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HASKELL PROSPECTS

Haskell, Tex., Aug. 5th, 1909. Free Press:

Dear Sir:—At your request I will give you a short out-line of my recent visit to the East. I left Haskell on the night of July 7th and spent next day (Thursday) in Fort Worth, leaving there on the Cotton Belt train at 8:50 p. m., reaching Texarkana at 7:25 a. m., next morning, had breakfast in Texas, dinner in Arkansas and supper in Tennessee, at Memphis. Spent a few days at Brownsville, then on to my old home at Henderson in Chester county, Tenn., where I spent nearly two weeks with the old folks at home. It was indeed a treat to again be at the dear old home, the dearest place on earth to a boy if he has the proper regard for his parents. There I was with Father, Mother and Brothers and Sister, and a number of friends and relatives, my family had already gone ahead of me and were awaiting me there. Now I wish to say that there are some things that I still admire in the good old state of Tennessee and among them are the good things they have to eat there, especially those yellow legged chickens so nice and fat and in such numbers that it really takes a Texan to fully appreciate them. We had them fried, stewed and in pies. The hail in the spring practically destroyed the fruit and berry crops, so we failed to get much fruit of any kind; and the melons were just "turning" when we left.

We returned from Memphis, via the Rock Island route through "Ark." and Oklahoma to McAllister; and from McAllister to Fort Worth over the "Katy Road." We found crop conditions along the Katy route to

be very poor indeed and suffering for rain, and in many places the crops were too far gone for rain to be of much benefit.

Eastern Okla. and Western Ark. were also needing rain badly but were still green and growing and if we had rains by this time they will make some crops. Crops in Tenn. were very late on account of the late rainy spring which prevented farm work until May and June, but with plenty of rains they will make fair crops there. I have been asked how I liked Tenn. now, and to this I wish to say that if I had liked Tenn. better than Haskell, that I would have remained there; but I wish to state right here that I am in Haskell to stay and consider that I am in the best portion of the greatest state in the Union. While our people are inclined to "grumble" about conditions, I am quite sure that we are in far better shape in every respect than nearly any part of Texas. So let's stop complaining and be thankful that we are in the best part of the world and turn our complaining to thanksgiving. We are all glad to again be in Haskell and with Haskell people. Jno. L. Robertson.

Money--Money

Yes, we have returned from Tenn. and are now at our office ready to make LOANS on short notice and best of terms. If you have land notes to meet, better come in and see me and not wait until it's TOO LATE.

J. L. ROBERTSON, "THE LOAN MAN" HASKELL, TEXAS.

Some Don'ts

Don't snap your watch; it wears out the case.

Don't pry open the back; you nor your neighbor.

If it stops don't strike it against your knee or palm of your hand; you make a bigger job for the jeweler.

Don't wind it twice a day.

Don't hang it on the wall in the winter; the spring is more liable to break.

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P. D. Sanders, President Board of Trustees. 32 2t

Closing out Haskell Marble Yard. \$110.00 monument for \$45.00, \$75.00 monument for \$35.00. J. H. Janda. 1t p

VONTRESS

After over a years absence I will come again with an "interesting" letter.

There is some sickness in this vicinity at present.

Mrs. J. A. Via, Grandpa Via and Miss Virgia Via were shopping in Haskell last Wednesday.

Miss Katie Miars, Henry Miars and C. W. Wilson attended services at Roberts Sunday.

Mrs. Author Merchant of Roberts visited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Merchant Sunday.

Mesdames Ause Chapman and Roy Weaver and children left last week for an extended visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silvers of Rogers.

Will Bledsaw and Ernest Berry went to Haskell Thursday.

The little God of Love has flung forth his arrows again. His victims this time were Mr. Ernest Berry and Miss Eva Lola Merchant. Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mr. Berry and his bride-to-be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reeves, Mr. Grover Berry and Miss Cora Curtis drove to Rev. Newsome's who performed the ceremony that linked their lives together for eternity. The wedding party returned to the home of the bride where a bountiful repast was spread for the happy occasion. Relatives of the bride and groom and a few special friends were the guests. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Berry, one of our most highly esteemed families. Ernest has many friends who wish him a long and happy life and congratulate him on his choice of a companion. Eva is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Merchant, one of our prosperous and popular farmers. The bride is well known in this vicinity and has many warm friends who wish for her a life of happiness. May their lives together be as some happy dream tuned to the sweetest music and filled with sunshine until the end.

Miss Kittie Cameron is visiting A. C. Merchant and family of Roberts this week.

Mrs. Holcombe and children and Dan Merchant and family of Lake Creek visited here Sunday and attended the Berry-Merchant wedding.

Mrs. Woelfel and children of Thorndale is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Reuffer.

Bill Spraberry and Ruben Via went to Munday today.

G. V. Taylor and D. C. Nicholson and families attended all day services at Roberts Sunday.

Mr. Clough and family of Haskell visited Mrs. Miars Sunday. They were returning from a visit to Seymour.

Ernest and Marvin Wilson were at Roberts Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Via and daughters Misses Virgia and Addie and sons Andrew and Bryan attended church at Roberts Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sprabury and Miss Maudy Via went to Roberts Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Via went to church at Roberts Sunday night.

Andrew Via went to Munday yesterday.

Nobody's Darling.

DIED

On last Monday W. H. Wyman died at his home in this city at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife had preceded him about two years ago.

The deceased leaves a son, Mr. A. W. Wyman of St. Louis, who was here during his father's illness, and two daughters, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Ellis. His remains were buried in the Haskell cemetery by the side of his wife with Masonic honors.

We never knew a man for whom we had more respect than Mr. Wyman. Though frail in statue, he always had the courage to stand up for the right. No consideration of policy kept him from reproving any body if they did wrong in his presence. No bully could go into his place of business and misbehave with out getting a lecture he would never forget. His influence on the boy of the street was most wholesome, and the good he accomplished can hardly be estimated.

He was a fearless righteous man. He was most liberal in his contributions to charity and public enterprise and he paid his debts most cheerfully. Such men leave the world better than they found it, and it affords us pleasure to pay him this humble tribute.

FOR SALE

I want to sell at once a complete farming outfit and teams as follows:

Four good medium sized mules with good harness; one good wagon; one hack; two cultivators; one riding planter; several plows; one good jersey cow and calf, and a 130 acre crop planted in maize, Kaffir corn, June corn, Jerusalem corn and cotton. One-third of this crop goes to the owner as rent. Will take for the stock; implements and crop except the (one-third and one-fourth) \$1,000.00; one-third cash, and balance in ninety days. Can give possession of place right away.

This is a snap and bears inspection. Come at once it will not last long. The farm is located six miles west of Haskell. J. J. Stein. Haskell, Tex.

New Orleans, Aug. 2—Cotton scored an advance of \$2.50 per bale today at New Orleans as the result of the government bureau report of 71.9 per cent normal condition for July 25. This is the lowest July condition on record. The October option advanced from 12.24 cents to 12.75 cents and there were corresponding advances in other active months. The March option went from 12.30 cents to 12.90 cents.

Those who bought at the low figures in the morning then commenced to unload their holdings and heavy selling sent October back to 12.58 cents.

According to trade conditions these figures indicate the crop is slightly less than 11,500,000 bales.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

1. Mrs. Mollie Anderson.
2. Mrs. Sallie Richards.
3. C. P. Stewart.
4. Leonard Porter.
5. J. H. B. Am.
6. J. H. B. Am.

SCALDED BY STEAM

Five-Year-Old Girl Killed by Accident at Hamlin.

Hamlin, Texas, Aug. 3.—The 5-year-old daughter of T. J. Edmondson, who recently moved here from Baird, was very badly scalded Sunday morning and died during the afternoon. The little girl was standing just in front of the exhaust pipe of the boiler of the ice plant when the steam was turned on. The steam comes out with considerable pressure and the child was blown several feet from the place where she was standing.

HOWARD

We are having some of the hottest weather this week we have had for quite awhile. People are passing off the time trying to find a cool place and eating ice cream.

Mr. Cox has relatives visiting him from the Plains country.

Grandpa Medford died the 27th and was buried the 28th at Howard. Grandpa was loved by all that knew him. We extend our sympathy to the relatives and friends.

Meeting begins at the school house Saturday night, and will go on two weeks, let everybody attend.

Meeting is progressing nicely at the Methodist church. We are having a good meeting.

The Holiness will hold a meeting near Buffalo creek near Mr. Ike Howard's. They will build an arbor next Friday. Bro. Hugh Meadows will conduct the meeting. Let everybody come out to hear him.

Mr. Bowen and family, Mr. Riche and family spent the day Tuesday fishing and outing on the creek.

Mr. Dink Hawkins has returned from a visit to his mother.

Mr. John Howard has relatives visiting him.

Mr. Williams started to Clay county Wednesday prospecting.

Mrs. Newberry visited Mrs. Howard last Sunday.

Mr. Powell and wife served ice cream to a number of their friends Thursday night.

Mr. Kuntzy went to Wichita Wednesday to look at the country and look for work.

With best wishes to the Free Press and its editor,

I remain as ever
Old Joe Clark.

LOST—on streets of Haskell Saturday, July 17, one mileage credential No. S. B. 37875 containing about 1000 miles of credit slips and \$35.00 in money. Name—J. A. Bullington signed to credential and all credits. Finder leave same with E. A. Chambers Grain & Coal Co. and receive very liberal reward. 4tp

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FIGHTING FOREST FIRES.

Sometimes they do things very well in Michigan. As everyone is aware, Michigan, like New Hampshire, is very solicitous for her forests. Again, like New Hampshire, Michigan is disturbed from time to time by forest fires, and every loyal Michigander is expected to prove his willingness, whenever occasion may demand, to join his neighbors in fighting those fires, says the Manchester Union. In fact, a Michigan statute specifically provides punishment for refusal to assist in suppressing a forest fire. Never, however, until recently, has it been found necessary to invoke this statute, and then a man was sentenced to 90 days in the Detroit house of correction. It is, of course, conceivable that a rigid enforcement of such a law as that might work severe hardship in some individual cases. For example, it would be obviously unjust and inhuman to impress into fire-fighting service one whose physical condition plainly incapacitates him from that service, or one who is occupied with the care of the sick. On the other hand, it is always to be expected that careful judgment will be exercised in the enforcement of this law, as of any other.

That "unlucky 13" superstition is getting no end of sideswipes as a result of the increasing intelligence of the age. A married couple in Trenton, N. J., have just become the proud parents of their thirteenth baby, and instead of being considered a case of bad luck, the coming of the youngster seems to be regarded as uncommonly fortunate, says the Troy Times. At all events not only are the father and mother delighted beyond measure but they have received offers from all over the country to take and adopt the child, those offers evidently being inspired by the belief that the infant will bring good luck. One ardent bidder tenders the parents \$10,000 for the little ones. As all offers have been declined the parents of the thirteenth evidently intend to keep the luck in the family.

Another step has been taken in the direction of improving waterways. The secretary of war has approved the plans submitted by a board of engineers for the construction of a sea-level ship canal across Cape Cod between Massachusetts bay and Buzzard's bay. This work is to be done by a company formed for the purpose, though the canal eventually no doubt will form a link in the intercoastal system which is now under consideration. The Cape Cod canal will shorten by many miles the distance by water from Boston to New York, besides enabling vessels to avoid the greater marine dangers of the outside route at certain seasons.

Intimations that the disclosures in the "Black Hand" conspiracy in Ohio may lead to the exposure of a far-reaching plot and that the trail if followed may end in the discovery and punishment of men connected with the assassination of Lieut. Petrosino, the New York police officer who was murdered in Sicily, are not surprising. There seems to be no doubt that a criminal organization exists, and when that fact is established and the proper threads are found the whole mystery may be unraveled. And when this is accomplished there is likely to be a blow dealt at "Black Handism" that will teach a greatly needed lesson.

The new president of Brazil, succeeding Dr. Penna, deceased, announces the intention of pursuing the policies of his predecessor. These policies aim at promoting peace at home and abroad and general good understanding as conducive to progress and prosperity. He will find no heartier endorsement of that program than he will get from the people of the United States. Brazil is the largest country in South America, and with institutions modeled after those of our republic there are special reasons why this nation should take a warm interest in the political and material development of that region.

The Germans have chosen three sonder boats to represent them in the racing off Marblehead. They have been successful thus far in the handling of this type of racer, which depends for her speed on the prevalence of conditions for which she was constructed. Small yachts are more closely subject to weather conditions than are their big sisters.

American statesmanship and financial skill have apparently scored a substantial victory in connection with that railroad loan by the Chinese government. Certain European powers had attempted to shut out the American door and fair play policy, but the United States, standing firm, seems to have won. It is believed that the proposed twenty-five-foot channel from that city to the jetties at Aransas Pass.

CHILDREN KIDNAPED HELD FOR RANSOM

GIRL FIVE AND BOY TWO AND HALF YEARS STOLEN IN ST. LOUIS.

LETTER DEMANDS \$25,000

Penalty of Injury and Possible Death of Son and Daughter Threatened for Non-Payment.

St. Louis, Aug. 3.—Grace Viviano, 5 years old, and Thomas Viviano, 2½ years old, children of wealthy Italian manufacturers, were kidnaped yesterday and are held for \$25,000 ransom. A letter demanding that sum under penalty of injury or death to the children was received by the distracted parents late this afternoon and is now in the hands of the police. A cordon of detectives has been spread through the Italian quarter and at midnight five suspects had been arrested, though no traces of the children could be found. An employee of the Vivianos took the children away with him under pretense of buying them ice cream, and has not been seen since. The girl is a daughter of Pietro Viviano, and the boy is a son of Pietro Viviano, the fathers being of the same name, cousins and business partners. They are natives of Sicily.

GREAT FIRE IN JAPAN.

Ten Thousand Homeless and Many Killed and Injured.

Osaka, Japan: Confusion still prevails here as a result of Saturday's disastrous fire. Thousands of persons are homeless and hunger is staring many of them in the face.

A system of relief has been organized by the municipal authorities, but is inadequate to supply all needs. Outside cities and towns are generously sending in contributions to be used in alleviating the sufferings of the homeless and destitute.

The number of casualties has not been determined. Hundreds of injured persons are crowding the hospitals.

The latest estimates are 20,000 buildings destroyed, including banks, the stock exchange, the museum, Government edifices and factories. While at present it is impossible to accurately state the losses, they are given roughly at several million yen. It is feared some of the insurance companies will fail as a result of heavy losses they will have to pay.

The conflagration lasted more than twenty-five hours, and today the burned section presents a deplorable sight. The streets of the city are very narrow and the houses were mostly of wood construction.

Scholastic Apportionment.

Austin: Because of the provisions of the automatic tax law, the State Board of Education will not make the Scholastic apportionment until near the middle of the month or later. The Controller will be unable to furnish the Board of Education with an estimate of the probable amount of the state school tax until the automatic board fixes the amount of the tax from 20c to 10 2-3c on the \$100. The estimates of taxable values will not be in until August 15, and then the automatic board has until August 20 to fix the ad valorem and school tax rate.

Boat Lost With Nine Men.

Galveston: The return of the revenue cutter Windom Monday from a two days' cruise in the Gulf, resulting in a fruitless search for the Bonita, the missing schooner of the Gulf Fisheries company, makes it now look as if the storm of July 21 had claimed nine more human lives.

School Bonds Approved.

Austin: Bonds approved: Roscoe independent school district schoolhouse bonds, \$6,000, being forty-twenty-fives, at 5 per cent. The independent school district schoolhouse bonds, \$4,500, being twenty-fifteens, at 5 per cent.

Oil Tank Explodes; Five Hurt.

Mineral Wells: The oil tank of the Mineral Wells Electric Light and Power Company, containing six cars of oil, exploded Monday and injured five persons.

Town Destroyed by Fire.

Fort Worth: The Denver railroad advises that the town of Mayville, near Alvord, was destroyed by fire Saturday at a loss of \$7000. The town was inhabited by quarrymen of the road, which obtained ballast there.

Belton Fair a Success.

Belton: The fair which has just closed here was quite a success and Manager Upshaw and Secretary Ferguson are well pleased with the outcome.

Deep Waterways Convention.

New Orleans: It was announced here Monday that Nov. 1, 2 and 3 had been definitely decided on as dates of the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterways Convention, to be held in New Orleans this fall.

Corpus Christi's Appeal.

Washington: Corpus Christi Monday had a hearing before the board of army engineers on the subject of the proposed twenty-five-foot channel from that city to the jetties at Aransas Pass.

TEXAS NEWS HAPPENINGS

It is reported a contract has been let for a 16-story brick office building in Houston.

Dallas has decided to build the Fair Grounds Coliseum at once at a cost of about \$95,000.

Salaries of ten clerks and four letter carriers of the postoffice at Beaumont have been raised \$100 per year each.

C. W. Speed Thursday sold Forston Bros. of Rice 1,000 acres of land five miles west of Kerens, consideration being \$40,000 in cash.

Every printer in Amarillo walked out Thursday, the strike lasting just one hour, the proprietors yielding and signing the contract.

About \$3,000 will be expended by the Santa Fe Railroad Company for the purpose of beautifying the grounds adjacent to its property in Temple.

John H. Noe, white man, was badly injured in Austin Wednesday, by the explosion of a piece of dynamite which he raked into a pile of burning trash unwittingly.

The board of equalization has completed its work and returns on the taxable values of Wichita Falls for 1909 show the total to be \$3,637,341 as against \$2,956,230 in 1908.

Members of the Farmers' Union in portions of Arkansas have agreed to cease the growing of cotton until the boll weevil has been exterminated in that state.

At the request of the authorities of Angleton the Adjutant General Monday shipped to that town fifty tents, to be used by the storm sufferers until the damage has been repaired.

Wednesday San Antonio signed for its part of the contract for the railroad which is to be built to Fredericksburg. Fredericksburg is ready to sign as soon as all parties concerned can get together.

News has just reached El Paso of the destruction by fire at Parris, State of Coahuila, Mexico, of Las Estralla, one of the largest and oldest cotton mills in the Republic. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Realizing that the two ocean fleets of sixteen battleships is a thing of the distant future, the Navy Department has before it a tentative plan of sixteen first-class armored cruisers for the protection of the Pacific.

Three Texas Rangers sprung a surprise upon peace officers of Galveston and county of Galveston and the citizens as well, when they carried out raids Sunday upon alleged gambling places in the business district.

One of the largest real estate deals of farm land ever consummated in Greenville was made Saturday when the Martin Dies farm of 312 acres near that city, was sold for \$100 per acre, or \$31,200 for the farm.

Colorado, Texas, was visited by a nice rain and much lightning. Wednesday, which killed two horses for J. R. Ledbetter, two for Harry Lauders and two for Mr. Story, and burned up about fifty acres of cotton for Mr. Story.

While trying to file a cartridge in an old revolver Wilson Jackson, 18 years of age, of Brownsville, was almost instantly killed by the weapon being accidentally discharged, the bullet landing in the chest, causing internal hemorrhages.

At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon several farmers who live in the vicinity of La Porte were attracted to a spot where a large number of buzzards were circling in the air, and on going there the body of G. H. Dalley, who disappeared from Galveston during the hurricane last week, was found in a decomposed state, and the falcon birds had so used the remains as to render the features unrecognizable.

Dreading that he was swimming, a boarder named Brown sprang from the gallery of the Carson Hotel in Ft. Worth Monday, and falling fifteen feet to the ground, sustained a broken shoulder.

For the past two weeks horses have been dying at an alarming rate in and around Marshall, and so far the disease that carries them has not been determined by any one in a position to know. The veterinary surgeons here are all at sea as to the cause of their deaths, and some believe it is sunstroke.

A portion of ceiling of the upper story of the east wing of the main building at the asylum at Terrell fell at an early hour Wednesday, together with some brick, but none of the inmates were injured, the falling debris striking on the floor between the beds.

That a factory for the making of counterfeit American bills and coins exists in Italy, and that up to date as much as \$1,000,000 has been sent to Mexico, from whence it is gradually finding its way to the United States, is the information received in San Antonio by Government officials.

Mrs. W. J. Bryan said Thursday that there was no truth in the dispatch from Bellefontaine, Ohio, that Mr. Bryan and his family would remove from Nebraska to make their home in Texas. A two or three months' winter residence each year in the latter state was all that was contemplated.

An engine and car attached to the regular local on the T. & N. division of the Texas and Pacific turned over Monday just as the train was pulling into the Texarkana yards, fatally scalding the engineer, Jim Mackin, and painfully injuring Brakeman Britt.

GOOD NEWS EPITOMIZED

HAPPENINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE

BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

If It Was of Sufficient Importance You Will Find it Recorded Here.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Unless something happens to provoke heated discussions of a political character, the new tariff bill should be enacted into law and the extraordinary session of Congress adjourned before the end of the week.

A special cable from Hamburg says that President Rafael Reyes of Colombia cabled Bogota Tuesday resigning the Presidency of that Republic.

The world's aeroplane record for two men, as to both time and distance, was broken Tuesday by a flight of one hour and ten minutes, making a distance of fifty miles, by Orville Wright, at Washington.

The smuggling of Chinese into the United States across the Mexican border is pretty well under control, declared Commissioner General of Immigration Keefe, in Washington, Monday.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

By the time the opera season is ready to open Brownwood will have another long-needed want supplied, that of a first-class opera house.

William Burke, a detective, was shot and probably fatally injured during a raid on an alleged gambling house in Birmingham last Sunday afternoon.

While bathing with several other boys Sunday, in the St. Mary's River, at Kingsland, Ga., two white boys, Isaac Carlton and Roy Haddock, 15 years old, were drowned.

The unusual spectacle of snow falling in July occurred in Omaha during an electrical storm following an exceptionally hot day. The flakes fell intermittently for nearly ten minutes.

The advance guard of the Texas Farmers' Congress reached College Station Monday, consisting chiefly of newspaper men and committeemen who have work in advance of the general annual session which opened Tuesday morning.

The rice crop in many sections of the Texas coast country was badly damaged by the storm of Wednesday of last week. It is said that fields ripe for the harvest on hundreds of acres were laid flat on the ground by the wind, and can not be harvested.

Eleven deaths and scores of prostrations were Friday recorded in Chicago as the result of the unusually hot wave which has scorched and smothered Chicago and the Middle West two days and is now sweeping eastward.

The United Hatters of North America, who have been on strike for several months, have just received \$5,000 from the Western Federation of Miners, it being the first installment of an assessment of 25c levied by the federation on each of its 40,000 members.

Refugees who have arrived in Lisbon from Barcelona say that the city is in a state of complete anarchy, the population being in open rebellion against the Government. They report that the terrorists are using dynamite bombs freely, causing great destruction of property and loss of life.

The Cabinet crisis which has been for sometime expected in Cuba, came Thursday when all the Ministers as well as the Presidents Secretary, Senor Castellanos, signed their resignations, which will be officially presented to President Gomez on his arrival Friday from Cayo Cristo.

German bankers of Berlin who are participating in the Chinese Railway loan have forwarded advices from Peking that negotiations for an American proportionate share in the loan are nearly completed on terms agreeable to the Americans.

The second annual reunion of Confederate soldiers and Indian fighters will take place at Lorraine Aug. 4 and 5. There will be an Indian fight, stage coach robbery, Ben-Hur chariot races, baseball, two days' free barbecue, free water, free wood, fine park and camping grounds.

The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway in its construction work south of Sweetwater, has passed Mayneal and is within ten miles of Blackwell, the second town on this railway south of here. There is a gap of only twenty-six miles to be closed between Sweetwater and San Angelo.

The whole of France is wild with enthusiasm over Louis Bleriot's feat in crossing the English Channel Sunday. All the newspapers are filled with editorials, which reflect the National pride in the splendid era-breaking achievement of French prowess.

Col. Leopold Markbreit, Mayor of Cincinnati, and a distinguished soldier and journalist, died Tuesday after an illness extending over the greater part of the nineteen months he had served that city as its Chief Executive. He will be succeeded in office by Vice Mayor John Galvin.

The State Railway Board of Arkansas has granted a charter to the Arkansas-Oklahoma Railway Company to build a line from the Kansas City Southern connection on Red River through Oklahoma to Harris' Ferry, north of Clarksville, and on to Paris,

As an evidence of increased business the Frisco has added the fourth switch engine to the North Sherman yards.

The legislative committee investigating the penitentiary system at Huntsville, has closed its hearing until late in October.

Edward Reihl, of St. Louis, has, by crossing several varieties of strawberry vines, produced a plant that will grow berries five months in the year.

Reports received from City of Mexico are to the effect that in Sunday's riot at Guadalajara twelve were killed and thirty-five injured.

Five lives were lost and 300,000 worth of property destroyed in a fire late Saturday caused by the explosion of an acetylene plant being installed by the Kuhle Carbonide Manufacturing Company in St. Paul.

A terrific cloudburst in the Davis Mountains northwest of Alpine flooded several big ranches and caused some stock loss. The ranch house of Clyde Buttrill, a wealthy cattleman, was carried away.

Blistering heat Thursday caused five deaths in Chicago. There were twenty-two serious prostrations reported to the police, but this probably does not represent more than one-third the actual number.

James Corruthers, chief engineer of the Leyland Line steamer Albanian, which reached Galveston Friday from Cartagena, died at sea Thursday of fever. He had been ill thirteen days. The body was buried at sea.

Tommy Adams, inventor of the rogues' gallery, has retired from the police force of New York, poor. He joined the department in 1872, when he was 25 years of age. He is broken in health.

The price of July wheat was advanced 9c per bushel in the New York market Wednesday on a vigorous demand by the traders on the short side of the market. They finally paid \$1.34 per bushel, which equaled the high point of the season.

Nine killed outright and over forty injured, several probably fatally, is the result of a head-on collision of two passenger trains on the Coeur D'Alene and Spokane electric railway near La-Cross, two miles west of Coeur D'Alene, Ida., late Saturday.

Some alarm has been created by the non-arrival of the British Waratah, from Sydney for London. She left Port Natal on July 26 and since then has not been seen by any other vessel. A search has been instituted for her. The Waratah has 3,000 souls aboard.

An elopement terminated in the murder of Tony Panilla and Mrs. Clara Pizzani, by Mrs. Panilla, wife of the slain man, in Canton, O., Sunday. After shooting her husband Mrs. Panilla attacked Mrs. Pizzani with a butcher knife. A struggle followed, Mrs. Pizzani being stabbed thirty times.

An automobile tour through the beautiful chateau district of Southern France will be the wedding trip of H. Clay Pierce, multi-millionaire, of New York and St. Louis, and Mrs. Virginia Prickett Burrows, daughter of Major William Russell Prickett of Edwardsville, Ill. The wedding took place at noon Sunday at St. George's Church, Hanover Square, in London.

The United States hydrographic station at Boston has been advised of a distinct black spot, comet-like in shape, traveling across the surface of the sun, as seen by Capt. J. Jensen, commander of the fruit steamer Admiral Faragut, in port from Jamaica.

Orville Wright Friday evening attained the zenith of hard-earned success at Washington. In a ten-mile cross-country flight in the famous aeroplane built by himself and his elder brother, and accompanied by Benjamin Foulois of the signal corps, he not only surpassed the speed requirements of his contract with the United States Government, but accomplished the most difficult and daring flight ever planned for a heavier-than-air flying machine. Incidentally he broke all speed records over a measured course.

Mrs. Johnnie McMurray, of Wilburton, Okla., while crawling under cars with her three small children in the Rock Island yards Friday, was caught underneath the wheels and both legs cut off. She died an hour later.

Grading outfits continue steadily at work preparing Jacksboro streets for the spreading on thereafter of the famous Jacksboro crushed limestone which is so popular with Dallas and other cities for the street work.

General rainfall is reported all over the Plains. One and thirty-five hundredths inches fell at Plainview.

The aerial rate was is on at St. Louis. Ballooning is now a recognized mode of transportation in St. Louis and rate experts issued tariff schedules to take effect at once.


According to reliable information received in Dallas Tuesday, nine surveying crews are now in the field between Brady and San Antonio surveying a route for the Frisco, or its subsidiary line, the Fort Worth and Rio Grande.

As the result of an explosion in the mines at Clermont, France, Monday, twelve miners are dead and several seriously injured.

M. B. Milam, an attorney of Oklahoma City, was struck by interurban car No. 26 bound for Britton and running at the rate of forty miles an hour Tuesday, and injured so badly that death resulted two hours later.

Japanese, Portuguese, Spaniards and Porto Ricans having proved unsatisfactory as plantation laborers, the Planters' association of Honolulu will import Filipinos.

Mark Bassett, the Tulsa, Okla., newspaper man, who was shot some days ago, died Tuesday without having gained consciousness.



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George—There's Miss Passay. She claims she's never been kissed. Harry—Why, I've kissed her myself, years ago. She means not since she can remember.

And the Old Man Grinned. "Duke," said the heilress, eagerly, "did you see father?" "Yes." "Well?" "We talked about the weather." "What? Lose your nerve again? Why don't you brace up and talk like a man?—a subject of a king on whose domain the sun never sets!" "Can't," moaned the duke. "All the time I was in your father's office he kept grinning at a big painting." "What painting?" "The battle of Bunker Hill."

Either Way. Mr. Wilkins had been sitting quietly on a nail keg, perusing a paper which he had found on the counter. The date of it he had not noticed. Finally he looked up with a puzzled expression.

"What's this wireless telegraph signal, this 'C. O. D.' they're talking about?" he asked. "I guess it's 'C. Q. D.' ain't it?" suggested Holbrook, the grocer. "Any way, it's a signal of distress," he added, moodily.

Sweet Eighteen. A professor of the class in English history was telling his young men of the impressionable age about the Elizabethan era, when suddenly turning to one of the young men who seemed to be in a dream, with a far-away gaze, he said: "And how old was Elizabeth, Mr. Case?" "Eighteen last birthday," came the instant reply.

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THE LION'S SHARE

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SYNOPSIS.

The story opens at Harvard where Col. Rupert Winter, U. S. A., visiting, saw the suicide of young Mercer. He met Cary Mercer, brother of the dead student. Three years later, in Chicago, in 1906, Col. Winter overheard Cary Mercer apparently planning to kidnap Archie, the colonel's ward, and to gain possession of Aunt Rebecca Winter's millions. A Miss Smith was mentioned apparently as a conspirator. A great financial magnate was aboard the train on which Col. Winter met his Aunt Rebecca, Miss Smith and Archie. Col. Winter learned that the financial magnate is Edward Keatcham, Winter, aided by Archie, cleverly frustrated a hold-up on the train. He took a great liking to Miss Smith, despite her alleged kidnapping plot. Archie mysteriously disappeared in Frisco. Blood in a nearby room at the hotel caused fears for the boy's life. The lad's voice was heard over the telephone, however, and a minute later a woman's voice—that of Miss Smith. Col. Winter and a detective set out for the empty mansion owned by Arnold, a Harvard graduate. They were met with an explosion within. Mercer appeared. He assured Winter that Archie had returned. The colonel saw a vision flitting from the supposedly haunted house. It was Miss Janet Smith. Col. Winter to himself admitted that he loved Miss Smith. Mercer told Winter that Archie had overheard plans for a coup and had been kidnapped. One of Mercer's friends on returning to the boy to his aunt had been arrested for speeding and when he returned from the police station to his auto the lad was gone. Mercer confessed he was forcibly detaining Keatcham. Mercer told his life story, relating how Keatcham and his second secretary, Atkins, had ruined him, the blow killing his wife. Mercer was holding his prisoner in order that he could not get control of a railroad which was the pet project of the father of his college friend, Endicott Tracy. Aunt Rebecca saw Archie in a cab with two men. Then he vanished. She followed in an auto into the Chinese district and by the use of a mysterious Chinese jade ornament she secured a promise from an influential Chinaman that the boy would be returned. Archie returned and told his story. Atkins, former secretary to Keatcham, being his second kidnaper. Col. Winter and Tracy returned to the haunted house. They found Keatcham, apparently stabbed to death. Keatcham was not dead, however. Cary Mercer appeared on the scene. Winter believing his actions suspicious and observing blood on his cuffs and trousers. Mrs. Millicent Melville, in letters to her husband, revealed that she allowed information to "Jeak" to Atkins. Suspicious directed themselves at Atkins in the Keatcham assault. Endicott Tracy, Mrs. Melville had made herself a tool for Atkins' dark scheme in stocks. The party having removed to the Arnold home, lived in constant fear of bombs and internal machines from Atkins' gang. Keatcham, convalescing, told Winter his life story and its tragedy.

millions of dollars and filling (with most carefully and wisely-planned details) an almost absolute vacuum in the American scheme of education. The dignity and fame of the chairs and fellowships endowed were ample to tempt the best ability of the profession. The reader grew enthusiastic as he read.

"Why, it's immense! And we have always needed it!" he exclaimed. "There are some letters about it, there"—Keatcham feebly motioned to a number of neatly-opened, neatly-assorted letters on a desk. "The doctor said I might have the letters read to me. Miss Smith got him to. For fear of exciting you, the doctors usually let you worry your head off because you don't know about things. I've got to carry a few things through if it kills me. Don't you see?"

"I see," said the colonel. "You shall." The next time he saw the financier, although only a few days had elapsed, he was much stronger; he was able to breathe comfortably, he spoke with ease, in his ordinary voice; in fine, he looked his old self again, merely thinner and paler. Hardly was the colonel seated before he said without preface—Keatcham never made approaches to his subject, regarding conversational road-making as waste of brains for a busy man:

"Colonel, Miss Smith hasn't time to be my nurse and secretary both. I won't have one sent from New York; will you help her out?" The colonel's lips twitched; he was thinking that were Miss Smith working for Atkins, she couldn't have a better chance to make a killing. "But I'll bet my life she isn't," he added; "she may be trying to save his life, but she isn't playing his game!"

He said aloud: "I will, Mr. Keatcham, if you will let me do it as part of the obligation of the situation; and there is no bally rot about compensation."

"Very well," said Keatcham. He did not hesitate; it was (as the colonel had already discovered) the rarest thing in the world for him to hesitate; he thought with astonishing rapidity; and he formulated his answer while his interlocutor talked; before the speech was over the answer was ready. Another trait of his had struck the soldier, namely, the laborious correctness of his speech; it was often formal and old-fashioned; Aunt Rebecca said that he talked like Daniel Webster's speeches; but it had none of the homely and pungent savor one might expect from a man whose boyhood had scrambled through miners' camps into a San Francisco stock office; who had never gone to school in his life by daylight; who had been mine superintendent, small speculator and small director in California until he became a big speculator and big railway controller in New York.

"You might begin on the morning mail," Keatcham continued. "Let me sort them first." He merely glanced at the inscriptions on the envelopes, opening and taking out one which he read rather carelessly, frowning a little before he placed it to one side.

A number of the letters concerned the endowments of the experimental chairs at the universities. Keatcham's attention was not lightened by any ray of pleasure. Once he said: "That fellow has caught my idea," and once: "That's right," but there was no animation in his voice, no interest in his pallid face. Stealing a furtive scrutiny of it, now and then, Rupert Winter was impressed with his mystical likeness to that of Cary Mercer. There was no physical similarity of color or feature; it was a likeness of the spirit rather than the flesh. The colonel's eyes flashed.

"I have it!" he exclaimed within. "I have it; they are fanatics, both of them; Keatcham's a fanatic of finance and Mercer is a fanatic of another sort; but fanatics they both are, ready to go any length for their principles or their ambitions or their revenge! J'ai trouve le mot d'enigme, as Aunt Becky would say—I wonder what she'll say to this sudden psychological splurge of mine."

"The business hour is up"—it was Miss Smith entering with a bowl on a white-covered tray; the sun glistened the lump of ice in the milk and the silver spoon was dazzling against the linen—"your biscuit and milk, Mr. Keatcham. Didn't you have it when you were a boy?"

"I did, Miss Janet"—and Keatcham actually smiled. "I used to think crackers and milk the nicest thing in the world."

"That is because you never tasted corn pone and milk; but you are going to."

"When you make it for me. I'm glad you're such a good cook. It's one of your ways I like. My mother was a very good cook. She could make better dishes out of almost nothing than these mongrel chefs can make with the whole world."

"I reckon she could," said Miss Smith; she was speaking sincerely.

"When my father didn't strike pay dirt, my mother would open her bakery and make pies for the miners; she could make bread with potato



"Miss Smith Opened It I Could See Her."

yeast or 'salt-emptins'—can you make salt-rising bread?"

"I can—shall I make you some tomorrow?"

"I'd like it. My mother used to make more money than my father; sometimes when we children were low in clothes and dad owed a bigger lot of money than usual, we had a laundry at our house as well as a bakery. Yet, in spite of all the work, my mother found time to teach all of us; and she knew how to teach, too; for she was principal of a school when my father married her. She was a New Englander; so was he; but they went west. We're forty-niners. I saw the place where our little cloth-and-board shack used to stand. After the big fire, you know. It burned us all up; we had saved a good deal and my mother had a nice bakery. She worked too hard; it killed her. Work and struggle and losing the children."

"They died?" said Miss Janet.

"Diphtheria. They didn't know anything about the disease then. We all had it; and my little sister and both my brothers died; but I'm tough. I lived. My mother fell into what they called a decline. I was making a little money then—I was 16; but I couldn't keep her from working. Perhaps it made no difference; but it did make a difference her not having the—the right kind of food. Nobody knew anything about consumption then. I used to go out in the morning and be afraid I'd find her dead when I got back. One night I did." He stopped abruptly, cringing up to his eyes—"I don't know why I'm telling you all this."

"I call that tough"—as the colonel blurted out the words, he was conscious of a sense of repetition. When had he said those very same words before, to whom? Of all people in the world, to Cary Mercer. "Mighty tough," murmured he softly.

"Yes," said Keatcham, "it was." He did not say anything more. Neither did the colonel. Keatcham obediently ate his milk and biscuit; and very shortly the colonel took his leave.

The next morning after an uneventful hour of sorting, reading and answering letters for Miss Smith to copy on the traveling typewriter, Keatcham gave his new secretary a sharp sensation; he ordered in his quiet but peremptory fashion: "Now put that trash away; sit down; tell me all you know of Cary—real name is Cary Mercer, isn't it?"

The colonel said it was; he asked him if he wanted anything.

"Everything. Straight. Without a chaser," snapped Keatcham.

The colonel gave it to him. He began with his own acquaintance; he told about Phil Mercer; he did not slur a detail; neither did he underscore one; Keatcham got the uncolored facts. He heard them impassively, making only one comment: "A great deal of damage would be saved in this world if youngsters could be shut up until they had sense enough not to fool with firearms." When Winter came to Mercer's own exposition of his motives and his design if successful in his raid on the kings of the market, Keatcham grunted; at the end he breathed a noiseless jet of a sigh.

"You don't think Mercer is at all"—he tapped the side of the head.

"No more than you are."

"Or you?"

"Oh, well," the colonel fested, "we all have a prejudice in favor of our own sanity. What I meant was that Mercer is a bit of a fanatic; his hard luck has—well, prejudiced him—"

Keatcham's cold, firm lips straightened into his peculiar smile, which was rather of perception than of humor.

One might say of him—Aunt Rebecca Winter did say of him—that he saw the incongruous, which makes up for humor, but he never enjoyed it; possibly it was only another factor in his contempt of mankind.

"Colonel," said Keatcham, "do you think Wall street is a den of thieves?"

"I do," said the colonel promptly. "I should like to take a machine gun or two and clean you all out."

Keatcham did not smile; he blinked his eyes and nodded. "I presume a good many people share your opinion of us."

"Millions," replied the colonel.

Again Keatcham nodded. "I thought so," said he. "Of course you are all off; Wall street is as necessary to the commonwealth as the pores to your skin; they don't make the poison in the system any more than the pores do; they only let it escape. And I suppose you think that big financiers who control the trusts and the railways and—"

"Us," the colonel struck in, "well?"

"You think we are thieves and liars and murderers and despots?"

"All of that," said the colonel placidly; "also fools."

"You certainly don't mince your words."

"You don't want me to. What use would my opinion be in a one-thousandth attenuation? You're no homeopath; and whatever else you may be, you're no coward."

"Yet, you think I surrendered to Mercer? You think I did it because I was afraid he would kill me? I suppose he would have killed me if I hadn't, eh?"

"He can speak for himself about that; he seems—well, an earnest sort of man. But I don't think you gave in because you were afraid, if that is what you mean. You are no more afraid than he was! You wanted to live, probably; you had big things on hand. The Midland was only a trump in the game; you could win the odd trick with something else; you let the Midland go."

"Pretty close," Keatcham really smiled—"but there is a good deal more of it. I was shut up with the results of my—my work. He did it very cleverly. I had nothing to distract me. There were the big type-written pages about the foolish people who had lost their money, in some cases really through my course, mostly because they got scared and let go and were wiped out when, if they had had confidence in me and held on, they would be very much better off, now. But they didn't, and they were ruined and they starved and took their boys out of college and mortgaged their confounded homes that

had been in their families ever since Adam; and the old people died of broken hearts and the girls went wrong and some of the idiotic quitters killed themselves—it was not the kind of crowd you would want shut up with you in the dark! I was shut up with them. He had some sort of way of switching off the lights from the outside. I never saw a face or heard a voice. I would have to sit there in the dark after he thought I had read enough to occupy my mind. It was unpleasant. Perhaps you suppose that brought me round to his way of thinking."

The colonel meditated. "I'll tell you honestly," he said, after a pause, "I was of that opinion, or something of the kind, until I talked your case over with my aunt—"

"The old dame is not a fool; what did she say?"

"She said no, he didn't convert you; but he convinced you how other people looked at your methods. You couldn't get round the fact that a majority of your countrymen think your type of financier is worse than smallpox, and more contagious."

"Oh, she put it that way, did she? I wish she would write a prospectus for me. Well, you think she was nearer right than you?"

"I think you do; I myself think it was a little of both. You've got a heart and a conscience originally, though they have pretty well tanned out in the weather; you didn't want to be sorry for those people, but you are. They have bothered you a lot; but it has bothered you more to think that instead of going down the ages as a colossal benefactor and empire builder, you are hung up on the hook to see where you're at; and where you will be if the people get thoroughly aroused. You all are building bigger balloons when it ought to be you for the cyclone cellar! But you are different. You can see ahead. I give you credit for seeing."

"Have you ever considered," said Keatcham, slowly, "that in spite of the iniquitous greed of the men you are condemning, in spite of their oppression of the people, the prosperity of the country is unparalleled? How do you explain it?"

"Crops," said the colonel; "the crops were too big for you."

"You might give us a little credit—your aunt does. She was here to-day; she is a manufacturer and she comprehended that the methods of business cannot be revolutionized without somebody's getting hurt. Yet, on the whole, the change might be immensely advantageous. Now, why in a nutshell, do you condemn us?"

"You're after the opinion of the average man, are you?"

"I suppose so, the high average."

The colonel crossed his legs and uncrossed them again; he looked straight into the other's eyes; his own narrowed with thought.

"I'll tell you," said he. "I don't know much about the Street or high finance or industrial development. I'm a plain soldier; I'm not a manufacturer and I'm not a speculator. I understand perfectly that you can't have great changes without somebody's getting hurt in the shuffle. It is beyond me to decide whether the new industrial arrangements with the stock jobber on top instead of the manufacturer will make for better or for worse—but I know this: it is against the fundamental law to do evil that good may come. And you fellows in Wall street, when, to get rich quick, you lie about stocks in order to buy cheap and then lie another way to sell dear; when you make a panic out of the whole cloth, as you did in 1903, because, having made about all you can out of things going up, you want to make all you can out of them going down; when you play football with great railway properties and insurance properties, because you are as willing to rob the dead as the living; when you do all that, and when your imitators, who haven't so much brains or so much decency as you, when they buy up legislatures and city councils; and their imitators run the Black Hand business and hold people up who have money and are not strong enough, they think, to hunt them down—why, not being a philosopher, but just a plain soldier, I call it bad, rotten bad. What's more, I can tell you the American people won't stand for it."

"You think they can help themselves?"

"I know they can. You fellows are big, but you won't last over night if the American people get really aroused. And they are stirring in their sleep and kicking off the bed-clothes."

"Yet you ought to belong to the conservatives."

"I do. That's why the situation is dangerous. You as an old San Franciscan ought to remember how conservative was that celebrated vigilance committee. It is when the long suffering, pusillanimous, conservative element gets fighting mad that something is doing."

"Maybe," muttered Keatcham, thoughtfully. "I believe we can man-

age for you better than you can for yourselves; but when the brakes are broken good driving can't stop the machine; all the chauffeur can do is to keep the middle of the road. I like to be beaten as little as any of them; but I'm not a fool. Winter, you are used to accomplishing things; what is your notion of the secret?"

"Knowing when to stop exhausting trumps, I reckon—but you don't play cards."

"It is the same old game whatever you play," said the railway king. He did not pursue the discussion; his questions, Winter had found, invariably had a purpose, and that purpose was never argument. He lay back on the big leather cushions of the lounge, his long, lean fingers drumming on the table beside him and an odd smile playing about the corners of his mouth; his next speech dived into new waters. He said: "Have those men from New York got Atkins, yet?"

"They couldn't find him," answered the colonel. "I have been having him shadowed, on my own idea—I think he stabbed you, though I have no proof of it; I take it you have proof of your matter."

"Plenty," said Keatcham. "I was going to send him to the pen in self-defense. It isn't safe for me to have it creep out that my secretary made a fortune selling my secrets. Besides, I don't want to be killed. You say they can't find him?"

"Seems to have gone to Japan—"

"Seems? What do you mean?"

"I am not sure. He was booked for a steamer; and a man under his name, of his build and color, did actually sail on the boat," announced the colonel blandly.

"Him? He's right here in San Francisco; read that note."

Winter read the note, written on Palace hotel note-paper, in a sharp, scrawling, Italian hand. The contents were sufficiently startling.

"Dear friend Hoping this find you well. Why do you disregard a true warning? We did write you afore once for say you give that money or we shall be unfortunately compel to kill you quick. No? You laff. God knows we got have that twenty-five thousand dol. Yes. And now because of such great expense it is fifty thousand you shall pay. We did not mean kill you dead only show you for sure there is no place so secret you can hide no place so strong can defend you. Be warn. You come with \$50,000.00 in \$100 bills. You go or send Mr. Mercer to the Red Hat; ask for Louis. Say to Louis for the Black Hand. Louis will come to you. You will be forgive all heretobefores. Else ways you must die April 15-20. This is sure. You have felt our dagger the other is worse."

"You well wishing Fron. 'The Black Hat.'"

"Sounds like Atkins pretending to be a Dago," said the colonel dryly. "I could do better myself."

"Very likely," said Keatcham.

"Does he mean business? What's he after?"

"To get me out of the way. He knows he isn't safe until I'm dead. Then he hasn't been cleaned out, but he has lost a lot of money in this Midland business. The cipher he has is of no use to him, there, or in the other things which unluckily he knows about. With me dead and the cipher in his hands, he could have made millions; even without the cipher, if he knows I'm dead before the rest of the world, he ought to make at least a half-million. I think you will find that he has put everything he has on the chance. I told you he was slick. And unstable. What do you anticipate he will do? Straight, with no chaser, as you say."

"Well, straight with no chaser, I should say a bomb was the meanest trick in sight, so, naturally, he will choose a bomb."

"I agree with you. You say the house is patrolled?"

"The whole place. But we'll put on a bigger force; I'll see Birdsall at once. Atkins would have to hire his explosive talent, wouldn't he?" questioned the colonel.

"Oh, he knows plenty of the underworld rascals; and besides, for a fellow of his habits, there is a big chance for loot. Mrs. Millicent Winter tells me that your aunt has valuable jewels with her. If she told me, she may have told other people, and Atkins may know. He will use other people, but he will come, too, in my opinion."

"The Preacher's Advice."

"My friends," said an itinerant preacher, "the Scriptural rule for giving was one-tenth of what a man possessed. If you feel you can't afford so much, just give a sixth or a fourth, according to your means. We will dispense with the next hymn and take up the collection."—Lippincott's.

"Dope on Pronunciation."

Los Angeles has given to the world the officially correct pronunciation of its name. The first section is pronounced "Loce," as in "Was ist loce?" The rest of it is pronounced like pink stuff the maritime people call "nails."—Cleveland

CHAPTER XVI.—Continued.

Conscious and free from fever, he was barely able to articulate, but when delirious fancies possessed him he could talk rapidly, in a good voice. Very soon it was clear that he was calmer for the colonel's presence. Hence, the latter got into the habit of sitting in the room. He would request imaginary ruined and desperate beings to leave Keatcham in peace; he would gravely rise and close the door on their departure. He never was surprised nor at a loss; and his dramatic nerve never failed. Later, as the visions faded, a moody reserve wrapped the sick man. He lay motionless, evidently absorbed by thought. In one way he was what doctors call a very good patient. He obeyed all directions; he was not restless. But neither was he ever cheerful. Every day he asked for his pulse record and his temperature and his respiration. After a consultation with the doctor, Miss Smith gave them to him.

"It is against the rules," grumbled the doctor, "but I suppose each patient has to make his own rules." On the same theory he permitted the colonel's visits.

Therefore, with no surprise, Winter received and obeyed the summons. Keatcham greeted him with his usual stiff courtesy.

"The doctor says I can have the papers—will you pick out—the one—day after I was stabbed."

Miss Smith indicated a pile on a little table, placed ready at hand. "I kept them for him," she said.

"Read about—the Midland," commanded the faint, indomitable voice.

"Want the election and the newspaper sentiments?" asked the colonel; he gave it all, conscious the while of Janet Smith's compassionate, perplexed, sorrowful eyes.

"Don't skip!" Keatcham managed to articulate after a pause.

The colonel gave him a keen glance. "Want it straight, without a chaser?" Keatcham closed his eyes and nodded.

The colonel read about the virtually unanimous election of Tracy; the astoundment of the outsiders among the supposed anti-Tracy element; the composed and impenetrable front of the men closest to Keatcham; the reticence and amiability of Tracy himself, in whose men there could be detected no hint either of hostility or of added cordiality toward the men who had been expected "to drag his bleeding pride in the dust;" finally of the response of the stock-market in a phenomenal rise of Midland.

Keatcham listened with his undecipherable mask of attention; there was not so much as the flicker of an eyelid or the twitch of a muscle. All he said was: "Now, read if there is anything about the endowment of the new fellowships in some medical schools for experimental research."

"Who gives the endowment?"

"Anonymous. In memory of Maria Warren Keatcham and Helen Bradford Keatcham. Find anything?"

The colonel found a great deal about it. The paper was full of this magnificent gift, amounting to many

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The Constitutional Amendments carried all over the state but the vote polled was very light.

From reports all over the county we find this section is in as good condition as almost any other section of the state.

The National Congress is filled with grafters, who have been corrupted by the temptations of the tariff system. The whole proceeding of the national body is tainted with trickery, fraud and deceit. The deceitful practice began at the republican convention when the platform was made. While the republican voters of the country are really responsible for such conditions, they can no more escape its burders than the democratic voter. These may work a reform

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Dear Sir:

We have your favor of July 22nd and have also received copy of The Haskell Free Press of July 24th containing correspondence and editorial comment. We hardly know what to write you in consideration of the mental attitude with which you regard the general national economic situation.

We feel that we should find ourselves in a bottomless bog should we attempt to ask fair play for the Merchant Marine problem when your general view of governmental policies as interpreted by the Republican party is so strongly hostile. We feel that you are much in a position of the man who cuts his nose off to spite his own face. Neither you nor I nor the Merchant Marine League can change the situation as it exists. We may not agree with all or any part of the constructive work of the Republican party in the last 45 years, but the party is here and has control of all branches of the government, and whether right or wrong we are compelled to consider the situation as it exists at present and endeavor to make the best of that situation.

We here spend no time in vain regrets. The Civil War is over and both the North and South have paid the penalty of that great conflict.

We cannot agree at all with you that the laws now on the statute books of the nation were built for the exclusive benefit of any section of the country. The laws are federal laws and apply equally in every part of the country. While it is true that the laws protecting manufactured products did not greatly benefit the South up to within the last 20 years, yet that is not the fault of the laws, but was due to the fact that the South was largely an agricultural section and therefore needed little of that protection which you say has enriched the North and impoverished your section. To be exactly fair you must remember that the South came from the Civil War utterly prostrated financially and that her march forward to her present prosperity has been a slow and painful one, but, if you are a student of conditions in the South, you must know that manufacturing is steadily developing in your section and that there is just as strong a demand in your section for such laws as will protect the manufacturer of the South as there is a demand in the North. So to become involved in a debate of that kind seems to us utterly futile, for in 10 years the South will be more strongly for those policies which you now condemn as having enriched the North, than the North will have ever been. This is a prediction but it is bound to be fulfilled.

Again it is useless for anyone to inveigh against an accumulation of the material things of life—so-called riches. Life is nothing more nor less than a contest of naturally savage individuals forced into an artificial condition—so-called civilization to secure as much of the material things of life as each individual by his cunning or physical ability can gather unto himself. That is the law—the law of nature—and it cannot be changed by longings for an altruistic human condition

when altruism can only be developed among men when they are plentifully supplied with those things that make existence more tolerable.

Freed from all abstractions and vague generalities, the question in a nut-shell, as far as this organization is concerned, is: Will an American built, owned and operated Merchant Marine be of any benefit to your State in consideration of your proximity to South America and the opening of the Panama Canal? If such a Marine will be of benefit, the next question is how to obtain such a Marine. If the Marine will be of no benefit, then your State is not interested in it, does not want it and consequently the discussion is closed. In other words, do you prefer to have a ten dollar bill in your pocket, which will provide you with some of the things which you claim to be the highest things of life, books, art, "purity of motive," etc., or do you wish to have your pockets empty and devote your time to decrying a system which you have no power to change and at the same time deny yourself during your brief existence on this earth of those things that give to life charm and enjoyment?

We think that you have a wrong conception of the late Mr. Hanna. He was simply an ordinary hard-headed business man who took delight in doing things by which the material condition of the people could be bettered. He never saw any particular attractiveness about a poverty stricken wretch with heart filled with human hatred and malignancy. Mr. Hanna reasoned that if he could put good food into the man's stomach that his outlook of life would become more cheerful—that he would lose his dangerous proclivities and become a good and useful citizen. That was Mr. Hanna's idea of social betterment and, frankly, we know of none better. He interested himself in the American Merchant Marine without owning a dollar's worth of stock in any shipping company, as was evidenced when his estate was submitted for probate. We knew Mr. Hanna somewhat intimately and we are positive that he could not have benefitted personally by Merchant Marine legislation unless possibly he might have sold some iron that goes into the construction of a ship on a competitive basis with some other 50 large iron and steel manufacturing corporations of the country. We do not think that Mr. Hanna ever thought of the iron that he might possibly sell when he advocated an enlightened maritime policy for the nation. He wanted to do something that would endear him to the people and he thought that he could do nothing finer or nobler than to restore the flag to something of the political dignity and commercial importance that it once enjoyed on the salt seas of the world. His only reward was to be assailed by ignorance and to be cartooned all over the land as a "dollar grabber," "grafter" and "looter." Such has been the reward of almost every great man who has striven to lift up his fellow-men.

We find absolutely nothing in your editorial which we care to find fault with. If you wish to persist in your false view of life, that is your lookout, but, frankly, in our opinion nothing is to be gained by the "dog-in-the-manger" policy as to the Merchant Marine. Very truly yours,

John A. Penton, Secretary.

Replying to some statements

in the foregoing letter, we are forced to say that in opposing graft, we do not feel guilty of cutting our nose off to spite our face.

We believe the situation as it exists can be changed if those behind The Merchant Marine League would renounce the tariff graft and subsidy rake off and cultivate broad patriotic ideas and policies. In considering the situation "as it exists" we should have manhood enough to combat the evil and not condone same as suggested by you. We feel like reasonable argument is spent in vain on the author of the second paragraph of your letter. If it had been left to such people as write thus we would still be savages in Europe.

If you lived in the South and helped to pay the protection, pensions and subsidies and got none of it, you would not consider your regrets vain as long as you had a ballot in your hands. The federal laws that tax all classes for the benefit of a favored few are so unjust, that I can not understand how a man can be honest and give his support to them. As to your prophecy as to the South turning to protection, I make the counter prophecy that it will never do it. They are too fair and democratic principles are too deeply rooted and the patriotic sentiment is too strong for this in warm blooded people like the South. They place a man above a dollar.

You say it is "useless for any one to inveigh against an accumulation of the material things of this life—so-called riches" etc. This paragraph in your letter has no application whatever to anything I ever said or wrote in my life, you seem to confound graft, subsidy and riches. To you, these terms are synonymous. I denounced graft and you thought I meant riches. I will say that the philosophy of life as you see it and express it in this paragraph convinces me that the majority party in this country has attached to its banner every free-booter and unscrupulous grafter in the country and explains to me the inconsistencies of many republicans in office. Probably Aldrich and Taft can understand one another but I tell you, honest men can not understand the jokers in the tariff bill now pending. Their conduct can better be explained by the philosophy to which you hold in the paragraph referred to.

Yes Texas needs the Merchant Marine and if we had as many ships in proportion flying the flag after 40 odd years of republican rule as we had in proportion to population under a similar period of democratic rule, your marine crowd would be without an argument now for subsidy. This assertion is based on the statistics I find in the literature you sent me, I find some more of your hopes philosophy in your ten dollar bill illustration. The trouble with you is you can not understand anything but tariff graft and subsidy. You have no principle to live for. You believe in "dinner pails," subsidy and graft, you have become half socialist, you want the government to "save you and your wife and your son John and his wife, these four and no more."

There is a fine list of patriots on margin of the letter heads you use to write letters on to me. I venture to say that if this country was to get into war not one of this gang would get in a hundred miles of the firing line, but if your subsidy scheme ever carries, this gang will gather around the spoil as thick as vultures at a carcass.

If such men should dictate the

laws and policy of the country for a century, we would lapse into a condition of barbarism. The fact is, the philosophy of your letter shows you to be a barbarian under restraint of a civilized community.

To me the times seem evil when the great political parties become dominated by mere wealth, and men of learning and great statesmanship are held in contempt, when dinner pail statesmen, tariff beneficiaries and subsidy hunters get so brazen they will put you up to pen the philosophy contained in your letter.

And so you regard me as advocating "the dog-in the manger policy." In other words the people have the subsidy hay and I oppose your crowd eating all of it, now this is too bad.

We need a Merchant Marine, but the tariff grafters will never let us have it, if they can help it, unless they get a subsidy, I think we can agree on the main issue. We all favor The Merchant Marine, your crowd will support it if you get a good rake off in the form of subsidy, but you have not got one quarter of a cent of protection to give up for all the flags on the seas. Now I have not one quarter of a cent to give of subsidy to your marine league crowd but I could give you an honest fair system of laws that would bring back the merchant marine of the old democracy and general prosperity, and elevate the voter and make him so independent that your dinner pail politics would not interest even a hobo.

Now be good natured, you can stand this all right if true and if I was not convinced of its truth, I would fear to pen it.

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On Saturday before the second Sunday of this month, Rev. Jno. I. Reagan will begin a protracted meeting at the Howard school house. Every body is invited to attend.

Austin College of Sherman, Texas, will have a representative here on Saturday the 7th. All Presbyterians especially, and any interested in education are urged to see him at the Wright Hotel.

If its saddles, harness, or any other horse clothing you need, I have them cheap. Remember my new location in post office block Haskell.

W. J. Evers.

We have purchased the Hughes Gebhard, nee Foster & Jones, Insurance business, and should you need fire, hail, tornado or live stock insurance we would be glad to write it for you in the strongest old lines in Texas.

Chancellor & Johnson.

Lieutenant Commander Andrew T. Long, of the United States navy, a native of Catawba county, N. C. and a brother of C. D. Long of this city, has recently been assigned duty as naval attache at Rome and Vienna.

This is a very important position in the diplomatic service and the Free Press is glad to hear of Captain Long's advancement.

Received another shipment of fine syrup and all kinds of canned fruits, beans, berries, plums, hominy, kraut and other eatibles. You don't have to leave Haskell to get good things to eat cheap, try me.

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Time Table

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Train No. 2 East Bound due 7:50 a. m.

Train No. 1 West Bound due 6:40 p. m.

Train No. 6 East Bound due 10:15 p. m.

Train No. 5 West Bound due 5:22 a. m.

M. R. Frampton, Agt.

Locals and Personals.

Frank Burris of Sagerton was in the city Thursday.

Gus Grusendorf of the east side was in town Thursday.

Sam Neathery has just returned from a business trip to his old home at McKinney.

R. W. Kirk and family of Midlotham are visiting the family of J. W. Darr near Weinert.

Mr. D. C. Cogdill of Granberry was here this week looking after his oil mill interests.

Sid Post spent Wednesday in Fort Worth.

We have good johnson grass, prairie and alfalfa hay, from 25c to 85c per bale.

Marsh Williams & Co.

We have just received a car load of Albatros flour, best on earth at Alexander Merc. Co.

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The report that Baylor County had had a local option election and gone wet was all a false rumor. They have had no such election.

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Miss Kate Chambliss visited friends at Haskell this week.

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Brighten up your home costs but little, see NORMAN.

The sewerage and water system is about complete. Haskell now has fire protection.

Rev. J. H. Chambless of Albany was a visitor to our city Wednesday.

Rev. C. B. Meador reports that the meeting he is conducting at Rotan is bringing results, and that he will be in Haskell Sunday to preach at the regular 11 o'clock services.

Seward McDaniel has returned from Waco where he has been attending Baylor College.

Dr. J. D. Smith attended the Dentists Convention at Abilene this week where the West Texas Dental Society was organized. The dentists of western Texas are taking steps to perfect an up-to-date society of the profession.

BRIGHTEN UP. Paints varnishes, stains, enamels at Norman's Paint Store.

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Mrs. L. D. Gardner and children and Miss Eddie Hamilton spent Wednesday and Thursday with their sister Mrs. W. L. Perry who lives in the south part of the county.

Mr. Ed Thornton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fields left Monday for Rockport and Corpus Christi to spend a month fishing and hunting and having a general outing.

More new wall paper. Norman's Paint Store.

Dellis Bros. sell the W. L. Douglas shoes.

Prof. Geo. E. Case representing Austin College will be at the Wright Hotel on Saturday the 7th. All those interested in education of their sons will do well to see him at that time.

Moved—Evers Harness shop to post office block, Haskell.

Columbia graphophone records both the disc and cylinder at reduced prices.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Russell have returned from Aransas Pass. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones, the parents of Mrs. Russell.

I have a fine Jersey bull at my barn in East Haskell for this season. Service fees \$2.50.

M. A. Clifton.

Judge Gordon B. McGuire left Monday for Fort Worth and Austin on professional business.

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Prof. Geo. E. Case, director of the Austin College Glee Club expects to visit this city on the 7th in the interests of that institution. He will be at the Wright Hotel and will be glad to see any one interested in educational matters.

HOW ABOUT IT?

Has it ever occurred to you that if you slam your barn door you are likely to break a hinge or if you should open your telephone box or slam the receiver on the hook that you are likely to get the phone out of order and then should you slam your safe or vault door that you will throw your combination off and will need to get an expert to open the safe for you?

Then again has it occurred to you that the locks on the boxes in the post office are even more delicate than any of these? And still again has it come to your mind that if you would have your public property of the city, look nice and inviting to the visitor and prospector you must do your part toward keeping it in good order and repair?

If all this has come to your mind I can't see how you will continue to abuse your lock box at the post office and allow your children and your neighbors children to continually abuse the same.

The postal law plainly states that any one abusing or in any manner, tampering with, any box or lock connected with the post office shall be guilty of an offense against the postal department and is subject to fine or imprisonment. The law further states that any box holder who shall in any manner abuse his box shall be forbidden the use of it further but must call at the general delivery window for his mail.

I trust that the citizens of Haskell will give heed to this and will instruct their children to let the lock boxes alone if they do not know the combination or if they are too young to properly understand it.

Hoping you will show an interest in this matter and thus avoid any trouble to the postal department or any inconvenience to yourselves I am yours for the best service I can possibly render.

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Mr. E. G. Stein of the firm of J. J. Stein & Bro. Land Dealers of this city, has returned from Hunt county, where last week he consummated a land deal aggregating \$74,200.00. A part of the consideration involved 525 acres of Haskell county land and 312 acres of Hunt county land.

This firm has also sold the farm of Dr. J. S. Lipscomb southwest of town which involved a consideration of \$12,000.

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The successful bidder, the one offering the highest rate of interest on an average daily balance carried through the school years 1909 and 1910. Will be required to make bond for double the estimated amount to be deposited with said treasurer.

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THE STORY of JONATHAN MILLER

AUTHOR'S NOTE.

The material facts in this story of circumstantial evidence are drawn from an actual recorded case, only such change of names and local color being made as to remove them from the classification of legal reports to that of fiction. All the essential points of evidence, however, are retained.

AS the members of the Call Skin club dropped into their accustomed places Judge Dennett entered with a stranger of distinguished mien, and dignified bearing. His white hair and white mutton-chop whiskers betokened the country jurist of long experience whose reverence for the English bench caused him unwittingly to assume the personal appearance of a member of the wig and ermine of Blackstonian days. Judge Dennett introduced him as Judge Tanner and assured the club that his guest was primed with many a reminiscence of his long career and would gladly furnish the story of the evening. After the pipes of good fellowship had been burned for a space Judge Tanner arose and began his story of circumstantial evidence.

"I often wonder," he said, "if there is a trial judge of any considerable experience who has not carried some one case as a load on his mind and conscience for years after the verdict of the jury is in and the condemned led away to execution. It is a wise provision of the law that makes the jury the judge both of the law and the evidence, and the judge both the medium through which the law reaches the twelve; and I cannot conceive the condition of mind of those early English judges, before whom, when they had arrived at a conviction of guilt, even the jury was powerless. It was from their arbitrary and unreasonable rulings, now happily not held within the power of the judge, that most of our records of miscarried justice have resulted.

"Within my own experience there has come one case which I believe is as strange as any of record and which for years, as I looked back upon it, caused me to doubt the ability of man ever infallibly to pass judgment upon a fellow creature. The parties now are all dead and I tell it for the first time. But to the story.

"In a little city on the circuit in which I have held court for more years than I care to think of there was at one time a hotel kept by a very respectable man named Jonathan Miller. It was the favorite stopping place for commercial travellers and thus the most prominent and best paying hotel in the city.

"One evening a jewelry salesman by the name of Robert Conway arrived at the hotel just before supper. He instructed Miller to send his grips up to his room and remarked in the hearing of several at the desk that he did not care to have them left in the general baggage room as he was carrying a far more expensive line of samples than usual. He also asked that the door be carefully locked and the key brought to him.

"Supper over, he fell in with a gaiter man for a shoe house and one for a clothing firm and they repaired to the bar where they played cards and drank until 11 o'clock, when they all retired. It happened that the hotel was well filled and the clothing man and the shoe man had been forced to take a double room together. This room was directly across the hall from the one occupied by the jewelry salesman.

"About two o'clock in the morning the two roommates were awakened by groans which seemed to come from the room of their companion of the evening across the hall.

"They arose and without stopping to dress hurried out to see what the trouble was. You can imagine their horror to find Conway, the jewelry man, dead, the bed blood-soaked, and standing over him a dark lantern in one hand and a bloody knife in the other, Jonathan Miller, the landlord, who trembled violently and gasped incoherently when they burst into the chamber of death.

"The case seemed black enough against him. There was not a suspicion in the mind of anyone in the city that he could be otherwise than guilty. Yet when taken before a justice for a preliminary hearing he most stoutly maintained his innocence and told a story which had it not paled into improbability by the side of damning circumstances against him would have been plausible in the extreme.

"He said he had just reached his room after, as was his custom, sitting up until a train due at half past one, came in. He had not had time to remove his clothing when he, too, heard groans coming from the neighborhood of Conway's room. Like the two salesmen, he had hurried to investigate, and as a weapon of defense he had taken the knife. He also picked up the dark lantern which he always used in making his last rounds of the hotel and which was still lighted.



and he entered, and going up to the bed, flashed his light upon the bloody spectacle of the murdered man's body. So great was his horror and surprise that he dropped the knife upon the bloody sheets, and had only just picked it up again when the two traveling men entered.

"His trembling and fear at their arrival he attributed to the natural horror of the situation and the terror of the instant thought that guilt might point to him.

"With such a degree of sincerity was his story told, and so firm was the landlord's bearing before the preliminary court that he attracted many sympathizers who believed his story and looked upon him as the unfortunate victim of a most peculiar combination of circumstances.

"But these circumstances were too patent to be ignored and Miller was bound over to await the action of the grand jury, indicted and in due course of time brought to trial before me.

"In the time intervening between his arrest and his trial the landlord's attitude was a mixture of terror and bravado which did not tend to increase the belief of the general public in his innocence. I myself, although I have always endeavored to enter a trial free from prejudice, had I been a venireman, should have been forced to admit that I had formed an opinion concerning the guilt or innocence of the accused.

"The state naturally rested upon the testimony of the two salesmen who swore to the events of the fatal evening and to entering the room just in time to find the landlord bending over the body. They were both firm in the conclusion that his terror upon seeing them was the terror of discovered guilt. I admit that defendant's counsel should not have allowed this portion of their testimony to go to the jury, but no objection was made to it.

"Also further damning evidence against him was produced to the effect that he had a short time before become liable through indorsing a note for a large sum of money and that his ownership of the hotel was threatened in case he was not able to raise the amount. This seemed to furnish a powerful motive for the crime. That he had always borne a good reputation, that his record for honesty was such that he might easily have raised the sum of money he required on a loan, and his own story of going to Conway's room and finding the body were all that the unfortunate landlord had to offer in his own defense.

"There could have been but one conclusion as to what the verdict of the jury would be, although I am sure that I gave them the law without partiality. Miller took his sentence with resignation and when I asked him if he had anything to say, he arose and addressed the court as follows:

"Your honor, it comes to every man once to die. For the sake of my dear wife who stood by me so nobly through this terrible ordeal I should have chosen for myself a different end from that which is to be my lot. I have no fault to find with the view of the jury and this court have taken of their duty, but you are making a terrible mistake. You have convicted an innocent man. I am not guilty of the death of Robert Conway. I had nothing whatever to do with his death. Some day the truth will come out, but I fear it will be long after I have done with this world. I have no more to say but that I am innocent.



cent, and this I will declare to the end."

"How many men when facing death on the gallows have said the same. I wonder how many men have said it truly. It is true, as Pope says, that hope springs eternal in the human breast, but I often wonder if we do not make a grievous error in not giving greater credence to the dying statement of a condemned man.

"Jonathan Miller paid the penalty of the death of Robert Conway with the same stoical resignation which had marked the end of many a man in the same extremity. With his death the case seemed at an end and it passed from my mind along with many other cases which have arisen in a long and busy career. I probably never again would have recalled it except incidentally had it not been for a strange occurrence.

"I was just retiring for the night one evening about two years after the execution of Miller when I was startled by the sound of a horse dashing madly up to my gate. There was a loud rapping on the door and upon opening it the panting horseman cried:

"'Buck Everett's just been shot down in Kiley's saloon. He's dying and wants to see you right away. Says he's got an important confession to make.'

"I hurried out, and mounting the messenger's horse, spurred full speed for Kiley's place, which was a respectable roadhouse about a mile distant. On the way I tried to recall who Buck Everett might be, and at last remembered him as the porter in Miller's hotel at the time of the Conway murder. When I arrived at the place he was almost gone, but with the aid of a stiff drink of whisky he revived sufficiently to make the following confession:

"'I'm a goner, judge, but before I cash in I've got to get something off my mind. It's Conway. I've seen him day and night. My God, judge, there he is now pointing his bony finger at me! Take him away. For God's sake take him away.' He gasped in terror and the froth upon his pallid lips was bloody. We thought he was going before his weighty secret was told.

"'Come, Buck, have it out and you'll go easier,' I said as I held his head.

"'Yes, judge, I've got to tell it,' he whispered. It was me that killed Conway. Miller never done it. The thing took hold on me when I took his grips upstairs and he said they was full of jewelry. I slipped in and knifed him as he slept and got what there was in his pockets. I was just turnin' to the grips when I heard the landlord comin' down the hall. I slipped out and got past 'em, and

I never could understand why he didn't see me. When they put it on him I hadn't the nerve to speak up. My God, I've got Miller on my soul, too! There they both stand. Take 'em away,' and he went into unintelligible ravings which finally ended in the gasp of death.

"You can imagine my state of mind upon hearing this terrible confession. Was not Miller's death upon my soul as well? Was I not equally culpable for not having a keener insight into character that I might have read his innocence in his steadfast attitude? Many a long night as I walked the floor of my



chamber I turned these questions over in my mind, never finding an answer that was satisfactory to my conscience. I seriously considered resigning from the bench. My faith in man's justice had received a crushing blow. For five years I carried that weight of self accusing guilt, and only the sympathy of my friends and the loyalty and trust of my townsmen sustained me.

"One night I was seated in the study of Rev Charles Poindexter, the rector of the Episcopalian church. Before a cheery grate fire we talked into the night and to him I unburdened my soul.

"'My heavens, judge' he said to me, laying his hand on my shoulder. 'Why haven't you told me all this before? I might have saved you these years of troubling. Never before have I disclosed that which has been imparted to me in the confessional, but in this case I believe my duty to the dead is outweighed by my duty to the living. When you sentenced Jonathan Miller you condemned a guilty man. You remember that I attended him as a spiritual adviser in his last hours. To me alone he told the true story of that fatal night. He was guilty of Conway's death although his hand did not strike the blow. He went to Conway's room with the intent to murder him and rob him of his wealth. It was for that fell purpose that he took the knife and lantern. When he reached the room he found the deed already done, and even as the two traveling men entered the room he was meditating upon how he might secure the contents of the satchels and hide them. Let your mind rest, judge; his hand was as guilty as the hand that struck the blow!'

"Thus was the weight of years lifted from my mind, and this, gentlemen, is my story.

Amid the congratulations and thanks of the members of the Call Skin club Judge Tanner rose from the chair and announced that Judge Sturgis had a story for the next meeting. (Copyright, 1909, by W. G. Chapman.)

RELICS OF EMPRESS

Objects Associated with Josephine in New French Museum.

Malmalson, Home Purchased by Napoleon for His Beautiful Wife. Thrown Open to Public by the Government.

Paris.—Josephine, who was the star of Napoleon's destiny, has at last a monument that all who go to Paris may visit.

It is Josephine's museum, erected by the French government in the country house associated with the joys and struggles of her life before she met the conqueror; with her few married years of splendor and love; and with the sorrows of her divorce and lonely death. It is Malmalson.

The museum is made up of a thousand familiar objects which surrounded her; and on June 1 opened the loan exhibition of things not yet gathered permanently together.

There is the harp that Josephine never learned to play—type of the broken music of her life; the silver-gilt dinner service offered her by the city of Paris; her bed, her bath, her toilet table, her beauty utensils.

There are 500 samples of damask, satin and tapestry furniture covers which Napoleon had brought to select from in imperial housekeeping. It is raw material of the imperial stage-setting never before exhibited. It shows Napoleon and Josephine as palace furnishers and makers of the empire style.

Every school girl in America knows the story of Josephine; but how her destiny was bound up in this country house of the old regime is new history from documents and letters. Out the avenue of the Champs Elysees, beyond the Arc de Triomphe and the river, runs the ancient royal road to St. Germain. Six miles from Paris is Croissy village. Almost at its edge begin the wooded grounds of Malmalson.

From Croissy village, in the days before Napoleon, a young mother took her two small children for their airing to the shade of empty Malmalson. The place was uninhabited. The young mother was glad. There was



Newly-Opened Museum of Empress Josephine.

no one to warn her off. She read her book while the kids played. She had \$1,000 a year income, in her legal separation from a flirting old husband who had not appreciated her. She was at peace. It never came into her head to wish Malmalson hers.

Yet it was Josephine. She had been married to de Beaucharnais at Croissy church when but an awkward girl. She had fled to Croissy when she found herself alone again.

When she met Napoleon it was love at first sight. In a few months they were married. On his return from Italy, Josephine knew how great a man she had. He was looking for a country place to buy! "What kind?" she asked. "A chateau," said Napoleon. Stately Malmalson flashed across her mind. "I know a place," said Josephine, "Malmalson, close to Croissy!"

"Malmalson will be our home," he said. The nation had put St. Cloud and Fontainebleau at his disposition. He preferred Malmalson. "It is our own place," he said to Josephine.

France is a saving old land. Through revolutions of the utmost violence, the French civil service departments, treasuring all things confided to them, kept the raw material of that stage setting.

Josephine reigned over the "home," an English word to which Napoleon had taken a sentimental fancy. She covered the park with flower beds, planted fancy trees, built hothouses and stocked the wood with thousands of gay birds that come flying in clouds to eat from silver-gilt trays perched on acanjou poles.

These were the happy days of Josephine. Only too soon, she was to live alone again.

After her divorce—declared a state necessity—the senatus-consulto maintained her in the rank of a crowned empress, attributed 2,000,000 francs a year to her, with the chateaux of Navarre and Malmalson. To Malmalson she retired, to be near to Napoleon—although she should never see him.

Again Malmalson became a silent park. As suddenly as it had bloomed into imperial activity, it faded to its former quiet. Again a mother walked with her two children in its shade—the children Eugene and Hortense, now grown up.

Going through the grounds on a cold, damp day with Czar Alexander, Josephine took a chill—and died in the great silk-hung bed, now a part of the museum exhibits.

After his return from Elba, Napoleon revisited Malmalson. In spite of the giant work of gathering his armies together once again, he spent two days in dreaming over the chateau and gardens.

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Mothers' Day in England. Provincial England is smiling in a superior way at America's belated discovery that the country ought to celebrate mother's day. In the villages of Cornwall, Devonshire and Lancashire mothers' day has been a recognized institution for generations. It is celebrated on mid-Lent Sunday.

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine. Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's liquid—pleasant to take—effects immediately. 10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

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REIGN OF ANARCHY IN SPAIN'S TERRITORY

DOZENS OF PRIESTS AND NUNS
HAVE BEEN RUTHLESSLY
SLAUGHTERED.

TERRIBLE QUAKE IN MEXICO

Markets Are Destroyed and People Are
Facing Famine. Shock Worst
in Many Years.

London, Aug. 2.—A dispatch received here from Cerbere, France, report that the revolutionists have proclaimed a republic of Barcelona and that the fortress Montjuich is constantly firing upon the districts occupied by them. Forty revolutionists have been shot without trial.

The situation in Palamos, the center of the cork industry, is reported to be alarming and fears are expressed for the safety of the foreigners there.

The difficulty with the Riffs has been absolutely forced on Spain. The provocation was such as no Government could ignore; the situation is such as no self-respecting people could retreat from, for to retreat would involve great material and political loss.

The immediate trouble began on July 8. One that day a party of seven Spanish workmen engaged in repairing a bridge over the Sidi-Nuna were attacked by a band of Kabyles. Four of the Spaniards were killed and one was wounded.

The Moors seized the bodies of the dead and kindling a huge pile of brushwood attempted to burn them. This took place at 8 o'clock in the morning and the news soon reached Malilla. The acting Governor, Gen. Real, took prompt action. With a column of regular troops he started at once to punish the outrage. His party arrived on the scene in time to rescue the remains of the victims.

Madrid, July 31.—The Government's silence as to the loss of life at Barcelona is still unbroken and no statement is vouchsafed giving an exact and adequate idea of the bloody incidents attending the repression of the revolution. Tonight's summary of the situation shows that the conditions at Barcelona are greatly improved and the belief prevails here that by tomorrow all will be over. No information as to the number of revolutionists court-martialed and sentenced has reached Madrid. Already the work of clearing away the evidences of the revolution at Barcelona has begun.

London, July 31.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Barcelona gives a graphic description of affairs up to Wednesday evening. He comments on the extraordinary suddenness of the outbreak of the insurrection which took the public completely by surprise on Monday morning.

By 4 o'clock in the afternoon barricades were being erected and there was firing in every direction. By that time a state of siege had been proclaimed, telegraph lines cut, bridges dynamited, railways stopped and Barcelona isolated. Throughout Tuesday the same scenes continued, but the troops were quite inactive, everybody asking what the Captain General and the military were doing. Only the police and civil guard were trying to stamp out the insurrection.

Up to Wednesday morning the troops had not fired a shot. In the meantime churches, convents and colleges had been burned and the sky illuminated by the flames. Dozens of priests and nuns were ruthlessly slaughtered, some at the altar while holding the crucifix in their hands, others while bravely defending their institutions against the revolutionists and devouring flames, the populace preventing the Red Cross workers from giving aid. Nuns who appeared at the windows were stoned, not a soul taking pity on their screams. From the height of Mount Juich nothing was to be seen but the flames; the whole of Barcelona seemed like a bonfire.

City of Mexico, July 31.—The City of Mexico as again severely shaken by an earthquake today. A shock severer than any yet experienced rocked the city for one minute and forty seconds. The first faint swaying came at 12:43, but the nervous populace needed nothing more than the slightest tremor to send them pouring out of stores, office buildings and dwellings to the streets. The shock grew in intensity at the end of the first thirty seconds and suddenly shifted the direction of its motion.

In addition to the ruin caused by the earthquake Acapulco now faces a famine.

Mexico City, Aug. 2.—Details which are beginning to arrive from the State of Guerrero show the recent series of earthquakes in the valley of Mexico and along the Pacific Coast were the worst experienced in many years.

It is now certain the towns of Acapulco and Chilpancingo have been practically destroyed and many lives lost. What the earthquake of Friday failed to do was accomplished by the stronger one yesterday, which leveled or rendered uninhabitable every building in those places.

City of Mexico, Aug. 2.—Central Mexico, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Queraro on the north to Oaxaca on the south, a district covering more than 1,000 square miles,

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He—A woman is peculiar in one way.
She—What's that?
He—She won't tear up a love letter, even after she's forgotten who wrote it.

The Water Bite.

He was six years old and had never gazed into the mystic lens of a microscope. Several slides containing animalcula had been displayed to his astonished vision. He was too amazed to make any comment until he came to one slide that seemed more wriggly than any of the others. It was merely a drop of water.

The little fellow gazed at it a long time, with all its nimble particles of animal life, and finally exclaimed to his mother:

"Oh, mamma, now I know what it is that bites you when you drink soda water."

Defined.

"Say, pop, what's civil service?"
"Eh? It's an act governing the service in the department, the customs, the postal, the government printing."

"But, dad, what does it mean?"
"Mean? It means where a busy man rushes into the postoffice to buy some stamps, falls in line, waits an hour and 20 minutes before reaching the window—then, after tendering a hundred-dollar bill, hears the tallow-faced clerk murmur pleasantly:

"Wholesale stamps at the next window, please!"—Bohemian.

Crop Growing on Small Scale.

A small holder in East Loxham is making an interesting experiment in barley growing upon his land to test the possibility of raising corn on a small scale. In 1907 he sowed 78 specially selected grains of barley, which yielded 400 ears. The resulting kernels he sowed in 1908 and harvested in 14 weeks, with the result that he got a bushel of threshed barley, which he has sown this year, his object being to show what can be done in cereal cultivation from very small beginnings.—London Standard.

THE NEW WOMAN Made Over by Quitting Coffee.

Coffee probably wrecks a greater percentage of Southerners than of Northern people for Southerners use it more freely.

The work it does is distressing enough in some instances; as an illustration, a woman of Richmond, Va., writes:

"I was a coffee drinker for years and for about six years my health was completely shattered. I suffered fearfully with headache and nervousness, also palpitation of the heart and loss of appetite.

"My sight gradually began to fail and finally I lost the sight of one eye altogether. The eye was operated upon and the sight partially restored, then I became totally blind in the other eye.

"My doctor used to urge me to give up coffee, but I was willful and continued to drink it until finally in a case of severe illness the doctor insisted that I must give up the coffee, so I began using Postum, and in a month I felt like a new creature.

"I steadily gained in health and strength. About a month ago I began using Grape-Nuts food and the effect has been wonderful. I really feel like a new woman and have gained about 25 pounds.

"I am quite an elderly lady and before using Postum and Grape-Nuts I could not walk a square without exceeding fatigue, now I walk ten or twelve without feeling it. Formerly in reading I could remember but little but now my memory holds fast what I read.

Several friends who have seen the remarkable effects of Postum and Grape-Nuts on me have urged that I give the facts to the public for the sake of suffering humanity, so, although I dislike publicity, you can publish this letter if you like."

Read "The Road to Wellville," 10 pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full.

HIS PLEASURE

Probably Mr. Hogan Did Not Realize
Just What Might Be Made of His
Expression.

Casey was dead, and to do honor to him the members of the Thirtieth district Tammany organization attended the funeral in a body, says the New York Press. Slowly and sadly they filed past the coffin and took a last look at their departed comrade. At the door each man paused to shake hands with the sorrowing widow and to murmur a few words of condolence. When it came to Mr. Hogan's turn, he retained possession of her hand, while he delivered a lengthy oration concerning the good qualities of the deceased Mr. Casey.

"Sure, 'tis plain you knew my husband well, sir," said the tearful Mrs. Casey.
"Only by sight, ma'am, only by sight," Mr. Hogan hastened to explain, "I never had the pleasure of meetin' him 'til to-day."

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Eczema Made Hands and Feet Swell,
Peel and Get Raw—Arms Affected,
Too—Gave Up All Hope of Cure.

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"I suffered from eczema on my hands, arms and feet for about twelve years, my hands and feet would swell, sweat and itch, then would become callous and get very dry, then peel off and get raw. I tried most every kind of salve and ointment without success. I tried several doctors, but at last gave up thinking there was a cure for eczema. A friend of mine insisted on my trying the Cuticura Remedies, but I did not give them a trial until I got so bad that I had to do something. I secured a set and by the time they were used I could see a vast improvement and my hands and feet were healed up in no time. I have had no trouble since. Charles T. Bauer, Volant, Pa., Mar. 11, 1908."

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Always a Way.

"The cook has furnished rather small portions," said the hostess. "The woman guests won't eat much, but how about the men?"

"I'll circulate around and nominate each of 'em to make an after-dinner speech," responded the host. "That will effectually kill off their appetites."

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"You don't have to be enthusiastic to succeed in some things," said the boarding-house philosopher; "I once saw a man achieve a speed of a mile a minute sliding down a mountain side, without the slightest effort on his part and without having had any ambition to do it."

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Style's Freakishness.

"I want to be dressed in the height of fashion," said Mr. Suddenroll.
"I'll see to it that your clothes fit you perfectly," replied the tailor.
"But that's what I'm in doubt about. Is it fashionable just now to have your clothes fit?"

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Uncle—You are a very nice little girl to ask me to have more soup. Now why do you want me to have it?
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Chew it as you walk home. The flavor lasts as long as the walk and you get a wonderful appetite. Wrigley's Spearmint.

Now a scientist says gold has a distinct odor. He must have been handed a bunch of the tainted kind.

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EXECUTION SALE

The State of Texas, County of Haskell, In Justice's Court of Pre. No. 1, Haskell County, Texas. Progressive Lumber Company, Plaintiff, vs. M. L. Perry et al.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the justice's court of precinct No. 1, Haskell County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 21st day of June A. D. 1909, in favor of the Progressive Lumber Company and against M. L. Perry, J. L. Baldwin and Mrs. M. L. Perry, No. 774 on the docket of said court, and said judgment providing that in the event the said J. L. Baldwin should be compelled to pay same that in that event he should have his execution against the said M. L. Perry and Mrs. M. L. Perry, and the said J. L. Baldwin having paid said judgment rendered against him and caused the issuance of the above mentioned execution, I did on the 10th day of July A. D. 1909, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Haskell, State of Texas, and belonging to the said M. L. Perry and Mrs. M. L. Perry, to-wit: A part of the Peter Allen survey of 3/4 League and one labor survey No. 140, Certificate No. 136, Abstract No. 2, and more particularly described as a part of block No. 129 of the subdivisions of said Peter Allen survey according to a map or plat of said subdivisions shown at page 400 of Vol. M7 of the deed records of Haskell county, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning 363 1-5 feet south and 20 feet East of the S. W. corner of lot No. 16 in block D. of the T. G. Carney addition to the town of Haskell as the same is shown from the records of a map or plat of said Carney addition in Vol. 13 at page 578 of the deed records of Haskell county, Texas; thence south 104.4 feet; thence east 280 feet; thence north 104.4 feet; thence west 280 feet to place of beginning.

And on the 7th day of September A. D. 1909, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said M. L. Perry and Mrs. M. L. Perry in and to said property.

Dated at Haskell, Texas, this the 10th day of July A. D. 1909, T. W. Carleton, Constable Pre. No. 1, Haskell County, Texas.

MARKET REPORT

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Corn per bu., Wheat, Oats, Maize in head per bushel, Kaffir Corn, Old Roosters, Hens, per lb, Chix, Turkeys, Eggs per doz., Butter, Hides Green, Hides dry, and Changed weekly by Marsh-Williams & Co.

Advertisement for Dr. Smith's Honey John's Kidney Pills, featuring a circular logo and text describing the product's benefits for kidney health.

Sold By Snencer & Gillam

Mrs. Lama B. Hart State commander of the Ladies Maccabees in company with Mrs. Sallie Botzler, Dept. State Com. are here and have worked up a Hive. All Applicants for membership will meet at the Woodman Hall to day, 3 p. m. for a preliminary meeting. All applicants are urged to be present. The Hive will also meet Monday and Tuesday.

Fire, Tornado and Hail Insurance. Best Old Line Companies. H. M. Rike. tf

On first page will be found the advertisement of Prof. Worrell who is organizing a conservatory of music at this place.

Diarrhea

Quickly Cured. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy

Can always be depended upon.

During the summer months children are subject to bowel disorders and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unnatural looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy should be given. Costs but 25 cents a bottle, and it is economy to always keep a bottle handy. You do not know when it may be needed, but when you do want it you want it badly. Get a bottle today.

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Does it run easy. Does it look good. Does it make a good stitch. Does it sew fast. Is it well made. Is it easy to operate. Is it simple in construction. Does the manufacturer put his name on it.

THE FREE sewing machine recently placed on the market by the Free Sewing Machine Co. combines the best qualities of all other machines. It is the latest, best and most complete achievement in building of a sewing machine. Compare it with all other machines in anything in which they claim to excel and you will find it FREE easily the best.

FREE SEWING MACHINE CO. CHICAGO, ILL. FOR SALE BY SHERRILL BROS. & CO.



WANTED-A RIDER AGENT

Sample Latest Model "Ranger" bicycle furnished by us. Our agents everywhere are making money fast. Write for full particulars and special offer at once. NO MONEY REQUIRED until you receive and approve of your bicycle. We ship to anyone, anywhere in the U. S. without a cent deposit in advance. Simply freight and allow TEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL, during which time you may ride the bicycle and put it to any test you wish. If you are not perfectly satisfied or do not wish to keep the bicycle ship it back to us at our expense and you will not be out one cent. FACTORY PRICES. We furnish the highest grade bicycles it is possible to make at one small profit above actual factory cost. You save \$10 to \$15 middlemen's profits by buying direct of us and have the manufacturer's guarantee behind your bicycle. DO NOT BUY a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone at any price until you receive our catalogues and learn our unheard of factory prices and remarkable special offers to rider agents.

YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED when you receive our beautiful catalogue and see the prices we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for less money than any other factory. We are satisfied with \$1.00 profit above factory cost. BICYCLE DEALERS, you can sell our bicycles under your own name plate at SECONDS HAND BICYCLES. We received a double order price. Only regular handle second hand bicycles, but usually have a number on hand taken in trade by our Chicago retail stores. These we clear out promptly at prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$10.00. Do not miss this bargain list mailed free. COASTER-BRAKES, single wheels, imported roller chains and pedals, parts, repairs and equipment of all kinds at half the usual retail prices.

\$8.50 HEDGETHORN PUNCTURE-PROOF \$4.80 SELF-HEALING TIRES A SAMPLE PAIR TO INTRODUCE, ONLY

The regular retail price of these tires is \$2.50 per pair, but to introduce we will sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 cash with order. NO MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES. NAILS, Tacks or Glass will not let the air out. Sixty thousand pairs sold last year. Over two hundred thousand pairs now in use. DESCRIPTION: Made in all sizes. It is lively and easy riding, very durable and lined with a special quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape. We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers stating that their tires have never been pumped up once or twice in a whole season. They weigh no more than an ordinary tire, the puncture resisting qualities being given by several layers of thin, specially prepared fabric on the tread. The regular price of these tires is \$5.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are making a special factory price to the rider of only \$4.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day after approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented. We will allow a cash discount of 5 per cent (thereby making the price \$4.56 per pair) if you send FULL CASH WITH ORDER and enclose this advertisement. We will also send one nickel plated brass hand pump. Tires to be returned at OUR expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination. We are perfectly reliable and money sent to us is as safe as in a bank. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride easier, run faster, wear better, last longer and look finer than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price. We know that you will be so well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We want you to send us a trial order at once, hence this remarkable tire offer. IF YOU NEED TIRES Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price quoted above, or write for our big Tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all kinds and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices. DO NOT WAIT, but write us a postal today. DO NOT THINK OF BUYING a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. Write us a postal to learn everything. Write it NOW.

J. I. MEAD COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL.

FOOTE-SPROWIS

On Wednesday Aug. 4th at the home of the brides parents in this city, Mr. R. L. Foote and Miss Lockie Sprows were united in marriage. Rev. J. H. Chambliss of Albany officiated.

Those present besides the families of the contracting parties were, Miss Kate Chambliss of Albany, and Mr. and Mrs. Grant of Stamford and Mr. Mrs. McDougle of Haskell.

Miss Sprows is a most worthy young lady, prominent as a teacher and church worker and a member of one of Haskell's best old families. The groom is a promising young business man, and we predict for them a useful and successful life.

The Tabernacle Revival continues with good interest and large crowds. Mrs. Marshall has charge of the large chorus and also favors the audience with a solo each evening. The following program is announced for next Sunday 11. a. m. "How can we know true church?" 4 p. m. "The Unseen" (A lecture.)

8:30 p. m. "If you go to hell from Haskell who cares and who is to blame."

Jas. T. Denton, H. T. Dodson and Williams sheriff of Borden county were in the city Thursday and were communicating with Messrs Chancellor and Johnson in regard to some land matters.

Tom Hartreik has just returned from a visit to his parents in Bell county.

Miss Edna Rouse who has been visiting Mrs. Lou Ellis, left Thursday to visit friends at Plainview.

The machinery for threshing and baling broom corn has arrived and Mr. Courtney reports that he will have it in operation right away.

J. R. Newsom who lives nine miles west of town was in the city Thursday and reports that cotton is doing fine in his community and that there will be some good corn made.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones of Rule was in the city the early part of the week.

Needed Addition. A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men, if it is on the other fellow.—Detroit Free Press.

Large Cities of United States. This country has 135 cities with a population of over 30,000.

The Tightwad. One trouble with a tightwad is that he doesn't care who knows it.

VERY FLATTERING.

All Previous Records Will Be Broken. 3,400 Square Feet of Floor Being Added.

The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, has now the largest Summer attendance in its history, and from present indications, its fall attendance will far surpass that of any previous year. The indications are so strong, that we are adding to our already two large building, 3,400 square feet of floor space, to accommodate the great crowd of new students that will soon begin coming in.

Some ask why we have more students in daily attendance than any other four schools in the state combined. The answer is simple; in the first place, we have the exclusive control of the famous Byrne Simplified Short-hand and Bookkeeping, and these systems alone entitle us to a patronage far beyond that of any other Commercial school. With these systems we can turn out a better bookkeeper or stenographer in half the time at half the cost required by other schools teaching other systems. This is a great saving of time and expense to any student. In our Telegraphy department, we have the Cotton Belt Train Wire, all station blanks and record books, all Western Union Supplies, something not found in any other school of telegraphy. In the second place, this institution is managed by successful business men; we own our buildings, have them equipped with over \$19,000.00 of furniture and supplies. We employ the best teaching talent to be had; our schools is so large that we can classify and systematize our work far beyond the possibilities of a small school. We have won a reputation for placing our graduates with responsible firms, at good salaries, with good promotion ahead. Welong ago learned that the success of our institution depended upon the success of our graduates, so it is our first aim to see that he had the very best position that we can obtain for him. His excellent work, his financial success, recommends our schools to his friends. Write for 188 page catalog, giving full particulars of America's largest of school of Bookkeeping, Short-hand and Telegraphy.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

CHILDREN KIDNAPED St. Louis Youngster are Held for a \$25,000 Ransom.

St. Louis, Aug. 2.—Two children were abducted and held for \$25,000 ransom here today. The affair caused a furore in the local Italian colony, where the children's parents are among the wealthiest members. The police have arrested five men on suspicion. They have been unable, however, to obtain any trace of the children. The kidnaping took place near 1011 North Seventh St. where the victims lived. Grace Viviano, 5 years old and Thomas Viviano, 2 1-2 years old are the children.

TOURNAMENT AT DALLAS.

It Will be an Event of a Most Interesting Nature.

FEATURES ARE NUMEROUS

A comprehensive and intensely interesting program is that which has been prepared for the United States Army tournament at Dallas, Aug. 22, 29, inclusive. Provision is made for grand reviews, competitive drills, tugs of war, rescue races, gun detachments contests, musical sabre drills, machine gun section contests, battalion relay races, Roman races, competitive driving contests, competitive little drills, changing wheels contest, skirmish races, crippled team races and wall scaling.

JOHNSTON CORN BINDER.

The only practical and satisfactory Corn Binder on the market.

NO SIDE DRAFT

drive wheel 40 inches in diameter with wide rim. Corn is cut clean and not torn. They handle tangled corn perfectly, binds 32 inches from the butts or as low as 18 inches.

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Come and See Them

Appendicitis Disappears Without Knife or Drugs.

- Is a Fact -

Notice for the Affected People.

This will inform the public that Prof. W. P. Betts, who made himself famous as a Drugless Healer in Rotan, Roby, Darras and Haskell, Texas, last fall, winter and spring, has permanently located in Stamford, Texas, because of the railroad facilities from different sections of the country.

This town is my ideal for an institution of

Suggestive Therapeutics

that will influence suffering humanity to come for hundreds of miles (before another decade) to find a sure and unailing source of relief. Suffering ones come now, health and happiness for everybody at the Temporary Sanitarium of Drugless Healing in the

Cottage Hotel

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Save your money these hard times by buying your LUMBER from the

Progressive Lumber Co.

We have gone through our stock and culled out all Lumber that has warped in seasoning, which we are offering at a very low price. There are many places on farms where this Lumber can be used almost as well as high priced Lumber. We will make liberal terms on House bills and guarantee grades. Don't let some fellow who is getting a "Rake off" switch you off by telling you it is not good. Come and see for yourself, any man with common sense can tell good Lumber when he sees it.

S. G. DEAN, Manager.