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LOWEST PRICES FOR CASH! COME AND SEE!

Seeing all the stores in this section unusually depleted in stocks of seasonable goods, I went to Market and purchased a complete stock of

Late Winter and Early Spring Dry Goods.

These goods are now opened up and ready for business. I found the market just on the eve of a decided advance in the price of all cotton goods on account of the rising price of cotton. Buying just ahead of the main advance I am able to sell all cotton fabrics at a very slight advance on old prices. As cotton has continued to advance heavily, I can give my customers prices that can not be met on staple goods by those who did not buy ahead of the advance. You can save money by buying from this stock, as cotton and cotton goods are bound to go still higher.

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Local Exchanges at Haskell, Aspermont and Munday. Telegraph messages received and transmitted.

J. F. POSEY, Manager, Haskell, Texas.

A. S. Hawkins, Candidate for the State Senate.

Was born in Fannin County, Texas, March 31st 1868, his father was Rev. S. J. Hawkins, deceased, a leading Minister of the North Texas conference and came of a distinguished Tennessee family.

His brother Alvin was Governor of Tennessee and twice Judge of the Supreme Court.

His brother Joe was Judge of the Circuit Court, and Albert, for whom A. S. was named, is now Judge of the Chancery Court in one of the largest Districts in Tenn.

Ashton Hawkins, a brother was State Commissioner of Agriculture.

Isaac Hawkins, a cousin, was in Congress and in the Senate.

S. W. Hawkins, another cousin was the Republican candidate for Governor against Bob Taylor in Taylor's last race.

A. S. Hawkins' mother was a sister to Major E. A. Burke, of La., who did more than any one man to rid that State of the carpet-bag rule; by invitation he addressed the United States Senate, a privilege accorded few private citizens, if in fact, it has ever been accorded to another; his speech on this occasion lasted about six hours and was a masterly defence of the South, and when he had done James G. Blaine moved that his, Major Burke's, picture be hung in the Senate Gallery of illustrious men, where it is today.

A. S. is a brother of W. E. Hawkins, of Dallas and S. B. Hawkins, deceased, of Gatesville, he was a student at the S. W. University at Georgetown.

A. S. Hawkins was raised in East Texas and lived in Marion, Upshur, Cass, Hunt, and Camp, and taught school in Wood, Rains and Johnson Counties, was licensed to practice law in Coryell, but for over fourteen years past has resided in the Midland County.

He is a lawyer by profession and for years has enjoyed a lucrative practice. He also has a small ranch in Winkler County, North of Monahans, and takes delight in his grand herds and durable cattle.

He was elected to the Legislature in 1892 and thereafter in 1896 was appointed District Attorney for the 32nd Judicial District by Governor Hogg.

He was again elected to the Legislature in 1900 and is the author of the present school land law of Texas. The District which he represented embraced 30 counties, most of which are included in the present Senatorial District.

Mr. Hawkins is a friend to the stockman and to the settler, but a foe to the monopolist, and in the past legislatures will abundantly show. He does not intend to make a campaign on class prejudice or personal abuse of his opponents, but will be heard from at the proper time on any issues that may arise.—Taylor Co., News.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by all Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Dr. F. M. Oldham phoned us yesterday evening that he would be here today, Saturday, and would remain one week to do such dental work as may be required. He will be found at Dr. Neathery's office.

DELAY MAY BE IMPORTANT.

United States Was Not Expecting the New Turn Taken in Connection with the Panama Canal.

Washington, March 7.—There is an effort on the part of William Nelson Cromwell, the attorney for some of the persons who are interested in selling the Panama Canal to the United States, to create the impression that the delay which confronts this Government in completing the transaction had been expected and is of no importance. The delay was unexpected, and may be of great importance.

The Government has apparently fully decided that, having entered on the negotiations in good faith, it will carry them through, but that it will not be prevented from beginning the canal by any subterfuge which may be

TERRELL'S

When you hear your neighbor say: "It's best by far in every way." You may be sure without delay, It's Terrell's.

When passing up or down the street, You see a Drug Store, clean and neat, In every detail quite complete, It's Terrell's.

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The Only Second Class Drug Store in the World.

resorted to to reclaim the title in the hope of "holding up" the United States for a larger sum than \$40,000,000.

While officials are professing to make light of the new difficulties which have arisen it can be stated that they are threefold, and none of them was anticipated when Attorney General Knox and Assistant Attorney General Russell visited Paris and reported on the title which the new Panama company could give.

The Attorney General thinks that all the difficulties can be met.

More Riots.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorder of the Liver or Kidneys as Escaic Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nervine and the greatest all-around medicine for the down system. It dispels Nervousness, Rheumatism and Neuralgia and satisfaction guaranteed by all Druggists.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TO BE HELD

RESULT OF ACTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Pursuant to a call by W. W. Fields, chairman, the Democratic Executive Committee met in the court house at 2 o'clock P. M. last Saturday, March 6th. A goodly number of citizens were present by invitation. Every member of the committee, consisting of the following named gentlemen, answered "present" to the call of their names, to wit:

B. F. McCollum, Precinct No. 1; J. B. Waddington, Precinct No. 2; W. J. Medford, Precinct No. 3; W. P. McCarty, Precinct No. 4; D. W. Fields, Precinct No. 5; R. W. Williams, Precinct No. 7; R. R. Travis, Precinct No. 8; E. L. Ridling, Precinct No. 9.

Precinct No. 6 has no representative. The chairman stated the purpose of the meeting to be "Whether or not the committee would order a primary election" and suggested that in considering this important question, we should look solely after the interest of the Democratic party, to which the committee assented.

Motions were then declared in order. Whereupon R. W. Williams offered: "I move that this committee order a primary election to be held in Haskell County on the second Saturday in next July, as prescribed by the Terrell election law, and in conformity to same" and urged its adoption in a few convincing words, setting forth the danger in not doing so, and the safety in organization and concert of action on the part of Democrats.

The motion was seconded by several members. The question being now open for consideration, the chairman invited suggestions from any democrat present.

Mr. J. L. Lockett of Stamford, a candidate for the office of District Attorney for this judicial district, responded in a pleasant and appreciative talk. After which County Attorney Wilfong yielded to repeated calls and made a "true blue" democratic speech in his earnest characteristic way, causing democratic pride to loom up.

County Judge D. H. Hamilton said he felt sure the committee would look after the interest of the Democratic party, with which he was proud to say he was in full sympathy.

Mr. J. C. O'Bryan, our junior editor, in response to repeated calls offered some good and wholesome advice, which was favorably received. He also urged a thorough organization of the Democratic party and insisted that we be true to Democratic principles.

He generously offered space in the columns of THE FREE PRESS to the Executive Committee for a reasonable service during the present campaign. Every reference made to other parties was in respectful terms, and all that was said bespoke Democrats "True and tried."

No further remarks being offered, a vote was polled upon the pending motion, which prevailed without a dissenting voice.

The chairman then announced that a primary election would be held in accordance with the motion. The meeting then adjourned to reconvene on call of the chairman in the near future to consider the kind of test and pledge to be applied.

D. W. FIELDS, Secretary Ex. Com.

WILLIAMS-RAMSEY.

Mr. R. W. Williams and Miss Lillie F. Ramsey were married at 7:30 o'clock on Thursday evening at the home of the latter in Haskell. Rev. C. C. Anderson of the Presbyterian church officiating.

The couple were tendered a reception and dinner by the Robbed Lodge, and immediately after the ceremony the bridal party proceeded to the F. O. C. hall where a large number of guests were already assembled.

Miss Lillie Rice at the piano played a march as the party ascended the stairs and entered the hall, where they were met with the congratulations of many friends. After a few minutes delay the long table was uncovered and all were invited to partake of its bountiful supply of eatables, consisting of sandwiches and coffee, stuffed eggs, cheese and macaroni, pickles and nick nacks.

After this pleasant part of the program was over most of the crowd remained for an hour or so and indulged in animated conversation and amusing games.

Upon retiring Mr. Williams made a neat little speech thanking all for the kindness and courtesy shown him and his bride and wishing them happiness here and hereafter.

Mr. Williams has been a widower for several years and is a substantial and enterprising farmer residing in the western part of the county. He is a man held in high esteem by all who know him. Miss Ramsey has resided with her family in Haskell for many years and has been a teacher in the school here for a number of years. She is a lady of excellent qualities and is held in the highest esteem for the nobility of her character.

Their home will be on the farm.

THE NEW STORE.

To the Ladies of Haskell and Surrounding Country:

Our stock has been received and we are handling everything in ladies' furnishings, notions and novelties.

We have a lovely line of millinery. You should see our ready-to-wear hats.

We are here to please the people with good goods and low prices. Call and see us for anything you need in above lines.

Miss Laura Cary will do dress-making and guarantee satisfaction. See her at our store—south side of square. Respectfully, Mrs. E. J. HUNT & Co.

MONEY TO LOAN.

Our Loan Inspector will be here again about March 17th to inspect some loan securities. If you want to borrow money on your land on reasonable terms, call to see us and get land inspected and get your money on short notice.

West Texas Development Co., Haskell, Texas.

I have a good farm to rent, see me at once. T. G. Carney.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

Green bugs are destroying wheat and winter oats near Whitewright.

John Terry, under charge of murder for killing Lawrence Batt, was acquitted at Marshall.

Authorities of the First Methodist, Dallas, are planning to build a house of worship to cost \$100,000 or more.

Reports from many points south of Dallas indicate but little if any damage was done to fruit by last Thursday night's frost.

Frank Johnson was shot in the chest in a restaurant at Wichita Falls. The wound is not dangerous. Charles Green a waiter is held to the Grand Jury on \$500 bond.

A young man named Strasser, living at Shilo, in Wise county, was hurt about a month ago. In jumping over a stump he fell, causing injuries from which he died a few days since.

Emanuel Galvant, a Mexican, living at the International coal mine, two and a half miles east of Rockdale, resisted Constable B. Howard's efforts to arrest him and as a result was shot through the leg.

Ed Tate, a young freight brakeman of the Katy, was run over and killed near Bastrop by his train. Deceased was roomed in Belton and was a son of Tom Tate, an old engineer in the Katy service and at present running on the Belton branch.

In a difficulty between James Mobley and William Henry at Minter, 20 miles southeast of Paris, Henry was shot in the arm, which was shattered, and he is in a critical condition. Mobley surrendered and will be held pending the result.

A report from Ozona says that N. C. Rogers, a substantial woolgrower of Sheffield, was shot and dangerously wounded by a Mexican sheep herder in his employ. The Mexican was afterward shot and killed while resisting arrest by a sheriff's posse.

Colonel E. G. Sessions of Rice has a boll weevil virus which he says will kill every weevil with which it comes in contact. The colonel made but three bales of cotton last year from 124 acres, but he will make cotton this year despite the weevil.

In the election on March 3 to dissolve the corporation of San Angelo, corporation carried overwhelmingly, 248 votes for, 127 against. Everybody is highly pleased with the Terrell election law.

B. G. Whitten, of Bazette, Navarro County, reports the death within the past few days of four calves from a disease that is new to him. The animals were all in good condition, but lived only a few hours after showing the first symptoms of being sick.

A local option election has been ordered for March 25 in one of the most important precincts in McLennan county, including Crawford and four other towns. Local option at present prevails, but an effort will be made to overthrow this and put the precinct back in the wet column.

At Sherman the jury in the case of Mary Gilmore, a negro woman charged with the murder of Hanna Smith last fall, returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter and assessed her punishment at two years in the penitentiary.

Elvora Bivens, a negro woman, was arrested at Waco on a charge of poisoning her husband, Jim Bivens, by putting the deadly drug into his food. Jim Bivens is in a dangerous condition still and may not recover.

The farmers of the German settlement of Waulding, near Georgetown, have demonstrated the value of eggs as a side line. From January 8 to February 25 of this year, 6129 dozen eggs were shipped from Waulding, for which \$1028.55 was received.

The Iola Cement Company, which recently bought the West Dallas cement works, is installing considerable new machinery. It will be several weeks before work is resumed at the plant.

Willie Goode, a six-year-old negro boy, who has long been puny, was operated on and half of an ordinary iron hairpin taken from between the seventh and eighth ribs. No one knows when he swallowed it. It was working out through the body.

R. C. Hampton, a well-known mechanic of Texarkana, died while visiting relatives in Missouri. He was 91 years old, but hale and hearty as a man of 69 up to the beginning of his fatal illness.

H. B. Savage of Belton, has sold his poultry paper, the National Fancier, to the American Fancier, published at Indianapolis, Ind. He becomes a member of that publication and will have charge of the Southern division of the paper.

Prairie Fires Rage, Leaving Death and Ruin

Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska Suffer from Furious Fires Wildly Driven by Madden-ing Borean Blasts.

Lawton, Ok., March 4.—Five persons were burned to death and 8000 square miles of territory in Kiowa and Comanche Counties were swept by prairie fires Wednesday, according to reports received here. Hundreds of people are homeless and it is impossible to estimate accurately the financial losses owing to the wide extent of country affected.

At Hobart, the county seat of Kiowa County, the fire approached from the east, destroying the stables of fifteen ranches, fifteen residences, two business houses and various small buildings. Spreading to the southwest the fire swept 75,000 acres of Government military and timber reserve and Indian school reserve, destroying several Indian houses and forty head of Government cattle. Spreading westward, the flames covered miles of the homestead district, destroying houses, barns and stock. It was in this district that five persons are reported to have perished in attempting to protect their property. The names of three have been learned. The are: Dock and John Harmon, brothers, and a man named Fisher. The other two were women and their names have not yet been learned. Late at night the fire began moving southward toward this city.

At midnight 5000 people of the city were up to do battle with the approaching monster of destruction. The advance line of the fire was fully two miles in length and coming in a semi-circular form. A thousand men turned their efforts to checking the flames in the grass borders of the reservation at the city limits. Water from every source, carried in every conceivable way, was distributed along this line, and carried all around the city limits.

This served the purpose of checking the advance of the fire, but was of little avail in hindering the continual rolling of the fire brands into the streets of the city. In more than a hundred places flames arose from dwellings, barns and outhouses, but wherever a blaze grew men were present to quench it with water. As a result of the cool judgment of the fighters, the city's loss was only \$10,000.

Stories are coming in of how families lay out on the prairie throughout the freezing night after the storm had passed with only the thin clothes on their backs as reminders of their once prosperous homes. Hundreds of people are destitute and are suffering intensely from the cold and with excruciating pain occasioned by their burns. Clothes, medicine and physicians are being sent out from all the cities and towns of the district to relieve the suffering. Cavalry from Fort Sill and officers from this city are searching for missing men, women and children.

The names of six persons dangerously burned have been learned and reports persistently continue from various districts to the effect that a large number of persons were injured in fighting the flames.

I. C. Strickland, the sexton of the Lawton cemetery, and his wife and two children were seriously burned. The mother and one little daughter may die. J. Denny, a farmer, seriously injured. R. E. Prosper, living three miles out of

Lawton, lost all his property, a herd of cattle, and was burned seriously, but with his entire family in night clothing escaped to ploughed ground and remained in the cold night air until dawn.

A report has been received at Fort Sill that an entire Apache village was swept clean. The report has not been verified.

The soldiers at Fort Sill were ordered out to fight the flames and rendered great assistance.

At Anadarko many buildings were burned. No lives are reported lost, but there were numerous escapes. Women and children scantily clad fled to ploughed ground, while the men remained in an endeavor to save property.

Topelka, March 4.—Numerous reports are coming in from Kansas counties telling of heavy losses from last night's prairie fire. In almost every instance the fires were caused by people burning stubble and pasture land. The high winds came unexpectedly and the fires were beyond control in a short time.

Many narrow escapes from death are reported, but as far as known only one person—Frank McGrew of Bird City—was burned to death. No estimate is made of the aggregate damage, but it is very high.

Around Salina eight fires were burning at practically the same time. The damage there will be about \$10,000.

It took the most desperate efforts on the part of the Gypsum City people to prevent the town from burning. Men, women and children fought the fire for four hours.

Damage to farm buildings, stock and grain is reported at Culver, Lincoln, Colbert, Marquette, Ellsworth, Kanapolis, Graham, Ellis, Russell, Lakin, Hill City, Concordia and other places.

At Deerfield, seven miles from Lakin, the school children were kept in the school building until after 9 o'clock at night. At Hill City the people rushed into the Solomon River to escape the fire. No fatalities resulted. In Lincoln County the fire cut a swath two miles wide and ten long. Some reports are received from other counties.

Lincoln, Neb.: Prairie fires raging throughout the night were checked in Western and Southwestern Nebraska this morning. Many animals lost their lives and many barns were burned. The loss will amount to several thousand dollars.

Lexington, Neb.: A terrific prairie fire swept over the northeastern part of the county last night and today, doing an immense amount of damage. Several buildings were burned, live stock destroyed and much damage was done to other property.

A farmer seven miles north of Paris reports the plowing up of the body of an unknown man with a bullet hole through the skull. Mystery surrounds the find. The neighborhood is excited. The body was buried for a long time only a foot under the ground.

Are Cotton Planters Gone Wild?

Washington, March 4.—Secretary Wilson and the scientists at the Department of Agriculture who are now devoting most of their time to the cotton producing industry, are continuing to receive information of a vast increase of cotton acreage of the South as a consequence of the high prices which have been paid for the present crop. Texas, it seems, is showing a greater acreage increase than any other State, and the information is received with dismay by the department because of the experiments that are being undertaken there to combat the ravages of the boll weevil.

To the astonishment of the department even the sections which were worst ravaged by the weevil last year are reporting enormous increases.

Dr. Galloway says that he sincerely hopes that the Texas farmers will not curtail their grain and alfalfa acreage in order to get rich on cotton. He hopes that the normal acreage will be

better cultivated and that no backward step in diversification will be taken by a single farmer. Diversification is one of the greatest lessons which the department intends to demonstrate to the farmers this year, and greater cotton acreage can only interfere with the plans of the Government without doing any good whatever.

If the acreage of the average of 1903 is cultivated to the best advantage and according to the plans which we are trying to set the Texas farmers to adopt, there will be cotton enough to go around, and probably a million or two bales more than the State ever produced before, the boll weevil to the contrary, notwithstanding, said Dr. Galloway.

Nevertheless, there seems to be no way for the department to stem the tide of exchanging cotton acreage in all the cotton States. It seems that two-thirds of the farmers are adding to their acreage.

Flames at Rogers.

Rogers: Fire was discovered in Newbaker's livery stable Thursday morning about 1 o'clock, which quickly spread, totally destroying two adjacent dwellings and barns. The losses were as follows: Newbaker Bros., livery stable, \$2900, insurance \$750; Wakefield Price, dwelling, \$1000, insurance \$650; Mr. Marshall, household goods, \$500, no insurance; Will Jackson, residence and barn, \$600, no insurance.

Dunkard Colony for Texas.

Chicago: Arrangements have been made by the Santa Fe Railroad for the establishment of two large Dunkard colonies in Northern Texas and in the Pecos Valley. Between 200 and 500 families are expected to locate in the colonies. Through Phillip Swihart of Tippecanoe, Ind., the Dunkards of many states have agreed to sell their homes and re-colonize on a large scale in the sections named.

SHOT TO DEATH AND THE CORPS STRUNG UP.

A Springfield, Ohio, Mob Cooly and Deliberately Shot a Negro Murderer to Death.

Springfield, Ohio, March 3.—Great excitement is felt here over the shooting of Police Sergeant Charles Collis by Richard Dixon, a negro, early Sunday morning, and who died Monday.

At 11 o'clock the negro, Richard Dixon, was taken from the jail and shot to death in the jail yard and the body was taken from there to the corner of Main and Fountain avenue and hanged to a telegraph pole, where the mob spent the next half hour riddling the body with bullets from several hundred revolvers.

The mob forced an entrance to the jail by building in the east doors with a railroad iron. At 10:30 the mob melted rapidly and it was the general opinion that no more attempts would be made to force an entrance. Small groups of men, however, could be seen in the shadows of the court house, two adjacent livery stables and several dwelling houses. At 10:45 the police were satisfied that there was nothing more to fear, and they with other officials and newspaper men passed freely in and out of the jail.

Shortly before 11 o'clock a diversion was made by a small crowd moving from the east doors around to the south a bluff was made at jostling them off the steps leading up to the south entrance. The crowd at this point kept growing, while yells of "Hold the police!" "Smash the doors!" "Lynch the nigger!" were made, interspersed with revolver shots. All this time the party with the heavy railroad iron was beating at the east door, which shortly yielded to the battering ram, as did the inner lattice iron doors. The mob then surged through the east door, overpowered the Sheriff, turnkey and handful of deputies, and began the assault on the iron turnstile leading to the cells. The police from the south door were called inside to help keep the mob from the cells, and in five minutes the south door shared the fate of the east one. In an incredibly short time the jail was filled with a mob of 250 men with all the entrances and yard gates blocked by fully 1500 men, thus making it impossible for the militia to have prevented access to the negro, had it been on the scene. The heavy iron partition leading to the cells resisted the mob effectually until cold chisels and sledge hammers, which were only two or three minutes later in arriving, were brought into play. The padlock on the turnstile had been broken and the mob soon filled the corridors leading to the cells. Seeing that further resistance was useless, and to avoid the killing of innocent persons, the authorities consented to the mob's request for identification of the man. The man was dragged to the jail door, then down the steps to a paved court yard. Fearing an attempt of the police to secure him, the leaders formed a hollow square. Some one knocked the negro to the ground and those near him fell back four or five feet. Nine shots were fired into his prostrate body, and, satisfied that he was dead, a dozen men grabbed the lifeless body and with a triumphant cheer, the mob surged into Columbus street and marched to Fountain avenue, one of the principal thoroughfares of the town. From there they marched south to the intersection of Main street and a rope was tied around Dixon's neck. Two men climbed a pole and threw the rope over the topmost crossarm and drew the body about eighteen feet above the street.

They then descended and their work was greeted with a cheer. The fusillade then began and for thirty minutes the body was kept swaying back and force from the force of the rain of bullets which was being poured into it.

Six men were drowned and four others injured as a result of the collapse of a bridge spanning Yellow Creek, near Irontone, on the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad. The men were on two locomotives that attempted to cross the bridge together.

Escaped the Gallows. St. Joseph, Mo.: Mark Dunn, convicted of murder, got possession of two revolvers that were smuggled into the jail and forced the death watch to submit to being bound. He held the watchman prisoner all night and forced him to call the jailer soon after daylight. When the jailer came Dunn threatened to kill the death watch unless the jailer turned him out through the wheel. The jailer to save the watchman, did as ordered.

Sues for Large Sum. Dallas: Willis O. Foote has instituted suit against the American Express Company, Pacific Express Company, Illinois Central Railroad Company and Cleveland, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway Company, for damages in the sum of \$30,000 for alleged personal injuries received, and valuable horses killed as a result of a collision between the Illinois Central train, on which he was a passenger on June 18, 1903, and a Big Four train.

ARLINGTON EXPERIMENT FARM.

Is Selected and Operations Will Begin at Once.

Dallas: Dr. W. J. Spillman, special representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, now engaged in establishing diversification farms throughout the Southern States, went out near Arlington and selected the farm of A. J. Brown as the land on which farming the way the United States Government would have it done will be conducted. Mr. Spillman was accompanied by Capt. Brown, and the two spent the forenoon going over the place with a view to arranging for the crops to be grown as soon as cultivation can be undertaken. At the close of his inspection he announced that the farm suited the purposes for which he wished to utilize it much better than any that thus far he had placed.

After lunch Dr. Spillman spoke for an hour and a half to a big assemblage of farmers at Arlington, explaining the work which he is undertaking in the interest of the farmers. He urged upon them the necessity of diversifying their work as much as possible in order that they might not be dependent exclusively upon the raising of cotton for a livelihood. He also repeated with special stress the need of every inch of ground on the farms being kept at work as nearly every minute of time as is possible. These, with many other vital suggestions as to work in agriculture, were gone over by him. His talk was listened to with deep interest by the farmers, and at the close one farmer, who had come to the meeting after having arranged for the sale of one of his rich farms in Dallas County, declared that the address had caused him to reconsider his intention, and that he would retain the place.

It is the doctrine of Dr. Spillman to keep the ground busy. At the same time the various crops, he feels, will assure the farmer good returns, and also give the soil a change of requirements made upon it.

There are thirty-two of these diversification farms which Dr. Spillman will establish throughout the Southern States, and sixteen of these will be within the bounds of Texas. Only five are ready for early spring crops, but the others will be prepared in time for opening the work later in the season. As soon as the crops get well started on the diversification farm near Arlington hundreds of farmers are to be brought to the place and there shown how the work is being conducted, all the methods of soil preparation, planting and culture, as well as the returns to be derived. In these ways the work which Dr. Spillman has undertaken will be made ample to all engaged in farming, and it is hoped that the precedent will work with benefit. It is the plan of the department ultimately to spread this diversification example throughout every State and Territory of the Union, though the South is to be so treated first.

Oak Cliff is New Ninth Ward.

Dallas: The long drawn-out case known as the Oak Cliff annexation suit was decided by the Supreme Court Monday in favor of Dallas. As soon as the duly signed papers are received Dallas authorities will assume control of affairs in what becomes the Ninth ward, and known to the Postal authorities as Station A. No further legal obstacles will be thrown in the way. By this addition Dallas easily takes first place in population among Texas cities.

Old Resident of Gatesville Cremated.

Gatesville: Sunday afternoon the barn and large warehouse of W. H. Hanks in the suburbs of the town was burned. Mrs. Hanks, enveloped in flames, was discovered flying from the burning building by those who first saw the fire. Before aid reached her, she fell face downward, and died almost instantly. It is supposed that she missed one of her little boys and, fearing that he was in the barn, had run down to ascertain.

New York: The steamship Grosser Korferst will sail Tuesday with 800 delegates aboard, bound for Jerusalem, where the fourth world's Sunday school convention is to be held April 18, 19 and 20. Four hundred delegates will board the ship at European ports. The tourists will visit Madra, Gibraltar, Greece, Turkey, Asia Minor and Syria. On their way home they will visit Cairo, Rome and the Riviera. The round trip will consume seventy-one days.

The Texas and New Orleans Railway has put on a new passenger train, leaving Dallas at 6 p. m. and making through connection via Beaumont for New Orleans. Returning the train reaches Dallas at 12:10 p. m.; both trains carrying sleepers.

At El Paso George Lender, a negro, shot and killed his wife and then turned the pistol upon himself, dying instantly. He shot his wife while she was asleep. Lender was a bootblack.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

A Louisville, Ky., woman has given birth to four boys, and has christened them Cleveland, Hanna, Roosevelt and Bryan.

R. E. Waddell, freight conductor on the Frisco, was stabbed and perhaps mortally wounded at Okmulgee, I. T., by a negro.

Three more children of Mrs. Bailey have the smallpox near Rugby, Red River County. This makes nine cases in this family.

Firemen with a thirst for fire water in the Indian Territory are now in the happy hunting ground from drinking lemon extract.

It is not much to Texas' credit that two preachers were thrashed because the father of the thrashers were expelled from the church.

Efforts have about simmered down to securing two states, one composed of Oklahoma and Indian Territory and the other composed of New Mexico and Arizona.

Bailey Springs of Hugo, I. T., was held up by an unknown negro with a revolver at Paris, near the Union Depot, and was relieved of a watch and \$12 in money.

The Minnesota State Dairy and Pure Food Association is planning an exhibit of a model dairy and also an exhibit of creamery adulterations, processes and products.

W. H. Goodwin, an old time citizen of Laredo, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a sixshooter. He left a note saying he was tired of living.

In a difficulty between tenants on a farm near Minter, Lamar County, William Henry was shot through the shoulder. Jim Nobley surrendered, claiming self-defense.

Colorado City's waterworks and electric light plant are using Beaumont oil for fuel. The gross cost is about that of coal, but a great saving is made in handling oil.

Lem Rollins and Andrew Williams pleaded guilty to burglary of the Cotton Belt depot at Ridgeway some 3 weeks ago, and were given two years each in the penitentiary.

Eusebio Escobedo, a boy of 15, while bathing with three companions, near the coal mines at El Paso, was seized with cramps and drowned. The body has not been recovered.

Russell's district of Germany continues to grow. The warm protestations of Germany's friendship, the Muscovites figure, will cost them dearly when a return is asked.

The State house and other public buildings at Austin were closed all day on account of Texas Independence, a legal holiday. Appropriate exercises were held in the State University.

Reports from all over Indian Territory and Oklahoma tell of many minor damages from windstorms last week. Houses were unroofed, fences destroyed and property generally damaged.

A big steel skeleton of a ten-story apartment hotel that was being erected in New York collapsed Thursday, carrying a score or more of workmen down in the wreckage. Eleven persons were killed and twenty-five or more were injured, and four more have since died.

Boddier Kratz, of St. Louis, about whose extradition from Mexico so much excitement was raised some time since, it is thought, has returned to Mexico. His bond is \$40,000, and the date of trial is set for May 2.

A bill to raise the President's salary to \$75,000 a year has been introduced. It is not a Roosevelt benefit, because constitutionally the raise could not apply to his administration even during this term or the next if he were elected.

House Committee on Elections agreed to report the contest of Davis against Sims, involving the seat in the House from the Eighth Tennessee District in favor of Sims, the sitting member.

Charles Spalding of Chicago, in order to reach the bedside of his mother who was dangerously ill at San Antonio, ran a special train from his home to the latter city covering the 1385 miles in 33 1/2 hours, a little over 41 miles an hour including stops.

Grover Arnold, lately of Greenville, was killed by his horse falling on him in a round-up in Shackelford County.

A new flouring mill is to be built in Fort Worth to cost \$30,000 and with a capacity of 800 barrels a day.

Arrangements are being quietly made to erect a large paper mill at either Crowley or Jennings, La.

The receipts of the Dallas postoffice for March ran over \$25,000 and shows an increase of nearly 17 per cent over the corresponding month of last year.

A San Antonio youth played with about a quart of carbide in a large can by pouring in some water and touching it off with a match. The can can't be found and the boy is growing him some hair, skin and eyebrows.

Uladivostok Bombarded By a Japanese Fleet.

It Is Believed that the Attack Was for the Purpose of Getting the "Lay of Things".

Uladivostok, March 7.—A fleet of five Japanese battleships and two cruisers appeared off this place at 1:25 o'clock Saturday afternoon and bombarded the town and shore batteries for fifty-five minutes.

The fleet approached from the direction of Askold Island, at the east entrance to Ussuri Bay, the enemy formed a line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than a mile and one-third. They directed their fire against the shore batteries and the town, but no damage resulted, as most of their 200 lyddite shells failed to burst.

The Russian batteries, commanded by Gens. Sverozet and Artamonoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the enemy. The Japanese fire ceased at 2:20 p. m. and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold Island and two more near Cape Malde. The Japanese ships were covered with ice.

Official dispatches concerning the bombardment do not mention any losses, but private advices say that five were killed, four sailors and the wife of an engineer. It is apparent the Japanese were afraid to risk exposing their ships to the plunging fire of the land batteries, and it is considered probable here that the attack was really for the purpose of drawing the fire of the Russian forts, compelling the Russians to disclose the position and purpose of ascertaining whether the Russian squadron is in port.

If this was the object of the Japanese, it is believed to have failed slightly, as the batteries did not fire a shot, and if the squadron is in port it could not be seen from the Japanese position in the Bay of Ussuri on account of the high land which arises from the coast on that side, obstructing the view of the harbor.

Tokio: Affairs, says the New York Herald in summing up the situation, have been very quiet here after the excitement consequent on the opening victories of the war. The Japanese do not give way to emotion in the same manner as Europeans when engaged in war. People are going about their business as Tokyo as if nothing in particular were afoot. There is little news from Korea or Port Arthur. The newspapers have ceased to issue special editions. The present situation however is only a lull before a storm. Preparations are going rapidly forward for the commencement of land operations and it is expected important events will be heard of in the course of a few days.

The Japanese Government is not anxious to begin its land campaign prematurely and is organizing its forces with marvelous foresight and completeness for every possible contingency. The opening of hostilities ashore is likely to furnish Russia with as great a surprise as did the naval actions.

It is impossible for one, of course, to give the details, but events will soon show the capacity of the men who are directing Japanese affairs and the quality of the troops at their disposal.

New Million Dollar Mining Company.
El Paso: The Northern Mexico Development Company has been organized here with a capital of \$1,000,000. Briton Davis is president, C. N. McAdoo of Greensboro, N. C., vice president and treasurer, and D. C. Sutton general manager. The company was organized under the laws of New Mexico for the purpose of developing their mining and other industries of this section, and will operate in Mexico and the United States.

Odd Fellows Grand Lodge.
Sherman: The Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, jurisdiction of Texas, convened in Sherman Monday for the transaction of business, but Sunday was a busy day for the local committees. The grand officers are here, among them Retiring Grand Master Kerr, Incoming Grand Master Wrenn, Past Grand Patriarch Schnell, Department Commander Johnson, Grand Secretary Walton Fahm. The session will last four days.

Tracklaying began on the Katy line from Georgetown to Austin Monday. The contractors have the grade about completed to the Travis County line, and the work is being rushed.

Advices from Amarillo are to the effect that the proposed line to be constructed from that point in a south-westerly direction is almost a certainty. Reports also that its first section will be eighty miles and extend from Amarillo to Lubbock. The line is projected south to Plainview.

The Foreign Office here has issued passes to war correspondents, but the correspondents are not yet permitted to leave Tokio for Korea, as events are not yet sufficiently developed.

According to reports received here the Russians are moving large masses of troops toward the Chinese frontier. The population is in a state of unrest and is leaving the large towns. Russian troops have occupied Danshodui, Chimineho and Kohochi, but they are said to be evacuating Genchau.

It is reported that 20,000 Russian troops are south of Yain. No serious encounter, however, is anticipated for some time.

POSTAL TALK THIS WEEK.

House Appears to be "Puttin' in Time" Now.

Washington, March 7.—Postal affairs will occupy the attention of the House for the better part of the week. Mr. Overstreet, chairman of the Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads, will call up the postal appropriation bill, and it is anticipated that several days at least will be consumed in its disposition. The minority will oppose vigorously some features of the bill, and will also urge a general investigation of postoffice affairs.

The bill will be laid aside temporarily Tuesday, as by special agreement private claim bills, which gave way last week to the Indian appropriation bill, have been made the special order for that day. Before taking up the bill the Postoffice Committee will report the Hay resolutions, requiring certain information regarding the use of "influence" by members of the House to secure increase of salary, etc., for postmasters. The committee will recommend that this resolution be laid upon the table. Unless some consent is obtained there will be no discussion on the motion to table, but it is indicated that an agreement will be reached whereby a brief time will be allowed so that some statements may be made on each side before a vote is taken.

Mr. Martin of South Dakota expects to request unanimous consent before the appropriation bill is laid before the House for the consideration of his resolution desiring the Department of Commerce and Labor to investigate the causes for the differences which exist between the cost of live cattle and dressed beef, and on which the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce has ordered a favorable report.

Seven Dead, Seventy-Five Injured

Latrobe, Pa.: With a terrific concussion heard for miles, the dynamite magazine of H. S. Kerbaugh, contractor on the Latrobe cutoff of the Pennsylvania Railroad, exploded. Four deafening explosions occurred in rapid succession, followed by a perfect fusillade of minor explosions which continued for almost half an hour. Seven persons are reported dead and seventy-five injured. Bradenville, Pa., a mile from the magazine, is almost a total wreck.

Victoria: Henry Atzenhofer, aged 27, a brakeman on a New York, Texas and Mexican Railroad freight train, was run over by his train at Rosenberg Saturday night. It seems that while switching his left foot caught in the guard rail and was severed just above the ankle. He was hurriedly taken to Houston, but died in the hospital there early this morning. His body was brought here, where his wife and child reside.

Sherman: Horace G. Marshall, who was bitten by a mastiff in the right cheek a few days since, is unable to drink water without losing control of his muscular movements. He believes this condition to be due to poison from the bite of the dog, which also bit the little child of Cal Malvern. The child was taken to Chicago, where the doctors declared he had no symptoms of hydrophobia. Later, Mr. Marshall died Saturday night, under most agonizing conditions.

It is calculated that the damage at Lima, as the result of the earthquake, in crockery, glassware and merchandise will reach \$500,000, irrespective of damage to buildings.

Contracts for three wells north of the Davey well, near Palestine, are let. Two are on the lands of Ezell and Bell and one on the G. S. Rose tract. Faith in the finding of oil is strong and a thorough test is going to be made.

THE PROMOTION OF THE ADMIRAL AND OTHER SEA COMEDIES

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(Continued.)
"What is this?" asked Capt. Blaker mildly, yet with a savage eye. "Mr. Simpson, what do you mean by allowing your authority (and mine delegated to you) to be disregarded?"
"Sir—" said Mr. Simpson, and then the admiral turned on him.
"Hold your infernal tongue, sir," he roared. "And, sir, if you are the master of this vessel, as I suppose, I require you to put about for San Francisco. I am a British admiral, sir; my name is Sir Richard Dunn."
"Oh, you're an admiral and you require?" said Blaker. "Wa'al, I do admire! You look like an admiral; the water-front is full of such. Take that, sir."

And the resurgent old Adam in Blaker struck the admiral with such unexpected force that Dunn went heels over head off the poop and landed on Simpson. The mate improved the opportunity by kicking him violently in the ribs. When he was tired, he spoke to the admiral again.
"Now, you innatic, take this here ball of twine and go and overhaul the gear on the main. And if you open your mouth to say another word I'll murder you."

And though he could not believe he was doing it, Sir Richard Dunn crawled aloft and did what he was told. He was stunned by his fall and the hammering he had received, but that was nothing to the utter and complete change of air that he experienced. As he overhauled the gear he wondered if he was an admiral at all. If he was, how came he on the maintopgallant-yard of a merchant ship? If he wasn't, why was he surprised at being there? He tried to recall the last day of his life as an admiral, and was dimly conscious of a late evening somewhere in San Francisco at which he had certainly taken his share of liquor. A vague sense of having been in a row pressed him, but he could recall nothing till he had been yanked out of his bunk by that truculent devil of a mate then patrolling the poop.
"I—I must be mad," said the admiral.

Now, then, look alive there, you dead crawling cat," said Mr. Simpson, "or I'll come up and boot you off the yard. Do you hear me?"
"Yes, sir," said the admiral quickly, and as he put a new mousing on the clip-hooks of the mizen-topmast-stay-sail-tripping-line block, he murmured, "I suppose I never was an admiral after all. I don't seem to know what I am." And the hardest nut among the admirals of the Active List wiped away a tear with the sleeve of his coat as he listened to the sacred Commination Service with all its blessings, intoned in a down-cast twang by the eminent Mr. Simpson.

"He's crazy," said Simpson to the second greaser. "Saye he's an admiral. I've had the Apostle Peter on board, and a cook who said he was St. Paul, but this is the first time I've run against an admiral before the mast."
"Does he look like it, sir?" asked Wiggins, laughing.
"He looks the toughest case you ever set eyes on," said Simpson. "But you'd have smugled to see the way the old man smugled him off the poop. And yet there's something about him

"I don't tumble to. I guess that's where his madness lies. Guess I'll cure him or kill him by the time we get off Sandy Hook. Now, then, you admiral, come down here and start up the fore rigging, and do it quick, or I'll know the reason why."
And the Knight Commander of the Bath came down as he was bid, and having cast a perplexed eye over Simpson and Wiggins, who sniggered at him with amused and savage contempt, he went forward in a hurry.
"This is a nightmare," he said; "I'm dreaming. Damme, perhaps I'm dead!"

When he had overhauled the gear at the fore—and being a real seaman, he did it well—Wiggins called him down to work on deck, and he found himself among his new mates. But now they were all aware that he believed he was an admiral, and that he had spoken to Simpson in a way that no man had ever done. That was so much to his credit, but since he was made a fit object of jeers. They jeered him accordingly and when they were at breakfast the trouble began.
"Say, are you an admiral?" asked Knight, the biggest tough on board except Simpson and Wiggins.

And the admiral did not answer. He looked at Knight with a gloomy, introspective eye.
"Mind your own business," he said, when the question was repeated.

And Knight gave a full pannikin of tea at him. This compliment was received very quietly, and the admiral rose and went on deck.
"Takes water at once," said Knight; "he ain't got the pluck of a mouse."

But the admiral went aft and interviewed Mr. Simpson.
"May I have the honor of speaking to you, sir?" he said, and Simpson gasped a little, but said he might have that honor.

"Well, sir," said Sir Richard Dunn. "I don't know how I got here, but here I am, and I'm willing to waive the question of my being a British admiral, as I can't prove it."
"That's right," said Simpson. "Ah, I'll have you name enough by-and-by, my man."

The admiral nodded.
"But I wish to have your permission to knock the head off a man called Knight forard. It was always my custom, sir, to allow fights on board my own ship when I considered them necessary. But I always insisted on my permission being asked. Have I yours, sir?"
"Simpson looked the admiral up and down.

"Your ship, eh? You're still crazy. I'm afraid. But Knight can kill you, my man."
"I'm willing to let him try, sir," said the admiral. "He has a pannikin of tea over me just now, and I think a thrashing would do him good and conduce to the peace and order of the fo'c'sle."

"Oh, you think so," said Simpson. "Very well, you have my permission to introduce peace there."

"I thank you, sir," said the admiral. He touched his hat and went forward. He put his head inside the fo'c'sle and addressed Knight:
"Come outside, you bully, and let me knock your head off. Mr. Simpson has been kind enough to overlook the breach of discipline involved."

And Knight, nothing loth, came out on deck, while Simpson and Wiggins stood a little way off to enjoy the battle.
"I'd like to back the admiral," said Wiggins.

"I'll have a level five dollars on Knight," said Simpson, who remembered that he had, on one occasion, found Knight extremely difficult to reduce to pulp.
"Done with you," said Wiggins.

And in five minutes the second mate was richer by five dollars, as his mates carried Knight into the fo'c'sle.
"I don't know when I enjoyed myself more," said Simpson, with a sigh—"even if I do lose money on it. While it lasted it was real good. Did you see that most bewild'ring upper cut? And the right-handed cross-counter that finished it was just superb. But I'll hev to speak to the victor, so I will."

And he addressed the admiral in suitable language.
"Don't you think, because you've licked him, that you can fly any flag when I'm around. You done it neat and complete, and I overtook it, but half a look and the fast letter of a word of sass and I'll massacre you myself. Do you savvy?"

And the admiral said:
"Yes, sir."
He touched his cap and went forward to the fo'c'sle to enter into his kingdom. For Knight had been "top-side joss" there for three voyages, being the only man who had ever succeeded in getting even one pay-day out of the California. The principle on which she was run was to make things so hot for her crew that they skipped out at New York instead of returning to San Francisco, and the fresh crew shipped in New York did the same when they got inside the Golden Gate.

"I understand," said the admiral, as he stood in the middle of the fo'c'sle, "that the gentleman I've just had the pleasure of knocking into the middle of next week was the head bully here. Now I want it thoroughly understood in future that if any bullying is to be done, I'm going to do it."

All the once obedient slaves of the deposed Knight hastened to make their peace with the new power. They fairly crawled to the admiral.
"You kin fight," said one.
"I knew it just as soon as you opened yer mouth," said another. "The tone of yer voice argued you could."

"It's my belief that he could knock the stuffin' out of Mr. Simpson," said the third.
"Would be the best kind of fun," said another admirer of the powers that be, "for Blaker would kick Simpson in here and give the admiral his job right off. He's got religion, has Blaker, but he was an old packet rat himself, and real 'bucko' he was, and believes in the best men bein' att."

And though the admiral said nothing to this, he remembered it and took occasion to inquire into its truth. He found that what he knew of the sea and its customs was by no means perfect. He learnt something every day, and not least from Knight, who proved by no means a bad sort of man when he had once met his match.

"Is it true," asked the admiral, "that they say about Captain Blaker, that he was once mate of a ship that was wrecked?"

giving any one the mate's job if he can thrash him?"
"It used to be the custom in the Western ocean," said Knight, "and Blaker was brought up there. He's a real sport, for all his bein' sort of religious. Yes, I'll bet it's true." He turned to the admiral suddenly. "Say, you wasn't thinkin' of takin' Simpson on, was you?"
"If what's you say's true, I was," said the admiral. "It don't suit me being here."
"Say now, partner," put in Knight, "what's this guff about your being an admiral? What put it into your head?"

And Sir Richard Dunn laughed. As he began to feel his feet and find that he was as good a man in new surroundings as in the old ones, he recovered his courage and his command of himself.
"After all, this will be the deuce of a joke when it's over," he thought, "and I don't see why I shouldn't get a discharge out of her as mate. Talk about advertisement!"

He knew how much it meant.
"Look here, Knight," he said aloud, "I am an admiral. I can't prove it, but my ship was the Triumphant. I don't want to force it down your throat, but if you'd say you believe it, I should be obliged to you."
Knight put out his hand.
"I believes it, sonny," he said, "for I own freely that there's authin' about you different from us; a way of talk,

"I mean to have Simpson's job," and a look in the eye that ain't familiar in no fo'c'sle as I ever sailed in. And if you was lynin', how come you to be so ready, bella' so drunk when Simpson hauled you out of yer bunk? No, I believe you're speaking the trewth."

And Sir Richard Dunn, K. C. B., shook hands with Charles Knight, A. B.
"I won't forget this," he said huskily. He felt like Malomet with his first disciple. "And now, in confidence," said the admiral, "I tell you I mean to have Simpson's job by the time we're off the Horn."
"Good for you," cried Knight. "Oh, he licked me somethin' cruel the time him and me had a turn-up. Give it him, old man. And here's a tip for you. If you get him down, keep him down. Don't forget he kicked you, too."

"I don't forget," said Sir Richard. "I don't forget, by any means."
(To be continued.)



Fainted for the Drinks.
"I see that the vaccine physicians from the bureau of health are again on the move," said a young man who is employed in the offices of the Franklin sugar refinery. "Two years ago they paid us a visit and insisted upon vaccinating all the workmen. We employ a lot of Poles, and one of them fainted from sheer fright, not understanding what it was all about. A drink of whiskey was poured down his throat and he was soon revived. The next fellow also fainted and was given the same treatment. When a third and a fourth and a fifth lost consciousness under the operation the suspicions of the doctors, who were none too wise, were aroused. They found that the Poles had been tipped off by the first victim and each was merely playing 'possum with the idea of getting a drink."—Philadelphia Record.

Ostend's Dependence on Gambling.
Some statistics have been issued which show how Ostend has been shaken to its financial foundations by the effects of the new gambling law closing the Kursaal. Last year the Kursaal paid to the municipality £62,000 in rent, £20,000 as a tax on the so-called "club," and £26,000 as a personal tax at £4 per head on the 8,000 visitors who joined the "club." With this large subvention of £118,000 the town's municipal receipts last year were £320,000. This year not a penny has been forthcoming from the sources named and the civic resources are crippled to a corresponding degree. This, however, does not exhaust the mischief. The falling-off in visitors represents £480 a day in the larger hotels, among which the season's losses are estimated at £240,000.—London Telegraph.

Belgian Sunday Observance.
Belgian postoffice authorities have hit upon a singular idea. Every postage stamp has a slip attached to it which may or may not be used at the option of the person who posts the letter. This slip is worded to the effect that the communication to which it is attached is not to be delivered on Sunday. On all stamps of every denomination this notification is to be found and the consequence is that there is growing up in Belgium a new tendency in the direction of delivering no letters or newspapers—for newspapers are mostly delivered by post—on Sunday.



Hymn Scared the Crews.
The daughter of a country rector taught the choir boys a new tune at a Monday evening's practice, to be sung on the following Sunday. Sunday morning came.
"Well, Sammy," said Miss X—, "I hope you haven't forgotten the new tune, for we depend much on you."
"Now, mum, not a bit. Why, I've been a-skeering the crews with it all the week."—London Answers.

Scotch Dialect.
"I got quite interested in a book that a man left out in the woods the other day," said the first owl.
"Nonsense!" cried his mate; "you can't understand the human language."
"But this wasn't altogether human. It was by a man named McTastah MacPherson, and it was full of 'hoots.'"

Modern Sherlock Holmes.
Again the modern Sherlock was victorious.
"I have discovered that it is a girl baby," he whispered.
"How did you find that out?" asked the mystified man.
"I gave it a newspaper to play with and it tore out the bargain sales first thing."

Sad Home-Coming.
"At the sight of his son the happy father fell on his neck."

The Fireproof Drama.
"How did you enjoy the play last night?"
"I was a good deal disappointed. The fireproof paint on the scenery looked just like any ordinary paint, and I don't believe the new steel curtain is as heavy as 2,000 pounds as it has been advertised."—Chicago Tribune.

Six Months Ahead.
"I suppose things are rather backward in your business now," said the friend.
"Backward?" exclaimed the sporting goods salesman, "they're decidedly forward. The boss just told me if I wanted a vacation this summer I'd have to take it now while we're dull."

It All Depended.
"Don't we go any higher?" asked the facetious guest in the Chicago hotel when the elevator stopped at the twenty-fourth floor.
"Not unless the elevator drops, sir," answered the truthful elevator boy.—Judge.

Shutting Him Up.
"It strikes me, Mary," mildly observed Mr. Slowin, "that these cakes would be decidedly better if they had a little more ginger in them."
"So would you, John," calmly rejoined the feminine end of the combine.

Tricks All Photographers Know.
"He claims to have invented a camera, that makes people prettier than they are."
"How is that?"
"By simply making the lens flatter."—Stray Stories.

Times Have Changed.
"The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world"—not always.

Bench and Bar.
Judge Rowndes—Your face is familiar. I've seen you before.
Prisoner—Yes, your honor, quite often.
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HEARST LEADS.

The first Democratic convention held to instruct for candidates for the coming election has instructed for William R. Hearst for President. This was the Nineteenth Ohio congressional district convention, held at Warren, Ohio.

THE CANAL STATUS.

The latest news touching Panama canal matters is to the effect that the French company is not prepared to execute a good title to this country to its concessions or interest in the canal, and it is uncertain when it can do so.

Another stumbling block is the suit instituted by the Columbian Government in the French courts to prevent the shareholders in the the French company from transferring their interests to this country.

It was a claim of Mr. Roosevelt and his backers that the only sure way for this country to get an isthmian canal was for our senate to ratify his Panama treaty and, that done, work would be commenced in a very brief time.

Has the country been duped again by the shrewd opponents of any canal? Did the backers of the Panama scheme know that these difficulties were lurking in the background and would come up to hinder and delay, if not to eventually block, the matter altogether—a thing they devoutly desire and have spent much money to accomplish? If they did not know, or have good reason to believe, that difficulties would arise, the fact that they did not is not very complimentary to their intelligence or shrewdness for finding out things, for President Roosevelt sent a commission to France, his attorney general, Knox, being a member of the commission. Certainly with the history and records of the French company before them and all opportunity to learn facts from private sources and general reputation in its home, they ought to have been able to detect any flaw or rotten spot in the concern. If they found such, the general public was not taken into their confidence. Their report as given to the public by the President was entirely favorable as to the French company's ability to making a good title. Upon that report negotiations proceeded with the Columbian end of the transaction, and subsequently with Panama.

Whatever may be the outcome of the matter the President has appointed the board or commission to superintend the construction of the canal and we thus have half a dozen men idle but drawing fat salaries while they wait for the title to be fixed up—and they may wait for months or years. We needed no commission until the title was made and there was something for them to do.

It has come to be as easy a matter to mob a negro—and for as little cause—north of Mason and Dixon's line as it use to be said to be south of it. A Springfield, Ohio, mob furnished the latest instance of this fact a few days ago. They seemed to take real pleasure in the pastime, laughing and joking as the negro was swung high above the ground to a telephone pole and used for a target for thirty minutes, until he was pumped full of bullets.

THE STATE'S MONEY PROBLEM.

Black land farms in central Texas rendered for taxation at from \$10 to \$15 per acre when they are worth and sell at \$40 to \$50 per acre explains the deficit in the state's revenue. Tax assessors and boards of equalization should do their sworn duty.—Haskell Free Press.

They should, but they will not when self interest is at stake—as a rule. There is only one way to meet the case, as pointed out by Senator Tillett when in office—A state board of equalization. The West has all to gain and nothing to lose by such a board, and should stand together in demanding it.

The deficiency which occurred in the State's revenues last fall and which will again occur in a few months, is causing considerable discussion of the tax problem. Some newspapers while admitting that it will be unpopular and cause a general howl to go up over the country, are in favor of having the next legislature raise the States tax rate so as raise a sufficient amount of money to carry on the State government and its various asylums and other necessary institutions in a proper manner and on a cash basis. Other newspapers oppose raising the tax rate and favor cutting down expenses to fit the present assessment.

The State has no asylums or other institutions that are not actually necessary to the comfort and welfare of its people. The Free Press does not believe that it was extravagance in the administration of the State government or its various institutions that caused the deficiency and will cause it again. Texas covers an immense territory and more and more money is required as the years go by to maintain her constantly growing institutions, and it should be cheerfully provided by her people, but we do not believe that it is necessary to raise the tax rate in order to do it—not if all property is rendered and fairly and equally assessed.

But the people will have to quit tax dodging or a raise will inevitably come. Perhaps the biggest and most notorious dodge is that practiced throughout the blackland belt of the state, to which our opening paragraph refers. The average rendition does not amount to one-fourth of the real value of the land, making a difference of many millions of dollars in the aggregate valuation. Another shameful dodge is in the failure to render money in banks on January first. We do not believe that one-tenth of the money on deposit on that date is rendered for taxation. Its owners may try to excuse themselves on the plea that it is not in their actual personal possession, but that is only a dodge.

If the present outlay required of tax assessors and property owners will not get the property of the country on the tax rolls and a commission, or an inquisition, will do it, lets have the remedy.

We believe that a strenuous effort should be made to force all property onto the rolls and to pay its just and fair proportion of the expense of government before a raise of the tax rate is restored to and those who do and will honestly render their property are forced to pay an unequal and unfair taxation.

In looking over the newspapers we notice that the storm of wind and dust which visited us with such disagreeable force last week was not a local affair, not confined to West Texas. It is reported from Kansas, across Oklahoma and Indian Territories and eastward beyond Dallas, everywhere filled with dust, sand and gravel. The wind was much stronger at many places than it was here. In Dallas it smashed plate glass windows, tore down signs and awnings and damaged numerous roofs. The News' account of it in Dallas concludes with this paragraph: "The dust was everywhere and through

cracks and crevices, through windows and doors it was blown until the dry grit lay thick over furniture and furnishings to the horror of housekeepers." Now, some of you folks that have been cussin' and charging it up as a West Texas peculiarity, take it all back and be good.

EXTRAVAGANCE AT WHITEHOUSE.

It is not surprising that the bill providing for an appropriation of \$90,000 to build new stables for President Roosevelt's horses should elicit much adverse criticism and excite wonder as to where the President will be willing to stop.

Mr. Roosevelt has already spent much more money than any other President in the gratification of his personal pride. In the past two years the expenses for making changes and "improvements" at the Whitehouse have amounted to about \$1,000,000, which is more than the total amount required for the support of the executive mansion during the seven preceding administrations, or since General Grant's time. To this sum he now wishes to add the \$90,000 already referred to, and another million for the erection of a summer home, in line with a bill recently introduced by Senator Foraker.—Fort Worth Record.

What else, pray, does anyone expect from a man and a party that is inch by inch fastening imperialism upon this country. His Imperial Highness must live in imperial style. Perhaps some persons who vote the republican ticket and for such men as Mr. Roosevelt don't know what they are voting for, but some of them do and they are privately tickled at their dupes.

EXPENSE OF A GREAT NAVY.

In opposing the reckless and useless extravagance of the naval plans set on foot by the Washington administration and its jingo backers, the Dallas News very aptly says:

"It is noted that for years past it has been a favorite topic for the navy expansionist to insist that we should keep abreast of Germany. Now, France and Germany are building six battleships each; we are building twelve. Germany is building three armored cruisers; we are building eight. Germany is building no protected cruisers; we are building eight. We have under construction of these great ships 100,000 tons more than Germany. Nobody is after us. Nobody threatens us. We were never as strong or as free from danger in our lives as we are right now."

The Memphis News calls attention to the enormous cost of maintaining the ships after they are built, and the building and equipping of battleships, armored and protected cruisers costs from \$4,000,000 to \$6,500,000 each. And the item of maintenance, yearly, is much greater than we had supposed it to be. The Memphis News gives it as follows:

"The increase in the cost of our naval establishment has been from about \$25,000,000 in Cleveland's administration to \$100,000,000 in the present, and at the present rate of increase the annual navy appropriation bills to carry \$150,000,000 in the next few years. Is it not time to call a halt and stop the building of battleships, for which we have no use? Every battleship constructed, of course, represents a great cash outlay, but more than that every battleship launched means the floating of a great burden to be supported by the taxpayers of the United States. The average cost of keeping a battleship in commission in time of peace is between \$400,000 and \$500,000 a year, and on the Asiatic station an average of \$522,000 a year. An armored cruiser costs to keep in commission \$443,761 a year, and a protected cruiser costs to keep in commission an average of \$305,168.82 a year. The meaning of this is the greater the navy the heavier the tax. With one hundred million for the navy, one hundred million for the army and one hundred and fifty million for pensions, we have for the military establishment the appalling total of \$350,000,000 annually—one-half of all the revenues of the Government."

To incur such an enormous outlay for ships in the first instance and perpetually for maintenance is an unjustifiable imposition upon the tax payers of the country, unless there was some more apparent reason for it than exists.

Dr. M. T. Griffin, who is now associated with Dr. Adams, gives notice that he will be in their Haskell office for consultation with patients every Monday, at Munday on Wednesdays and at Aspermont on Saturdays.

OVERSTOCKED:

During the next two weeks
I will make you

Special Bargain Prices..

on several lines of goods in which I am overstocked. This is no trap set for the unwary. When I say

BARGAINS

I MEAN IT!

Come and see for yourselves.

My General Stock of
DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES
Is complete,—prices will be to your liking.

..T. G. CARNEY..

Our Interest in the Far East.

The fact that Eastern Asia already buys \$500,000,000 worth of European and American manufactured products shows why the western world is so keenly interested in the present war situation in the Far East. The United States derives \$90,000,000 worth of this trade. A few years more of development will find the Mongolians taking more than a billion dollars' worth of foreign goods, and, with open ports, the United States getting as much or more trade than any competing nation.—Atlanta Constitution.

Don't be in a rush to buy spring goods—we will have some snow yet, and our Mrs. Martin is in the market buying a fine stock of goods, and my store will be, as of old, the cheapest and most attractive trading place in town. T. G. Carney.

Dr. St. John will return to Haskell on Monday, March 25, to complete some unfinished dental work, and it is his intention to make monthly visits to this place in future.

Messrs. F. M. Morton, M. S. Shook, S. S. Cummings, W. T. Hudson, J. S. Boone, Jno. E. Robertson, L. Lumsden and Roy Shook attended the cattlemen's big convention in Fort Worth this week.

The republican county convention held at Waxahachie a few days ago favored the nomination of Roosevelt for President and commended his "splendid audacity." They hit the mark—"audacity" is good.

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Your Patronage Solicited.
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BREAD! CAKES! PIES!
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Lodge meets every Thursday night.

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Joe Irey, Clerk.
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
Visiting sovereigns invited.

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No. 1 Arrives from Waco.....5:45 P. M.
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THOSE - TURKEY - ROASTERS

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RACKET STORE

are the best thing we have ever seen, and those

...STEAM COOKERS...

are just lovely—such a saving in fuel—as well as time and worry of us good house-keepers.

SAY!! You Men Folks!

Why don't you wake up and make your wife a present of one or both. She will be so happy and your dear health will improve with the BETTER COOKING—and life will thus be prolonged several years. TRY IT.

And Say Ladies!

If he wont do this, you just come in and order for yourself, and we will make the old fellow pay for it all the same.

RESPECTFULLY,

HASKELL RACKET STORE.

McLemore's prairie dog poison will do the business for you.

Pens, pencils, ink and tablets at the Racket Store for school children.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Mr. Al Cousins of the northeastern portion of the county, visited Haskell friends this week.

Do you need money for any purpose? If so come and see us. West Texas Development Company, Haskell.

No Credit Business Now. Nearly everybody has cash, and I am making mighty close prices. Buy now and save money. S. L. Robertson.

Rev. O. G. Jones, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Big Springs, was here a day or two this week. Rev. Jones conducted a protracted meeting at this place a year or so ago and the many Haskell friends made on that occasion were pleased to see him again.

Flower pots, all sizes, Racket Store.

McLemore-Prairie-Dog Poison is the cheapest, surest and best. It is for sale at the Haskell Racket Store.

Seed potatoes, onion sets and garden seeds all just received at S. L. Robertson's.

If you have hides for sale go to J. N. Ellis at the City Meat market, and get the highest market price for them.

Mr. T. G. Carney has just received a car load of flour and when it was being stacked up Thursday evening a pile of sacks in which there was about 3000 pounds toppled over and came near burying one of the clerks, wedging him in between two barrels of vinegar. The young man don't like the looks of that stack of flour any more and asked THE FREE PRESS to tell the people to come quickly and buy it--says he will sell it mighty cheap.

New line of pants, ladies skirts, jackets and many other things. Come and see. T. G. Carney.

I am selling all clothing at very little over cost. S. L. Robertson.

A full line of school tablets at the Racket Store.

Mr. T. G. Carney's friends are pleased to see him out again after a hard tussle with the grip.

Rev. C. C. Anderson of Anson, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place, spent two or three days here this week. He preached an interesting sermon on "Consecration" at the Presbyterian church Wednesday night.

Big 5-cent school tablets at the Racket Store.

Don't experiment with cheap poisons and lose your time and money, but use McLemore's poison and make a sure thing of killing your prairie dogs.

Alexander Mercantile Co., are in receipt of a fine line of hosiery.

"Star Brand Shoes Are Better," S. L. Robertson.

New ties and suspenders in individual boxes, the very latest and neatest to be found, are at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Swamp Root--the great kidney and liver medicine, at Robertson's drug store.

Miss Carrie Evans, who has been visiting the family of Mr. R. E. Sherrill for the past two weeks, left Wednesday morning for her home at Gatesville.

GRINDING.--Earnest & Sanders will run their mill at this place on Saturday, 19th instant.

The best Fort Worth bread constantly on hand at Ellis' meat market.

When you want to kill prairie dogs use McLemore's poison, it's a sure thing.

Fresh home-made hog lard for sale at the City Meat Market, J. N. Ellis, proprietor.

Miss Ola Fitzgerald, who has been visiting friends in the country for several days, returned home Thursday evening.

S. L. Robertson receives fresh groceries each week and sells them low for cash.

Meals at all hours, night or day, at the Daylight Restaurant.

Mr. F. G. Alexander returned Friday of last week from Chicago where he purchased a very complete stocks of goods for his firm's Haskell and Munday house.

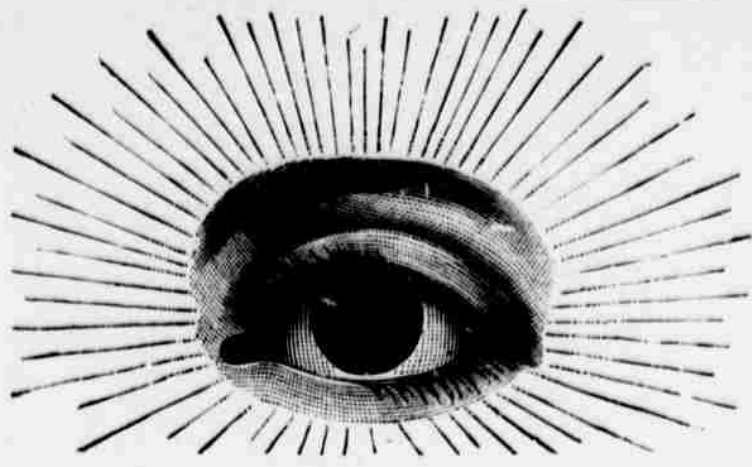
The way to stop prairie dogs from eating your grass and destroying your crops is to give them McLemore's poison. One dose is all that's needed.

A new line of gentlemen's shirts at Alexander Mer. Co's.

Buy your dry goods now and save money. S. L. Robertson.

Presiding Elder Smith was here this week and conducted a quarterly conference of the M. E. church. He preached to a large congregation Tuesday night.

A big line of ladies', children's and bad boys' hose at Alexander Mercantile Co's. store.



**SIXTY DAYS,
MARCH and APRIL.**

Gives you plenty of time to be cured of Granulated lids, Ingrowing lashes, Cataracts, Pterygiums, Overflow of tears, Cross eyes, Drooped or deformed lids--in fact any eye disease or deformity that is known to be curable.

We give you reference from people in your home town and county who were led to office but now see.

We assure you results promised. Place fee in bank or give note, then should we fail to cure you, or give the results we promise, you are not out a dollar--could you ask for a more liberal offer?

Worthy Poor Treated Free.

ADAMS & GRIFFIN,
Eye Specialists,
Haskell, Munday and Aspermont.

Dr. Adams will be at office in Haskell March 24 and 25, at Aspermont March 26 and 27, at Munday March 29 and 30, or see

DR. GRIFFIN at either office on other dates.

Dr. Adams

will be at Stamford on dates not specified above. He limits his practice to the eye and has done so for the last ten years. He tells you plain facts about your eyes and wastes no time on hopeless cases. Will practice at above named places till May 1st.

If you have an eye disease or deformity this is an opportunity worth grasping, for you get results or pay nothing. It is a

NO CURE NO PAY PROPOSITION.

and that is what you have been looking for.

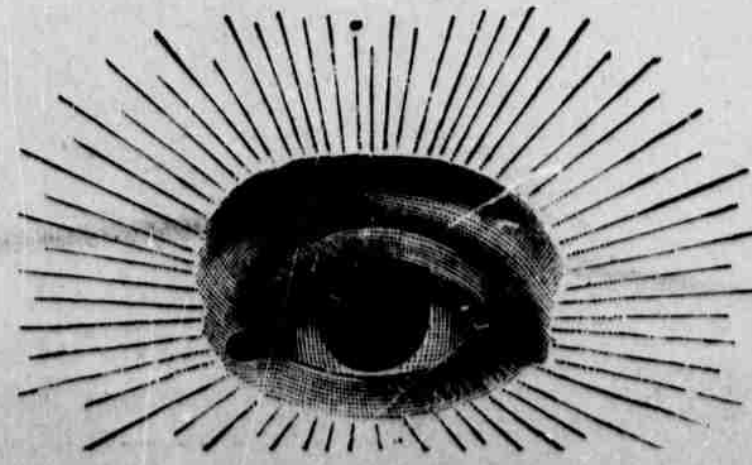
No cases accepted that can not be successfully treated within the above limit of sixty days.

Make dates with assistants at branch offices or see Dr. Adams on dates stated for the different places as above.

Remember his next Haskell date is

MARCH 24 and 25.

OFFICE--SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SQUARE.



200

PIECES GINGHAMS

no two pieces of same pattern.

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..Pieces Percales..

The above goods have been received and are marked to sell at same old prices as before the rise in cotton....

All sorts of new goods coming soon.

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..Ten Automobiles..

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This year the Royal Tailors of Chicago are giving Automobiles to their customers. Your chance is as good as the next man's. Call and see us about it.

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SUCCESS IN OBSCURITY.

There's a song for the man who is lucky and bold, For the man who has fate on his side...



A REPORTER'S GOOD FORTUNE

By CHARLES AUSTIN HARTLEY

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I was kneeling on a carpet of forest leaves, dropping twenty-dollar gold pieces into my hat, as an officer of the law checked them off.

Five years before I had left Mr. Pemberton's presence after a rather formal interview, in which his daughter Maude and myself were principally interested.

Well, I went away after an understanding with Maude. We were to remain faithful though the heavens fell.

I joined the staff of a progressive city daily, and in the course of time reached a place where I could count on good assignments, requiring penetration and perseverance.

An hour later I was on my way to Bowlington by rail, and by daylight I was at the city prison, the most likely place, I thought, to pick up the scent of the story I was after.

I had not proceeded one-fourth of the distance through the timber when I noticed a peculiar looking hump beside a cluster of bushes.

This was the money I was dropping into my hat, piece by piece, when Rollin Pemberton came up.

"By the merest accident," I assured him. "I had no more idea of finding that money than I have of flying to China this moment."

"Well, I feel easier over it, at any rate," he went on. "That was about the size of my pile of ready money."

When we reached our destination it turned out that the prisoner did not know exactly where the money was hidden.

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but I know that it was left in this forest," waving his hands in no particular direction.

You can realize that this was very indefinite information. However, we started out, one officer and the prisoner going in one direction, the second officer took another course and I strolled away by myself.

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her father followed us into the timber. As I drew near the carriage walking beside her father, seemingly on the best of terms, Maude looked at me, started slightly, while a rosy blush suffused her cheeks.

It was a bright May day and the falling apple blossoms clustered in Maude's hair, making a pretty picture, as she sat there smiling.

We were married the next Christmas. Mr. Pemberton is a grandpa now, and my wife and I sometimes listen as he tells the children a story about a newspaper reporter who could find lost money better than the man who hid it.

HARE AN ELUSIVE ANIMAL.

Writer Tells of Charm of Hunting Small Creature.

To my notion, there is a peculiar charm about trailing a hare, writes Edwin Sandys in February Outing. In the first place there is a superb uncertainty about where you will locate the beast, if it knows where it is itself.

Skate Sailing.

There is nothing new in the idea of skate sailing, says Dan Beard, in Outing. It is as old as skates, and dates back to the time when our ancestors with bones of animals bound to their feet spread their ample cloaks and allowed the wind to waft them over the surface of the ice.

But since that time the art has progressed, keeping pace with the evolution of the modern steel skate from its rude bone ancestor.

As a rule, the foreign designs are clumsy, impracticable and as much out of date as the forms of government under which they flourish.

Dr. Danysz of the Pasteur Institute in Paris finds that rats can contract a special disease to which other animals are not exposed.

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Lineage of the Mikado. Ancient though many European royal houses may consider themselves, none can beat the record of the mikado.

His Humorous Explanation. An amusing instance of a minister stumbling on a text of a humorous personal application is that related of a widower who had remarried within a year after his first wife's death.

A Physician's Advice. Yorktown, Ark., March 7th.—Dodd's Kidney Pills must not be confounded with the ordinary patent medicine.

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"I simply had to have food good and plenty of it, for I had broken down from overwork and so weak I could not sit up over one hour at a time.

"One day I obtained permission to go through the pantry and see what I could find. Among other things I came across a package of Grape-Nuts which I had heard of but never tried.

"If you could have seen how fast I got well it would have pleased and surprised you. I am now perfectly well and strong again and know exactly how I got well and that was on Grape-Nuts that furnished me a powerful food I could digest and make use of.

"It seems to me no brain worker can afford to overlook Grape-Nuts after my experience." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Get the miniature book, "The Road to Wellville" in each pkg.

Isolation for Consumptives. The new view of consumptives, science has shown, which in late years has been met with much opposition to the establishment of retreats for consumptives.

In keeping with the spirit thus indicated is the order issued by the Santa Fe road that special Pullman cars shall be provided for consumptives en route to health resorts.

Observation has made plain the fact that consumption is caused by improper diet and lack of fresh air.

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Miss Nettie Blackmore, Minneapolis, tells how any young woman may be permanently cured of monthly pains by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Young Women:—I had frequent headaches of a severe nature, dark spots before my eyes, and at my menstrual periods I suffered untold agony.

If there is anything about your case about which you would like special advice, write freely to Mrs. Pinkham. She will hold your letter in strict confidence.

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Practicing Physicians recognize the unflinching reliability of Doan's Kidney Pills by Prescribing them for Backache, Kidney, Bladder, and Urinary Disorders—a tribute won by no other Proprietary Medicine. Four cases cited from "Notes of His Practice," by Dr. Leland Williamson, of Yorktown, Ark.

FOSTER-MILBURN Co., Buffalo, N. Y. YORKTOWN, ARK., Mar. 1, 1904.
Gentlemen:—I have been engaged in the practice of medicine in this section for ten years. This is a very sickly climate, on the Bayou Bartholomew, near the Arkansas River. It is particularly malarious and miasmatic; we meet with many and various abnormal conditions of the human family, prominent among the cases in which I have been called upon to prescribe is kidney disease. Many of these disorders manifest themselves by pains in the back, often extending to other parts of the body; sometimes headache is present, caused by uræmic or chronic uric acid poisoning, soreness in region of kidneys, cloudy, thickened and foul-smelling urine, discharges of pus or corruption; inflammation of the kidneys, extending to the bladder, is caused by excess of uric acid and decomposition of the urine. Hemorrhage is sometimes met with, caused by high state of inflammation or congestion.

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CASE 1.
THOS. ORELL, Bear, Ark., age 60.
Pain in back for several weeks, then chills, irregular sometimes, severe rigors followed by fever. Gave good purgative of calomel and opium, and Doan's Kidney Pills. After taking four boxes of the pills, patient up and enjoying good health for one of his age.

CASE 2.
Mrs. SMITH, Tarry, Ark., age 29,
mother of four children. Had female complaint and kidney trouble, manifest by pain in back and urine irregular; sometimes very clear, changing to cloudy, and with much sediment on standing in chamber. Gave local treatment for female complaint, and prescribed Doan's Pills; after using six boxes she regards herself as cured.

These are a few of the typical cases in which I have used Doan's Kidney Pills. In a great many instances I use them alone with curative results, while with some others indicated remedies are associated.

I believe that by the judicious use of Doan's Pills many serious complications are arrested and many hopeless and incurable cases of Bright's disease prevented.

I have often found that one box of the pills is all that is required to effect a cure, but in some cases I continue their use until all symptoms are entirely absent and the cure effectual and permanent. Yours truly,

Dr. Leland Williamson,
YORKTOWN, ARK.

Beautiful Actresses.

"Who is the most beautiful woman on the American stage?" is a question often asked, and it nearly always starts a controversy. Violent partisanship usually warps the judgment of those who join in, so that no correct decision can be reached. If the race were always to the swift and battle to the strong it might be no so difficult a matter to judge between Miss Lillian Russell and Miss Maxine Elliott, to whom the honor is most often rendered. A specialist in beauty recently undertook to prove that Miss Elliott's personal charms are transcendent and came near being mobbed by admirers of Miss Russell. Miss Russell has had a long reign as queen of beauty, longer, perhaps, than that of any other stage favorite. She has occupied the throne for more than twenty-four years, admitting that she holds it now. At 44 she is "To Kalloni!" She is in nearly every way the exact physical antithesis of Miss Elliott, who is 12 years her junior. As a "Kalloni" type the latter also is "To Kalloni!" There was a woman on the stage some years ago who really split the difference between Miss Russell and Miss Elliott in the matter of beauty. Caroline Miskell (afterward Mrs. Charles Hoyt) possessed a perfectly beautiful face, accompanied by a divine form, which is something more than mortal.

"So Long!"

With reference to the origin of the familiar expression, "So long," a correspondent of the London Academy suggests that it is derived from the Norwegian, "Saa Laenge," a common form of farewell, equivalent in meaning to "au revoir," and pronounced like "so long," with the "r" softened. There was a fair number of Norwegians among the settlers in America to judge by names, and it is quite likely the phrase was picked up from them. It is in general use among the Dutch in South Africa.—Philadelphia Times.

Patient Fought the Dentist.

A dentist at the Liverpool Dental Hospital has had both his eyes "blacked" by a patient who was under the influence of gas. The patient was a brawny dock laborer. It was found necessary to extract four of his teeth, and the operation had just been successfully completed when, not having quite recovered consciousness, the man sprang from the chair and violently attacked the dentist. For some time the patient struggled like a madman, and hit the dentist in both eyes before being pacified.—Liverpool Courier.

Japan's Venerable Government.

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CURE FOR BLACKLEG.

Disease is Caused by Grubs Which are Easily Destroyed.

Albany, Tex., Feb. 29.—A prominent stockman in this county, Capt. A. J. Center, has made a most important discovery, and is worthy of the serious consideration of every cattleman in Texas, large and small. Capt. Center has discovered and fully proven that the grub or wolver in the animal causes blackleg. It has been conceded that the heel fly comes from the grub or wolver in the cattle. The heel fly commences early in November to lay its eggs in the cow brute, and continues until about April 1, most of the laying being done in the months of January, February and March, and it takes about twelve months for this grub to develop and come out. It has also been conceded that from Nov. 1 to about April 1 calves die of blackleg; that they begin to die from 9 months old up to 18 months old, and while some die older, a large majority die between those ages. The reason many do not die older is because when they grow older they are able to throw off the poison, just like it is in human beings in a great many diseases—the children succumb, while the older persons get well. A calf that comes after April 1 has no grub in its back, and seldom dies of blackleg or blood poisoning. Capt. Center states the above, and he says most positively that the grub or wolver produce blood poisoning, and that blackleg is nothing more than blood poisoning caused by this grub. He has fully demonstrated this to be true, and he says, "Kill the grub or wolver in your cattle and you will have no blackleg." Capt. Center says that about four years ago he bought up about seventy-five calves from various parties in his section, and that they commenced to die of blackleg. He says that he carefully skinned them, and that there was one of them very fat and had just died—was quite warm. He commenced to skin near the hoof of the hind leg, and gradually went up, and when near the flank he came across a lot of bloody flesh and matter, and that he examined it very carefully and found that there were quite a number of grubs in it. He went on up, and wherever he found grubs he found what looked like congealed blood, small and large pieces. He said that he cut the animal open, examined all its parts, and that he discovered nothing outside of the cause stated that was calculated to cause death. He had these calves brought to his pens, ran them through a chute, and in running his hands over the animals he discovered that "their backs were lined with these grubs." The idea popped into his head that if the grub was killed, blackleg was something of the past. He decided that he could kill them, and went to the house and made a mixture, applied it to their backs with a mop or stiff brush, and that he did not lose an animal after that, while before they were dying daily. Capt. Center says that in 1900 he put 256 calves in a wheat field on Nov. 20. In running them through the chute he discovered that nearly all had the grubs in their backs, and he applied the remedy. On Jan. 20 (he lost several calves a few days before) he got up the entire bunch and applied his remedy, and he did not lose a single one after that. He says last November he had seventy calves in one bunch, and he doctored them, and on Jan. 10 he found four that had died in a few days. He got up the bunch and applied the remedy, and he has not lost one since. His neighbors and others are losing all along, and he is free from blackleg. Every year since 1899 Capt. Center has been doing this, and the results show to any unprejudiced mind that he has discovered the cause of blackleg and the remedy. He says that it takes about twelve months for the grub to develop in the animal. The mixture he uses is as follows: Take a five-gallon can full of coal oil, sixteen ounces of crude carbolic acid, and mix this with one gallon of some kind of oil or grease. Mix well, and apply to the animal wherever the grub is found. It will kill them beyond question, and thereby the blackleg is no more. Several hundred can be doctored in a day—faster than they can be branded. Capt. Center says that he is almost positive that two applications during the winter are enough, but that he would advise that about every twenty or thirty days the mixture be applied. He says that other mixtures will have the same effect—anything that will kill the grub will kill blackleg.

Capt. Center is a well-known citizen of Shackelford County; has lived here about thirty years, and what he says can be relied on. The banks of Albany, all prominent business men and cattlemen of this section, Messrs. G. T. and W. D. Reynolds of Fort Worth, and others, will not hesitate to say that in any statements he makes the utmost reliance can be placed. He is not seeking notoriety, and had to be urged to permit what is stated in the foregoing to go in print. The writer firmly believes he has discovered the cause of blackleg and the cure for same. S. W. BBS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
We are authorized to announce Mr. Joseph L. Lovett of Stamford, Jones County, as a candidate for District Attorney, 39th District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.
We are authorized to announce Mr. Wm. Higgins of Snyder as a candidate for reelection to the office of District Attorney for the 39th judicial district, subject to the Democratic District convention.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.
We are authorized to announce Mr. C. D. Long as a candidate for reelection to the office of County and District Clerk, subject to the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.
We are authorized to announce Mr. G. T. McCulloh for election to the office of County and District Clerk, subject to the Democratic primary.

FOR SHERIFF.
We are authorized to announce Mr. T. J. Lammson as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR SHERIFF.
We are authorized to announce Mr. J. W. Collins as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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B. Y. P. U. Program.
The B. Y. P. U. meets every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Baptist church. The following is the program for next Sunday, March 13, 1904.
Leader—Miss Hazelle Hudson.
Lesson—Hope of Unbroken Fellowship with God.
I. Psalms of hope for the future. Psalms 16, 17, 49.
II. Teaching of the psalter concerning the future life.
(1) Expressions which seem to forbid hope.
Job's struggle after light. Job 7:9; 10:22; 14:12-22; 16:15-17; 19:23-29. Psalms 88:10-12.
(2) Sublime expressions of assured hope. Gen. 5:24; Ex. 3:6; Matt. 22:31; II Kings 2:11; Is. 26:19; Dan. 12:2; Ecc. 12:7; Ps. 16:10; 17:15; 49:15; 78:26-29.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mr. C. D. Long announces this week as a candidate for reelection to the office of county and district clerk of Haskell county, subject to the Democratic primary.

In offering himself again as a candidate for public favor, Mr Long does so on the merit of the service he has heretofore rendered. Mr. Long says that he doubtless has some enemies but even these, were they disposed to do so, can not point to any neglect or failure on his part to perform every official duty connected with his office promptly and correctly, nor to any discourtesy toward any one in connection with the business of the office.

The records and official papers of the office are open to the public and he invites inspection and examination of them by any one desiring to either verify or disprove his claim of duty well done.

These are claims that any public official should be proud to be able to make and, if justified, should entitle him to public approval.

His experience in and familiarity with all the details of the office naturally equip and fit him for an even better handling of its affairs in the future than in the past, and he promises to do his best if reelected.

As to Mr. Long's social qualities and his character and standing as a citizen in the community, it is unnecessary for us to speak, as he is so generally and well known.

Mr. Cullen C. Higgins' announcement appears in our columns this week, for reelection to the office of district attorney. We will have something to say of Mr. Higgins in a future issue.

We place Mr. G. T. McCulloh's announcement as a candidate for County and District Clerk of Haskell county before the public this week.

Mr. McCulloh has always been a Democrat and has rendered the party active service when he resided where politics were more in evidence and party success was an important matter, although he has never before asked for office. His announcement is subject to the Democratic primary.

Mr. McCulloh says he is strictly in favor of limiting official service to two terms and that if the people see fit to give him the nomination he will not expect nor ask to hold the office beyond two terms.

While he has not had previous experience in the office Mr. McCulloh is confident from observation and general knowledge of the duties of the office that he can readily grasp its details and will find little difficulty in rendering correct and satisfactory service. His business has been principally of a public nature and he understands the nature of the service the public requires of an incumbent

of such a position as the one he is seeking.
Mr. McCulloh has been a citizen of this county for several years and we have never heard his good citizenship, honesty or integrity as a man called in question.

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Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless, little workers—Dr. Kings New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing indigestion, Biliouness, Constipation, Sick Headache and all Stomach, Liver and Bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25 cts. at all Druggists.

Sunshine Society Program.
The Girls' Sunshine Home Mission Society will meet Friday evening, March 18, 1904, at 4 o'clock, at the Methodist parsonage. The following is the program:
Scripture lesson by president.
Prayer.
Song.
Reading of the minutes of last meeting.
Select reading by Miss Ethel Alexander.
Duet by Misses Chambliss and McWhirter.
Paper by Miss Everett Gilbert.

It Saved His Leg.
P. Z. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffers for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Lucklen's Arnic Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cts. Sold by all Druggists.

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If you take Terralls lung tonic you will not cough. Try it.

Five Bulls For Sale.
I have for sale five good, young bulls. One is Hereford and Durham mixed, one is 15-16 Durham and three are 7-Durham. All the Durhams are deep red color.
J. S. McCAN,
711 Ample, Texas.

If you want something that is all in paints or oils, go to Robertson's drug store—he will save you money.
Prairie dogs that eat McLemore's prairie won't bother you any more.

STANDARD SULKY PLANTER

IT WAS GOOD LAST YEAR, BUT IT IS BETTER THIS YEAR.

It is the only Sulky Planter that successfully stood up under the severe strain of the season of 1903.

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With correspondent Bank in the leading commercial cities of Texas and the East, we are prepared to issue exchange for the convenient transaction of business in all parts of the country.
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WAR!
When you are preparing to make a war of extermination on the pestiferous prairie dogs remember that
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