her. Joris was at a town meeting, and Lyset did not interfere with the lovers. Katherine found her standing at an open window, looking thoughtfully into the autumn garden.

"Mijn moeder."

"Mijn kind."

"Let me go away with Bram in the morning. Batavus I cannot bear. About every chair cover he will call in the whole house. Moeder, you know how it will be. Tomorrow I cannot bear him. Very sad quarrelling have we been for a week."

"I know, Katherine. I know. Leave, then, with Bram, and go first to Margaret Pitt's, and ask her if the new winter fashions will arrive from London this month. And look now, Katherine, peace is the best thing; and to his own house Batavus will go in a few weeks."

"Mijn moeder, sad and troubled are my looks. What is thy sorrow?"

ordinary influence had been used to procure it. Katherine was a under age, and yet subject to her father's authority. In spite of book and priest, and ring, he could retain his child for at least three years; and three years, Hyde—in talking with his aunt—called "an eternity of doubt and despair." Fortunately Joanna's wedding-day was drawing near, and it absorbed all attention the general public had for the Van Heemskirk family. For it was a certain thing, developing into feasting and dancing; and it quite put out of consideration suspicions which resulted in nothing, when people examined them in the clear atmosphere of Katherine's home.

In the middle of the afternoon of the day before the marriage, there was the loud rattat-tat of the brass knocker, announcing a visitor. It was Mrs. Gordon, and she nodded and laughed in a triumphant way that very quickly brought Katherine to her side. "My dear, I kiss you. You are the top beauty of my whole acquaintance." Then, in a whisper, "Richard sends his devotion. And put your hand in my muff; there is a letter. And pray give me joy; I have just secured an invitation. I asked the councillor and madam point blank for it. Faith, I think I am a little of a favorite with them! How is the young Bruce? My dear, if you don't make him suffer, I shall never forgive you. Alternate doses of hope and despair, that would be my prescription."

Katherine shook her head.

"On my wedding day, as I left Richard, this he said to me, 'My honor, Katherine, is now in your keeping.' By the lifting of one eyelash, I will not stain it!"

"My dear, you are perfectly charming. You always convince me that I am a better woman than I imagine myself. I shall go straight to Dick, and tell him how exactly proper you are. Really, you have more perceptions than any one woman has a right to."

"To-morrow, if I have a letter ready, you will take it?"

"I will run the risk, child. Now, adieu. Return to your evergreens and ribbons." And so, lightly humming Katherine's favorite song, she left the busy house.

Before daylight the next morning, Batavus had every one at his post. The ceremony was to be performed in the Middle Kirk, and he took care that Joanna kept neither Dominie de Ronde nor himself waiting.

Katherine looked for Mrs. Gordon in vain; she was not in the kirk, and she did not arrive until the festival dinner was nearly over. Batavus was then considerably under the excitement of his fine position and fine fare. He was by the side of the bride, at the right hand of Joris; and Katherine assisted her mother at the other end of the table.

(To be continued.)

DINERS WHO BECAME NOTED.

Milner, Schreiner and Steyn Guests at Inner Temple, London, Years Ago.

Some twenty years ago there used to dine at the Inner Temple, London, three young men whose careers in life were destined by fate to cross in a very remarkable manner. At that time these three young embryo lawyers were comparatively unknown to each other; their names were Milner, Schreiner and Steyn. The position of each of these young law students is now too well established to need much comment. Milner now rules the Transvaal colony. Schreiner is the former premier of Cape Colony and Steyn the former president of the Orange River Colony. Their names are familiar to everyone in the civilized world, but their work is by no means over; indeed, in the present position of affairs it seems likely that their names will be much before the public for some time to come in connection with some movement or other.

Sails for Skaters.

Considering the number of persons in this country that indulge in skating, it is somewhat of a surprise to see how few of them have ever used a skate sail, or in fact have ever heard of such a thing. However, in the last few years this sport has become better known, and it is not an uncommon sight to see dashing lather and tinker among the dark forms of the skaters, the glistening sails of the skate sailors.

To the onlooker it seems at the first glance that the sailor must certainly lose his balance and topple over, so sharply does he lean backward against his sail; but so strong is the force of the wind exerted against it, that he is able to come in connection with some movement or other.

Making of Dolls' Palace.

Old bottle corks may seem to some people utterly useless, but if any ordinarily ingenious boy or girl will collect a lot of them, and follow the simple directions here given, he or she can produce something unique and pretty.

When cut into a cube, or a small brick, a cork bears a close resemblance, in miniature, to many kinds of stone. When a number of them are combined, they look like old speckled and indented masonry. They have lots of brownish-gray spots and little cavities.

Get as many old corks as you can, therefore, and cut them into little bricks, using a sharp penknife for the purpose. With them you can build a very quaint model of a house or castle. They may be fastened to-

English language? Smiles—because there is a mile between the first and last letter.

Why is Buckingham palace the cheapest piece of property in England? It was bought for a crown and is kept by a sovereign.

Meaning of Girls' Names.

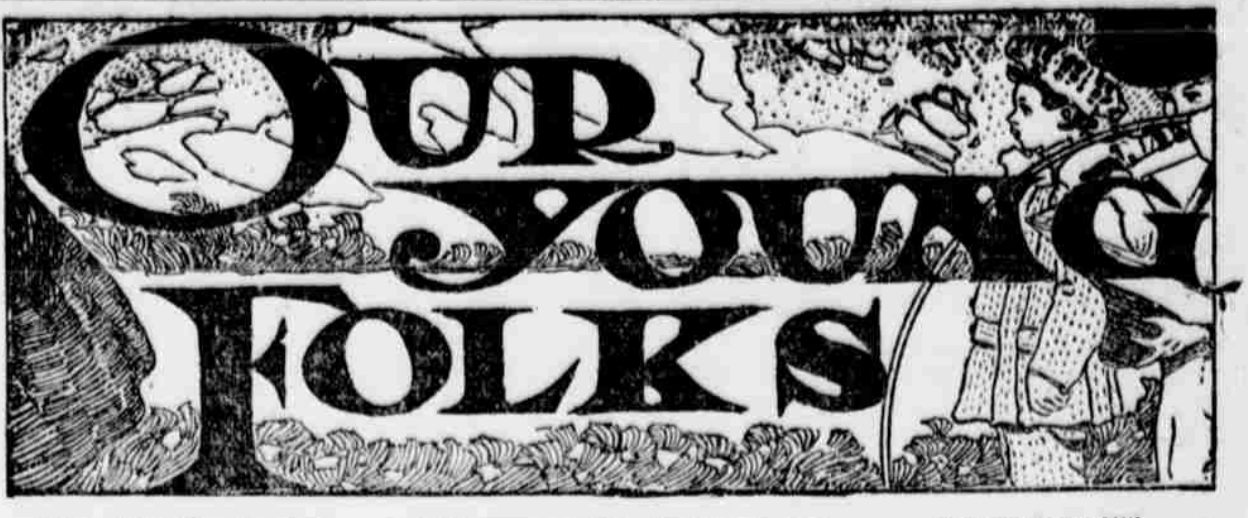
Frances is "unstrained and free"; Bertha, "pulsed, purely bright"; Clara, "clear as the crystal sea"; Lucy, "a star of radiant light"; Catherine is "pure as the mountain air"; Maria, "a soft, sweet star"; Felicia is "a happy girl"; Matilda is "a lady true"; Margaret is a shining "pearl"; Rebecca, "with the faithful few"; Susan is a "lily white"; Jane has the "willow's curve and grace"; Cecelia, dear, is "dim of sight"; Constance is "true and resolute"; Grace, delicious, "favor meet"; Charlotte, "noble, good repute"; Harriet, a fine, "odor sweet"; Isabella is "a lady rare"; Lucinda, "constant as the day"; Marie means "a lady fair"; Agatha, "truly good and just"; Letitia, "a joy avowed"; Jennina, "a soft sound in the air"; Adella, "rice princess, proud"; Cornelia, "harmless and fair"; Selina, "a sweet nightingale"; Lydia, "a refreshing well"; Judith, "a jewel none excel"; Priscilla, "a clement of days."

Interesting the Birds.

A scientist once put an automatic music box on the lawn and spent many hours watching the robins, blue tits and other birds gathering about it. A looking glass put up where the birds can see themselves in it is also very attractive, while a combination of a musical box and a looking glass pleases the birds more than anything else one could put out for their amusement.

Dog Killed His Master.

While a sportsman named Daniero at Courcoury, France, was placing a waterfall in his game-bag recently, he stood his double-barreled rifle on the ground, the muzzle pointing at his chest. Suddenly his dog, with a joyful bark, sprang toward him, and one



Polly's Pride Was Humbled.

Walter T. Pierce of South Charleston, O., who recently received an appointment as fellow of romance languages at the Johns Hopkins university, tells an amusing incident concerning nature studies.

A tree had blown down on his father's estate near South Charleston and a baby owl was orphaned by the catastrophe. The gentleman took the bird under his care and in time it grew to maturity residing in a neighboring tree and on most friendly terms with the household.

Not long afterward a relative asked that her pet parrot be permitted to remain with the family during her own absence from home, and Polly was duly installed. Received with all cordiality, Polly declared war at once and met friendly advances with a fierceness of beak and claw that caused the most daring to retreat.

Her cage was set inside the pane of a window. One morning as she swung leisurely to and fro repeating for the millionth time the brilliant words, "Polly, good morning!" the great gray owl fluttered softly down, perched on the sill beyond the glass and looked solemnly in upon her.

There was one blood-curdling shriek from the affrighted parrot, and the next minute she lay in a dead faint on the bottom of the cage.

It was a meek and stricken bird that finally returned to consciousness, and for the remainder of her stay she gratefully sought the friendly protection of whoever would deign to notice her.—Baltimore Sun.

Conundrums.

Why are women like salad? Both need a great deal of dressing.

Why did P. T. Barnum have more chance to get to heaven than anyone else? Because he had the greatest show on earth.

Why can't the news from England ever be fresh? Because it comes through salt water.

Why is a lady's belt like an ash cart? Because it goes around and gathers the waste.

Why are books your best friends? Because when they bore you you can shut them up without giving offence.

How can you keep a rooster from crowing on Sunday? Get him suited Saturday night.

Why are bookkeepers like chickens? They both scratch for a living.

How can you keep a dog from going mad in August? Shoot him in July.

What is the longest word in the

Easy Victim of Swindlers.

The police of Zurich, Switzerland, have just received a complaint from a lady that she has been robbed by spirits of \$1,000. She was invited to a seance, and the spirits of St. John the Evangelist and St. James were invoked. Then she was asked by the spirits to lay \$1,000 which she had with her on the table and told that when she returned home she would find \$2,000 in a chest of drawers, a portion of which sum she was enjoined to give toward the building of a new church. As she could not find the \$2,000, she informed the police.

Hairpin Water Mill.

Fasten two hairpins together with a little wax or by tying at several points with thread so that they look like one broad hairpin with a groove running along it. Bend the ends of the compound hairpin at right angles, but in opposite directions, so that as the pin lies on the table one end points up and the other down. Spread the legs of the pin and balance it on the point of a lead pencil stuck on a saucer with wax. The groove between the individual pins makes it easy to balance the apparatus and also affords a channel for a few drops of water which you pour gently on the top with a spoon. The water follows the bent ends and escapes as two horizontal jets in opposite directions, while the little mill turns swiftly on its pivot, the motion of each end being opposite to that of the jet on that

Effective Trick to Be Done With a Set of Dominoes.

Lay twelve dominoes face down in a row with their long sides together. Then announce that you will call off their numbers by spelling and proceed to do so as follows:

You spell, aloud, "one, one, one," as you say "o," you move the right-hand piece to the left end of the line, as you say "n," you move the second piece (which is now on the right end) to the left end; as you say "e" you move the third piece in the same manner, but as you say "one" you turn up the fourth piece, and, sure enough, it is a blank or one. This you lay aside and count "two, two," carrying three pieces in succession from the right to the left end and turning up the fourth, which proves to be deuce-blank, or two. In this way, you may go on until there is only one piece left, and that when turned will be found to be double-six, or 12.

It is a very effective trick, because you spell the names of the numbers and move one piece for each letter. There are lots of such tricks that depend on mere counting, but in this it seems as if the dominoes must have some mysterious knowledge of English spelling, knowing, for example,

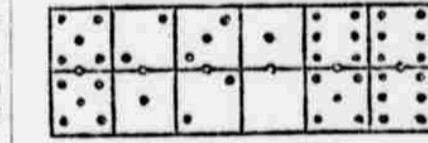
that there are five letters in the word "three" and only three letters in the word "six."

In some other language in which the names of the letters are different you would think the trick would not work.

But it will. Everything depends on the arrangement of the dominoes, which is different for different languages.

For English the four, beginning at the left, is 10, three, five, one, 11, 12, seven, two, four, six, eight, nine.

The diagram shows how the dominoes should be arranged but it is not necessary in every case to use the particular piece here shown. One, of course, must be ace-blank, but four can be ace-three, double-deuce, or four-blank, and so on.



together with fine wire, or with glue. It is sometimes desirable, in work of this kind, to give the cork some other shape, or to round the corners, and this may be done with the knife, using



A Doll's Palace Made of Corks.

Old bottle corks may seem to some people utterly useless, but if any ordinarily ingenious boy or girl will collect a lot of them, and follow the simple directions here given, he or she can produce something unique and pretty.

When cut into a cube, or a small brick, a cork bears a close resemblance, in miniature, to many kinds of stone. When a number of them are combined, they look like old speckled and indented masonry. They have lots of brownish-gray spots and little cavities.

Get as many old corks as you can, therefore, and cut them into little bricks, using a sharp penknife for the purpose. With them you can build a very quaint model of a house or castle. They may be fastened to-



Better Than the Rabbit.

Harry Biesler and Kinsor Beaton live on adjoining farms north of Bucyrus, Ohio. While out hunting they chased a rabbit beneath the door of a dilapidated farm house which a century ago had been used by the grandfather of young Beaton.

The boys began to dig the rabbit out and soon came upon nearly \$500, mostly in old gold coin which is now at a premium. There was also \$32 in silver. The boys failed to get the rabbit.

Insane Over Wife's Death.

A. L. Larpenture, the oldest resident of St. Paul, Minn., has become insane on account of the death of his wife, to whom he was married in 1845.

Amusing and Instructive Game for the Young Folks.

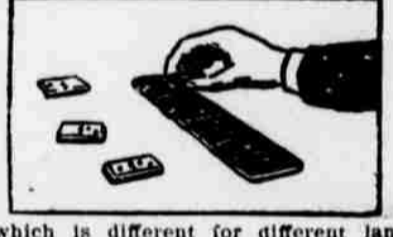
Here is a game that is equally well suited to recess at school or to the sitting room at home in the evening. Boys and girls will find it both entertaining and instructive, especially those that have a taste for drawing. But a knowledge of drawing is not



A City of Indiana.

at all necessary, as success in playing the game depends more on the idea than on the execution. At the same time it will give practice in drawing.

If played as a recess game it might be well to get one of the teachers to act as judge; if at home, one of the older members of the family might serve. This, however, is not essential, for the players may select one of their own number as judge.



Any number of persons may play; in fact, the more players the better the game. Each player is furnished with a sheet of paper and a pencil, and when all are seated the judge tells them the object of the game, which is to make the name of a city into a rebus; or, rather, to represent the name of a city by a rebus. A rebus, you know, is a sort of puzzle, in which things are represented by pictures.

Two prizes should be offered, one for player who guesses more of the names than any other player does, and the other for the player whose work is done best. The judge makes the decision. By agreement it may be allowed for each player to write under his drawing what state or country the city belongs to, but no other int-

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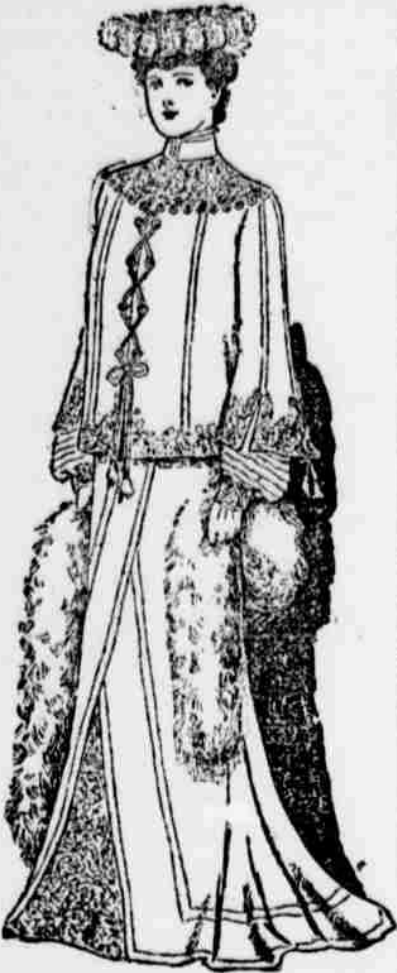
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An All-White Costume. The all-white costume shown is of broadcloth trimmed with lace, strapings of the cloth and silk cord and tassels.



The toque is made entirely of white roses and the large feather boa is also white.



If cream is boiled the day before it is to be used it makes it richer for the morning cup or coffee.

A small, stiff scrubbing brush should be used for cleaning all vegetables that grow under ground.

The color of green vegetables can be preserved if the vessel in which they are cooked is not covered.

Insure the perfect cleanliness of irons they should be washed and soaked in water frequently, and always kept in a clean dry place.

Varnished or oiled woodwork in pantries or back halls may be kept clean by wiping with a flannel cloth wrung out of hot water and then rubbed smooth with a dry cloth.

Soup should only be cooked in porcelain lined kettles and never left in the kettle over night. The stock should be drained into a porcelain bowl and every bit of vegetable should be removed from it.

An implement for reaching out and getting things without rising from one's chair called a "Lazy Tom," which enables a tired woman to draw to her any object she wishes to reach, whether her work basket or a mischievous urchin, a book or newspaper, is a labor saver.

Caps for Children. Tam O'Shanter caps are exceedingly becoming to little girls and are much worn for school, play and the like. These excellent models show the latest designs and are suited to



cloth, camel's hair, zibeline, velveteen, and all the fabrics used for caps.

Lace Slippers. If the Cinderella of to-day should drop her tiny slipper at the stroke of 12 it would not be made of glass, nor even leather. Cobwebby lace, appliqued on satin, is the latest thing in footwear. Lace slippers are made to order and are quite as often made up over brilliant gold color or cardinal red satin as with quieter tints. The lace is either black or white. A charming pair of little lace slippers gives us black Chantilly over Quaker gray satin. These match a dinner gown of gray satin enhanced with Chantilly flounces.

New Table-Linen Dresses. Among the novelties of the season are linens for suitings that look for all the world like table linens. A shopper cannot tell whether she has strayed into the house-furnishing department or among the summer dress goods. The bolts of these materials fairly clamor to be taken off in three or four yard lengths and are hemmed at the ends. To cut such linens on the bias is asking too much of any housekeeper. The truly domestic woman may make herself a summer

costume out of an old set of tablecloth and napkins; but this new, lovely, shiny stuff must be kept for the dining-room.

Brown Blends are Worn. Brown of every shade is the first favorite this winter for both day and evening wear. The modern tint of brown is particularly soft by artificial light and is made brilliant by embroideries and applications, and with soft lace and blends of delicate color most stunning results are effected. An evening costume of dead-leaf brown tulle is thoroughly Parisian in its harmony of coloring. The entire skirt is striped at intervals with stitched bias bands, an inch and a half wide, of same in the same color. A full flounce of the tulle at the bottom is covered with applique wreaths of multi-colored carnations. Steel paillettes outline the embroidery and dot the foundation material. The bodice of brown silk damask has a bust decoration of artificial carnation over the lace bertha which drapes the décolletage. The bertha is caught with a bow of old blue panne.

Colored Witch Hazel. Japanese use more toilet preparations than any other people. Next to them are the Chinese. The American manufacturer has learned this and the harvest he is reaping is enormous. Women are the chief customers. In Japan the average woman takes from three to six baths every day. Each time she prepares the water with toilet lotions, and applies them also after the plunge has been taken. Witch hazel is comparatively new in Japan and China, but it is a prime favorite. The latest fad in witch hazel is for violet color, and large shipments of it have been made from New York to the far East.

Jewel Studded Corsets. The maid or matron who is ultra in following the dictates of Madame Fashion now has the clasps of her corsets studded with precious stones. The jewels used are of the less expensive kind and those shown in the dainty stays are of turquoise, rhinestones, garnets, topaz and amethysts. These are supposed to carry out the thought of the delicate embroidery that adorns the body part of the corsets. The choice of the jewel depends upon whether the delicate flowers are violets, forget-me-nots or little pink daisies.

Blue and Silver House Gown. A charming afternoon or reception gown is of pale blue louisiane. The skirt is laid in rather loose accordion pleats and sweeps the ground on all sides. The waist is also accordion plaited and draped with blue chiffon pailletted in silver. The pointed neck yoke is of Venetian lace. The loose sleeve is a combination of louisiane.

Shirt Waist Suit for Snowy Weather. This cut shows the ever serviceable shirt waist suit, a jaunty turban and fine boa. The material of the suit is a light gray covert cloth. The waist and skirt are strapped, with stitching near the edges. Persian novelty trimming is introduced in the stock cuffs, and a row of the same ornaments up from the waist. Dark gray straps make a neat finish over the shoulders. The waist is fastened by three buttons, with drops, making a unique garniture down the front of the dress.



The belt is plain and fastened with a gun metal buckle, and the turban is of black velvet, with a band of heavy, crushed light gray satin at the hair. The drooping tail feathers are fastened with a rosette of the black velvet and gray satin. A tinge of green is apparent in the coatings, which otherwise are a trifle darker than the satin of the turban. The boa, which makes the resplendent touch to this rather simple costume is a gray fox, made unusually long.

chiffon and lace. The narrow girthe is of blue velvet dotted with French knots in black. A few of the knots appear on the waist, giving it that necessary contrast which is the keynote to artistic dressing.

Tiny Glove Handkerchiefs. With the banishment of the pocket, handkerchiefs have diminished in size, until of late they are reduced to proportions which can be easily admitted into the palm of the glove. As surely as the faintest of old-time shawls could be passed through a small finger ring, the handkerchief of the modern girl will go through a keyhole. New handkerchiefs are appearing with decorations printed in tints, as well as in all over colored effects embroidered with white.

White Chiffon Toque. The toque illustrated is of plaited white chiffon having its top and back



covered by white lace. On each side of the back there is a large pearl cabochon, from which depends a white silk tassel. Smaller cabochons are used at the sides.

The New Nightgown. The bishop nightgown is among the newest things in lingerie. It has an elaborate lace yoke, alike back and front. The gown slips over the head and is drawn up with ribbon.



Artificial camellias are once more fashionable. Belts, new and smart, are made of plaid enamel.

Plaid is the fashionable lining for house jackets.

Dainty collars are embroidered with autumn leaves in the national colors. All the most fashionable wraps are lavishly trimmed with straps, passementeries and furs.

Tucks in every size and direction are popular. Vels in which white predominates are most fashionable.

Pink chiffon, roses, string on a band of green leaves, make dainty decorations for an evening frock.

Fur cravats are new and are so seldom seen that they have a great deal of distinction. They are straight and flat and are crossed under the chin.

It seems to be generally conceded that drooping effects will be popular on Spring hats. There will be long, drooping feathers and lace scarfs, and even fringe will be utilized.

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"Do," responded cousin Deb. "Why, spunk up and put the best foot forward. A widderer of your age with nine children on his hands has got to hustle. You can't lay round and eat and sleep and smoke old cob pipes same as you always have done."

"I never disputed Job's troubles," snuffed Ebenezer, and he flourished the gingham handkerchief spasmodically, "never—he had 'em like me—but his comforters was angels compared to mine. 'Twould melt a heart of stone to see the way I'm fixed. But my sufferin's air about over—I shall never climb winter hill—I feel it in my bones. I ain't had a decent thing to eat since poor Blindy died, nothin' but dough cakes and slops, and my stomach's all out of kilter. Poor Blindy! what a treasure I've lost! no prudent, so clever nattered!"

"Look here, Ebenezer, I've advised and advised, but what has it amounted to? If there is anything I despise it is a snivelin' man that has got no gumption. You've got to face facts, Blindy's gone, you've lost your bread-bearer, and all your howlin' won't bring her back, and Deb flashed a glance at her elderly relative which was far from sympathetic.

"I know it, Deb—" he whimpered, "but my poor heart is buried in her grave. Nobody knows my feelin's but myself. I shall never find another to take her place—not if I live to be as old as Methuseller! She took all the care of the critters and the milkin', and the barn and the house, and the young uns, and if—"

"If," broke in Deb sharply, "you don't stop your wailin' I'll leave this house inside of twenty minutes, bag and baggage. I've heard it jest as long as I'm a goin' to. I have been here two months and you've not made the least effort to git a housekeeper."

"I'd like to know who I'm goin' to git?" queried Ebenezer, and he eyed her warily through his fingers.

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"I've thought of you all these years Janie, I have I swan—I never see anyone I loved half as well as I did you. Phaps you don't believe it but its the truth. Now things has worked our way spose we s'fine conditions. Say, Janie, will you hev me?"

"O-O-My-My-My—!"

"Say 'Yes, Janie.'"

"Yes, Ebby."

At the Kindergarten. "Would you be sorry if your mamma was to die?" asked the smallest little girl on the bench as she painstakingly threaded her needle and fell to work on her hemming.

"Oh, what a silly question!" replied the plump girl with a blue pinafore who sat next to her. "Of course I should." And she gave a vicious tug at her thread to shake the knot out of it.

"Well, I shouldn't be sorry if my father was to die," put in a thin little woman of eight.

The other looked shocked and asked why.

"Oh, he's too fresh," replied the thin girl in accents of deepest disgust.



LIVE CATTLE

Mange or Texas Itch Among Horses. Prof. R. A. Craig, in newspaper bulletin 106, of the Indiana Experiment Station, says:

This is a disease of horses corresponding to scab among sheep. It has been reported occasionally during the past year from various parts of the state. The majority of these reports have shown the disease to be in western horses recently brought to the state and in natives that have contracted the trouble from them. The disease is due to a small parasite or itch mite that affects horses only, and the disease is spread by the animals coming in close contact or by being placed in stables where affected animals have been or from using harness or blankets that have been used on diseased animals.

The earliest symptom is the intense itching as shown by the animal rubbing against trees, fences, sides of the stall or biting the part. Blanketing the animal increases the irritation. The affection usually begins with some small patch and gradually extends over the body. If the skin be examined carefully it will be found to be reddened; there will be numerous small elevations like pimples and the hair will show matting. Crusts form, the hair falls out, leaving large dry patches. In extensive infection the skin becomes thickened and markedly rigid. The animals lose flesh and become generally debilitated and some may die.

The disease responds to treatment very promptly. Strong solutions of any of the sheep dips, especially the creolin like or coal tar preparations, as santonol or chloronaphtholium, or the tobacco extracts will soon arrest it. The washing should be thorough and repeated once a week until well. The harness, stalls, etc., will need to be washed with a similar solution to prevent reinfection. This is one of the diseases that should be reported to the State Veterinarian, Dr. A. W. Blitting, LaFayette, Indiana, so that quarantine measures may be enforced when the owner does not exercise proper care.

The Angora Goat in New Mexico. The Angora goat is attracting considerable attention at the present time. Owing to his peculiar habit of browsing on brush and weeds he finds particular favor among farmers. The Angora goat industry, for reasons obvious to one who gives the subject careful study, is destined to come into great prominence in New Mexico.

The goat, one of the hardiest of animals, subject to few diseases, preferring to climb and browse among the rocks and hills relishing buds, twigs, and dry leaves, agile, keen of sight, is, from the Westerner's standpoint, a rustler; the embodiment of all the qualities desirable in a range animal. It is well known that angora goats range in New Mexico, where a water supply can be developed at a reasonable cost, is scarce. Overstocking is noticeable almost everywhere on the cattle and sheep ranges. There is, however, considerable areas of hilly or mountainous country producing little grass but more or less thickly covered with brush or timber which is eminently suited to the Angora goat.

The original home of the Angora goat, the Province of Angora, from which he takes his name, is a mountainous country, and he finds in the high mountains and dry atmosphere of New Mexico conditions similar, and perhaps superior, to those of his former home. There is probably no equal portion of country on earth better adapted to the Angora than New Mexico, and within our borders there are immense areas upon which the Angora goat may be ranged, neither trespassing upon cattle territory nor interfering materially with the sheep industry. The annual clip from sheep and Angora goats will probably average about the same weight, but the fleece of mohair will, as a rule, bring three or four times as much as the fleece of wool.

Gain in Weight of Pigs. Some records were kept at the Wisconsin station to ascertain the gain in weight of pigs from birth. The average weight at birth was 2.5 pounds. At the end of the first week the weight was 4.4; second week, 7.0; third week, 9.8; fourth week, 12.5; fifth week, 15.6; sixth week, 18.8; seventh week, 22.6; eighth week, 27.8; ninth week, 33.1; tenth week, 38.5. The greatest percentage of gain was during the first week, when it was 76 per cent. The next week it was 59 per cent and the third week 40. The fourth week it dropped to 28 per cent, and by the tenth week had got down to 16 per cent.

Regarding these figures, Prof. Henry says: "In comparing figures like these we should not forget that the bodies of very young animals are composed very largely of water, while with mature ones the proportion of water in the increase is small, the gain being mostly fat."

Ashes Will Not Preserve Eggs. Finely sifted, dry hard wood ashes were used as packing material. On May 18, 1898, the twenty eggs, laid May 12th to 18th, were washed, and, after drying, pressed small ends down into the ashes, allowing no eggs in contact with each other, and the jar filled to the top with fine ashes. Result: Good, 0 per cent; bad, 100 per cent. This lot was examined May 31, 1900. The shells were stained in spots, and not fresh looking. The air cells were much enlarged, occupying fully one-third of the volume of the egg, but contained no fungus. The whites were discolored, and in some cases of reddish tint. The yolks were gummy, and of dull, dark color. These eggs were stale in taste. None were eaten, though none were rotten.—R. I. Station Report.

Jamaica May Grow Cotton. Jamaica is talking of introducing the cultivation of cotton to make up for the decline in sugar. Cotton is being grown in Montserrat, in Santa Lucia, and in several of the Leeward Islands.



POULTRY

Winter Eggs. From Farmers Review. The most successful winter poultry house I ever saw was a big— straw cattle shed.

The shed had been covered from the stanch of a thrashing machine. The roof, north side and ends were several feet of straw and chaff. Some 50 head of cattle were in the shed and yard nights and running in the corn stalks daytime; besides there was a hog trough in the yard, where the hogs got their daily slops of bran, shorts and waste vegetables. I was a boy at home with Dad and Ma at the time, My father believed in being liberal with salt, the cattle had their salt box and all the slop of the swine was seasoned with salt. I remember that an argument was up as to whether the fowls would get too much salt at the hog troughs.

Up over head in this shed were a variety of poles and brush that served to hold up the straw. Flock after flock of the early hatches took up their roosting place in the cattle shed and by cold weather the regular hen house was almost entirely deserted. Some 150 hens, mostly early pullets were roosting in the cattle shed by December 1st, and the daily output of eggs was from five to eight dozen, and it continued all winter. When the weather got colder, and stormy days came, the cattle were fed in racks, clover and timothy and millet hay, corn fodder, etc. The cattle were continually working down some of the straw shed, and finally the hogs went to sleeping in the litter. That old straw shed seemed to be a home for most everything that could get into it. Even the flocks of quails made daily visits and worked with the hens in and around the yard and shed. I do not remember of a single ailing fowl all winter and when spring came, they were bright and ready to hunt in the nearby grove and orchard.

At the time, I looked at all these things as a "matter of course," but since I have grown older and read and listened to up-to-date methods, scientific ventilation, jim crack feeds and sanitary poultry houses, my mind wanders back to the old straw shed, its simplicity and its success. I have firmly made up my mind that lots of up-to-date poultry theories are more theoretical than practical and that if it were possible for all poultry raisers to have an old straw shed, chicken doctors and remedies would not be so popular as they are.

I am a firm believer in lots of litter for the fowls to work in, also a variety of feeds and unlimited pure air. Still more, I believe fowls should have plenty of salt and water. Stop and think of it. An egg is nearly 80 per cent water; the hens must have water in abundance and unlimited exercise in pure air. Yes, salt will kill fowls and it will kill stock, too, but it will kill nothing if it has been managed carefully. Sunshine and pure air was made for fowls as well as other life, and while it is so cheap, why be stingy with it? Straw, chaff, leaves or other kinds of litter is enjoyed by hens just as much as a pond of water is by ducks. The water may not do the ducks any particular good, but the litter absorbs moisture and keeps the ground or floor under it warm. In building poultry houses, we should study the hens more and ourselves less.—M. M. Johnson.

Mysteries of Incubation. To the novice there are no mysteries about incubators. He has read a few things about them, and the way seems plain. A man who had had nothing to do with incubators was telling the writer of this how easy it was to manage them, saying he proposed to try one before long—"It won't be so interesting." His remark elicited the inquiry: "Did you ever try one?" to which he replied, "Oh, no, but it is easy enough." The man who has run incubators knows that it is not "easy enough" sometimes. The old hen is adjusted somewhat automatically; she seems not to mind temperature; she supplies of moisture, and in due time brings off her hatch. But with the incubator it is different. It must be studied. The cheerful amateur soon finds that there are mysteries about it he has to learn or try to learn. He has been told that certain locations, as in the cellar, are the best places for the incubator. He tries it and falls to get a good hatch. He then puts his incubator in some place he has been warned against and succeeds. Why? Then the temperature. He has been told to keep his incubator at 102 or 103 degrees. He tries to do so, but in a short time he finds that there is a great variety of temperature in the incubator, the temperature of the eggs being one thing and over the eggs another. He begins to wonder where his standard of temperature is to be. He is given full instructions on how to use the regulator, and follows directions beautifully and successfully generally, but now and then it does not seem to give proper results and his eggs get too hot or too cold. Why? The question of moisture claims some of his attention, and he begins to read up on the matter. Then he discovers that poultry-raisers have had all kinds of experiences with that thing they call moisture. Aiter a year or two, the amateur discovers that there are mysteries connected with incubation, and he gets ready to investigate in earnest.

Low Wages in Scotland. Caithness, Orkney and Shetland are Scottish counties in which the wages of agricultural workers are at the lowest. A plowman there still considers himself well paid at 14 shillings a week.

Iowa Corn Raisers' Association. During the recent convention of corn growers at Ames, Iowa, an association of corn growers

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HASKELL, TEXAS

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Hunt county is moving for good roads.
Planting of spring crops is greatly delayed all over the state.
The Missouri legislature will probably pass a free school-book law.
The Mexican Monetary conference is in session in the City of Mexico.
Mails are regular in being irregular of late owing to bad conditions of railway tracks.
The senate will discuss the canal treaty from this time onward until it is disposed of.
The Tennessee legislature has under consideration passage of drastic laws protecting birds.
A movement is on foot to secure an exhibit from the Philippines for the St. Louis World's fair.
Ten thousand cloak makers in New York have had an advance in wages amounting to 25 to 40 per cent.
The president has been pressing invited to attend the Illinois Spanish war veterans' reunion to be held at Bloomington early in May.
The mayor of New Orleans has commenced injunction proceedings against the Frisco enjoining the rights recently granted by the council.
King Edward, accompanied by Queen Alexandra, and surrounded by the court and all the officers of state, opened parliament Tuesday afternoon.
Pedro Jose Escalon has been declared elected president of Salvador, succeeding President Regalado, and Calisto Velado has been declared vice president.
The expansion of the state furnace at Rusk is nearly an assured fact.
There are individual deposits in Greenville's banks amounting to \$500,000.
State Factory Inspector William Elm swore out warrants for the arrest of twelve prominent manufacturers of Peoria, Ill., charging them with violation of the child labor law.
The house naval committee has recommended the construction of three first-class battleships to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, \$4,200,000 each, and to build a first-class armored cruiser of the best type yet known, and two steel sailing vessels, to be used as training ships.
David Work, L.L.D., has entered upon his hundredth year of his age and he claims the distinction of being the oldest living legislator in the world. He is member of the Canadian senate, having been called to a seat in that body of the confederation of all Canada.
A new department has been established at the University of Chicago to be known as the department of geography. Prof. Rollin D. Salisbury has been placed in charge. He has been a member of the United States geological survey several years.
Federal officers confirm the story that a gold strike equaling Klondike or Cape Nome has been made in Tanana river valley. Two thousand miners are stampeding thither from Nome, Dawson, Eagle, Rampart and other Yukon camps.
Lieutenant John McInerney denies that he and Miss Alice Roosevelt are engaged.
James H. Garfield, of Ohio, has been made commissioner of corporations in the new department of commerce.
The steamer Escapan, from Puerto Cortez, Honduras, direct reports everything quiet at that port. The officers were ashore many times during the several days' stay at that port, and say that there is no talk of a revolution.
Prof. D. J. McWilliams, principal of the public school at Reagan was struck by the train and badly hurt.
Commissioners' court ordered a local option election to be held in Wood county on the 7th day of March, 1903.
The Railway Age says: Whatever the exact details of the deal are, the Rock Island has secured a line from Dallas and Fort Worth to Houston and has avoided the necessity of constructing a line parallel to the Houston and Texas Central.
Miss Catherine White, daughter of the governor of West Virginia, has been selected by the two houses of the assembly to christen the new armored cruiser, West Virginia, to be launched in April next.
The transport Klipatrik will sail February 28 for Samar with the Fourteenth Infantry. The men are to take the place of the First Infantry. The legion sails on the last day of the month and will carry the first squadron of the Thirteenth cavalry.
It is announced that Mr. Horace White has retired from his position as chief editor of the Evening Post. Mr. White is succeeded by Mr. Robert Ogden, for twelve years a member of the editorial staff of the paper.
The American people want an isthmian canal just as soon as it can be had. They have had this in mind for half a century, and the reasons for the building of the waterway are much more imperative now than they have been in the past.

CANAL IN DANGER

RUMORS, IF TRUE, PUT THINGS IN BAD SHAPE.

A HURRIED CONSULTATION HELD

If Treaty is Not Ratified By March 4, the Company Will Make New Deal.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A report is in circulation which puts an interesting phase on the statehood and canal questions. It is said that the President has received advices from Paris that if the Panama canal treaty is not ratified by the 4th of March the company will call off its negotiations with the United States and enter into a contract with French and German bankers, who propose to build a canal, and reimburse, to a certain extent, the present stockholders of the Panama Canal Company. This action, it is said, has been taken on the basis of the report of the American engineers as to the feasibility of the project.

The story continues that in this view of the situation the President is so anxious to have the Colombian treaty ratified before the expiration of Congress, that he called a number of Republican leaders into consultation and urged upon them to agree to a vote upon the pending omnibus statehood bill not become effective until after the presidential election of 1904. In return for a vote upon the omnibus bill, so amended, it is demanded that the Democrats shall permit the Colombian treaty to come to a vote by the 4th of March. It is difficult to confirm any of the essential parts of the story, but some people believe there is substance in it.

Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Dallas, Tuesday afternoon the Dallas Scottish Rite Cathedral Association was organized with a capital stock of \$50,000. The work done at the meeting consisted of the election of directors and officers and business relating to the building of the cathedral. The cathedral, which will be situated at the corner of Harwood and Wood streets, will cost, including fixtures and building, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, and will, perhaps, one of the most beautiful Masonic temples in the country. The lot has already been purchased at the cost of \$7,350. The charter for the association is expected to arrive from Austin when the plans and specifications for the new building will be placed in the hands of an architect.

Rates to New Orleans Fixed.

Dallas, Tuesday a meeting was held for the purpose of fixing the rates for Texas points to New Orleans on account of the United Confederate Veterans' reunion, next May. The rate was fixed on a 10-mile basis at a meeting held a few weeks ago. At this meeting the different lines established their rates from different territories. From Dallas and such points as Alvarado, Waco, Waxahachie, Hillsboro, Taylor, Milano, Brown and intermediate points the rate will be \$10.20 for the round trip, from Fort Worth it will be \$10.95.

The Governor's Child Hurt.

Jackson, Miss., Tuesday the 6-year-old daughter of Governor Longino, Tuesday fell from a second-story stairway in the executive mansion and sustained injuries which will probably prove fatal. Gov. Longino, who was attending the Mardi Gras celebration at Natchez, was summoned home by telephone.

Muskogee Gets Packinghouse Depots.

Muskogee, I. T.: The chamber of commerce of Muskogee has closed contracts with Armour, Cudahy, Swift and Nelson Morris, and each of the above firms will locate a branch house in this city this spring. They seemed to have reached an agreement to make Muskogee the central distributing point for Indian Territory and will build their warehouses here as soon as it is possible to do so.

Hurt in Train Wreck.

El Paso: A wreck occurred on the Texas and Pacific railroad ten miles east of Sierra Blanca, resulting in probable fatal injuries of Engineer H. A. McFarland of this city and severe injuries to Fireman Johnson. Mr. McFarland was caught beneath the cab and severely crushed, and Mr. Johnson was badly bruised. Mr. McFarland lost an arm and an ear and his spine was badly hurt. Mr. Johnson escaped with less serious wounds.

Texas' Pecan Industry.

(San Angelo): The pecan crop was exceedingly short in this section the past season, but there were eight cars of pecans shipped from this place, amounting to 225,000 pounds, which, at 61-2c per pound, amounts to nearly \$15,000 revenue for this one product. The shipments of pecans from the entire State the past season amounted to 275 cars, which, at an average of 28,000 pounds to the car, would make 7,700,000 pounds, bringing over \$150,000 to Texas from this source.

Valuable Cargo Clears Galveston.

Galveston: The big steamship Frank, measuring 5223 tons net and 12,000 dead weight, passed out of the harbor and across the bar for Liverpool Tuesday. It is reported that she passed out of the harbor drawing twenty-five feet nine inches and made the passage across the bar at the usual speed and in perfect safety.

Fall Breaks Child's Neck.

Arlene: A phone message was received here Monday night from Haskell to the effect that the 2-year-old daughter of a Mr. Denson fell into a dry well, and that its neck was broken in the fall.

Fatal Shooting Near Austin.

Austin: As the result of a collision of their barges on a public road a few miles from Austin, and an interchange of shots, Emil Ammann, aged 35, and the proprietor of the Montopolis saloon, is dead, and the officers are searching for a negro. Mr. Ammann had been to Austin to get a physician for his sick wife.

Two Supply Stations in Cuba.

Washington: President Roosevelt has signed the agreement providing for the acquisition by the United States of a naval station at Guantanamo and a coaling station at Bahia Honda, both in Cuba. The document had been previously signed by President Palma and was brought to Washington by Minister Squiers.

Increased Beet Planting.

Waxahachie: Quite an interest in stock beet cultivation is being manifested by the farmers and stock raisers of this section, and the coming year will show the acreage in beets more than doubled. An interesting paper on stock beets, read before the Farmers' Institute last week by Alderman J. M. Lancaster, has received much favorable comment and will be the cause of a great deal of increased acreage.

Oklahoma City Secures Shops.

Oklahoma City: Representatives of the Frisco system have closed a deal for the purchase of fifty-four acres of the Valentine Knoll farm southeast of this city, for which the consideration was \$10,000. The Frisco say that they will build the finest shops in the southwest on this site.

Three Canneries to Be Built.

Dallas: Hon. James G. Darden of Chicago, who has been in Dallas for several weeks considering the best location for one or more canning factories says that work would be begun without delay. The plan includes the erection of a plant at Houston, one at Tyler and one at Athens, each with a daily capacity of 15,000 cans.

The controller of currency has approved organization of the West Texas National Bank of Big Springs, Tex., with a capital of \$50,000, by J. M. Cunningham, R. D. Matthews, W. R. Cole, S. W. Moore and A. H. Kirby.

New Telephone System for Ft. Worth.

Fort Worth: The Fort Worth Telephone company, which is to put in the independent system here purchased a lot 10x100 feet, upon which will be built a three-story exchange building. S. A. Jones of Chicago, one of the firm of that city who has the contract for constructing the new system, is here, and says he will commence within a short time the work of putting in the underground system on Houston street.

Heavy Cattle Losses in the Territory.

Ardmore, I. T.: Hundreds of cattle in the Chickasaw Nation, said a prominent cattlemen, have died from the effect of the recent blizzard. Cattle at a rule on the ranges were in poor condition and unable to stand the severe weather. One man who was pasturing sixty head lost fifty-two. Very few stockmen escaped without some financial loss.

Commissioners' court of Dallas county has ordered an election to be held March 31, to ascertain the desires of the taxpayers in the matter of issuing \$500,000 in road bonds for general highway improvement.

There are four well-developed cases of smallpox, or Cuban itch, as some call it, near West Point. All are doing well, as it is in a mild form.

William S. Haynes, a practical truck-farmer, advises those engaged in that business to grow cucumbers in all cases where they have suitable soil. Mr. Haynes says the Texas climate is particularly suited to cucumbers. Last year, he says, the picklers found difficulty in getting a good supply.

Ed Grady, colored, was shot and killed at Rosanky Saturday night. His dead body was found the next day with a pistol beside it. No clue.

PROSPERITY IN CANADA.

The Farmer in Western Canada Achieves Wonderful Success.

One of the first things that the man who wishes to change his residence endeavors to find out is where he can go and succeed. It need be a matter of little doubt or indecision now. During the past four or five years the development of Western Canada has been so rapid, and the conditions of life there so widely known, that upwards of 100,000 Americans have taken up their homes there, and the experience of these people is that they are thoroughly satisfied with their choice of home.

The methods of farming there are similar to those adopted in the United States, but the operations are simpler, the yield of grain greater and the profits more satisfactory. Ranching is carried on with lots of success. Mixed farming is always profitable. While the results in grain-raising are as certain as splendid soil, excellent climate and lots of sunshine. The yields of—, but nothing is as satisfactory as the experience of the farmer himself, and extracts are selected from one.

A good, intelligent farmer named Mears, John Mears to be exact, left Cavalier county, North Dakota, two years ago and followed the thousands who had already gone to Canada. He had two very young sons, one in Minnesota, in buying grain, including flax, but in all his experience he never saw a district so well suited to the growth of flax as Western Canada. The financial results of Mr. Mears' operations in a single season are as follows: Wheat, 2000 bushels, 1 hard, at 57 1-2c, \$1175; 2800 bushels 1 Northern, at 54c, \$1512; oats, 150 bushels, at 32c, \$48; flax, 154 bushels, at 75c, \$115.50; flax 324 bushels, at \$2.828. Total, \$4588.20, a return of more than \$4500 from a little over 5000 acres, an average of \$10 per acre. It is surely a very satisfactory return to satisfy the most incredulous as to the money to be made out of the soil of the Canadian West. It is to facts like these—arguments expressible and demonstrable in dollars and cents—that the steady northward movement of American farmers is due. Mr. Mears is settled near Arcola, Assn.

A number of Americans who have chosen Western Canada as a home had the idea that a man enjoyed less freedom in Canada, but they soon found their mistake, and say the law of Canada is the most liberal in the world, and such as prevent the litigation which breeds so much bad feeling between people in the United States and costs them so dear in lawyers' fees.

The government has established agencies at St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Kansas City, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Kansas, Wis.; Detroit, Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette, Mich.; Toledo, Ohio; Watertown, S. Dakota; Grand Forks, N. Dakota, and Great Falls, Mont., and the suggestion is made that by addressing any of these who are authorized agents of the government, it will be to the advantage of the reader, who will be given the fullest and most authentic information regarding the results of stock farming, dairying, ranching and grain-raising, and also supply information as to freight and passenger rates, etc.

Entered in Business Early

Denver, Colo., Can Boast of an Eight-Year-Old Merchant.

The youngest merchant in this city and perhaps in the United States, is Miss Corinne Snyder, a tot of eight years, who conducts a successful business at 1223 Fourteenth street, says the Denver Post. Mrs. Louisa Johnson owned a little store directly across the street from Corinne's home on Fourteenth street. It was this little place that the child longed to possess, and as Mrs. Johnson was going to retire from active business, Corinne and her indulgent mamma purchased the store and Corinne was immediately installed as proprietress. The young lady was found serving a big policeman with fried eggs, pie and coffee. It is to policemen and firemen that Corinne is now catering. Her place of business is quite near the city hall, and during her earlier business career she big, blue-clothed city officials learned to admire the tact of their little friend and often stopped to drop a brass button into her "money till." Now that she is a real business lady, the different city departments furnish not a few customers for the little out-of-the-way luncheon room.

Chincoteague's Wild Goose Farm.

What is said to be the only wild goose farm in the world is located at Chincoteague, says the Richmond Times. The farm is a never-ceasing object of interest to the visitor and of joy and profit to the owner. There are now between three and four hundred geese in the flock. The progenitors of this remarkable flock were two which were "winged" in shooting, then tamed and used as decoys. The annual shipments from the farm now are about 400 to 600 fowl. Most of these are wild geese, but there are some Japanese ducks, brant and other game. The geese bring about \$5 a pair. In summer they feed on the marshes of Chincoteague and Assateague, but as the cold weather comes on they gradually gather together near the owner's residence, where food is provided for them. Mingled with the geese are many kinds of birds and fowl and fancy breeds of chickens and ducks and even some swans. Particular care is being taken with the swans and the experiment of their culture bids fair to be a success in every way.

Portraits on Tombstones.

Philadelpia marble dealers are taking a keen interest in an enterprise, which had its origin in Denmark, for reproducing the pictures of dead persons on their tombstones. They say that it is very probable that the movement will spread to America in a short time. The picture on the tombstone came started among the Danes as a result of the use of artificial marble. A Danish master builder succeeded in producing a stone of such delicate tints that it was impossible to distinguish it from the natural product. The imitation of the more expensive species was found to cost far less than the natural, and is made in any form desired—columns, plain or fluted, and capitals—as readily as flat slabs. The durability is said to be as great as that of the genuine marble. It was also found that it was possible to reproduce, by carving a picture of the deceased person, in the imitation marble. This is a very important discovery, as the work could be done with the genuine article.

Old Miner Tunes.

The minor tunes of long ago. Their solemn, plaintive strains Are burdened with impassioned woe From countless hidden pains.

In them forgotten centuries Again take form and shape; In them long-buried tragedies The "From Death's cold grasp escape.

In them again our chartered wave Steer we to Plymouth's strand; In them surrounding forests grave With pilgrim signs we stand.

In them again at Lexington We form to meet the foe; In them until the war is won Our feet dye red the snow.

In them again our wood and plain As pioneers we roam; In them our return for fruit and grain Vast squares of deadly loam.

The minor tunes of long ago. In floods of harmony, Revived through sacred aisles will flow And ne'er forgotten be.

Personal Privilege.

Gertrude (the big sister)—Maud, I do wish you'd stop your chattering to that dog. Can't you see I'm talking to Mr. Lovelade?

Maud (angrily)—Well, I've got a right to talk to my puppy, too.

HE HAD TO HAVE IT.

Otherwise There Would Be No Marriage Ceremony, It Seems.

When the real estate dealer gets wound up on story telling he is apt to get interesting. He says that some time ago he had an allotment of the market, and one day a fore-noon looking individual walked into his office and said he wanted to inquire about the lots. He looked over the plot and finally picked out one that suited him. "What's the price?" he asked when the location was decided upon. "Eight hundred dollars." "I give you six hundred cash." "Very well," said the dealer, "you can have it."

Then the customer lowered his voice. "I want the price of dot lot sex hundred to me, but eight hundred to everybody else. You understand?" "Yes," said the dealer. "That will be all right."

"Well, you see, it's like does—I'm going to get married. I've got the girl picked out. She has the lot money. You see you will sell her lot to her for \$800. Then you will motion to me, and we will go into the next room and you will pay me the \$200. See?"

"You want the \$200 for a commission?" said the dealer. "That will be all right, too."

"The customer looked relieved. "I'll check this way," he said. "I must have got two hundred, or I can't get married."

"You shall have it," said the dealer. —Boston Globe.

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GERMANY'S DEMAND EXPLAINED

The German and American Charges Understand the Whole Affair.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Advices were received at the state department from Mr. Russell, the United States charge at Caracas, to the effect that none of the Venezuelan vessels captured by the blockading fleet had been returned as yet and that there was considerable confusion in the public minds as to the reading of the protocols on this point. In the absence of the texts of the agreements, which have not arrived, President Castro does not know whether he should send his crews to Trinidad, where the ships are being held, or whether he should insist upon their return to Venezuelan waters.

Minister Bowen has received several cables from President Castro regarding retaining the ships, and is evidently growing restive at what he considers a breach of trust. The representatives take the position that the ships will be returned as soon as the "necessary formalities have been enacted."

The British ambassador has seen Secretary Hay regarding the matter and assured him that the London government was doing everything possible to expediate the return of the ships, and that the foreign office was having the co-operation of the admiralty in this effort. Dispatches from Trinidad and Caracas fail to note any steps toward this end on the part of the allied fleets, and it is feared that possibly some misunderstanding of the provisions of the protocol may exist in the minds of the fleet commanders, and this is causing the delay.

Regarding the request of Germany that Venezuela pay to her the \$500 pounds before March 15, the question was taken up in the friendliest spirit with Mr. Bowen by the German minister here and it was not made in the nature of a demand, German citizens in Venezuela have appealed to the Berlin government for prompt settlement of their claims, and it was in their behalf the requests were made.

Bank for North Fort Worth.

Fort Worth: Marion Sansom will be the president of the new national bank to be organized at the Fort Worth stockyards. Mr. Sansom has returned from a visit to Chicago, and when asked if it was a fact that he was to be the president replied in the affirmative. The remaining officers had not been agreed on as yet, but directors will be from Texas and Fort Worth, and will include Swift and Armour people. Mr. Sansom said that a large loan company would be organized and would be controlled by the same officers.

Sweetwater's String of Improvements.

Sweetwater: Sweetwater is to have an electric light plant, waterworks, ice plant and oil mill. Stock is being subscribed for the purpose of building a \$25,000 hotel. Sweetwater has splendid mineral water, which is splendid for bowel and kidney troubles. The altitude is 2200 feet.

Sea Wall Corner Stone Laid.

Galveston: The cornerstone of the seawall was laid at noon Monday with ceremony participated in by the state officials, members of the legislature, naval officers from the battleships and citizens of Galveston. Lieut. Gov. Neal officiated and delivered the dedicatory address. Addresses were also made by County Judge Fisher, Senator Davidson, County Attorney Wheeler and others.

Rough Weather in Europe.

Berlin, Germany: Severe gales swept over Germany Saturday and Sunday, and a number of disastrous fires spread by the wind occurred. In the village of Heurtgen near Deuren ninety-two houses were burned, and at Kleinburg, Prussia, forty-four buildings were destroyed. Smaller fires were reported elsewhere with some casualties. At Dolina, across the frontier in Galicia, upward of a hundred houses were destroyed.

Must Have Had Some Rain Lately.

Evansville, Ind.: Floods from tributary streams have converted the Ohio river into a sea. In some places between here and Paducah the river is thirteen miles wide, and one can not see from shore to shore. Thousands of acres of wheat are under water and the crops will be destroyed. On the Indiana side, opposite Owensboro, Ky., the land is covered for a distance of seven miles.

Cannery to be Built at DeLeon.

Waco: O. F. Dornblazer, is engaged with others, in locating a fruit and vegetable cannery at DeLeon, and will have the plant in operation for packing during next spring, summer and autumn. Mr. Dornblazer says the parties interested with him in the enterprise reside in the section of which DeLeon is the center, and they expect to pack pears, peaches, berries, tomatoes, corn and other products of that region.

Texas and Pacific Advance Pay.

Fort Worth: It is learned that beginning March 1, trainmen and conductors on the Texas and Pacific road will receive an increase in wages of about 15 per cent for the freightmen and 12 per cent for the passengermen. The present scale gives freight conductors \$1 a mile and brakemen 2c. Passenger conductors receive \$125 per month whose runs average a thousand miles a month or more. The short-run conductors receive \$100 per month. The pay of the passenger brakemen is from \$60 to \$55 per month.

Frisco Diverted to Galveston.

New Orleans, La.: Owing to the suit of Mayor Capdeville to test the legality of the grant accorded the Frisco Railroad company, the officials announced that the engineers in the field had been called off the New Orleans survey, and that a line would be run to Galveston.

While the road does not intend to let the opportunity to enter New Orleans pass entirely, it is unwilling to wait until the ordinance has been tested before entering the Gulf export trade. It hopes to have a Gulf entry by the first of next year.

Dublin-Hamilton Line Projected.

Dublin: A company of Northern capitalists, including some from Waco, are contemplating the building of an electric railroad from Hamilton to connect with the Texas Central at Dublin and probably go out to Glen Rose and Cleburne. Hon. J. W. Riggs is in correspondence with the towns along the line as to bonus and right of way.

Mexicans Found Frozen to Death.

Goliad: The bodies of six Mexicans, three women and three children, who had frozen to death on last Wednesday night, were found Monday on W. A. Pettus' place, eight miles above here. They were with friends on the south side of the river on Wednesday and were put across in a skiff by Thomas Vasquez Wednesday evening, and started to a camp on this side, some two or three miles distant. It is supposed they became lost and froze to death that night.

Probable Fatal Negro Fight.

Wharton: On the Croom & Hodge stock farm, about three miles from town, Junius Taylor and Oscar Brown became involved in a row. Taylor was hit with an ax, inflicting a wound in the back of the head which it is thought will prove fatal. Brown is in jail and Taylor lies in a very serious condition.

Terrible Wreck on Big Four.

Indianapolis, Ind.: A Big Four passenger train was wrecked in a head-on collision with a freight train between Berea and Lindale, Ohio. All the passenger cars were wrecked but the sleepers. Five mail clerks are known to have been killed. Wreckage caught fire and burned up.

Found Dead in a Pool.

Ennis: An old man named George Leonard, who has been picking cotton in the Neal valley, twelve miles southeast of Ennis, went out to hunt some firewood last Friday evening and failed to return. A searching party went out Saturday morning and found his dead body in a pool of water.

J. C. Dilworth, Banker, Stockman and Politician, Widely Known over the State, Died Monday at his Home in Gonzales, Aged Only 37 Years.

Deceased leaves a wife and two children and large family connections.

Want Something More Practicable.

Dallas: During the next ten days it is understood that the ladies connected with different clubs of this city will make determined efforts in opposition to the proposed style of architecture of the Texas building at the St. Louis World's Fair. The building as intended at present will be of the star-shaped style of architecture. The architects of Galveston passed resolutions not long ago in opposition to the plan proposed.

Coal Prospect in Upshur County.

Dallas: What is thought to be a good quality of coal has been discovered within half a mile of the new town of Rhonesboro, in Upshur county, of the Texas Southern railway. The coal was discovered on the land of Steve Williams. It has been tested by the railroad company and has so far proved satisfactory. The company having ordered a carload for further tests.

Oats are Doing Well.

Whitesboro: After a week of the severest wet and cold weather that has been experienced in this section for years, it is now clear and warm again. Farmers report the oats that were planted before the freeze as safe and coming up nicely. It will be several days yet before field plowing can be resumed. It is thought the crop of volunteer oats are ruined.

Harrison County Upland Rice.

Marshall: D. A. Keese, the pioneer planter of rice in Harrison county, will plant about five acres of rice this year, part of it on the highest upland he has, to demonstrate that it will grow there. Mr. Keese brought some seed rice here from Brazil several years ago and has been very successful in growing it without irrigation.

Santa Fe, N. M., is suffering from a coal famine.

VISIT ISLAND CITY

STATE OFFICIALS AND LEGISLATORS GO TO SEA.

SEA WALL DEDICATION TO-DAY

The Boys From the Forks of the Creek Having a Good Time Generally.

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 23.—The state officials and members of the Legislature were taken out to the battleships Sunday morning on board the pilot boat Texas and steam tug Lawrence. Lieutenant Governor Neal did the honors in welcoming the fleet of warships into the Texas port, and was given a hearty welcome on board the flagship Kearsarge by Admiral Higginson and his officers. All the passengers on the Texas who were able to navigate were taken on board the Kearsarge in the ship's small boats, which were sent out to the pilot boat.

Upon leaving the battleships Governor Neal was saluted by fifteen guns. The marines on board stood at attention and the ship's band played merry music. The weather was ideal and the sea not unruly, but quite a swell was on outside the bar and before the excursion boats reached the battleships eleven miles out, many of the State's representatives and their wives and daughters had succumbed to seasickness. The pilot boat resembled a hospital ship, with all of the twelve bunks occupied and many ladies and men and boys stretched out on the upper and lower decks. The tug Lawrence fared no better and none of the passengers on the Lawrence were taken to the battleship.

The battleships will not come into the harbor, and excursionists can not get aboard. The tugs can not go alongside the warships and there is no means of transporting the visitors from the excursion boats to the ships. Several thousand visitors were taken out to the ships Sunday and the excursion boats circled round the big ships and returned to the city.

Mob Caught in the Act.

South Bend, Ind.: An attempt was made by a mob of 150 men to wreck the powerhouse of the Indiana Railway Company and do injury to the employees there Sunday. There were seven men at the powerhouse when the attack was made. The attack was planned for an hour when it was thought the police could not reach the scene in force, but proved ill-timed, for a detail reached the place in time to effect several arrests.

An Ox-Drivers' Reunion.

Temple: A unique gathering is scheduled to be held at Nolanville soon, exact date to be announced later on. A call has been issued for an ox-drivers' reunion, all the old-time ox-drivers in this and adjoining counties being invited to participate and be the guests of the little city of Nolanville, which will provide free entertainment for them.

Danced Then Fell Dead.

Platonia: Jose Estrada, a Mexican employed by the Sap road, dropped dead of heart failure at a dance given at a Mexican restaurant in town Saturday night. He had just finished dancing and was walking to the rear of the house when he dropped dead.

Four Were Drowned.

Tallahassee, Fla.: Three white children, aged 4, 2, years and 6 weeks, and a negro man named Austin were drowned late Saturday night in the flat woods south of Tallahassee. Jefferson Johnson and his wife, parents of the children, were saved. The family were in a wagon, and in the darkness the team lost the road and got into deep water.

Had to Live Up Stairs.

Paris: A family living on the Cole farm, in Sanders creek bottom, were driven to the second story by high water last week and were compelled to remain for forty-eight hours without anything to eat. They had to break up the chairs and burn beadsteads to keep warm.

The Trinity river bottoms are overflowed and many cattle have been drowned.

Dalhart Now a County Seat.

Dalhart: The election held in Dalhart county Saturday for removal of the county seat from Texline to Dalhart, resulted in a majority of over 10 to 1 in favor of removal.

Mrs. Helen C. Neagle, who had the distinction of being the oldest woman in Maine, is dead, aged 106. She was born in County Clare, Ireland, and had lived here eighty years.

New Industry at Brenham

Brenham: The Brenham Brick company has taken off their first kiln of 150,000 pressed brick burned at their new brickyard here and the several different varieties shown in this lot are as fine specimens of brick as were ever turned out in Texas.

Aubrey is organizing a cornet band. Southern Pacific railway has let contract to build a 37,500 barrel oil tank at Saratoga.

Governor Signs Three Bills.

Austin: Gov. Lanham Saturday approved the following bills: Senate bill authorizing the International and Great Northern Railroad company to purchase the Houston Oaklawn and Magnolia Park railroads, and the Houston, Beaumont and New Orleans railroad.

Senate bill authorizing the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad company to purchase the Granger, Georgetown, Austin and San Antonio railroad.

House bill authorizing suburban electric railroad companies to issue and sell bonds without the approval of the railroad commission when the commission holds it has no jurisdiction.

Dams Break Inundating town.

Derby, Conn.: The breaking of three reservoirs in the town of Shelton early Sunday caused damage estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000, and there were several escapes from death. A torrent tore a gully 100 feet long and thirty feet wide through Howe avenue. Logs and trees and huge cakes of ice were carried along and crashed into several buildings.

Boy Fooling With An Old Gun.

Knickerbocker: Saturday evening about 3 o'clock the 15-year-old son of J. D. Hendrix was badly shot with an old 45-caliber Winchester that his father had found on the Concho river. The gun was loaded and the boy was trying to get the load out and it went off, blowing the end out of the cartridge.

Kansas Buys Wilburger Farm.

Wichita Falls: John Hund of Leavensworth, Kan., purchased 960 acres valley farm from W. C. Heath Saturday, consideration \$25 per acre, making a total of \$24,000 in cash. Seven hundred acres of this farm is in wheat, with a fair prospect of netting the purchaser from \$7000 to \$10,000.

Frozen Body Found in Pasture.

Kewanee, Ill.: The frozen body of Frank H. Richardson, a banker of Wyoming, south of here, was found Sunday in a wooded pasture by a hunter. Richardson disappeared from his home on Tuesday and was supposed to be insane. His financial affairs were in good conditions. He was 45 years old, and besides his widow, leaves a daughter, who is at Smith College.

Waco Gets a New Depot.

Waco: The St. Louis Southwestern Railway company is preparing to build a new, commodious passenger depot of fireproof material to extend along the entire block on Franklin between Third and Fourth streets. The structure now occupying the site will be demolished to make way for the new, modern depot building, which will be the finest and most costly in this city.

A strike of the 400 union bricklayers at San Francisco which has been in progress for seven weeks was ended Saturday.

Truck growers at Mahank and other points say that tomato plants were mostly killed by the recent cold snap.

A negro woman named King attempted suicide at Brerham Sunday morning by cutting her throat.

In a number of localities in Palo Pinto county hogs are reported to be dying with something similar to cholera.

The wood scarcity prevailing in country towns is growing alarming. Reports of cattle succumbing to the rough weather grow more and more frequent.

The navy department has been informed that the Pacific squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Glass, left Acapulco, Mexico, Saturday for Honduras.

John Black started to climb on an engine at the Cotton Belt at Greenville Saturday night, when he fell under the wheel, which rolled over his left hand. The hand was badly crushed and mangled and had to be amputated at the wrist.

A hunting party, consisting of W. H. Noble, an Ouchita Parish, La., planter, and three negroes, two men and a woman, perished from cold and exposure in the Texas river swamp last week.

There are now six persons under arrest in Dallas who have been indicted by the present grand jury for murder. They are suspected of the alleged murder of Neal Tyree, a farmer, who was found dead in the Katy yards on the night of Jan. 17.

Major McBride, who was a member of the Irish brigade in the Transvaal service during the South African war, and Maude Gonne, better known as the "Irish Joan of Arc," were quietly married in Paris, France, Saturday.

Announcement is made that at a meeting of the executive board of the Texas State Fair association, Sept. 28 to Oct. 11 were named as the dates for holding the fall entertainment of North Texas in 1903.

The railroad employes of Holland have decided to cease work with the object of preventing the adoption of the proposed law prohibiting railroad strikes. A meeting of the leaders of workmen's unions having a membership of 90,000 have resolved to support the railroad men.

Colo Younger and Frank James have sought Buckskin Bill's Wild West Show and will start out on the summer tour on May 24. They will both accompany it. The winter quarters are at Chicago.

TEXAS IN ADVANCE

WILL HAVE ONE THOUSAND RURAL DELIVERY ROUTES

BEFORE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR

By Knowing a Good Thing When Presented, Texas Leads All Southern States in the Movement.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Superintendent Machen, of the rural free delivery service, says that Texas is the most clamorous of all the southern states for the extension of the rural delivery service. The southern states were slow to take kindly to the new idea, but Texas seemed to grasp the importance of the innovation with little delay. At present there are 270 services established in the state, divided among the districts according to the new apportionment as follows: First 2, Third 26, Fourth 59, Fifth 43, Sixth 7, Eighth 1, Ninth 8, Tenth 42, Eleventh 28, Twelfth 24, Thirteenth 6, Fourteenth 1.

Mr. Machen says that before the fiscal year is over many more services will be established in Texas and that after the 30th of June it will be practical to put in services as rapidly as reports are made and that a sufficient number of special agents will be placed in the field to promptly report on applications.

It is easy to see from what Mr. Machen says that by the end of the fiscal year of 1904 more than 1000 services will be in operation in Texas.

State Capital Doings.

Austin, Feb. 20.—The day passed off dully yesterday in both House and senate. A certain amount of dry detail must be gone over, and yesterday was one of those in which nothing noteworthy took place. As a pointer to the sentiment regarding the proposed \$200,000 Worlds Fair appropriation it may be mentioned that a motion to invite Louis Wortham to address the legislative body on the matter was tabled unceremoniously. The bill to employ short term convicts on county work was passed to engrossment.

It has been argued that the legislative party to visit Galveston will leave here on a special train, via Houston and Texas Central Railway, at 1:30 o'clock to-day. The party probably will reach Galveston at 9 o'clock. The indications are that almost the entire membership of the legislature will leave on this train, and the party will doubtless number about 400 persons in all.

Camp County in Midst of Campaign.

Pittsburg: A prohibition campaign is on in Camp county. The election will be had the 7th of March. The prospect at the courthouse Saturday evening and perfected organization. Rev. Smith of Tyler made their opening campaign speech on the streets Friday.

President Would Call an Extra Session

Washington. President Roosevelt will call an extraordinary session of the Senate of the Fifty-Eighth Congress, unless both the Panama Canal and the Cuban reciprocity treaties are ratified at the present session. The President made this declaration of his intention to several Senators, and it was made as strong as he was capable of making it.

Got Careless With Explosives.

New York: Four men were killed, three probably fatally wounded and seven seriously hurt Thursday, in an explosion in the workroom of the naval storage magazine at Fort Lafayette, in New York bay.

The explosion could be heard for miles. One report has it that the men were filling a 13-inch shell, while another is that the men were removing a power charge from a shell and undertaking to unwind a fuse and friction set off the cap and exploded the shell.

Weather's Victims in Navarro.

Corpus: Thirty-two head of cattle, said to be the property of Will Ward, were drowned in Richland creek bottom Monday morning. Cattle feeders report the loss of several head in this vicinity, and much greater losses are feared. Many truck farmers in this vicinity had garden stuff up, which has been killed, and one nurseryman reports the loss of 20,000 tomato plants.

Tillman is Refused Bail.

Columbia, S. C.: Chief Justice Pope Thursday refused the application for bail of James H. Tillman. It was the rule of the court, he said, in such cases, to make no explanation of the reasons governing the decision. "Murder was the taking of human life with malice aforethought." With the oath of office upon his lips he must do his duty and decline the application without prejudice to the case of the defendant.

English Still Monkey With Venezuela.

New York: British naval authorities say that England is determined not to recognize any Castro blockade, and her war vessels will not hesitate to fire on ships or shore upon any manifestations of interference with British trade with Venezuela. No instructions have yet been received regarding the delivery of warships to Castro. It is believed that nothing will be done until the terms of agreement are received from Washington.

Geo. B. Loving Dies Suddenly.

Fort Worth: George B. Loving, prominent as a livestock commission merchant and dealer in ranches, well known as a newspaper proprietor, writer and publisher, and who was regarded as one of the leading citizens of Fort Worth, died suddenly at a Main street drug store Thursday morning. Death was unexpected. He had been unwell for some weeks past and for a time had been at a sanitarium, but his condition was not such as to create any alarm among his friends.

Memphis Hotel Fire.

Memphis: The Memphis hotel, together with contents, owned and operated by John H. Kenney, was destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock Thursday night. Mr. Kenney thinks the origin of the fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp, lighted and left burning by one of the boarders in his room.

Johnson County Wants Good Roads.

Cleburne: The commissioners court has ordered a road tax election for March 21 of 1c on the \$100. This is for the entire county. In case the issue carries the amount collected will be applied to improvement of the roads of Johnson county.

Venus Has Become a City.

Venus, Tex.: Venus became a city Thursday, when the oath of office was administered to S. E. Wilkinson, mayor. The city council held its first meeting this afternoon. The event was celebrated in an appropriate manner.

Both Slid on Icy Rails.

Newark, N. J.: A fast express train on the Delaware, Lakawanna and Western railroad cut through a trolley car crowded with school children Thursday, killing eight of the children and injuring a score of them. The motorman of the car, who stuck to his post, will die, and the engineer of the express was so severely hurt that there is little hope of his recovery.

Scalded by Explosion of Bucket.

Gainesville: Miss Nannie Thurman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thurman, residing five miles east of this city, was seriously burned on the face Saturday morning by an explosion of steam confined in a tightly closed tin bucket, in which she was making tea for the noonday meal at the time.

Two Killed in Railway Wreck.

Weatherford: Early Thursday morning the eastbound Texas and Pacific Cannon Ball train was badly wrecked one mile east of Aledo in this county. The engine and several cars left the track. A messenger, whose name could not be learned, is reported badly hurt, and two unknown tramps who were riding the blind baggage were instantly killed.

TERSE TOLD TEXAS TALES.

Deputy Marshal T. A. Hart, of Amarillo, who is charged with killing Tom Derskill last Friday night, has been released on \$2000 bond.

Willie Avery, a 12-year-old colored boy at Corpus Christi, accidentally shot himself in the right shoulder with a gun and is in a critical condition.

A gap of about thirty miles remains to be constructed in the Texas and New Orleans to complete the line between Sabine Pass and Dallas. The road will be completed about April 1.

A report has reached Dallas of the death at Richardson of John Huffines one of the oldest settlers in that part of the county. His age, it was stated, was 73 years.

Burglars entered the Shelton-Payne Hardware company's store at El Paso Wednesday night and carried off firearms to the value of \$300. There is no clue.

Robert White was shot and instantly killed Wednesday afternoon, about one mile from Buffalo. The ball passed through his body. Frank Long was arrested and placed in jail.

While skating on ice-covered ground Thursday at the school building in Sweetwater, Roy Riddle fell and broke his right arm in two places, between elbow and wrist.

Tuesday afternoon at the tank in the northwestern part of Sherman Joe B. Gunn saved the lives of two little boys, who had broken through the ice where the water was quite deep.

Only a small percentage think the cabbage crop at Corpus Christi has suffered any damage whatever. Others say the crop will come out all right. A slow thaw will leave the crop entirely unscathed.

Mose Westbrook of Loreno, while handling a pistol at San Angelo Thursday morning, accidentally shot himself through the left hand, causing a painful wound.

Prof. D. J. McWilliams, principal of the public school at Regaa was struck by the train and badly hurt.

The Bellucia, a steamer loaded with coffee and bound from Rio Janeiro to New Orleans, was lost on the coast of Brazil. It is thought that the entire crew perished.

NEWS IN NUTSHELLS.

Dallas is overrun by seekers for charity.

The movement is still on to build a cotton mill at Baird.

The wheat crop of the southwest is in a most promising condition.

Many public schools were suspended on account of bad weather last week.

J. N. Leton, aged 80 years fell on the ice at Getzville and broke one of his thighs.

A fire company has been organized by the young men of Bailey. Hugh Leslie is chief.

Hunt county farmers are planting largely of alfalfa, and the pig crop has greatly increased.

Terrell is taking steps to hold a white man's primary prior to the city election in April.

Even the traveling troupes are having trouble filling Texas dates because trains are irregular.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the pontificate of Pope Leo was celebrated at Rome last week.

Attorney Bell has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for governor in 1904.

Arch Piper fell on the ice at Hillsboro, breaking an ankle and otherwise bruising himself up.

Fuel oil is approaching the dollar-a-barrel figure, at which it cannot be economically used as fuel.

About \$20,000 will be spent in remodeling the government building at Waco and work on it will shortly be commenced.

Veterans of Green's Brigade met at Waco last week, and were most creditably entertained by the citizens of that city.

Several towns in Texas are entirely cut of gum shoes, the unexpected, and unexpected rain having exhausted the stocks.

William D. Myers, a white man, was found dead Wednesday morning near the Santa Fe Railway Company's roundhouse, about a mile and a half west of Beaumont. Justice Pope viewed the remains and returned a verdict that Myers came to his death from natural causes.

The Boers who come to Texas will find no speculative gold mines, but will find perennial gold mines in Texas soil, in her water, and in her climate.

The public announcement that the Southern Pacific would sell its Sabine Pass-Dallas line, created surprise among the railway officials of the state.

The San Antonio branch of the E. J. Arnold Co., one of the "get-rich-quick" gambling houses, has closed down involving some twenty-five investors.

Business interests all over Texas are aroused over the pending bill limiting corporations to one place of business. They say it will kill all large oil and other industries.

The young men of Bailey met and perfected the organization of a fire company, with twenty-one members. There will be a hook and ladder company and a bucket brigade.

The severity of the weather has demoralized the store as well as the farm.

C. C. Cunningham, of Houston, was in McKinney last week, looking after a proposed cotton mill there.

Frank Files of Itasca slipped and fell on the ice, breaking his thigh.

In a fit of jealousy, Press Lewis, colored, shot and killed General Wilson, another negro, at San Antonio, Thursday of last week.

The Industrial Lumber company of Beaumont has purchased the timber and mill of the Oakdale, La., company. The former company is now next to the Kirby Lumber company in timber holdings and manufacturing capacity.

The legislature adjourned from Friday till Tuesday to take in the battleship celebration at Galveston

