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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.

RELIABLE STAR



BRAND SHOES!



You may have worn others.

Star Brand Shoes ARE BETTER!



.....S. L. ROBERTSON.....

### JAPS TAKE PORT ARTHUR.

News reached here by telephone Friday evening that a Japanese land force got in the rear of Port Arthur Wednesday morning and attacked it simultaneously with the Japanese fleet from the bay and captured the place.

No details of the fight were given and the report lacks confirmation, but is probably true, as such a move was on the Japanese program.

#### A Runaway Accident.

On last Saturday afternoon Mr. Henry Johnson was badly hurt by his horse falling with him while he was trying to head and catch a runaway horse. He was leaving town when the runaway horse with buggy harness on him overtook him about half a mile north of town and just inside of the square angle in the road at Mr. McLemore's place. He put his horse to the ran with the other, trying to catch hold of its bridle rein, and, coming to the sudden turn in the road, the frightened animal refused to turn but kept straight ahead and crowded Mr. Johnson's horse over the wire fence. The horse fell as he was pushed against the fence and Mr. Johnson was thrown heavily against the ground and stunned and bruised and a bone in one of his feet was broken. Parties living near saw the accident and phoned to town and a number of men were soon on the spot and brought the wounded man to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. A. Bailey, where we understand he is getting on all right.

The horse that caused the trouble escaped from Mr. Baldwin's livery stable attached to a buggy and ran through town coming in contact with two or three vehicles and breaking loose from the buggy as he passed the public square. None of the vehicles were much damaged.

#### WEAK AND LOW-SPIRITED.

A Correspondent Thus Describes His Experience.

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

#### TO TAXPAYERS.

After March 5th, 1904, I will by virtue of the Tax Rolls in my hands proceed to levy on all personal property that can be found belonging to those whose Tax remains unpaid. If you don't want to pay any extra costs and have your property sold, come in and settle up promptly.

Respectfully,  
J. W. BELL,  
Tax Collector.

#### Cured Consumption.

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

Prairie dogs that eat McLemore's poison won't bother you any more.

#### Cancer Cured!

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

### Herford Bulls.



Ranch Five Miles North of Haskell.

We have eight High Grade Herford Bulls for sale. Nothing under 31-32 and most all them 63-64.

J. W. Johnson & Son,  
Haskell, Texas.

#### Helpful Reading

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

#### The Farmers' Department

Has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experience of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

#### Special Offer

If you are not taking The Free Press you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.75, cash in advance, we will mail you The Free Press and The Galveston or The Dallas Semi-Weekly News for twelve months. The News stops when your time is out.

#### Five Bulls For Sale.

I have for sale five good, young bulls. One is Herford and Durham mixed, one is 15-16 Durham and three are 7-8 Durham. All the Durhams are deep red color.

J. S. McCAN,  
Ample, Texas.

If you want something that is A1 in paints or oils, go to Robertson's drug store—he will save you money.

### 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.

When imitations faults reveal,  
And vexed and tired with Drugs you feel,  
Then come at once for a "square deal"  
To Terrell's.

The Only Second Class Drug Store in the World.

### MARCY NOTES.

A Newsy Letter from our Regular Correspondent.

We are right in the middle of a severe sand storm, which has been raging for the past twelve hours. While it don't seem to be very cold, the hydrants are frozen up this morning, and a body gets pretty chilly drawing water from a hundred foot well.

Mr. Barney Simpson, who has been quite sick with pneumonia for the past two weeks is reported to be worse.

C. M. Chapman left Tuesday with four wagons for Seymour to try the market there.

E. D. Garner has gone to Stamford on business.

Luete Beatrice Barker is quite sick with pneumonia.

The Marcy school children had holiday yesterday, and if it don't rain soon all the farmers will have holiday every day.

NELLY BLY,  
Marcy, Tex., March 3rd, 1904.

### LEAVITT LOCALS.

Rev. Nance occupied the pulpit here Sunday morning.

Mr. Jim Brisco returned home last Saturday from San Antonio, where he has been for some time.

Our school is getting along nicely. The exercises by the school children the night of the 22nd seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Mr. Davis is having a well drilled near his residence, which will be a great convenience.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Holly from near Marcy were visiting the family of Mr. Aycock last Sunday.

The health of our community is better at present than it has been for some time before, with one exception. The little child of Mr. Terry Woods has been very sick with erysipelas, but is thought to be some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peters from Fairview, Jones county, were visiting friends and relatives here the first of the week.

CORINNE.

### B. Y. P. U. Program.

The B. Y. P. U. meets every Sunday evening at 3 o'clock at the Baptist church. The following is the program for next Sunday, March 9, 1904.

Leader—Miss Mable Wyman.

Lesson—Ministering to the needy, Psalms 82:41.

Charity in Babylonia.

Charity in Job and Proverbs, Job 29:12-16; 31:13-23; Prov. 11:24-26.

Justice and kindness.

I. A plea for Justice, Psalm 82.

The Messianic King, Ps. 72:2,12-14.

II. A plea for kindness, Psalm 41.

God and the needy, Ps. 68:5, Prov. 19:17.

Ways of helping, Psalms 153:3; 37:21; 112:5-9; 74; Prov. 25:21.

Teachings of the Prophets, Amos 5:24; Micah 6:8; Is. 58:6-9.

Teachings of the new Testament, Luke 3:11; 6:30-35; James 1:27; 2:15; Acts 4:32-37; II Cor. 8, 9; I John 3:17.

As soon as the car can arrive I will have and handle the Peace Maker brand of flour, the finest in the land. I bought before the big rise in flour—save your orders for me. T. G. Carney.

Ask our customers how long it took us to get their loans through, we can get you the money in less time than any other loan agents in this part of the state, West Texas De... Company.

I have a good farm to... at once. T. G.

### Historical Sketch of the Life of Mrs. M. E. Parker.

On the Sabbath morning of February 28, 1904, Mrs. M. E. Parker fell asleep in Jesus. At the hour of 8 o'clock, when the morning was full of natural peace and beauty, her spirit was borne with quiet but royal splendor to the "many-named home."

"O, Come, angel band,  
Come, and around me stand,  
O, Bear me away on your snowy wings  
To my immortal home."

She passed from an earthly Sabbath into the heavenly and eternal Sabbath where "she has rest from her labors and her works follow."

Our Sister, the subject of this sketch was born December 2, 1836, in Talbert County, Ga. She was converted when about 20 years of age, and was received into the fellowship of a Baptist church. During the many years of her Christian life she was a consecrated follower of the blessed Savior.

Some time after her conversion, she was married to Mr. Geo. W. Parker. There were two children born to them, a daughter and a son. The daughter is Mrs. W. L. Cason of Haskell, Texas, and the son is Mr. G. W. Parker of Fort Worth.

Sister Parker's husband died in 1865 and in 1880 the family moved to Texas.

During the last years of her life she was a great sufferer from disease, but she bore the affliction with Christian fortitude and patience.

Her life was a benediction to the world. Those who knew her were made better by her influence.

In her death the Haskell Baptist church sustains the loss of one of its most consecrated members. We all loved "Mother Parker" very tenderly. She died at the ripe age of 67; "full of years and good works." May the "God of all comfort" sustain and comfort the loved ones whose hearts are so sorely grieved. Her pastor,

L. L. Lusk.

Mr. Leo Hull has sold his interest in the "Daylight Restaurant" and will go to Fort Worth.

Mr. Jonas Carlisle of Dickens county is here on a visit to the family of his son, Mr. W. A. Carlisle.

I will have quite a large shipment of shoes next week—see me for low prices and good shoes. T. G. Carney.

Several of our citizens have been in the toils of lagrippe the past week. They say it is not a pleasant experience.

The county clerk's record of vital statistics for February shows nine births, being five females and four males. There were seven deaths, all females.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Day were presented with a fine baby boy on Tuesday, the 1st instant. It is said that when Mr. Day came down to his office next day he was giving out smiles a yard long and there was such a broad grin on his face that he had to turn side ways to enter his office door!

Mr. W. J. Sowell returned Sunday night from Gorman, where he went to see his sick brother, Mr. C. H. Sowell of that place. He reached his brother's bedside only a short time before his death, which occurred at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. The deceased was 36 years old and left a wife and two daughters, aged 10 and 7 years.

Haskell merchants are preparing better than ever before to handle the large and increasing trade naturally tributary to this place. From what we learn of their intentions, it is not believed that larger, more varied or better selected stocks of goods will be found at any point accessible to this territory, and the large quantities in which they are buying leaves no doubt that they will be able to make... with any long...

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**LIVERY and**  
**...FEED STABLE.**  
**...PASSENGER AND EXPRESS LINE...**  
Passenger Trains at Stamford.  
**GOOD HACKS and TEAMS. Quick Service.**  
OPPOSITE THE LINDEL HOTEL.

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Full Stock on Hand. Work Promptly Executed.  
Repairing done neatly and substantially. Prices reasonable and satisfaction with goods and work guaranteed.  
**YOUR TRADE SOLICITED.**

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Best \$1.00 a Day House in the City.  
**CLEAN BEDS. + + + GOOD TABLES.**  
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**J. F. POSEY, Manager, Haskell, Texas.**

**Amdavit of Commissioner of the Court in the Matter of Count**  
**IN THE HANDS**  
**R. D. C. STEPH**  
**Treasurer of Haskell County, Tex.**  
**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, as**  
**and for said Haskell County, and the**  
**Judge of said Haskell County, constitute**  
**that on this**  
**COLE & O'BRYAN, PUBLISHERS.**

# Port Arthur Again Attacked

**Fifteen Japanese Warships Furiously Assault Port Arthur, Seriously Damage Russian Vessels, Which Hastily Retreat.**

New York, March 1.—Yesterday fifteen warships of the Japanese Navy appeared before Port Arthur and opened fire. Three Russian cruisers, the Askold, Bayan and Novik steamed out to meet the attack, but were repulsed. The three ships of the Russians were badly damaged. The Askold was in a sinking condition and the Novik badly damaged. A torpedo boat was also sunk and the Retvizan was again damaged. The entire attack lasted only two hours, when the Japanese fleet retired in perfect order, and so far as discernible, without damage.

From all that can be learned food is becoming scarce in Port Arthur.

Gen. Stoessel, commander of the garrison, has issued a general order directing the attention of the troops and inhabitants to the fact that the Japanese intend to land and seize the fortress. The general declares the Japanese consider the seizure of Port Arthur to be a question of national honor and from their obstinate attacks and bombardments of the fortress and bay he can only conclude that the enemy will make every effort to capture the fortress, failing in which the Japanese will destroy the railroad and withdraw.

"The enemy, however," proceeds the general order, "is mistaken. Our troops know and the inhabitants are here with informed by me that we will not yield. We must fight to the finish, as I, the commander, will never give an order to surrender. I bring this to the notice of the less daring and call on all to become convinced of the necessity of fighting to the death. Those who leave without fighting will not save themselves. There is no way out. On three sides there is the sea and on the fourth will be the enemy. There is no means of escape except by fighting."

Notwithstanding the heavy gale which is blowing the lights of Japanese scouting vessels were visible in the offing during the night.

The treaty signed Tuesday last between Japan and Korea provides for the latter conforming to Japanese ideas of reform; Japan is authorized to resist the encroachment of a third party and to occupy Korean territory if necessary for strategic purposes. This provision of the treaty justifies Japan's occupation of Chemulpo and

Seoul and the probable movement northward.

The treaty is considered highly satisfactory by both parties. A Korean envoy who is proceeding to Peking during an interview with Gov. Loebhard, expressed the conviction that the treaty would be of the highest benefit to Korea, provided Russian encroachments were frustrated, and that Japan would incur Korea's deepest debt of gratitude.

Direct confirmation after the report from Hakodate that Vladivostok is blockaded by the Japanese vessels can not be obtained here, but it is considered not improbable. During the Japanese landing operations in Korea the Russian warships to the north were a constant menace, and blockading them would be the most effective means of securing non-interference. Furthermore, it is worthy of note that for more than one week no mail has been allowed to come from Vladivostok, and this in itself seems strong presumptive evidence that important events are transpiring there.

The report from Liau Yang, Manchuria, that the Japanese fleet has received orders to attack and capture

Port Arthur on March 1 at all costs, coupled with the comparison of Port Arthur and Sebastopol made by Novos Vremya, has created a profound impression and has added to the belief that the Japanese possibly intend to commence land and sea operations against Port Arthur sooner than was anticipated.

**Negro Kills Mail Clerk on Car.**  
 Birmingham: Monday Jim Paris, a negro, boarded a train in the Meridian yards as it was pulling out. Before it was under good headway Paris entered the postal car and opened fire on Clerks J. T. Stockton and A. J. Bass, killing Stockton instantly and wounding Bass in the arm. The negro then seized a package of registered letters and jumped off. In leaving the train he fell and one leg was crushed under the wheels, but he managed to drag himself three miles. Blood hounds were secured at Meridian, the train having backed to that place, and they traced Paris, who, when found, had a number of registered letters in his pocket. He is now in jail at Meridian. Railroad officials say that three or four negroes were involved in the plot to rob the train, although only one of them appears to have entered the postal car.

Stockton, the dead clerk, resided at Meridian, while Bass' home is in this county. Detectives are on the scene.

A contract has been let by Brannon Bros., of the McKinney steam laundry, for a modern brick building to be occupied by the laundry.

Jeff Hunter, a negro, was found dead in his bed in a cabin in which he lived alone. He was old and a familiar character in Corsicana.

The negro secretary of the Texas State Republican Executive Committee, R. L. Hoffman, has come out in a circular letter denying that Chairman Lyon is a "Lily White."

The president has written a letter to Postmaster General Payne congratulating him upon the successful issue of the campaign against fraud and corruption in the postal department.

A barn belonging to Mrs. N. F. Ruthertford, one mile north of Potts, was destroyed by fire Monday morning, together with 200 bushels of corn and four fine mules. Loss \$1000. No insurance.

Ben P. Drosser, a painter was shot and killed at his home at Texarkana Monday afternoon, the weapon used being a shotgun. His wife said to the officers that she accidentally fired the fatal shot.

It is stated that former President Kruger of the Boer Republic is slowly dying in exile at Mentone, France, and that Dr. Rietz, State Secretary under President Kruger, is also an exile in Holland and a constant sufferer from nervous prostration.

George Allen, a negro of Dallas, was shot through the neck with a 45 caliber Colt's Sunday night by his wife who claims that the shooting was an accident. It is thought that Allen is mortally wounded.

On the 27th inst. Enloe held an election to incorporate for school purposes. The vote was 59 for corporation and 11 against incorporation. Enloe will erect a \$5000 college building during the summer.

At Cleburne James Smith was seriously injured and it is thought fatally injured by a vicious horse, which kicked him in the stomach, on the head and in the face. He was unconscious when found and physicians say his chances for recovery are slight.

Sam Douglas, a young farmer near Emberson, who was shot in the leg by accidental discharge of a companion's gun while they were camped on the creek hunting ducks near Round Prairie, died Saturday night from the injuries received.

By the explosion of a lamp in a room in the second story of Capt. W. P. Devers' residence at Georgetown the house was totally destroyed by fire at a loss of \$5000; insurance \$2000.

Parties coming into Hearne from the country report boll weevil visible everywhere, the warm weather of the last ten days having brought them out of their winter quarters.

A company is being organized at Hillsboro to build a modern opera house equal to the demand for Hillsboro. It is to cost not less than \$30,000.

One and one make one on the marriage altar, and one from one makes two in the divorce court.

**Tides in Mediterranean.**  
 It is not true that the Mediterranean is tideless. The springs on the east coast of Sicily rise fully four feet.

**Many Railway Signals.**  
 Engine drivers working from Crewe to London and back have to notice no fewer than 570 signals.

**Land in Colombia.**  
 Not one-fourth of the land in Colombia is settled or individually owned.

**HASKELL, TEXAS**  
**ALL OVER TEXAS.**

Dallas is spending large sums of money improving the city's water system.

Amarillo fire department has bought a new wagon for the use of the fire company.

McKinney's cotton receipts last season were 14,000 bales, about 10,000 less than an average season.

Reports from all parts of the state indicate a largely increased cotton area, particularly in the Northwest.

It is currently talked that Gen. M. M. Crain's friends are grooming him for the gubernatorial race two years hence.

A committee appointed by the city council of Austin has inspected all places of amusement in that city, looking to public safety.

The public school at Blossom has almost been broken up by an epidemic of measles. A number of grown persons are afflicted with the complaint.

Dallas is undergoing the throes of an independent telephone campaign. Many are opposed to the trouble incident to two systems.

At a meeting of the board of directors of Howard Payne College at Brownwood it was decided to immediately build a wing to the college building.

In a row between the Mexicans on F. M. Green's plantation, nine miles east of Atlanta, on Sulphur River, one Mexican was shot and killed. Names unobtainable.

M. F. Adams of Taylor, Tex., who was attending a meeting of the Bartlett Lodge of Odd Fellows died suddenly in the lodge room of heart failure. Aged about fifty years.

Half a dozen passengers on an Interurban car got frightened near Fort Worth Tuesday and jumped off and one sustained a broken leg, and all were more or less jarred.

Several cases of smallpox have been discovered at Tyler by the City Health Officer. The houses where the disease exists have been quarantined and no spread of the disease is anticipated.

It is stated that the Texas and Pacific railway will build from Sierra Blanca to El Paso a distance of about 160 miles, which has hitherto been covered by the joint use of the Southern Pacific tracks.

Some time since local agitation was aroused over a Dallas-Waxahachie-Hillsboro trolley line. Lately its further extension to Waco has been taken up. Some say that the project is in a fair way to consummation.

The executive committee of the Fannin County Confederates' Association has decided to hold the next annual reunion of ex-Confederates in Bonham on July 4, 5 and 6, 1904. On the last day of the reunion an old settlers' reunion will be held.

H. B. Terrell, Waco, sued the Western Union Telegraph Company for sending a telegram containing matter claimed to be damaging to his character. Judge Maxey held that the company had no option in the subject matter, and were not liable. The same question had never before come up in Texas and only once or twice in this country.

It is reported from Longview that thorough inquiry into the peach prospects reveals the fact that the recent cold weather has not endangered the peach crop this year, which is most promising.

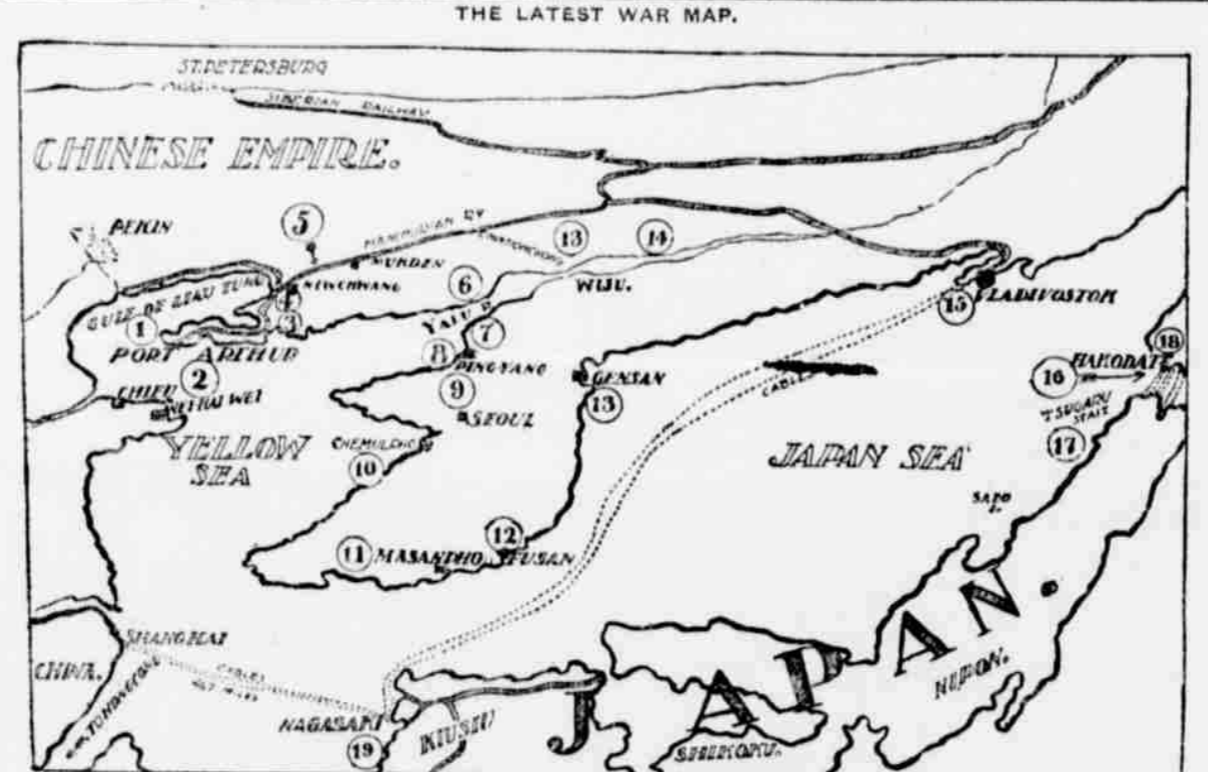
Temple and Belton now have two steam railway connections, but have entered into a contract with a Pennsylvania company for the construction of an electric line. It is given out that formal contracts have been duly signed up.

Wednesday night about two miles west of Atlanta John W. Sims was killed by being struck on the head with a pine knot. George Esterbrook surrendered and claims he acted in self-defense.

At the Texas Grain Dealers Association held in Dallas a few days since, H. E. Dorsey said: The prospects for wheat and oats in all parts of the State are fine at present. The recent rains and snow have saved the crops and the outlook is exceedingly bright.

The directory of the Oriental Hotel Company is to meet in Dallas March 15, when it is expected that definite steps will be taken toward building the Oriental Annex, for which plans were drawn some time since.

The Prohibitionists of Van Zandt County intend to have prohibition the court of appeals having decided that the 1902 election was void, steps are now being taken to get up an election for the county in accordance with the decisions of the courts.



No. 1—Port Arthur harbor, where three Russian vessels were disabled by torpedoes on the first night of the war and where the naval battle took place next day. Here also the warship Boyarin was blown up by a mine February 13, and there is an unconfirmed report that another battle has been fought and the Russians lost eighteen more vessels. It is reported that only a heavy storm saved the Russian fleet there from a heavy attack Sunday morning. In the attack on Port Arthur February 14 it is reported that two Russian ships were torpedoed.

No. 2—Pigeon or Dove Bay, where the Japanese landed 12,000 troops.

No. 3—Where Japanese spies dynamited bridge on the Siberian railroad.

No. 4—Where the Japanese have destroyed telegraph communication between Port Arthur and St. Petersburg.

No. 5—Antung, where it is rumored several thousand Russian troops have arrived.

No. 6—Point at which Russian troops are reported to be about to cross Yalu river.

No. 7—At this point the Japanese are reported to have landed several thousand men, probably those who are now said to be fighting at the Yalu river.

No. 8—Chemulpo, where the Japanese sunk the Russian cruisers and landed soldiers, who have since occupied Seoul.

No. 9—At this point, Fusan, still more of the Seoul army of occupation were landed.

No. 10—Masamho, where Japanese landed a portion of the Seoul expedition.

No. 11—At this point, Gen-San, Japanese soldiers were landed and have probably joined the fighting force on the Yalu River. According to a late dispatch Japan has about 60,000 troops concentrated there.

No. 12—Vladivostok, Russia's Pacific port, from which four Russian ships are said to have sailed to their destruction. Vladivostok has been isolated and the inhabitants said to be on the verge of starvation.

No. 13—Tsugaru Straits, where a battle is reported to have taken place which resulted in the destruction of three Russian cruisers.

No. 14—Hakodate, a city which, according to unconfirmed reports, was bombarded and destroyed by the Vladivostok fleet, which afterward was sunk in the Tsugaru Straits.

No. 15—At this point, Yonampoh, it is reported that the Japanese have trapped three Russian ships.

No. 16—At Pihnyang there are reported to be 20,000 Russian troops.

No. 17—Wiju, on the Yalu River, where detachments of Japanese cavalry have landed.

No. 18—Nagasaki, one of the great seaports of Japan. Fifteen thousand troops embarked there Sunday, and there are two damaged warships there waiting to go into dry dock.

No. 19—Nagasaki, where troops are boarding transports for Korea and Manchuria.

that there seems very little left to do, and the most important legislation is waiting construction by the United States Supreme Court. Of course if the Supreme Court should render a decision in the anti-trust case which would demand further legislation by Congress no one can tell how long the present session would last. But looking generally over the field, I do not see anything which is likely to prove a stopping-block to a reasonably early adjournment. The consideration of the appropriation bills in committee of the whole will furnish opportunity for members of both parties to make their political speeches for the coming campaign.

Dewey Heywood, thirty-six years old, of the Heywood Oil Corporation of Jennings and Beaumont, died at Lafayette, La., of typhoid fever after an illness of three weeks. He is survived by a wife, mother and three brothers, Alba, Otho, W. and Scott.

Application was filed Monday for a writ of habeas corpus by Melvin Turner, a negro convicted of gaming and who was working out a fine under a hiring bond. A sensational charge is made by the negro to the effect that he is being held by the state in peonage.

Will Doddrell, a prominent farmer living near McCloud, Ok., was killed Saturday by a tree falling on him. He was clearing land when the accident occurred.

CONGRESS MAY ADJOURN BY MAY FIRST.

Leader of the House Sees But Little Before Congress that Would Prolong the Session.

Washington, March 1.—"At this stage of the proceedings," said Representative Payne, the Republican leader for the House, "I see no reason why we should not look forward to adjournment of Congress early in the month of May. There is no legislation in sight at this time in either house of Congress which seems to foreshadow a long contest."

"The calendar of the House does not show any bills of great National importance. We may expect, if the reports are correct, the bill from the Committee on Territories to provide for a new State and possibly two new States. Such a bill would not cause prolonged discussion in the House, and if the indications are true that when it

**A Pitiful Story.**  
 Little Rock: Mrs. H. G. Allis, at one time a prominent society leader in this city, committed suicide in the county hospital by hanging herself with strips of bedclothing. Her husband was at one time president of the First National Bank and was given five years in the penitentiary for wrecking the bank. The disgrace of her husband sent her into seclusion. Her husband was pardoned after serving three years.

**Col. Jere Baxter Dead.**  
 Nashville: Col. Jere Baxter died Monday morning after an illness of over five weeks. He was operated on a week ago for an abscess and death was directly due to exhaustion consequent upon his inability to retain nourishment. Col. Baxter was one of the best known and most progressive citizens in the State and played a conspicuous part in its military, martial and political annals.

**Events of Everywhere.**  
 Green bugs are reported in wheat fields near Midlothian.  
 The Windsor Hotel annex at Abilene was burned at a loss of about \$3500.  
 High Japanese officials have started to the United States and England for the purpose of negotiating war loans.  
 M. Bunea-Varilla, the Minister from Panama, has cabled his resignation as such to the president of the Republic.  
 Among those on board the Korea, which was seized by the Japanese at Nagasaki, is Bishop Hendrick of Rochester, N. Y.  
 The new Batson Prairie oil field is going through the broil of litigation over titles peculiar to the development of all Texas oil lands.  
 While the ticket agent was absent from his office a few minutes at the Jefferson station one day last week, some one tapped his till for about \$50.  
 The annual revenue from the real and personal estates of the French Nation is \$38.60 per capita or \$154.40 per family, which for France is estimated at four persons.  
 The Pintech Gas Company's plant at Texarkana was damaged by fire to the extent of \$2000 Friday morning. This is the plant which supplies all railway trains at that point.  
 The postoffice at Reisor Station, ten miles southwest of Shreveport, La., was broken into and \$15 worth of postage stamps stolen. A quantity of canned goods were taken from the store of M. W. Reisor, postmaster.  
 Louisiana has passed a quarantine law prohibiting the transmission into or through that state any cotton seed or seed cotton from a weevil infested section of Mexico or Texas, and attaches penalties for violation.  
 J. T. Purley has reported to the Southwestern Mining Association of El Paso that he had struck an eighteen-foot vein of coal at a depth of 240 feet while boring a well on his ranch twenty miles north of Fort Hancock.  
 Practically all food-stuffs except eggs have reached extremely high prices in New York, owing to unfavorable weather. Fish, clams, oysters and lobsters are most affected. Oysters never have been so scarce. Lobsters, which have been growing scarce for years, are now hardly obtainable.  
 The World's record for individual bowling has been broken by Homer Elliott of Denver. In the state tournament now on he rolled 312. The previous record was made at Indianapolis about a year ago, when 676 was scored.  
 Secretary Hay and Minister Bunea-Varilla at 10:30 Friday forenoon exchanged ratifications of the Panama canal treaty at the state department.  
 Gen. Charles Dick, of Akron, will be elected to succeed the late M. A. Hanna as United States Senator from Ohio.  
 Mrs. Adaline Lambright of McCloud, O. T., aged fifty-eight years, died of pneumonia at McKinney while on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. M. Glenn.  
 Mr. Bryan spent a couple of hours in conference with Mayor McClellan of New York, the other day and did not discuss politics during the time, so he says.  
 James Warden, aged 102 years, supposed to be the oldest expounder of Methodism in the world, is dead in the Baltimore county almshouse. He was born in England and was licensed to preach in 1824.  
 Charles Larroussie, chancellor of the French Legation at City of Mexico, who is alleged to have embezzled \$2000 legation funds and \$6000 money of Minister Blondel, has been arrested at Salina Cruz and will be returned to face his accusers.  
 The treaty of arbitration between France and Spain had been signed. The terms are identical with the recent arbitration treaties concluded between France and Great Britain and Italy and Great Britain.  
 At Park, a village five miles west of Texarkana, Tom Goodwin, a young man, was shot through the left shoulder and seriously, though not fatally, wounded. Jim Wylie, another young man, was later arrested charged with the shooting.  
 Camphor is rapidly advancing in price, owing to the war in the Far East. Within a week the price was raised from 77 cents a pound by the barrel; to 85 cents, and is said to be extremely scarce even at that figure.  
 The lower house of the Mississippi Legislature voted down almost unanimously a resolution to invite Wm. J. Bryan to address the Legislature.  
 The Commercial Cable wants to secure the privilege of laying a cable between Japan and Guam.  
 A call has been issued for a meeting in Chicago March 7 of leading opticians. An attempt will be made to form a combination of concerns controlling all patented appliances and improved lenses used in the trade.

**A Pitiful Story.**  
 Little Rock: Mrs. H. G. Allis, at one time a prominent society leader in this city, committed suicide in the county hospital by hanging herself with strips of bedclothing. Her husband was at one time president of the First National Bank and was given five years in the penitentiary for wrecking the bank. The disgrace of her husband sent her into seclusion. Her husband was pardoned after serving three years.

**Col. Jere Baxter Dead.**  
 Nashville: Col. Jere Baxter died Monday morning after an illness of over five weeks. He was operated on a week ago for an abscess and death was directly due to exhaustion consequent upon his inability to retain nourishment. Col. Baxter was one of the best known and most progressive citizens in the State and played a conspicuous part in its military, martial and political annals.

# The Impending Storm Behind a Deathly Lull.

Not a Word Is Spoken While the World Watches Eagerly  
by Hundreds of Thousands of Men Gather  
to the Duel of Nations.

New York, Feb. 29.—Up to this time 120,000 Japanese troops have arrived at Seoul, consisting of cavalry and infantry. So far no artillery has passed through. These troops are northbound. The harbor of Chemulpo and all approaches to the river leading to Seoul have been carefully laid with mines. The fact that fleets of unarmed transports are arriving daily at Chemulpo is evidence that Japan is in full control of the Yellow Sea. The Japanese infantry is particularly well armed and equipped. The cavalry, however, while in splendid trim, otherwise is poorly mounted.

The Russians are concentrating along the Yalu at Chu Liang Cheng, Hai Cheng and Liao Yang.

The Japanese flanking movement on Kirin promises, if it does not meet a check, to be the most effective blow yet delivered. Provided the force is sufficiently strong it may be able to cut both branches of the railway simultaneously. Apparently the Russians anticipated an attack only from the south.

Wiju has been declared formally opened to foreign trade, and the last Russophile has been removed from the Korean Cabinet.

Denmark and Sweden have entered into an agreement to prevent any of the harbors of either country being used by any power as a base of supplies in the event of national warfare.

Some of the Russian press is making a great bug-a-boo of the fact that a proposition is under consideration to lay a cable between Japan and the Philippines by the United States. This very satisfactory trade arrangement is looked upon by that part of the Russian press as proof that he United States is in league with Japan. So far has this sentiment grown that some are asking if the Russians must fight the United States too as a secret ally of Japan.

Reports of international entanglements growing out of the war continue to occupy a prominent place in the sensational branch of the press. But within a week the officials of the government who are in close and constant touch with the Cabinets of other capitals have satisfied themselves first that no other international complications are imminent or likely at least for the present; second, that France is in no present or prospective danger of being embroiled in an international conflict.

The official announcement by Major Gen. Pflug, chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff, that the Russian cavalry had crossed the Yalu River, is expected to be followed shortly by news of rather heavy fighting, as, according to seemingly trustworthy reports, Gen. Linvitch has sent a whole army corps of infantry to support the Cossacks, who have penetrated to a point below Anju and who are reported to have beaten the Japanese in several skirmishes. Nevertheless, if this movement in force is progressing, it must not be assumed that the Russians have taken the offensive, but rather that they are taking up a strong position in Northern Korea in order to check the advance of the formidable army of Japanese who are landing on both shores of

Korea while the concentration of Russian troops behind the Yalu is being completed. This concentration is making better progress than is generally believed abroad.

The movement of troops eastward over the Trans-Siberian Railroad will be greatly accelerated henceforth, as telegraphic reports say that the ice railroad over Lake Baikal was completed Saturday. Up to this time the tracks have been used as far as laid, the soldiers marching from the terminus of the line to the other shore.

**SAVES DISGRACE TO HIS STATE.**  
Vardaman, Mississippi's Strenuous Governor Gets Busy.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 29.—The South has its eye on Gov. James K. Vardaman, who a few weeks ago was inaugurated Governor of Mississippi. Thousands and thousands of blacks confidently believed his ascension to the Governor's chair meant their return to slavery, and when he was elected hundreds fled the State. Vardaman's anti-negro policy was the talk of the country.

Saturday the first threatened negro lynching since his inauguration was sprung way up in Panola County, at Batesville, on the Mississippi Valley Railroad.

The Governor ordered Sheriff Johnson of that county to protect the negro, Albert Baldwin, charged with the murder of Engineer Fogarty, at Tutwiler, and toward night he called out the militia, ordering the Greenwood and Brookhaven companies to the scene instantly.

Special trains were hired. Later Gov. Vardaman summoned his staff, employed a special train from the Illinois Central and left for the scene to assume personal command of the State militia and save Baldwin from being burned.

Sunday night the special train returned to Jackson, the capital, bearing Gov. Vardaman, the militia and the negro. Baldwin, he having been rescued from the mob. He was safely locked up in the Jackson jail.

**Machen and Lorenz Get Two Years.**  
Washington, August 2. Machen, formerly general superintendent of the free delivery postal service; Dr. Geo. E. Lorenz of Toledo, Ohio, once postmaster of that city, and Diller B. Groff of this city, all of whom were convicted of conspiracy against the government in connection with the supply of the Groff fasteners to the Postoffice Department, were sentenced Saturday by Judge Pritchard to two years' imprisonment in the Moundsville, W. Va., penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000 each. The defendants immediately gave notice of an appeal to the Court of Appeals and were released on \$20,000 bond each.

Palmer & Co. of Sioux City, Iowa, have lately purchased 1000 acres of choice fruit and truck land in Cherokee County, just over the Smith County line. Consideration was approximately \$15,000. Palmer & Co. expect to have 500 acres in fruit and the remainder in truck.

### Santo Wants to Know.

Santo: The business men of Santo met and organized a stock company to sink a test hole for oil, coal or other mineral, and elected M. M. Littlefield president and J. S. Lanham secretary and treasurer. Sufficient stock was issued and subscribed for to assure the success of the undertaking. After organization the company contracted with experienced drill men for a test hole one-half mile north of town.

### Armstrong County Will Try Cotton.

Claude: At a mass meeting of the farmers of this county it was decided to plant 150 acres of cotton, or more, and enough farmers volunteered to plant cotton, and pledged themselves to plant a certain number of acres each, to make up this number. There will be others also to plant cotton, and it is the opinion of those who have been here for a long time that this is soon to be one of the leading cotton counties in the Panhandle.

### Hero of Bisbee Is Married.

El Paso: Burt Warner, the hero of Bisbee, who saved the lives of two of his co-workers in the mine several months ago at the risk of being blown into atoms and was presented with a gold medal by citizens, had added a chapter of romance to his life. Thursday morning he left Bisbee with Miss Leah Leonard and came to this city. Arriving here Saturday he secured a license and was married, and left immediately for his home at Bisbee.

### Killed While Out Hunting.

Houston: John Schuplinsky was accidentally shot and killed at Lynchburg Sunday while out hunting with Philip Hudson. Young Schuplinsky is the fifth son whose death has occurred within the last two years, three others, with their mother, having been burned to death about eighteen months ago in a hotel in San Angelo. The family lived many years in this city.

### Philadelphia: Jack Monroe out-

fought, outboxed and outgeneraled Tom Sharkey at nearly every step of their stiff fight at the Interstate Athletic Club. At the end of the sixth round the sailor's eyes were bleeding, his stomach red and raw from the terrific fight and left straight-arm punches Monroe administered, and another round would have finished him. Monroe was practically unmarked. It marks the coming of a man Jeffries must fight.

### W. F. Bullington Had his arm and

shoulder badly mashed and broken by getting caught in the machinery at the oil mill at Stamford. The wound is very painful but not necessarily serious.

### The citizens of Stamford are elated

over the fact that a well has been bored in the town, and a vein of good water found. Heretofore it was thought impossible to get well water anywhere near the city.

## LONDON HOME OF J. P. MORGAN TO BE CONSIDERABLY ENLARGED



It is believed the great financier means to entertain largely in this handsome mansion.

### MORGAN AS A SOCIETY MAN

Belief in English Capital That This Will Be His Future Life.

J. Pierpont Morgan has purchased No. 14 Prince's Gate, just off Hyde Park, and will make it part of his London home. He owns No. 12 Prince's Gate, where most of the magnificent art treasures, for which he paid hundreds of thousands of dollars, and which he intended to take to the United States, are stored, but it is announced that he has changed his plans, and intends to make the two houses into one and refurbish them throughout. His art treasures will remain here.

Neither of the houses is imposing, but when the alterations are completed the new dwelling will be in keeping with the aristocratic neighborhood. The purchase of No. 14 Prince's Gate is interesting, as its owner was Mrs. Schenley of Pittsburgh, whose death recently resulted in the dispersion of a huge property among her relatives here and in America.

Rumor credits Mr. Morgan with the intention of spending more time in London in the future and going in for society on a larger scale than he has ever dreamed of doing before. He was present at the dinner given by Mr. Choate to the King and Queen through a personal expression of the King's approval, and with this and other royal recognitions on the one hand, and with his financial connection with so many of the British aristocracy on the other hand, Mr. Morgan could fill his house with the social elite without having to stop the gaps with any nonentities. The understanding is that he has lately acquired rather a taste for this sort of thing.

Another fact that points to the possibly permanent residence of Mr. Morgan in London is the prospect that his great Underground Railway schemes, which Yorkes hitherto has managed to keep in abeyance, now seem likely to go through. It is said Mr. Morgan's interest in these schemes has gradually become something more personal than merely financial capital.

### TOLD OF "GABE" BOUCK.

Eccentric Lawyer Told Judge He Would Break a Record.

Several years ago the late Col. Gabe Bouck of Oshkosh, Wis., was trying a case before a judge noted for his arbitrary rulings. The judge, becoming weary, said he would postpone a further hearing till the following Friday. "But that is Good Friday," suggested Col. Bouck. "We'll hear the case then, anyway," said the jurist. "You'll break a record that has stood since the Christian era," said Bouck. "Pontius Pilate is the only other judge who held court on Good Friday." On one occasion during the civil war it was reported in camp that six men of a New Jersey regiment in the brigade had been baptized that morning. When Col. Bouck heard it he called his adjutant and issued this command: "Adjutant, detail twelve men for baptism to-morrow morning. I'm not going to have any blank New Jersey regiment get ahead of the Eighteenth Wisconsin."

### Germans Insist on Justice.

The Germans are resenting punishment for "Majestatsbeledigung" more and more. Not long ago a teacher at Ottweiler was accused of speaking disrespectfully of the Emperor. He denied the charge, but was nevertheless suspended and put on half pay. The whole town took his part. Every day he was invited to meals, and otherwise cared for; a petition was sent to the government, and a boycott was placed on the merchant who had denounced him, and who, consequently, had to go out of business.

### REALLY SAVED HIM MONEY.

Alabama Representative Glad Mileage Was Not Allowed.

Representative Clayton of Alabama is a philosopher, who does not join in the gloom of his colleagues, cut off from extra mileage allowances. Every little while a coterie of members, congregated in the clubroom, digress into bitter recollections of the "so many" money. The other day they caught Judge Maddox of Georgia, who was in part responsible for the defeat of the extra mileage proposition in the house, and were berating him with spirit. "You ought to thank Maddox gentlemen," observed Mr. Clayton, entering into the conversation. "I feel that he has saved me money. I would have received \$300 if the mileage paragraph had remained in the deficiency bill, but it would have cost me \$700 to explain to my constituents why I took it."

### IS A VASSAR GRADUATE.

Wife of Count Oyama of Japan Educated in America.

Countess Oyama, wife of the field marshal of Japan, who will direct the field operations of the island empire against the Russians in the far east, graduated from Vassar college in 1882 as Stemetz Yamakama, and nearly one-quarter of her life has been spent in the United States. She is the daughter of a former daimio, one of the class of chief feudal barons or territorial nobles of Japan who exercised independent authority over their respective domains, though they acknowledged the mikado as the legitimate ruler of the whole empire.

### HAS HAD UNEVENTFUL CAREER.

At Sea Forty-eight Years and Never an Accident.

Capt. Alexander McKay, F. R. G. S., commander of the Cunard fleet, sailed his last voyage on the Lucania before his retirement. He had been at sea forty-eight years, thirty-four of them in the service of the Cunard company, fourteen of whose vessels he commanded. For one with so long an experience his record is probably unique. As he puts it himself: "I have never met with a disaster in my life, never lost a ship, never grounded, never ran anybody down, never was run down by anybody, haven't even had my feet washed by salt water since I went to sea."

### KEEPS UP OLD CUSTOM.

English Duke Has Retainers on Guard Night and Day.

The old duke of Rutland keeps several retainers at his historic home, Belvoir castle, whose duty it is to act as watchmen by night and by day. The night watch begins at 11 o'clock. One watchman, silent and soldierly, paces the battlemented walls and at intervals calls the hour and state of the weather. Another watchman guards the castle below. Guests unaware of the custom have been sometimes startled by the tones of a sonorous voice outside their bedroom doors proclaiming: "One o'clock and a fine, frosty morning!"

### Terry and the Butcher Boy.

Miss Ellen Terry has the habit of taking long walks. One day, somewhere off in the country, she spied a butcher boy wearing his long apron, which is not unlike an artist's blouse. "There," she said, "I want that boy's butcher's apron." She called him back, saying, "I would like to have your blouse." "Well," he said, "I'll give it you." "But I want to buy it from you." "Na, I need it, and I dinna want your money." However, after much persuasion, Miss Terry succeeded in getting the blouse.

### WEAVING.

Yes, I'm a weaver, and each day  
The threads of life I spin,  
And in the colors which they may,  
I still must weave them in.  
With morning light there comes the thought,  
As I look back again,  
To find to the new threads has brought  
And this me "wove" them in.

Sometimes He wove me threads of gold  
To brighten up the day,  
Then, when I was a boy and bold,  
I'd change the gold to gray,  
And so my shuttle weaved the day,  
With threads both gold and gray;  
And so I tell till daylight dies  
And takes its light away.

Oh, when my day of toil is over,  
And I shall come to spin,  
He'll open wide my father's door  
And bid me rest within,  
When safe at home in heavenly light,  
How cheerily I shall spin,  
That every thread of the dark, the bright,  
Each one had need to spin.

## A MIDNIGHT RESCUE

By J. A. MACNAB

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I had no particular use for a long ladder, still I was impressed with the idea that it would be well to have one about the place, so I went to the woods and cut a long, hickory sapling and carted it home. The next morning I split it through the center, and neighbor Wiggins happened to come along just as the two halves fell apart. He volunteered to give me a hand, so I got an ax and we bored the holes for the steps or cross-pieces.

The following day I went to the woods again and cut another sapling out of which to make the steps, and worked a good part of that day in getting the pieces into shape, so that, with a little shaving down at the ends, they could be fitted into the holes at leisure. I then put all the pieces under cover where the timber would season and left them there for nearly three months.

When Wiggins was helping me bore the holes for the steps, he said that he wanted to have a hand in putting on the finishing touches, so when I was ready I sent word and he came over.

We had it finished just before sundown, and although it was only an ordinary hickory ladder, Wiggins looked at it admiringly and said: "That's a first-class job, and although we can't handle tools like a carpenter would, still we can build a ladder that will stand wear and tear."

Wiggins was very nervous that afternoon and I told him that he ought to go home, but he was so anxious to see how the ladder would look that he stayed until the last finishing touch was given it. He then hurried home, for his only child, a little girl five years old, was sick with scarlet fever, and he was very uneasy about her.

After supper I called at his house to learn how Bessie was getting along. The doctor had just gone and I could see by Mrs. Wiggins' worried manner that the child was no better.

"The doctor says there's only a very slight chance for Bessie to recover—only about one in a thousand," she said, "and if she is taken from us, the blow will be more than we can bear."

She then went up stairs to the child's room. A few moments later some of the neighbors came in, and among them was Mrs. Chubb, a very obliging woman, who insisted on remaining at the house all night, in order to relieve Mrs. Wiggins, who had been up several consecutive nights, and was completely worn out.

Bessie's father came down stairs and was much wrought up about what the doctor had said concerning the child's condition, but he kept telling the neighbors all the details of our building that ladder, and I couldn't understand how he could talk about such a trifling matter when his little



Volunteered to give me a hand.

girl's life was flickering in the shadows of death.

It got to be quite late, so I concluded to go home; I was so nervous that I couldn't think of going to bed, so I sat down in a rocking chair.

Our clock had just struck twelve when my wife remarked that it was time for me to retire, but I felt as though I ought to be ready in case I was needed, so I laid down on the lounge. After awhile I commenced to doze, and might have fallen into a sound sleep if I hadn't heard some one running on the stone walk in our yard before I had time to get up from the

lounge Wiggins was pounding at our door and hallooing:

"Give me the key of the barn, quick!"

I had the key in my pocket and handed it to him, but I reached the barn as soon as he did. When we got the door open he grabbed hold of one end of that ladder and started toward his home. I took hold of the other end and helped him carry it, wondering whether he had gone out of his right mind. When we got half way to the house I asked: "What is the matter?"

He was so nearly out of breath that



Sitting on the eaves.

he couldn't speak very loud, and I heard only three words of his answer: "On the roof."

The moon was shining brightly, and I could see no flame or smoke, but took it for granted that he had said the roof of his house was on fire, so I asked no more questions but tried to run faster.

We soon reached the place and the sight that met our gaze was so distressing that Wiggins fell to the ground in a faint.

Mrs. Chubb was partly out of the trap window, which was on the highest part of the house, but the pitch of the roof was so steep that she was afraid to venture further. Sitting on the eave was Bessie, with her little, bare feet hanging over the gutter.

I got the ladder in an upright position against the house. When I was half way to the top Bessie stood up and walked on the outer edge of the gutter to the other end of the house. I came down at once and put the ladder in position again; this time I went all the way up to the roof and took such a tight hold of the fever-stricken child, that I must have hurt her, for she commenced to cry. I was very careful in coming down, and Mrs. Wiggins had Bessie out of my arms before I had both feet on the ground.

Mrs. Chubb, who by this time had reached the scene, was in a state of great solicitude, for it was through her inattention that Bessie was permitted to wander up to the attic window. She was not aware that children often go out of their right mind when they are in the throes of scarlet fever. She had been overcome with drowsiness, and involuntarily fell into a sound sleep. This happened just at the time that Bessie went out of her right mind, and wandered up stairs and through the trap window to the roof.

The doctor arrived about daylight and said the child had exhausted what little strength she had, and that her chances for recovery were greatly lessened by her exposure to the night air. The joy of saving her was, therefore, clouded by the feeling that she was liable to be taken from us at any moment.

The fever-stricken little girl lingered between life and death for a number of weeks, when she began to recover. When she was out of danger, Wiggins came over to my house and he and I went to the barn, and while we stood there he kept his hand on that ladder in a caressing sort of a way, and said:

"When I was helping you to put the pieces of that ladder together that afternoon a strange feeling came over me, which made it seem a crime to go home before it was completed."

It was fortunate that we finished it that afternoon, and I am still of the opinion that it is well to have a long ladder about one's place.

In the Matter of Court  
IN THE HANDS  
R. D. C. STEPE  
Treasurer of Haskell County  
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED  
Judge of said Haskell County  
Court of said County  
that on this 5th day of  
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### TO RAISE OFFICIAL SALARIES.

Another phase of our enlightening, Europe saving imperial policy comes to the front in the bill introduced by Senator Gallinger the other day to raise the salaries of the president, cabinet officers, senators and representatives in Congress fifty to sixty per cent. over the present pay of these officers. It is claimed that Washington City having become a great capital where all the world passes in review through its representatives to this country our officials can not meet the expenses of living on the scale necessary to keep up a proper appearance on the pay they now receive.

We fail to see that the masses of the people who foot the bills through taxation are under any obligation to deck their officials out in royal torgery and maintain expensive household establishments with retinues of liveried servants, carriages, etc., that they may vie in pomp and display with the gold tinselled representatives of European royalty.

Washington and Jefferson and Franklin were good enough for this country and they made no effort at display but rather prided themselves in simplicity of manners, dress and living, and they won and compelled respect for the country and the government which they established.

It is contrary to the genius, policy and theory of our government and institutions to build up an office holding aristocracy, and the man who thinks he can not live respectably on \$5,000 a year as a congressman, or \$50,000 a year as president, ought to stay at home and look after his private affairs.

Several of the railroads are giving valuable aid in the boll weevil fight.

An exchange suggests that Russia might raise a nice sum of money for war purposes by selling her navy to Japan instead of waiting for the latter to take it or blow it up.

The Texas senators opposed Roosevelt's Panama canal steel and the President has refused to appoint a Texas man on the canal commission, although Texas is the largest state and destined to be more directly affected by the canal than any other state perhaps. It is, however, only another instance of his showing his long eared descent.

Russia has notified this country that she has abandoned her intention to take part in the St. Louis World's Fair. On the other hand Japan says she will go on with her exhibit. One item in the Japanese government exhibit, which has already reached the fair grounds, is a 12-inch disappearing rifle, forty-one feet ten inches long and weighing 132,500 pounds.

Our last state platform, the one upon which the present state officers were elected, declared specifically against nepotism in office. A number of state officers have disregarded the expressed will of the people and appointed their sons, nephews, cousins, etc., to lucrative positions under them. It would serve as a good lesson to politicians and office seekers generally if the people were to drop the offenders out when the next nominating day comes around.

Commissioner Clay of the state agricultural department at Austin says he is besieged with inquiries from many states by intending home-seekers for information about Texas. This indicates that localities having special inducements to offer, such as cheap lands, good schools and good health—like Haskell county, for instance—could do themselves good by making a little effort at horn blowing to let the world know where they are. It's a thing that should not be put off indefinitely.

The owners of unpatented state school land in Ochiltree county have so far succeeded in avoiding the payment of taxes on such land. The commissioners court was elected on a pledge not to assess it and it has refused to approve tax rolls having such land on them. We believe that the commissioners court is acting outside the scope of its authority or jurisdiction in refusing to tax the land and that the position of the holders of the land will be found untenable should the question get into the higher courts.

The State Agricultural and Mechanical College at College Station is trying to meet the responsibility laid upon it by the present industrial era. It is providing for the young men of Texas scientific training that will make better farmers, develop skilled

engineers in all lines, and furnish training for skilled mechanics. The man with the hoe, the man with the hammer, the man with plane and saw, the man with the level; and, more recently, the man of ohms and volts, and the man of the loom—all may find adequate instruction. In addition the stockman, the bee-keeper, and the fruit grower may learn the secrets of their trades. And this instruction along practical lines is given in connection with other training, purely cultural, which makes for the beauty of the home and the advancement of civilization. Technical education, if wisely used, should bring two blessings: Comfort and content; and where the hand is trained along with the mind such a result is almost sure to follow.

It is announced from Austin the forfeited school land list will be issued by the department about the 15th or 20th of April. The land office is now busy checking up payments and preparing the "forfeiture" list. Delinquent school land owners may settle up between now and the publication of the list and save their lands, but after publication they can not do so, and their lands will be put on the open market for sale again.

A valuable discovery for the cattle interests of Texas, if it turns out to be as claimed, is reported from Albany in the Dallas News by Mr. S. Webb. It is no less than the discovery of the cause, prevention and cure of blackleg. Mr. Webb states that Mr. Center of that place has demonstrated by observation and experiments carried on for several years that the "wolves" or grubs in the backs of young cattle poison the blood and cause the disease of blackleg and that the application of anything that will kill the grubs will prevent, or cure, if not too long neglected, the blackleg.

The recent decision of the Hague arbitration tribunal on the claims due by Venezuela to the several powers, in which Great Britain, Germany and Italy are given a preference lien on 30 per cent. of the customs duties of the ports of Venezuela, is not at all pleasing to the latter country. The three countries noted are the ones that blockaded Venezuelan ports and bombarded her shores and sunk and damaged here shipping in an arbitrary effort to enforce the payment of their claims, and this decision seems to put a premium on that sort of violence and to encourage countries having the power to tyrannize over weaker ones.

The English estimates for naval construction during this and next year involve the expenditure of £30,880,000 or \$184,445,000. Six battleships, nine armored cruisers, eleven destroyers, three submarine torpedo boats and thirteen other craft of kinds not specified, forty-two in all, are to be completed this year and next year thirty-two are to be completed. Other countries, including our own, are planning proportionate expenditures on their navies. It looks as if each country thinks it will be pounced upon by the others and must prepare to defend itself to the death. It is a sad commentary on the spirit of the age.

### Program for W. C. T. U.

The following is the program for Tuesday, February 8, 1904. To meet at the home of Mrs. McCollum at 3 o'clock:  
Scripture Lesson—71st Psalm.  
Prayer.  
Roll call—Respond with Temperance Items.  
Sketch of General Neal Dow—Miss Eugenia English.  
A Study in our State Liquor Laws—Mrs. Gregory.  
Round Table—Prohibition victories in Texas.  
Recitation—Miss Vernon Cunningham.  
All members are earnestly requested to be present as it is the time for election of new officers.

It may not be news to some of our readers, but it was news to THE FREE PRESS yesterday, that a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bell on January 31st. We have known that John was a very quiet and modest gentleman, but he surpassed himself in keeping this important incident quiet. No doubt he will become less timid as such incidents become more numerous.

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.

In the postal fraud cases on trial in the federal court at Washington, D. C., the other day, August W. Machen, late general superintendent of the rural free delivery division; Geo. E. Lorenz of Toledo, Ohio; Samuel A. and Diller B. Groff of Washington were found guilty. Notice of appeal was given and their bail fixed at \$20,000 each.  
Senator Hanna's estate has been inventoried and found to foot up something over \$7,000,000.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
We are authorized to announce Mr. Joseph L. Lockett of Stamford, Jones County, as a candidate for District Attorney, 35th District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE  
We are authorized to announce Mr. Wm. Ozbleah as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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

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.

We are authorized to announce Mr. G. B. Bennett as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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W. O. O. P.—Haskell Lodge, No. 325  
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J. T. ELLIS, V. G.  
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Lodge meets every Thursday night.

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

ESTRAY NOTICE.  
THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
County of Haskell, }  
TAKEN UP BY S. S. Cummings and estrayed before J. T. Knowles, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, Haskell County: One sorrel horse, 15 hands high 9 or 10 years old, branded A on left shoulder, with white streak in face and has saddle marks, also one gray horse, 15 1/2 hands high, 12 years old branded Heart 8 on left thigh. Appraised at Thirty Dollars.  
The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of February, 1904.  
C. D. LONG, Clerk  
County Court Haskell County.

# 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..**

Two Years to Begin Digging.  
Admiral Walker, one of the members appointed on the Panama canal commission by President Roosevelt, says: "The members of the commission will hold a meeting and discuss and formulate their plans as soon as they have been officially confirmed by the senate."  
Persons who think that the Panama canal will be begun immediately by Americans are very much mistaken. There is a surprisingly large amount of preliminary work to be done, and it seems likely that it will be a year or two years, perhaps, before the digging is on in earnest.  
The sanitary conditions of Colon and Panama are of immediate importance. Until these conditions are remedied it will be impossible to work near the coast, as the laborer would be subjected to deadly peril from the fevers bred by careless and uncleanly habits of the natives and by the situations of the towns. It may be necessary to take the dirt dug from the highlands and with it raise Colon two or more feet, as its present situation makes drainage almost if not entirely impossible, and the accumulating filth of the town is an ever-growing menace to all who enter its borders.

TO INCREASE SALARIES.  
Washington, March 1.—Senator Gallinger today introduced a bill increasing the salaries of the executive officers of the Government and also of Senators and members of the House of Representatives. The bill which provides the new salaries shall take effect March 4, 1905, fixes the scale as follows:  
President \$75,000, Vice President \$15,000, Speaker of the House of Representatives \$21,000, members of the Cabinet \$15,000 each, Senators and members of the House \$8,000 each.

Russia has finally consented for American officers to accompany our army to observe her military tactics. This country has assigned to that duty Major J. B. Kerr of the general staff, Capt. Carl Reichman of the Seventeenth Infantry, Capt. Geo. Gately and Capt. William D. Judson of the engineering corps. All of them except Capt. Judson are now in the Philippines. They are to go at once.  
The Ohio legislature on Wednesday elected Chas. S. Dick to succeed Mark Hanna in the United States senate.

Cuero, Texas, truck growers are shipping cabbage and getting \$600 per car-load for them.  
An official Russian newspaper says the war will not stop as long as there is a Japanese in Korea.

## TEXAS CENTRAL Railroad.

### STAMFORD.

No. 1 Arrives from Waco.....5:45 P. M.  
No. 2 Leaves for Waco.....11:00 A. M.

GOOD CONNECTIONS AT WACO FOR ALL POINTS IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH TEXAS TO POINTS IN THE OLDSTATES!  
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Write us a letter, Stating When and Where you want to go. We will advise you promptly, Lowest Rates, and give you a Schedule of the Trip. W. F. McMILLIN, THOS. F. FARMER, Gen'l Pass. Agent, Waco, Texas.

## LIVER TROUBLES

"I find Thedford's Black-Draught a good medicine for liver disease. It cured my son after he had spent \$100 with doctors. It is all the medicine I take."—MRS. CAROLINE MARTIN, Parkersburg, W. Va.

If your liver does not act regularly go to your druggist and secure a package of Thedford's Black-Draught and take a dose tonight. This great family medicine frees the constipated bowels, stirs up the torpid liver and causes a healthy secretion of bile.

Thedford's Black-Draught will cleanse the bowels of impurities and strengthen the kidneys. A torpid liver invites colds, biliousness, chills and fever and all manner of sickness and contagion. Weak kidneys result in Bright's disease which claims as many victims as consumption. A 25-cent package of Thedford's Black-Draught should always be kept in the house.

"I used Thedford's Black-Draught for liver and kidney complaints and found nothing to equal it."—WILLIAM COFFMAN, Marblehead, Ill.

## THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

The United States exported 10,651,411 barrels of flour in 1903, valued at \$75,188,050. The wheat exports amounted to \$50,320,441—total of wheat and flour expected \$124,517,491.

Patriotism of Japanese.  
Tokio, March 1.—Vice Admiral Togo reports that more than two thousand Japanese sailors volunteered to man the ships employed in the attempt to block the entrance to Port Arthur. The keeneast rivalry existed among the sailors for permission to join the dangerous enterprise. The men on the torpedo boats who had not facilities for writing out themselves and with their own blood wrote their applications to the Admiral to go on the expedition.  
This extraordinary spirit is not confined to the navy. The army is equally eager to meet the enemy.  
The punishment now inflicted in the Japanese army for breaches of discipline is that of leaving offenders in Japan. This punishment is held to be so disgraceful by the soldiers and is so much feared that ordinary offenses have disappeared among the troops.  
A California senator who recently paid a visit to the White House is reported as saying, when he returned to the senate chamber, that he was glad to get back among gentlemen. He was a republican, too.—Post.

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THE CHURCHES.

**PREBYTERIAN**—Rev. W. C. Young, pastor. Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. on first Sunday and 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on second and third Sundays in each month. Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m. every Sunday. Mr. R. E. Sherrill, superintendent.

**CHRISTIAN**—Services every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Elder C. N. Williams, pastor. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Prof. L. T. Cunningham, superintendent.

**METHODIST**—Services every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. H. Chambliss, pastor. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Prof. L. T. Cunningham, superintendent.

**BAPTIST**—Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Rev. L. L. Lusk, pastor. Conference first Sunday in each month at 8 o'clock p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m. Mr. W. P. Whitman, superintendent.

SOCIETIES.

**W. C. T. U.**—Meets Tuesday evenings after the second and fourth Sundays in each month at 8 o'clock at the home of the members. Mrs. A. B. Mason, president; Mrs. Levi McCollum, secretary.

**THE SENIOR LEAGUE**—Meets every Sunday evening at the Methodist church at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Anna Martin, president; W. S. Scott, secretary.

**THE JUNIOR LEAGUE**—Meets every Sunday evening at the Methodist church at 5 o'clock. Mrs. J. C. Caperton, superintendent; Miss Ethel Gilbert, president; Miss Pearl Grissom, secretary.

**EARNEST WORKERS**—Meet every Thursday evening at 5 o'clock. Mrs. W. C. Young, president.

**THE SENIOR ENDEAVOR**—Meets every Sunday evening at 4 o'clock at the Christian church. Prof. L. T. Cunningham, president; Miss Ollie Norris, secretary.

**THE B. Y. P. U.**—Meets each Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Baptist church. Mrs. L. T. Cunningham, leader.

THE COURTS.

DISTRICT COURT.

The regular terms of district court are convened on the fourth Mondays in May and November. Term, four weeks. H. R. Jones, judge; Cullen C. Higgins, attorney; C. D. Long, clerk.

COUNTY COURT.

The regular terms of county court are convened on the first Mondays in January, April, July and October. D. H. Hamilton, judge; J. E. Willong, attorney; C. D. Long, clerk.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

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

JUSTICE COURTS.

**PRECINCT No. 1**—Meets on the third Monday in each month at the court house in Haskell. J. T. Krowles, justice of the peace.

**PRECINCT No. 5**—Meets at Marcy on the fourth Saturday in each month. S. V. Jones, justice of the peace. W. T. York, constable.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

D. H. Hamilton, judge.  
C. D. Long, clerk.  
J. W. Bell, sheriff and collector.  
J. E. Willong, attorney.  
R. D. C. Stephen, treasurer.  
C. M. Brown, assessor.  
H. M. Rike, surveyor.

COMMISSIONERS.

S. V. Jones, Precinct No. 1.  
B. H. Owater, Precinct No. 2.  
L. S. Howard, Precinct No. 3.  
W. F. Watts, Precinct No. 4.

INSURANCE PROFITS.

We noticed the other day reports by five fire insurance companies made to the State department at Austin under the law requiring all corporations to submit annual reports showing the business transacted by them in this state. These reports showed that the five companies had written policies during 1903 amounting to \$26,499,416 on which they received premiums amounting to \$380,971.05 and paid losses amounting to \$166,213.37, leaving them profits amounting to \$214,757.68.

These figures seem to indicate that the claims the insurance companies have been making as to heavy losses in Texas as an excuse for putting up their premium rates are not true.

Have you made permanent arrangements concerning the land you expect to use for ranching purposes in the future? If not, then you are losing money every day you put off making the necessary permanent investment. It will be readily noticed that in the face of the continued depression in cattle values there has been no falling off in the value of ranch lands.—Stockman-Journal.

That should be as a hint to the wise. It states a fact and one which might be more broadly stated. It is a fact that not only in the face of the depression and fluctuations in cattle values, but in the face of depressions of all things else lands in Western Texas have never fluctuated downward. Whenever values have moved it has been upward. Our land values have at times remained stationary for varying periods in the face of depressions, as in 1893 and for a year or so following, but they have stubbornly refused to drop and when they have moved it has been upward.

I still have the finest Louisiana molasses in stock. T. G. Carney.

Burton's Opposition to Naval Bill.

Congressman Burton of Ohio, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee of the house, and one of the strongest men on the republican side, raises a timely protest against the pending appropriation of \$96,000,000 for the navy.

Mr. Burton takes the position that the United States can not possibly need a great navy except to resist a combination of European powers, and that against such a combination we could not mass a navy large enough "without changing the whole framework of our society"—in other words, without converting the nation into an engine of taxation and oppression for military glory.

The position is entirely correct. The United States is not or should not be a great naval power. With our continental domain we can defy the world, and though the combined powers should surround us with warships, we could subsist among ourselves and still defy them. It may be argued that we must prepare to defend the Philippines and Hawaii and Cuba, but that is only shifting the ground of contention, for we could not possibly build ships enough to protect these dependencies against a combined assault, while we are sufficiently equipped now for ordinary patrol and for resistance of any single power except Great Britain, and if that power should attack us Canada lies at our door for reprisal.

We are swinging from one extreme—from the utterly helpless naval condition from which we were rescued by the efforts of Secretary Whitney in Mr. Cleveland's first administration—to the other extreme of naval pomp and extravagance, which is equally foolish and dangerous. The war with Spain has fired our military passion, and the conquest of the Philippines has engendered an imperial ambition, which are contrary to all the principles of our government and the character of our people.

Great military establishments are not conservators of peace, but incentives to war, for admirals and generals, with ambitious cabinets, will make trouble if they have the ships and the men to back them. At this very hour the agitation upon the imaginary prudential theory of possible war with Germany is engendering a hostile feeling upon both sides, and from imagination to contemplation and from contemplation to provocation are the logical steps that lead to action.

Mr. Burton's opposition should be effective. He is a conservative man of recognized force in his party. Democratic resistance might be set down to mere partisanship, but a protest from so stalwart a party man ought to have some weight.—Houston Post.

Prospective Delay in the Panama Canal Project.

President Roosevelt has named the Canal Commissioners, and they are to enter upon their duties without delay; but it seems that there may be delay in beginning actual work upon the waterway. While the treaty with Panama has been duly ratified, the contract with the French owners of the canal site remains to be closed up. It seems this can not be done until the stockholders vote their approval of the proposition of the directors to sell to us the property for \$40,000,000.

The payment of the \$40,000,000 to the Panama Canal Company by the United States Government is to be delayed at least one month, and perhaps for several months. According to a Washington dispatch, notice to this effect has been given to Secretary Shaw by William Nelson Cromwell, the attorney for the Panama Canal Company. The reason for the delay is the litigation which has been begun in the courts of France by the Government of Colombia seeking to prevent the Canal Company from transferring its rights to the United States Government. The exact nature of the action brought in the French courts is not known in the United States, but according to information obtained, the Colombian Government has applied for an order restraining the Panama Canal Company from paying the \$40,000,000 to its stockholders. The intention of the Colombian Government is, of course, to prevent the transfer of the Canal Company's property to the United States, and this is merely the first move in intended litigation. The French courts have set March 9 as the day for a hearing. A decision can not be reasonably expected for some time after arguments are made; therefore, it is expected there will be a delay of at least a month before the courts there enter their first decree. If this decree is favorable to the Canal Company, further steps may be taken by the Colombian Government which would have the effect of still further delaying the completion of the deal.

There is in circulation a report to the effect that a combination of New York banks is encouraging the liti-

gation and delay. We are told that Secretary Shaw has not yet decided what course of action he will follow under the circumstances. It was intended to make the payment of the \$40,000,000 immediately after the Senate confirmed the treaty with the Republic of Panama. Under the instructions issued from the Treasury Department recently all the Government depositories were to have their deposits reduced by 20 per cent, this amount to be applied toward the payment of the money due to the Canal Company and to Panama. If the Secretary decided to allow deposits to remain as they are now until the matter is settled, and until the United States can make the payment of the \$40,000,000 to the Panama Canal Company, it will enable the banks now holding the Government deposits to retain anywhere for from one to six months the full amount of deposits held instead of reducing them 20 per cent—as was ordered recently. Out of this has come the report that certain of the depositories are encouraging delay.

Some obstruction was expected. Hindrances will be thrown in the way by Colombia, of course. The stockholders may possibly vote not to accept the offer of \$40,000,000, hoping thus to hold us up for more. These are the conditions out of which some delay may grow. It is quite possible that Colombia is seeking by litigation to bring out a renewal of our offer of \$20,000,000 to her. At any rate, we are not yet ready to begin the digging. It is to be hoped that it will not take long, and, of course, we are going to press matters until work shall take the place of words. It has been words for more than a century. It is highly gratifying to know that there is in sight some chance to get at least one question with which we began finally settled, and settled in the right way.—Dallas News.

INQUIRIES FROM HOMESEEKERS.

No Data or Appropriation to Give Them Information.

Austin, Texas, February 27.—Commissioner of Insurance Clay, who is supposed to be the head of the Agricultural Department, states that he is daily in receipt of numerous inquiries from homeseekers over the United States asking for information concerning Texas and her resources. He is without data or appropriation to prepare same for the benefit of those seeking Texas as a home.

This morning's mail was unusually productive of such inquiries, coming from points in New York, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas and California. It was surprising to hear from the latter State, but the letter stated that the writer had several friends who intend coming to Texas for a home. The Wisconsin and Michigan writers stated that they were of a party of colonists who would move from the cold climates, preferably to Texas, if satisfactory arrangements could be made. But there is nothing to send them.

Scientific Farming.

Scientific farming in this country is in its infancy. If anyone is inclined to doubt this let him investigate the situation in Germany, where all farming on a large scale is based on an exact knowledge of the soil. This includes not only the elements contained in the soil, but its underlying strata, exposure, elevation, and surroundings, whether shaded by adjacent woodlands or buildings, and especially its susceptibility to natural efficient drainage. There is no careless hit-or-miss guesswork as to what the soil may lack or what it contains. The agricultural and technical schools of Germany have trained an army of practical chemists, expert in the analysis of soils, and familiar with the elemental requirements of every plant known to German husbandry. The effective value of every kind of fertilizer, its influence on crops planted in sand, clay or loam, and the efficacy of clover, lucerne and other growths when plowed in to enrich soils in nitrogen, are accurately known. The Ministry of Agriculture, through its system of experimental stations, has worked out the whole problem of varieties, soils, methods of planting, cultivation and harvesting; the farmer has only to follow the methods that modern science has made easy and plain, and with reasonably favorable sunshine and rainfall his result is secure.—Talisman.

EGGS AND PIGS.

I have the pure bred, single comb Brown Leghorn chickens and will sell eggs for setting at 75 cents for 15. You will find these eggs fresh every day at Williams' grocery store in Haskell.

I also have a lot of Berkshire pigs to sell at reasonable prices. Call and see them at G. B. Couch's ranch, eight miles from Haskell on Heymour road, or write me at Haskell.  
A. M. ALLEN.



**PALACE OF MACHINERY, WORLD'S FAIR, WHERE THE LARGEST GAS ENGINE IN THE WORLD MAY BE SEEN.**

The view shows one end and not quite one-half of the main front of the Machinery building, which is 1,000 by 525 feet in extent, has two towers 265 feet high and cost \$460,000.

**THE GREATEST WONDER.**

**From All the World Have Come Wonders to Make Man Cry in Amazement When He Visits St. Louis This Year.**

Since long before the Christian era, when Antipater of Sidon enumerated seven great works that subsequently became the Seven Wonders of the World, wonders have been accumulating until their number has become not only seven times seven or seventy times seven, but hundreds—yes, thousands—times seven.

Every great modern bridge is a wonder of the world. So is every great power engine, mountain climbing railroad or modern hotel.

And the greatest wonder of all, greater than any of yesterday and today, is the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

This is because it combines the greatness of all the others and because those others were instrumental in bringing it to a state of completeness.

In order that the whole world should participate in this centennial display, the wonders of the steamship, of the locomotive, of the cable, of the land telegraph, of the telephone, were brought into use; then exhibits of these wonders themselves were lovelied upon to form part of the grand display.

Mention anything that causes man to express amazement, and it will be proved to you that it can be seen in St. Louis this year.

The wireless telegraph? A station has been erected on the Fair grounds.

Radium? Experiments will be conducted with the puzzling mineral in the Chemical Laboratory.

A modern gas engine? The largest in the world will be seen in the Palace of Machinery.

Rifled cannon that throw a shell twenty miles? They will frown on ramparts surrounding the Government building.

The latest improved locomotive? It will swing around and around on a turntable in the center of the Palace of Transportation, steam hissing from its cylinders as it revolves.

A lead pencil the graphite in which is made by the aid of electricity? Its construction will be exemplified in the Electro Chemical Laboratory.

The modern newspaper? You may watch its creation in the Graphic Arts section of the Liberal Arts Palace.

The cotton gin? See it working in the vicinity of Agriculture.

Dirigible airships? They will sail over the prescribed course and when not seeking high altitudes will be housed in immense stables.

That wonder which has almost ceased to become a wonder—the modern watch? You will be able to witness its construction and the assembling of its parts.

And upon these wonders are crowded others—wonders that it would require page after page to describe, which it will take week after week to view.

China, a sealed book to the world, has been thrown open by royal decree. For the first time in history secrets which have been preserved from the days of Confucius will be revealed.

Art as it is known in Japan will astonish those who have only been able to gain an inkling of its existence from the word pictures of Loti and other writers.

Brazil shows the punctured rubber tree discharging its valuable sap of commerce and its coffee berry in bloom.

Peru reveals to the world her wealth of copper, cotton and petroleum.

Hawaii sends a glimpse of the Paradise of the Pacific.

Russia awakens interest with industries of a country almost as unknown as China.

Panama, the baby nation, proves how her agriculture can make her prosperous. And Panama, hand in hand with the United States, shows in miniature that wonder, the canal, which will change the course of all ships that ply the seas.

You marvel at the growth of transportation facilities within the last decade; each step will be shown you at St. Louis. You hear of a food that can be compressed into a pill; how it is done will be shown you at St. Louis. And you can partake of a course dinner, from soup to dessert, all of which can be held in a box which would contain twelve two-grain quinine capsules.

Creation of electricity! What wonder would not Franklin express could he see a modern dynamo manufacturing thousands of Jove's thunderbolts every minute, forcing a tiny stream of water to lift great weights! Marvel, then, at the powers of the hydraulic press!

Can man make snow? Look into the great refrigeration plant. Can water be set on fire? It will appear so when the cascades are illuminated by submerged lamps after nightfall.

Planting potatoes is now done by a machine which takes the "earth apple," cuts out the eyes, halves or quarters it, pushes the sections into the soil at equal intervals and covers them, thus tucking away the germs of life as a mother would tuck away a child in bed. This machine will be on exhibition during the summer of 1904.

Flowers will tell the time of day; at least they will appear to do so. Vines nesting on steel pointers, both of which weigh more than a ton, will travel around the circumference of a circle where grow numerals of brilliant foliage.

Near by bloom 20,000 rosebushes imbedded in a six acre plot. Was there ever such a wonderful display?

When you walk through the grounds, you pass over a buried river. At a cost of \$140,000 a stream was placed underground before the Exposition buildings could be constructed.

What a wonder is the deck of a modern battleship! It will be seen as prepared for action.

A donkey has been driven into one reed of a pipe organ that stands in the Hall of Festivals.

Weeds and wild flowers gathered from all parts of St. Louis county are arranged in a unique display.

From the Philippines an entire village has been transported to the banks of Arrowhead lake, which is an artificial body of water in the western section of the site.

Alaska sends four car loads of totem poles.

The Amazon contributes the beautiful Victoria lilies that grow on its broad, placid waters, and the Nile sends the lotus.

In the air, on the ground, beneath the soil, from the 30th day of April until the 1st day of December will be seen the wonders of the world, all forming the greatest wonder of them all.

CLAUDE H. WETMORE.

mined that "one fare for the round trip" will be the rate during the seven important months of 1904. Public announcement of this only waits the passage of certain legislation concerning "scalpers' tickets and formal indorsement by the various passenger agents' associations.

With this fact in mind a clear demonstration of the statement in the opening paragraph can be made.

The fare from Chicago is \$7.50, or \$15 the round trip. So under the new schedule \$7.50 will be put down as the railroad fare from that city to St. Louis and return. If you are economical, your per diem expenses in the World's Fair City need not exceed those given in this table:

Breakfast	.....	40
Car fare to grounds	.....	50
Admission to grounds	.....	50
Dinner on grounds	.....	50
Car fare downtown	.....	50
Supper	.....	50
Night's lodgings	.....	1.00
<b>Total</b>	.....	<b>\$2.45</b>

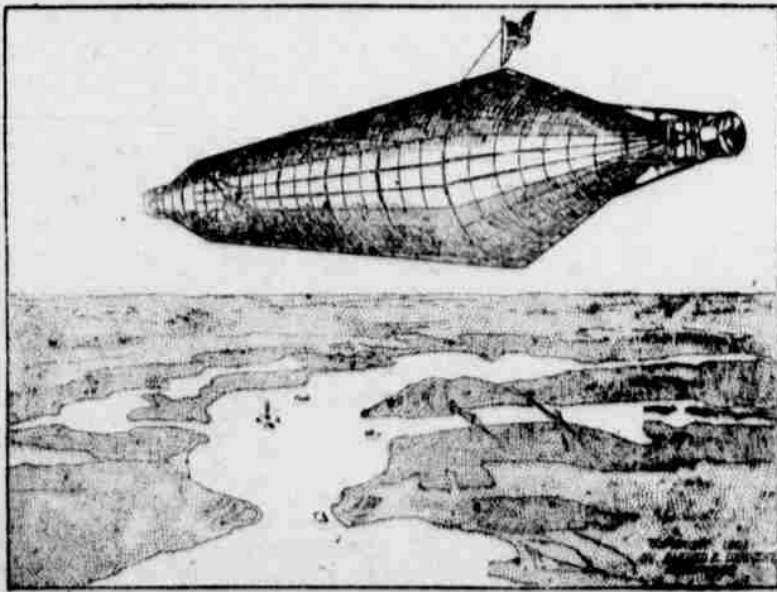
Multiply \$2.45 by 3, and you have \$7.35, the sum total for three days' sightseeing. Add to this the \$7.50 railroad fare, and you have a grand total of 15 cents less than the car fare alone would cost you in any other year.

For this money you have thrown open to you the thirteen grand exhibition palaces, the forty and more state buildings, the fifteen and more foreign government structures, the ten great stone edifices acquired temporarily from Washington university, including the Hall of Congresses and the Physical Culture Hall, with its adjoining Stadium, the Filipino Village and many other pleasant places.

Should you desire to remain longer than the three days you can do so without a greater per diem expenditure than given above.

But, supposing that you have plenty of money to spend and desire certain comforts and even luxuries, yet are not extravagant, what will the figures be? Less than \$5 a day!

Breakfast	.....	40
Car fare	.....	50
Admission	.....	50
Admission to one or more Concessions on the Pike	.....	50
Dinner	.....	50
Souvenirs and extras	.....	50
Supper	.....	50
Car fare	.....	50
Hotel room	.....	1.00
<b>Total per diem</b>	.....	<b>\$1.96</b>



**ONE OF THE AIRSHIPS WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT AIRSHIP TOURNAMENT OF THE WORLD'S FAIR.**

**COST OF SEEING THE WORLD'S FAIR.**

**For the Majority of Visitors It Will Be Less Than Railroad Transportation to St. Louis and Return Would Cost in Any Other Year.**

From any point within 300 miles of St. Louis a person may travel to the World's Fair this year, view the wonders of the Exposition for three days and expend less money than in any other year he would pay for train fare alone.

This may seem an astonishing statement, but it is a fact.

Railroad men have practically deter-

Suppose you desire to remain six days. In that time you can devote a morning to one main building, an afternoon to another, and so on, from Monday to Saturday, inclusive, passing the evenings on the Pike, and the grand total of the week's expenditures will be \$20.10.

A floral clock with a dial 100 feet in diameter is on the northern slope in front of the Palace of Agriculture. It is the largest timepiece ever constructed. The minute hand is fifty feet long and the numerals fifteen feet high. Flowers and foliage plants conceal the mechanical frame.

Paint! Paint! Paint! That's what Haskell needs. I can fill the bill at prices that you can afford. Come and see at Robertson's drug store.

## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Mr. Hollis Field's is now assistant postmaster in the Haskell office.

Flower pots, all sizes, Racket Store.

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

Miss Carrie Evans of Gatesville is visiting the family of Mr. R. E. Sherrill.

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

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

Mrs. H. G. McConnell returned last Saturday from Austin, where she attended her father-in-law's sickness.

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. W. W. Powell and wife of Cliff were shopping and looking after business in this county capital yesterday.

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.

Mr. J. A. Clendennen, a progressive farmer of the southwest part of the county was in the city Friday.

A full line of school tablets at the Racket Store.

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

Mr. Border of the firm of Border Bros. of Stamford had business in Haskell yesterday.

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

Big 5-cent school tablets at the Racket Store.

Miss Virgie Claxton of Gatesville, a niece of Mrs. J. C. O'Bryan, arrived here Sunday night on a visit, and will remain some time for the benefit of the climate on her health.

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.

Mr. J. S. Collier of Aspermont was here this week visiting the family of his daughter, Mrs. W. G. Williams.

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

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

The Junior Endeavor society of the Christian church is preparing a very interesting cantata to be rendered on Easter Sunday night. Program will be published later.

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

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

Dr. St. John will return to Haskell on Monday, March 28, to complete some unfinished dental work, and it is his intention to make monthly visits to this place in future.

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.

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.

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.

Messrs. L. D. Hart and Z. V. Smith and families of Dickens county were visiting in Haskell this week.

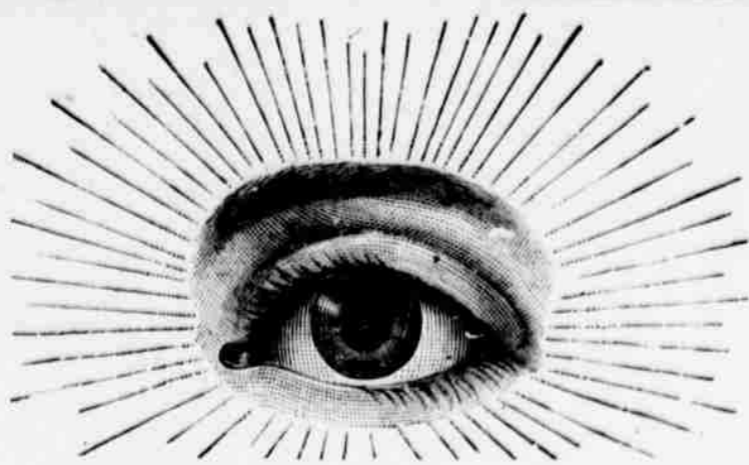
The way to stop prairie dogs from eating your grass and destroying your crops is to give them McLemore's poison. One dose is all that's needed.

Miss Lucy Carlisle of Dickens county is visiting the family of her brother, Mr. W. A. Carlisle, at this place.

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

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

A strong wind came down suddenly from the north Wednesday and blew for a while with considerable violence, tumbling loose things about but doing no appreciable damage. It was heavily charged with dust and sand.



## 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 PRO POITION.

and that is what you have been looking for.

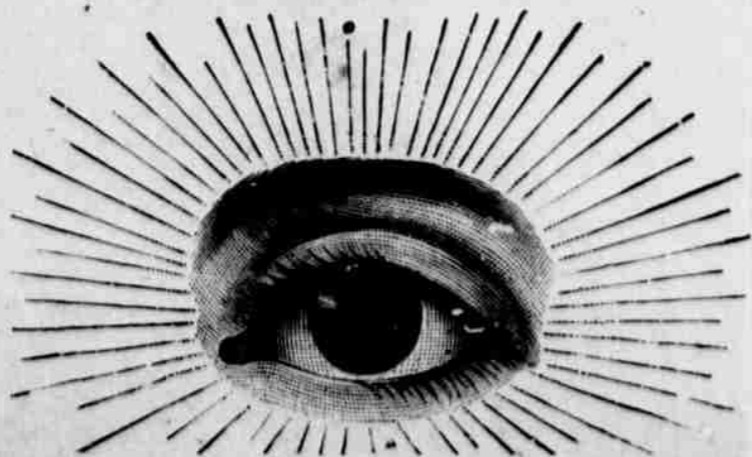
No cases accepted that can not be successfully treated within the above limit of sixty days.

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.

# 200

## ..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.

## FREE

## ..Ten Automobiles..

## FREE

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.

## Alexander Mercantile Company

# THE PROMOTION OF THE ADMIRAL AND OTHER SEA COMEDIES

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(Continued.)  
"I don't care if its lynchin'," said Smith. "Help—or get. I'm 'asin' this job. Which is it?"

And Billy, seeing that he was to play second fiddle, concluded to help. "And," he said to himself, "if we get nallied I'll split. Calls himself a 'considerate boss.' Well, Shanghai Smith has a gall!"

"Which do you reckon is the worst ship inside the Gate now?" asked Smith, after he had savored his cunning revenge for a few minutes.

"The Harvester ain't due for a month, sir."

Smith looked melancholy.

"No, she ain't, that's a fact. It's a solid ply. Sant would have suited this Dumb first class." He was the most notorious misbegotten of a ship-master yet unborn, and the fact that Smith and he were bitter enemies never blinded Shanghai to the surpassing merits of his brutality.

"There's the Cyrus G. Hake," Smith shook his head contemptuously.

"D'ye think I want to board this admira, at the Palace Hotel? Why, Johnson hasn't had a man serious for two trips."

"Oh, well, I thought as he'd sure break out soon," said Bill; "but there's the President. They do say that her new mate is a holy terror."

"I want to go on hearsay," said Smith decidedly. "I want a good man you and I know—one that'll handle this Dicky Dunn from the start. Now, what's in the harbor with officers that can lick me?"

"Well, I always allowed (as you know, Mr. Smith) that Simpson of the California was your match."

Smith's face softened.

"Well, make he is."

"At any other time he would never have admitted it."

"And the California will sail in three days."

"Right," said Smith. "Simpson is a good tough man, and so is old Baker, Bill, the California will do. But it's an admiralty pity the Harvester ain't here. I never knew a more unucky thing. But we must put up with the best we get."

"But how'll you corral the admiral, sir?" asked Bill.

"You leave that to me," replied the boss. "I've got a very fruitful notion as will fetch him if he's half the man he was."

Next evening Smith found occasion to run across a couple of the Triumphant's crew, and he got them to come into his house for a drink.

"Is the admiral as dead keen on fightin' with his fists as he was?" asked Smith.

"Rather," said the first man.

"Oh, no, he's tired," said the second.

"E allows 'e can't find no one 't lick 'im. 'E never could."

"Oh, that's his complaint, is it?" said Smith. "And is he as good as he was?"

"I heard him tell the first luff on the other day as 'e reckoned to be a better man now than he was twenty years ago. And I believes 'im. 'And? Oh, my! I do believe if 'e ran agin a lamp-post he'd fight through it."

It was enough for Smith to know that the admiral was still keen on fighting. To draw a man like that would not be so difficult. When he



To the house in the Barbary Coast, had turned the two naval seamen into the street, he called for the runner.

"Have you found out what I told you?"

"Yes," replied Bill. "He mostly comes down and goes off at eleven."

"Is he alone?"

"Mostly he has a young chap with him. I reckon they calls him the flag-leutenant; a kind of young partner he seems to be. But that's the only one so far. And the California sails day after to-morrow, bright and early."

"Couldn't be better," said Smith. "After waitin' all these years I can't afford to lose no time. This yer racket comes off to-night. Look out, Mr. Bully Admiral! I'm on your track."

And the trouble did begin that night.

"Mr. 'Say-it-and-meas-it' Smith laid for Admiral Sir Richard Dunn, K. C. B., etc., etc., from ten o'clock 'til half-past eleven, and he was the only man in the crowd that did not hope the admiral would come down with two

guards to be tackled.

"I'll be there when the time

arrived his natural instincts got the better of him.

The admiral came at last; it was about a quarter to twelve, and the whole waterfront was remarkably quiet. The two policemen at the entrance to the Ferris had by some good luck, or better management, found it advisable to take a drink at Johnson's, just opposite. And the admiral was only accompanied by his flag lieutenant.

"That's him," said Smith. "I'd know the beggar anywhere. Now keep together and sing!"

"He broke into 'Down on the Suwannee River,' and advanced with Bill and Bill's two mates right across the admiral's path. They pretended to be drunk, and as far as three were concerned, there was not so much pretence about it after all. But Smith had no intention of being the first to run athwart the admiral's haave. When he came close enough, he shoved the youngest man right into his arms. The admiral jumped back, and landed that unfortunate individual a round-arm blow that nearly unshipped his jaw.

The next moment every one was on the ground, for Bill sand-bagged the admiral just as he was knocked down by the lieutenant. As Sir Richard fell, he reached out and caught Smith by the ankle. The boarding-house master got the lieutenant by the coat and brought him down too. And as luck would have it, the youngest's head hit the admiral's with such a crack that both lay unconscious.

"Do we want the young 'un, too?" asked Bill, when he rose to his feet, swinging his sand-bag savagely. And Smith for once lost his head.

"Leave the swine, and puckerow the admiral," he said. "And indeed it was all they could do to carry Sir Richard without exciting any more attention than four semi-intoxicated men would as they took home a mate who was quite incapacitated."

But they did get him home to the house in the Barbary Coast. When he showed signs of coming to he was promptly dosed and his clothes were taken off him. As he slept the sleep of the dragged they put on a complete suit of rough serge togery and he became "Tom Deane, A. B."

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"Are you weakenin' on it?" said Smith savagely. "If I thought you was I'd murder you. Give me away, and when I get out I'll chase you three times round the world and land you, my son."

And though Bill was so much of a "terror," he could not face Smith's eyes.

"Well, I ain't in it, anyhow," he swore.

But certainly "Tom Deane, A. B., was a bit and was having a holy time. When the admiral woke, which he did after half an hour's shaking administered in turns by three of the California's crew, who were anxious to know where he had stowed his bottle of rum, he was still confused with the "dope" given him ashore. So he lay pretty still and said:

"Send Mr. Selwyn to me."

But Selwyn was his flag lieutenant, and was just then the center of interest to many reporters.

"Send hell; rouse out, old son, and turn to," said one of his new mates. And the admiral rose and rested on his elbow.

"Where am I?"

"On board the California, to be sure."

"I'm dreamin'," said the admiral, "that's what it is. To be sure, I'm dreamin'."

There was something in his accent as he made this statement that roused curiosity in the others.

"No, you ain't—not much," said the first man who had spoken; "and even if you was, I guess Simpson will wake you. Rouse up before he comes along again. He was in here an hour back squiring for the trumpet of the Day of Judgment to rouse you. Come along, Deane! Now then!"

"My name's Dunn," said the admiral, with contracted brows.

"Devil don't it," said his friend; "and who done you? Was it Shanghai Smith?"

The admiral sat up suddenly, and by so doing brought his head into violent contact with the deck above him. This

woke him thoroughly, just in time to receive Mr. Simpson, mate of the California, who came in like a cyclone to inquire after his health.

"Did you ship as a dead man?" asked Mr. Simpson, "for if you did, I'll undeeceive you."

And with that he yanked the admiral from his bunk, and dragged him by the collar out upon the deck at a run. Mr. Simpson was "bucko" to his finger tips, and had never been licked upon the high seas. But for that matter Vice Admiral Sir Richard Dunn, K. C. B., had never hauled down his flag either to any man. It surprised him, as it would have surprised any of his crew, to find that he took this handling almost meekly. But then no one knows what he would do if the sky fell; and as far as the admiral was concerned, the entire world was an absurd and ridiculous nightmare. He rose at the end of his undignified progress and stared at the mate.

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"Ye" for "The." Do all young readers know that the word as often printed "ye" (as in "ye olde fashioned singinge school") is to be pronounced simply "the"? The Y is only a substitute for an Anglo-Saxon character that was used for the softer sound of th. You may read how the y came to be used by turning to the word "the" in the Century Dictionary, where the matter is clearly explained. And while looking in that same volume, turn over to the end and glance at the long list of authorities quoted in making up a dictionary.—From "Books and Readings" in March St. Nicholas.

Hits de-sour-faced man dat encour-ages sinners.

The Most Common Disease. Yorktown, Ark., Feb. 29th.—Leland Williamson, M. D., a successful and clever local physician, says:

"There is scarcely another form of disease a physician is called upon so often to treat as Kidney Disease. I invariably prescribe Dodd's Kidney Pills and am not disappointed in their effect for they are always reliable. I could mention many cases in which I have used this medicine with splendid success, for example, I might refer to the case of Mr. A. H. Cole.

"Are 31, greatly emaciated, some fever, great pain and pressure over region of kidneys, urine filled with pus or corruption, and very foul smelling and passed some blood. Directed to drink a great deal of water, gave brisk purgative and Dodd's Kidney Pills. The pills were continued regularly for three weeks and then a few doses every week, especially if patient felt any pain in region of kidneys. Cured completely and patient performed his duties as farm laborer in four weeks."

Dr. Williamson has been a regular practitioner for over twenty years and his unequalled indorsement of Dodd's Kidney Pills is certainly a wonderful tribute to their remedy.

The Great Horned Owl. The cruel and powerful great horned owl is a bird of the Eastern states, but its brothers—the Western horned owl, Arctic horned owl and others—are found in the West and North. It has been known to kill a large tom-cat in pitched battle, and one occasion, while I was handling an owl of this species, it drove its talons through two thick pairs of leather gloves, and deep into my hand. I have seen one break the back of a squirrel at a single bite, and only last January I learned of another, which picked up and carried a full-grown struggling grouse over a hill for a distance of more than fifty yards before devouring it. The great horned owl nests very early in the year, sometimes even in February, utilizing the deserted nest of a hawk, crow or squirrel. It lays two or three eggs, which, like the eggs of all other owls, are white. Woe to the small boy who ventures to take these eggs or the downy white nestlings which come out of them. I have known a man to be nearly scalped by the parent birds while trying to steal young horned owls.—March Woman's Companion.

Future of Manchuria. Manchuria will be a successful competitor for the flour trade of the Orient. The land is very fertile; there is cheap coal for the millers; the subsidized ships will make low rate and farmers are satisfied with 20 to 30 Mexican cents a day. The necessities of the rural people are few. The men, women and children labor in the fields and maintain a cheap, lowly life, living in mud houses and sleeping on mud beds. The entire household furniture and outfit is no greater than could be carried in a single wheelbarrow.—Philadelphia Times.

To have the courage of our captain is better than the courage of our convictions.

DOCTOR'S COFFEE

And His Daughter Matched Him. Coffee drinking troubled the family of a physician of Grafton, W. Va., who describes the situation briefly:

"Having suffered quite a while from vertigo, palpitation of the heart and many other derangements of the nervous system and finding no relief from usual methods of treatment, I thought to see how much there was in the Postum argument against coffee."

"So I resorted to Postum, cutting off the coffee and to my surprise and satisfaction have found entire relief from all my sufferings, proving conclusively the beneficial effect of coffee and the way to be rid of it."

"I have found Postum completely takes the place of coffee both in flavor and in taste. It is becoming more popular every day with many of our people and is having great demand here."

"My daughter, Mrs. Long, has been a sufferer for a long time from attacks of acute indigestion. By the dismissal of coffee and using Postum in its place she has obtained complete relief."

"I have also heard from many others who have used your Postum very favorable accounts of its good effects."

"I prescribe Postum in place of coffee in a great many cases and I believe that upon its merits Postum will come into general use." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look for the famous little book "The Road to Wellville," in each pkg.

You never hear any one complain about "Defiance Starch." There is none to equal it in quality and quantity, 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.

When some men fall in love it takes a minister and a divorce judge to get them out.

There is a time for all things. The time to take Simmons' Cough Syrup is when afflicted with sore throat, hoarseness, coughs or colds. It is guaranteed to cure. Price 25 and 50c.

There is only one thing you can carry into eternity—your character.—P. Du Bois.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures whooping cough. 25c a bottle.

The tissue of the life to be we weave with colors all our own.—Whittier.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES produce the brightest and fastest colors.

They enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin.—Lowell.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thomas Robinson, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1904.

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As my sleeping room had no clothes-closet, I obtained a board twelve inches wide and four feet long. This was fastened securely to the wall by means of brackets, just high enough for me to reach conveniently. Into the board I screwed about two dozen hooks—the kind made to fasten into the under side of shelves. This made ample room for the clothes that were needed most, and has an advantage over hooks—namely, in that the clothes do not crush heavily on each other. Some pretty curtains reaching from the shelf to the floor were used to drape the closet.—March Woman's Home Companion

**In Another Tangle.**

"By Jove, old chap," said Mr. Makinbrakes with enthusiasm, "your wife must have been a mighty handsome woman when she was young. Even in all these years she hasn't changed so much—though, of course, it couldn't have been many years since she was young and hand—but when you come to think how little it takes to make some people look old, you know, you wonder how she manages to conceal the ravages—that is, exactly what I mean, but she's the youngest looking woman for her—how have you got a match? My cigar has gone out."

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The best manner of avenging ourselves is by not remembering him who has injured us.—Jane Porter.

**Try One Package.**

If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.

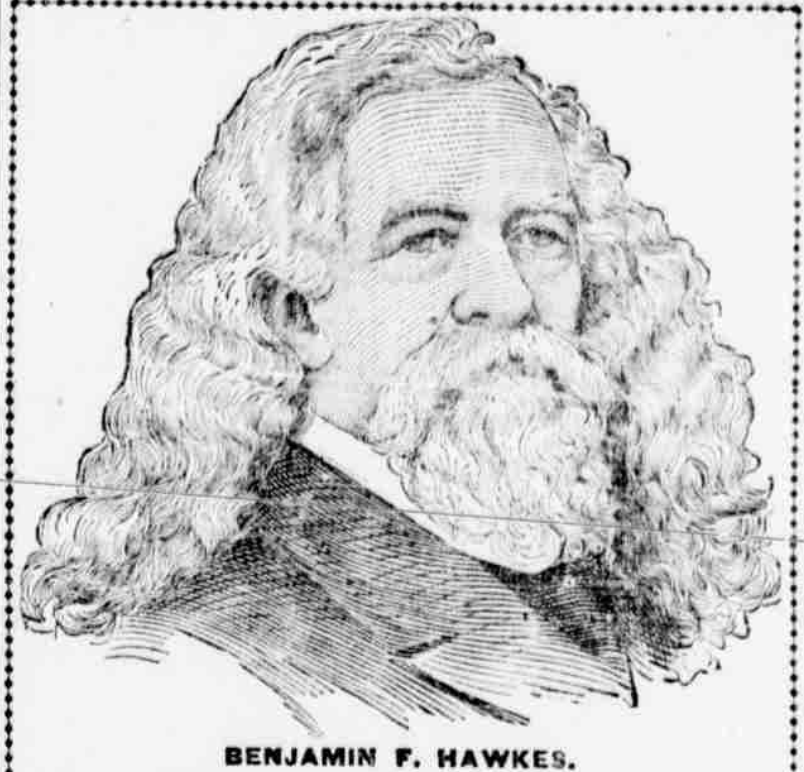
**Gigantic Spiders of India.**

In the mountains of Ceylon and India there is a spider six inches long that spins a web like bright yellowish silk, the central net of which is five feet in diameter, while the supporting lines or guys measure sometimes ten feet or twelve feet. Riding quickly in the early morning you may dash right into it, the stout threads twisting around your face like a lace-veil, while as the creature that has woven it takes up its position in the middle it generally catches you right on the nose and, though it seldom bites or stings, the contact of its large body and long legs is anything but pleasant. If you try to catch it, bite it will, and, though not venomous, its jaws are as powerful as a bird's beak, and you are not likely to forget the encounter. The bodies of these spiders are very handsomely decorated, being bright gold or scarlet underneath, while the upper part is covered with the most delicate slate-colored fur. So strong are the webs that birds the size of larks are frequently caught in them and even the small but powerful scaly lizard falls a victim.

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—Benjamin F. Hawkes.

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