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## Collier's Drug Store

Always  
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## L E A D.

**RESOLVED!!!!**  
THAT I HAVE FOUND A SHOE  
THAT I CAN RECOMMEND  
FOR JANE AND I HAVE TRIED TO BUY  
A SHOE THAT'S STRONG AND STYLISH TOO  
AND IF YOU WANT TO JUMP AND RUN  
AS CHILDREN HAVE TO DO  
GO IN THE STORE AND ASK THE MAN  
FOR **BUSTER BROWN**  
**BLUE RIBBON SHOES—**  
THEY ARE THE  
**BEST**  
**B.B.**



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## C. D. GRISSOM & SON.

The Store With the Goods.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Haskell Independent School District will, until Aug. 16th 1909, receive proposals from any Banking Corporation, doing business in said district that desire to be selected as the depository of the school funds of said District. The proposal to state the highest rate per cent such Banking Corporation will pay on the average daily balances for the privilege of being selected as the depository of said school district.

P. D. Sanders, President  
Board of Trustees.  
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The Dallas News has offered the city of Dallas a replica of the Old Linn. The replica will be slightly smaller than the original building at San Antonio.

More new wall paper.  
Norman's Paint Store.

**First Bale of Broom Corn**  
Marketed At Elk City Okla., For \$70  
Per Ton

Elk City, Okla., Aug. 10. — The first bale of 1909 broom corn was marketed here Saturday for \$70 a ton. The broom was grown by Ray Brown and was of excellent quality. The crop here is generally good but rain would make a much better yield

### NOTICE

To the stockholders of the Haskell State Bank:—

You are hereby notified that a meeting of the stockholders of the Haskell State Bank will be held in the office of said bank in Haskell Texas on the 1st day of September A. D. 1909, for the purpose of electing Directors for said bank for the ensuing year and to exercise the option of adopting one of the two plans of securing depositors provided by law.

H. E. Fields, Cashier.

Haskell Hive Ladies of the Maccabees was organized this week with forty-seven charter members. The work was done by the State Commander of the Order, Mrs. Laura B. Hart of San Antonio, Mrs. Sallie Batzler of Ennis Sec. This Hive represents over \$40,000 in insurance and begins life with the following corps of officers:

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Mrs. Connie Jones | Com.             |
| Mrs. Mary Oats    | Lieut. Com.      |
| Mrs. Moore        | Post Com.        |
| Mrs. Robertson    | R'c'd K'p'r.     |
| Mrs. Cahill       | Finance Auditor  |
| Miss Reed         | Chaplain         |
| Miss Pearl Ballew | Sergeant         |
| Miss Dora Ballew  | Mistress-at-Arms |
| Mrs. Smith        | Sentinal         |
| Tyson             | Picket           |
| Martin            | Press Rep.       |

Brighten up your home costs but little, see **NORMAN.**

## A Great Sacrifice Sale

AT THE BIG STORE.

## HALF PRICE

Many Lines Will Be Sold at One-Half OFF.

We are going to make this the greatest reduction sale Haskell has ever known.

### HALF PRICE. EMBROIDERIES

will be sold at one-half price. This is not a lot of old stock, but the very best in our store. It includes all the patterns we have sold all summer. We have a large stock and it must go. A very little money will buy a very large quantity. COME EARLY.

One-Third Off -- ALL SUMMER DRESS GOODS  
ARE REDUCED ONE-THIRD.

This includes all Lawns, Fancy Waist Goods, in fact our entire stock of Summer Dress Goods. Stop and think what it means to buy at One-Third reduction. It means money to you and lots of it.

### HALF PRICE is all we ask for SHIRT WAISTS and Tailored Wash Dresses.

These two items should not be overlooked. They are already moderately priced, but ONE-HALF OFF makes them just like presents.

ONE-THIRD OFF----LADIES SLIPPERS.

Our entire stock of Ladies slippers and Oxfords will be offered at One-Third Off regular prices. This is a great reduction and may mean a loss to us, however, they must go. COME BEFORE THE SIZES ARE BROKEN.

**3000 yards 10c Dress Gingham--will be offered at 6 1-2 Cents.**

Men's Suits, Boys Suits, Children's Suits. Every suit in our store will be offered at exactly One-Third off regular price. This is a great chance to buy a fine suit for a very little money.

**One-Half Off** Men's and Boys Straw Hats. It is just now the Straw Hat season and you can buy them at exactly One-Half Price. If you never wore a straw hat, you can afford it now.

**This Sale begins Saturday morning and closes next Saturday night.**

Just one week of these prices. The sale will be for **CASH ONLY**. We cannot charge goods at these prices.

Please do not ask us to charge goods at these prices. Remember the time

Saturday to Saturday

July 14th to July 21st.

## Alexander Mercantile Company

The Big Store.



# HASKELL FREE PRESS

OSCAR MARTIN, Publisher

HASKELL, TEXAS

## SETS BOYS ON RIGHT PATH

Excellent Results of the "Big Brother Treatment," as Practiced in New York.

If by any chance a boy comes to believe himself a pariah—outside of things, as they move, and the people that help move them—the sure way to bring him back into the right path is to encourage the growth of self-respect. Just as soon as a boy discovers that there is one person in the world to whom his existence is of interest, the possibilities of life are suddenly revealed to him.

This is part of the "big brother treatment" that Mr. Ernest K. Coulter originated in New York, five or more years ago. Men of means and helpful impulses constitute themselves "big brothers" of poor and wayward boys, and treat them with the individual interest a brother ought to show. The big brother treatment is not administered by means of sermons, a writer in the New York Sun declares, but by suggestion.

When a miserable boy is invited to a gentleman's home and treated as if he were himself a gentleman, he believes that he is one, and the idea once grasped, he does not easily let go of it.

One of the big brothers in New York city tells of coming home early one evening, to find his "little brother" sitting on the steps. The residence is on Park avenue, and the boy had walked from Grand street. They sat and chatted for awhile; then the big brother asked if there was anything that he could do for the little brother.

"Oh, nothing at all, thank you, Mr. B.," said the little brother, airily dismissing the question.

When he finally rose to say good night, the big brother, fearing there might be something back, again questioned him. Again the little brother denied having any trouble.

"The bully thing about you, Mr. B.," said he, with an explanatory air, "that a feller can come and see you when there ain't anything the matter with him."—Youth's Companion.

## British Women and the Professions.

There are comparatively few women in professional life in Great Britain. There still are restrictions against women in the law, and the woman physician is a rarity. Also there are only a few British women at the heads of churches. Miss Harriet Offer Baker preaches in a Congregational hall in a small village in Sussex, and Miss L. C. R. Smith recently was elected pastor of a small congregation in Cardiff. It is expected, however, that there will be a big increase in women entering the professions within the next few years. English girls are beginning to crowd into the colleges and universities in the same way as in this country, and there can be only one result to this spread of higher education. The women as they are graduated will turn naturally to the professions, as they have done in America, France and Germany.

## Baltimore Needs Vice-Mayor.

A plan to relieve Mayor Mahool of many of the grinding details of his work has been proposed by a Baltimore man. He suggests that a vice-mayor be elected to look after purely formal and routine matters leaving the mayor free to attend to the large problems of his office. "A striking example of the vast amount of routine work which the mayor is compelled to do is illustrated at this season of the year, when he is obliged to sign an aggregate of seven hundred diplomas for the city college, eastern and western high schools, polytechnic and colored high schools," says the Sun.

## Trade in Diamonds Improves.

An uptown jeweler, in commenting on the increased diamond importation in April—\$1,855,829.55, against \$197,231.88 in April last year—said that the diamond trade had shown marked improvement over the importation statistics had been made public. In the course of the financial panic valuable pieces were dismantled and paste was substituted for gems. "The fact that many of the pieces have been restored to their original condition is proof that the diamond business is looking up," he said.—New York Tribune.

## Singer Financed by Syndicate.

A syndicate, with a capital of \$5,000 in \$5 shares, has been formed in Australia to send a young lady with a remarkable voice to be trained by Mme. Marchesi in Paris. She has entered into an engagement to give on her return a series of concerts in the principal Australian cities, under the direction of the syndicate, whose members hope and expect in this way to get their capital back plus a substantial dividend.

## King Menelik's Collection.

The mania for collecting seems to attack most people at some period or other. An odd collection of curios is that amassed by the Abyssinian monarch, Menelik II, who is said to have in his possession more than 2,000 locks of human hair of every shade of color and texture; each of these is carefully labeled with the date and other particulars. The same monarch has also a pretty and more conservative taste in emeralds and is said to possess one of those of unique size and luster.

# 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.

Good rains, says G. M. Westbrook, who is in Corsicana, have fallen in the Panhandle from Clarendon north and crops and range are flourishing.

The central committee having in charge the earthquake fund announces that all but \$25,000 of the total of \$5,020,000 subscribed, relief for the victims in Southern Italy, has been expended.

Speculating in the stock of the United States Steel Corporation in New York King Edward of England has just cleared more than \$1,000,000 as the harvest of a three months' bullish market for the steel issues.

The annual report of State Labor Commissioner Daugherty will show that the surplus products of Oklahoma for 1908, which exclude all articles that are manufactured, will reach a valuation of \$129,730,895.79.

The Philadelphia mint issued Monday the new "Lincoln" pennies which the Treasury Department has caused to be coined and struck off in honor of the 100th anniversary of the late President's birth.

A sudden official announcement that a public beheading would take place Thursday in the boulevard fronting the Sante prison, in Paris, created a sensation in that city, which has not seen an execution in fifteen years.

The board of engineers at Washington Wednesday made public its completed report on the improvement of navigation of the upper Red River from Fulton, Ark., to the mouth of the Washita River, above Denton.

The tariff bill passed by Congress at Washington this week may have marked down some of the schedules, but it is no marked down bargain for Uncle Sam. At a conservative estimate its enactment cost the United States treasury \$1,000,000.

News has been received in Greenville from Chautauqua, N. Y., of the election of Mrs. George Collins of Greenville to the presidency of the Chautauqua Parliamentary Club. This organization is composed of the leading club women of the Nation.

As a result of anti-trust suits recently brought by Attorney General Stirling, of Mississippi, at Jackson, against the Retail Lumber Dealers' Association of Mississippi and Louisiana, fifteen out of the seventy-three concerns made defendants to the suits have effected compromises.

Mrs. J. O. Young of Wichita Falls was arrested Saturday in Ardmore for attacking Mrs. Pauline Mills. Mrs. Young drew her revolver, which was discharged when grabbed by both women. Mrs. Young was shot, but not seriously injured.

Otto Voskamp was assassinated Thursday night while on his return home from Columbus. Parties traveling from Sublime, Austin County, came upon his dead body, near the old Hams cemetery, about six miles west of Columbus, on the public road.

Carrying an aggregate appropriation of \$1,100,000, or \$666,000 more than as originally reported, the conference report on the urgent deficiency appropriation bill was adopted by the House Wednesday, in Washington. Bitter opposition was directed against the provisions of the bill respecting the estimate of a customs court and providing for the purchase of automobiles for the Vice President and the Speaker, but all attempts to send the report back to the conference for amendment were defeated.

There is no sign of any disturbance anywhere along the line of the Antung-Mukden Railroad, reconstruction of which was begun by the Japanese Government Saturday.

Stockholm today is suffering seriously from a shortage of food, which so far is a most notable result of the labor conflict which reached its acute stages beginning this week. The stock of bread is already almost exhausted and meat is scarce and expensive. Restaurants have raised prices and the figures today are prohibitive except for persons possessed of ample means.

Fire from spontaneous combustion destroyed the barn of J. M. Spain, west of Oklahoma City, causing a loss of \$5,000 to property and live stock Wednesday.

The conference of Young Men's Christian Association in Elberfeld, Germany, Monday, discussed the work among the soldiers and sailors of all nations. Prince Bernadotte of Sweden presided.

Two additional deaths and many prostrations were reported Thursday as a result of the terrific heat in Chicago.

The Grand Army of the Republic will assemble in Salt Lake August for its thirty-ninth annual encampment.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Lone Star Gas Company of Ft. Worth Monday, it was decided to extend the pipe line to Dallas and the order for thirty miles additional pipe for this purpose has been placed. Rain at three Texas points Tuesday was reported by the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company. At Abilene there was a light rain, at Palestine a good rain and at Sherman a light rain.

Saturday night the People's Lumber Yard, located in Glenwood, Fort Worth was totally destroyed by fire.

Bank clearings for Houston during the month of July show approximate \$85,000,000, an increase of \$20,000,000 over the same month last year.

The American consulate in Barcelona announces that all Americans in Barcelona, or in the affected district during the recent trouble, are safe.

There are forty-four patients at the State Pasteur Institute in Austin, receiving the preventative treatment against hydrophobia, two of them from New Mexico.

The people of Texas in an election Tuesday redeemed the credit of the state by validating a large amount of bonds held by the courts to have been issued illegally.

There were nineteen State banks chartered in Texas during the month of July and applications for charters of several more are in the hands of the Secretary of State.

The humidity Thursday in Chicago, according to the Weather Bureau, was even more depressing than the heat itself to the populace. Twenty-six infants lost their lives.

An electric car well filled with laborers was struck by a Pennsylvania suburban train at the One Hundred and Third street grade crossing in Chicago and thirty-five persons were injured.

The thirty-fifth semi-annual convention of the County Judges and Commissioners' Association of Texas was convened Thursday in Beaumont by Judge James P. Stinson, president.

Two trainmen were killed and three other railroad employes sustained minor injuries when a Frisco yard engine plunged over a twenty-foot embankment near Memphis, Tenn., Saturday.

John Wright, aged 7, son of J. B. Wright, living near Balco, Ok., was killed by lightning during Sunday night's storm. Mrs. Wright and several other children were injured by the same bolt.

Over 200 members of the Sheriff's association, the State and County Tax Collectors and the State Treasurers association, gathered together Tuesday in Galveston for their annual convention.

Francis William Frigout, who for forty years was connected with the American consulate in London and for the last twenty-two years was Deputy Consul General, died Sunday after a long illness, in London.

Russia's naval program for the next few years, according to plans just completed by the Navy Department, includes the construction of eight battle ships, a division of armored cruisers and thirty-six torpedo boats.

J. T. McDonald, a man 65 years of age, shot and killed J. W. Thompson, his brother-in-law, Mrs. Thompson, his sister, and then turned the revolver to his own temple Wednesday at the Thompson home, near Chickasha.

The President has approved the sentence of dismissal in the case of First Lieut. Frank W. Ball, Twenty-Fifth Infantry, U. S. A., recently tried twice by court-martial in the Philippines on charges of drunkenness.

President Taft issued a statement Thursday subsequent to the signing of the new tariff bill declaring that while the measure is not by any means perfect it is a sincere and honest effort to carry out platform pledges and embodies a real revision downward.

If a resolution passed by the Arkansas State Farmers' Union Thursday becomes effective there will be no further corners in wheat so far as the farmers of this state are concerned. The resolution calls upon the farmers to plant sufficient corn for their own use and condemns in strong terms the recent so-called wheat corner. A resolution was also passed demanding that ginners use cotton bagging and creating a commission house to be located in Little Rock to handle the produce of its members.

The Assessor's estimate of Denton County's tax valuation this year shows approximately \$19,000,000, a small increase of about \$2,500 over last year.

Monday night the former Constable of the Uvalde precinct, Hulet Bowles, was hit on the head with a brick and Bowles died Wednesday from the wounds.

At Port Aviation, France, near Juvisy, Monday, M. Pellet Guadrat, in a Vision biplane, rose to a height of 500 feet, beating the record established by Wilbur Wright and winning the Lazare-Weiller prize.

The aerial rate war 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.

President Diaz of Mexico has headed a subscription list for the relief of the women and children of Spain made dependent because of the war in Morocco. His donation was \$1,000.

Grace Viviano, 5 years old, and Thomas Viviano, 2½ years old, children of wealthy Italian manufacturer, were kidnapped Monday in St. Louis, and are held for \$25,000 ransom.

An election for the issuance of \$20,000 in bonds for a county jail was held in Wichita Falls, Tuesday, and resulted in a decided victory for the advocates for a new and modern jail for Wichita County.

Ten million dollars is the amount which the leaders of the bull movement in the New Orleans cotton market are reported to have cleaned up on the recent rise in the fleecy staple.

Monday evening eleven frame residences in Houston, in Hyde Park addition, just outside the city limits, burned. Property loss is \$44,000.

# SELL OUT OF THE STATE

PRESIDENT NEILL OF FARMERS' UNION TELLS OF PLANS MADE.

## CAMPAIGN TO RAISE PRICES

Opinion Expressed that Oil Mills of State Will Offer More to Get Product.

Galveston, Aug. 5.—The session of the Farmers' Union convention was devoted to the reading of the reports of President Neill, Secretary Smith and organizer Edmondson, with a report from the Truck Growers' Association. President Neill's report stated that plans have been arranged for the union to handle the cotton seed of its members. Arrangements have been made to sell the cotton seed outside of Texas. The name of the firm with which this selling arrangement is made was presented to the convention, but has not been made public.

This arrangement is made to force up the price of cotton seed paid by oil mill men to farmers. Between these two there is a great disagreement regarding prices. The opinion is entertained by some that the method of handling the seed proposed is not altogether feasible and judicious, while others believe the mills will meet the price, and that it will thus not be necessary to sell out of the State.

## Galveston Cotton Carnival.

Galveston: At 11:40 Monday Mayor-President Lewis Fisher declared the first annual cotton carnival of Galveston open. The opening ceremonies consisted of the tendering of the carnival to the Business League by Chairman Graham of the executive committee, under whose directions the event has been planned. Vice President Armstrong of the Business League received the carnival and turned it over to the Mayor, who declared the affair officially opened.

## Red River Survey Approved.

Washington: The board of engineers Wednesday made public its completed report on the improvement of navigation of the upper Red River from Fulton, Ark., to the mouth of the Washita River, above Denton. The report approves the survey and recommendations of Capt. Waldron of Dallas, the local engineer for an expenditure of \$100,000 for the enlargement of the dredging plan and dredging operations on the stream, and for an annual maintenance of \$50,000.

## General Conditions Good.

Fort Worth: Lynn Adams, a well-known cattleman from Plains, Tex., and a member of the Cattle Raisers' association, was in the city Monday. Mr. Adams said the conditions in his immediate section of the country are good, crops and range are looking well and cattle fat. He said, however, that the country between Fort Worth and Plains in many places is much in need of rain.

## Texas Gets Good Rain.

Dallas: Rains, ranging from light showers in certain sections to a heavy downpour in other parts of North, Central and West Texas were reported Sunday and late Saturday. In East Texas, too, the precipitation aided the growing crops, and in several instances broke prolonged droughts.

## To Repeat Troupe Fair.

Troupe: The citizens of Troupe and surrounding country have just held a mass meeting, to which the executive committee of the Troupe Community Fair made its final report for this year, and by unanimous vote it was decided to repeat the fair next year.

## To Speak at Corpus Christi.

Washington: President Taft Saturday advised Representative Garner that he will make a speech at the deep water convention in Corpus Christi on the occasion of his visit to the city on Oct. 22.

## 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.

## Soldier's Body in Box Car.

San Antonio: The body of Private Wilace, Troop J, Third Cavalry, was found Saturday afternoon in a box car. A pistol was by his side. No cause known. He evidently died instantly.

## Houston Banks Show Increase.

Houston: Bank clearings for Houston during the month of July show approximately \$85,000,000, an increase of \$20,000,000 over the same month last year.

## Storm Does No Damage.

Galveston: Advice from the Weather Bureau are to the effect that the tropical storm which appeared in the Gulf during the week has passed into the West Gulf and is located south of Corpus Christi.

## Many New State Banks.

Austin: There were nineteen State banks chartered during the month of July and applications for charters of several more are in the hands of the Secretary of State.

## Inspect European Waterways.

Washington: Seven of the twelve members of the National Waterways Commission authorized by Congress to investigate not only the waterways of Europe and Canada, but the waterways of the United States, for the purpose of making recommendations for the improvement of rivers, harbors and canals of this country will sail Tuesday morning on the North German Kronprinzessin Cecille on a ten weeks' examination and investigation tour of the waterways of Europe.

## 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.

## State Buys Lamar Papers.

Austin: The State Treasury department Saturday afternoon paid a warrant in favor of Mrs. Leetta B. Calder of Beaumont for \$10,000 in settlement for the Lamar papers, authorized to be purchased by the State by a special act of the Legislature, appropriating that amount for the papers. Mrs. Calder is the daughter of President Lamar.

## Want Six-Hour Day.

Denver: The Western Federation of Miners Tuesday concluded its annual convention with the selection of Denver as the next meeting place. Resolutions were adopted instructing the officers and executive board to secure the enactment of a law in all States making six hours a day's work in mines where the temperature is above 90 degrees.

## Many Pasteur Patients.

Austin: There are forty-four patients at the State Pasteur Institute receiving the preventative treatment against hydrophobia, two of them from New Mexico. Two weeks ago the record was broken with fifty patients and no less than forty have been under treatment during the last two months. Dogs and skunks are responsible for most of the bites.

## Prominent Confederate Dead.

Houston: George Ramard, aged sixty-six, color bearer of the First Texas regiment, Hood's brigade, and permanent secretary of Hood's Texas Brigade association, died here Saturday. He was born in Galveston and served during the war with distinction.

## Six Thousand at Galveston.

Galveston: About 6,000 excursionists came in during Tuesday to visit the Cotton Carnival. The cotton exhibit is pronounced the feature of the carnival. Director Bisbey has been asked to take it to the State Fair at Dallas.

## Rangers Surprise Officers.

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

## Texas Woman Is President.

Greenville: News has been received in this city from Chautauqua, N. Y., of the election of Mrs. George Collins of Greenville to the presidency of the Chautauqua Parliamentary Club. This organization is composed of the leading club women of the Nation.

## Costs Lots of Money.

Washington: The tariff bill passed by Congress this week may have marked down some of the schedules, but it is no marked down bargain for Uncle Sam. At a conservative estimate its enactment cost the United States treasury \$1,000,000.

## Fire Destroys Lumber Yard.

Fort Worth: Saturday night the People's Lumber Yard, located in Glenwood, was totally destroyed by fire.

## West Texas Normal.

Austin: Hon. John Marshall of Grayson County, Speaker of the last House of Representatives, was Wednesday designated by the Governor to act in place of the Executive on the board to select a site for the location of the West Texas Normal.

## Panhandle Crops Flourish.

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## Products of Oklahoma.

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## Live Stock Lost in Barn.

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# "MAKES BETTER RAILROADS."

Western Writer Pays Tribute to Railroad Magnate as Builder-Up of the Country.

Mr. Edward H. Harriman is on a trip to Europe. Ordinarily there would need be nothing added to this announcement beyond an exhortation to Emperor William to chain down his railroads and to other monarchs to put their crowns and other valuables in the safe at night. But Mr. Harriman is going off on a pleasure trip, and so many mean things have been said about him that it will not hurt any to change the tune a moment while he is out of the country and not able to take any advantage of the lapse from the cold attitude of severity that is usually used in mentioning the name of Harriman.

Of all the great railroad men developed in this generation, E. H. Harriman is easily the biggest and the best, says a writer in the Hutchinson (Kan.) Daily News. The head of a railroad company, under the rules of the game, must work for his stockholders, whether it is for the advantage of politicians, shippers or consumers. It is his job to do the best he can for the interests entrusted to his care. Harriman is not only a financier, but he is a builder and an operator. Lucky is the town, city or community that has a Harriman road. He insists on a good roadbed, level track, safe track and the convenience and comfort of the traveler and the shipper. The Harriman roads are noted as the best in the country. When Harriman gets hold of a one-horse or played-out track and right of way he proceeds to put it in first class condition. He does not raise the rates of fares, although he doubtless charges "a plenty," but he insists that enough of the funds go into real improvements to make a railroad. And that is where he stands ahead of a good many others and why Harrimanism is not such a bad thing as some people have been led to think. He makes better railroads, and there is more need for improvement that way than there is in some others which are being discussed. So far as we can see, he believes in giving every interest along his road a fair deal.

He is a public benefactor from that standpoint. He uses his power fairly. He is a great man, and as good or better than the ordinary citizen who looks upon him as the personification of the money power, seeking whom it may devour. He is a strong man in the financial world, but that should not be against him, when the financial world is the object which most of us want to reach. He is a good American and he spends his money on American railroads, not on foreign titles, race horses, old editions or other bad habits. If he is not perfect—and we don't think he is—he is no exception to the rule and is worthy of the praise of his fellow citizens for the good he does and has done.

## Laughter a Series of Barks.

Laughter is barking, say the scientists. The neck and head are thrown back while a series of short barks are emitted from the throat. However musical the barks may be, they are barks. The laugh begins with a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles of the chest and abdomen. But instead of opening to let the air pass out of the lungs, the vocal cords approach each other and hold it back. But they are not strong enough to exercise such opposition for more than an instant, and the air, which is under pressure, promptly escapes. As it does so it makes the vocal cords vibrate producing the bark.

This obstruction and liberation of the air expelled from the lungs repeats itself again and again at intervals of a quarter of a second. There are thus in a hearty laugh four barks a second, and if continued, they go on at that rate as long as the air reserve in the lungs holds out. The empty lungs must then fill themselves, and this interval is marked by a quick gasp for breath, after which the barks are renewed. The barks occur in series with gasps for breath at intervals.

When laughter is violent, the entire body participates. The upper part of the trunk bends and straightens itself alternately or sways to right and left. The feet stamp on the floor, while the hands are pressed upon the loins to moderate the painful spasm.

## Interviewing the Professor.

"So you don't think Mars would reply, even if we did send signals?" "I am almost convinced that there would be no response," answered Prof. Thinkum, adjusting his glasses.

"Then you don't believe that Mars is inhabited?"

"On the contrary, I think it extremely probable that life similar to our own exists on the sister planet."

"But you don't give those people credit for intelligence equal to ours?"

"Yes, I am inclined to credit them with even greater intelligence than we display. There are many indications that they have a civilization older than ours, in which case they should have too much sense to fool away their time on any such impractical proposition."

## The Way He Did It.

Jenkins—Well, sir, I gave it to that man straight, I can tell you. He is twice as big as I am, too, but I told him exactly what I thought of his rascally conduct right to his face, and I called him all the names in the dictionary, and a lot of others as well.

Studds—And didn't he try to hit you, Jenkins?

Jenkins—No, sir, he didn't. And when he tried to answer back, I just hung up the telephone receiver and walked away.



# THE LION'S SHARE

BY OCTAVE THANET  
AUTHOR OF THE MAN OF THE HOUR

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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 Edwin S. 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 of the boy in 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 the boy to his aunt had been arrested for speeding and when he returned from the police station to his aunt the lad was gone. Mercer confessed he was forcibly detaining Keatcham. Mercer told his life story, relating how Keatcham and his scoundrel secretary, Atkins, had ruined him, the boy killing his wife. Mercer was holding him 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. The party removed to the Arnold home. They feared Atkins' gang. The colonel became temporary secretary to the magnate. A Black Hand letter was received.

## CHAPTER XVI.—Continued.

"I see," said the colonel; "to make sure they don't fizzle the bomb. But he'll have his alibi ready all right. Mr. Keatcham, did they send you a previous letter?"

"Oh, dear no; that's only part of the game; makes a better story. So is using the hotel paper; if it throws suspicion on anybody it would be your party; you see Atkins knew Mercer had a grudge against me as well as him. He was counting on that. I rather wonder that he didn't fix up some proof for you to find."

"By Jove!" cried the colonel; "maybe he did."

"And you didn't find it?"

"Well, you see I was too busy with you; the others must have overlooked it. Hard on Atkins after he took so much trouble, wasn't it?"

"I told you he was too subtle. But it is not wise to underrate him, or bombs either; we must get the women and those boys out of the house."

"But how? You are not really acquainted with my aunt, Mrs. Rebecca Winter, I take it."

"You think she wouldn't go if there was any chance of danger?"

"You couldn't fire her unless out of a cannon; but she would help get Archie away; Mrs. Melville and Miss Smith—"

"Well—Miss Smith, I am afraid, will not be easy to manage; you see, she knows—"

"Knows? Did you tell her?" asked Col. Winter anxiously.

"Well, not exactly. As the children say, it told itself. There has been a kind of an attempt, already. A box came, marked from a man I know in New York, properly labeled with express company's labels. Miss Smith opened it; I could see her, because she was in the bathroom with the door open. There was another box inside, wrapped in white tissue paper. Very neatly. She examined that box, with singular care and then she drew some water in the lavatory basin, half opened the box and put the whole thing under water in the basin. When I thought it was time for me and I asked her if it was a bomb. Do you know that girl had sense enough not to try to deceive me? She saw that I had seen every move she had made. She said merely that it was safe under water. It was an ingenious little affair which had an electrical arrangement for touching off a spark when the lid of the box would be lifted."

"Ah, yes. Thoughtful little plan to amuse an invalid by letting him open the box, himself, to see the nice surprises from New York. Very neat, indeed. What did you do with the box?"

"Nothing, so far. It only came about an hour ago."

"Do you reckon some of the Black Hands are out on the street, rubbering to see if there are any signs of anything doing?"

"Perhaps; you might let Birdsall keep a watch for anything like that. But they hear, somehow; there is a leak somewhere in our establishment. It is not your aunt; she can hold her tongue as well as use it; the boy, Archie, does not know anything to tell—"

"He wouldn't tell it if he did," interrupted the colonel; and very concisely but with evident pride he gave Archie's experience in the Chinese quarter.

Keatcham's comment took the listener's breath away; so far afield was it and so unlike his experience of the man; it was: "Winter, a son like that would be a good deal of a comfort, wouldn't he?"

"Poor little chap!" said Winter. "He hasn't any father to be proud of him—father and mother both dead."

Keatcham eyed Winter thoughtfully a moment, then he said: "You've been married and lost children, your aunt says. That must be hard. But—did you ever read that poem of James Whitcomb Riley's to his friend whose child was dead? It's true what he says—they were better off than he 'who had no child to die.'"

Rupert was looking away from the speaker with the instinctive embarrassment of a man who surprises the deeper feelings of another. He could see out of the window the lovely April garden and Janet Smith amid the almond blossoms. Only her shining black head and her white shoulders and bodice rose above the pink clusters. She looked up and nodded, seeing him; her face was a little pale, but she was smiling.

"I don't know," he said, "it's hard enough either way for a man."

"I never lost any children"—Keatcham's tone was dry, still, but it had not quite the former desiccated quality—"but I was married, for a little while. If it's as bad to lose your children as it is to lose the hope of having them, it—must be hard. You lost your wife, too?"

"Yes," said Rupert Winter. At this moment he became conscious that Keatcham was avoiding his gaze in the very manner of his avoiding Keatcham's a moment ago; and it gave him a bewildering sensation.

"I wanted to marry my wife for seven years before we were married," Keatcham continued in that carefully monotonous voice. "She was the daughter of the superintendent of the mine where I was working. I was only 18 when I first saw her. I was 25 when we were married. She used to give me lessons; she was educated and accomplished. She did more than is easy telling, for me. Of course, her parents were opposed at first because they looked higher for her, but she brought them round by her patience and her sweetness and her faith in me. Six months after we were married, she had an accident which left her a helpless invalid in a wheeled chair, at the best; at the worst, suffering—you've known what it is to see anybody, whom you care for, in horrible pain and trying not to show it when you come near?"

"I have," said Winter; "merry hell, isn't it?"

"I have seen that expression," said Keatcham; "I never recognized its peculiar appropriateness before. Yes, it is that. Yet, Winter, those two years she lived afterwards were the happiest of my whole life. She said, the last night she was with me, that they had been the happiest of hers."

"I don't wonder you didn't marry again," said Winter.

"You would not wonder if you had known Helen. She always understood. Of course, now, at 61, I could buy a pretty, innocent, young girl who would do as her parents bade her, and cry her eyes out before the wedding, or a handsome and brilliant society woman with plenty of matrimonial experience—but I don't want them. I should have to explain myself to them; I don't know how to explain myself; you see I can't half do it—"

"I reckon I understand a little."

"I guess you do. You are different, too. Well, let's get down to business, think you some way of getting the women out of the house; and get your sleuths after Atkins. It's 'we get him, or he gets us!'"

The amateur secretary assented and prepared to go, for the valet was at the door, ready to relieve him; but opposite Keatcham, he paused a second, made a pretense of hunting for his hat, picked it up in his left hand and held out the right hand, saying: "Well, take care of yourself."

Keatcham nodded; he shook the hand with a good firm pressure. "Much obliged, Winter," said he.

"Well," meditated the soldier as he went his way, "I never did think to take that financial buccaner by the hand; but—it wasn't the buccaner, it was the real Edwin Keatcham."

## CHAPTER XVII.

In Which the Puzzle Falls into Place. While the colonel was trying to decipher his tragical puzzle, while Edwin Keatcham was busied with plans that affected empires and incidentally were to save and extinguish some human lives, while Janet Smith had her own troubles, while Mrs. Rebecca Winter enjoyed a game more exciting and deadly than Penelope's Web, Mrs. Millicent Winter and the younger people found the days full of joyous business. The household had fallen into normal ways of living. Although the secret patrol watched every rod of approach to the house, the espial was so unobtrusive that guests came and went, tradesmen rattled over the driveways; the policemen, themselves, slumbered by day and loitered majes-

tically by night without the Casa Fuerte portals, never suspecting. Millicent, encouraged by Arnold, had had Mrs. Wigglesworth and two errand daughters, whose husbands were state regents for Melville's university, to luncheon and to dinner; the versatile Kito donning a chauffeur's livery and motoring them back to the city in the limousine, on both occasions; all of which redounded to Millicent's own proper glory and state.

Indeed, about this time, Millicent was in high good humor with her world. Even Janet Smith was no longer politely obliterated as "the nurse," but became "our dear Miss Janet," and was presented with two of Mrs. Melville's last year's Christmas gifts which she could not contrive to use; therefore carried about for general decorative generosity. One was a sage-green linen handkerchief case, quite fresh, on which was etched, in brown silk, the humorous inscription: "Wipe me, but do not swipe me!" The other was a white celluloid brush-broom holder bedecked with azure forget-me-nots enfolding a complicated monogram which might just as well stand for J. B. B. S. (Janet Byrd Brandon Smith) as for M. S. W. (Millicent Sears Winter) or any other alphabetical herd. These unpretending but (considering their source) distinguished gifts she bestowed in the kindest manner. Janet was no doubt grateful; she embroidered half a dozen luncheon napkins with Mrs. Melville's monogram and crest, in sign thereof; and very prettily, she being a skillful needle-woman. On her part, Mrs. Melville was so pleased that she remarked to her brother-in-law, shortly after, that she believed Cousin Angela's sisters hadn't been just to Miss Smith; she was a nice girl; and if she married (which was quite possible, insinuated Mrs. Melville, archly), she meant to give a tea in her honor.

"Now, that's right decent of you, Millie," cried the colonel; and he smiled gratefully after Mrs. Melville's beautifully fitted back. Yet a scant five minutes before, he had been pursuing that same charming back through the garden terraces, in a most brotherly frame, resolved to give his sister-in-law a "warning with a fog-horn." The cause of said warning was his discovery of her acquaintance with Atkins. For days a bit of information had been blistering in his mind. It came from the girl at the telegraph office at the Palace, not in a bee-line, but indirectly, through her chum, the girl who booked the theater tickets. It could not be analyzed properly because the telegraph girl was gone to southern California. But before she went she told the theater girl that the lady who received Mr. Makers' wires was one of Mrs. Winter's party! This bit of information was like a live coal underfoot in the colonel's mind; whenever he trod on it in his mental excursions he jumped.

"Who else but Janet?" he demanded. But by degrees he became first doubtful, then daring. He had Birdsall fetch the telegraph girl back to San Francisco. A ten minutes' in-



It Was a Strange Man's Voice.

terview assured him that it was his brother's wife who had called for Mr. Makers' messages, armed with Mr. Makers' order.

Aunt Rebecca was not nearly so vehement as he when he told her. She listened to his angry criticism with a lurking smile and a little shrug of her shoulders.

"Of course she has butted in, as you tersely express it, in the language of this mannerless generation; Millicent always butts in. How did she get acquainted with this unpleasant, assassinating, poor white trash? My dear child, she didn't probably; he made an acquaintance with her. He pumped her and lied to her. We know he wanted to find out Mr. Keatcham's abode; he may have got his clew from her; she knew young Arnold had been to see him. There's no telling. I only know that in the interest of keeping a roof over our heads and having our heads whole instead of in pieces from explosives, I butted in a few days ago when somebody wanted Mrs. Melville Winter on the telephone. I answered it. The person asked if I was Mrs. Melville Winter; it was a strange man's voice. I don't believe in Christian Science or theosophy or physics, but I do believe I felt in my bones that here was an occasion to be canny rather than conscientious. You know I can talk like Millicent—or anybody else; so I intoned through the telephone in her silken Anglican accents, 'Do you want Mrs. Melville Winter or Aunt Rebecca, Madam Winter?' I hate to be called Madam Winter, and she knows it, but Millicent is catty, you know, and she always calls me Madam Winter behind my back. The fellow fell into the trap at once—recognized the voice, I dare say, and announced that it was Mr. Makers; Mr. Atkins, who had left for Japan, had not been able to pay his respects and say good-by; but he had left with him an embroidered Chinese kimono for Prof. Winter, whom he had admired so much; and if it wouldn't be too much trouble for her to pay a visit to her friend—one of those women she had to lunch with at the St. Francis—he would like to show her several left by Mr. Atkins, for her to select one. Then in the most casual way, he asked after Mr. Keatcham's health. I believed he was improving; had had a very good night. I fancy it didn't please him, but he made a good pretense. Then he went off into remarks about its being such a pity Mr. Atkins had left Mr. Keatcham; but he was so conscientious, a southern gentleman I knew; yet he really thought a great deal still of Keatcham, who had many fine qualities; only on account of the unfortunate differences—Atkins was so proud and sensitive; he was anxious to hear, but not for the world would he have any one know that he had inquired; so would I be very careful not to let any one know he had asked. Of course I would be; I promised effusively; and said I quite understood. I think I do, too."

"They are keeping tab on us through Millicent," fumed the colonel. "I dare say she gave it away that Arnold was

visiting Keatcham at the hotel; and it wouldn't take Atkins long to piece out a good deal more, especially if his spy overheard Tracy's phone. Well, I shall warn Millicent—with a fog-horn!"

The way he warned Millicent has been related. But from Millicent he deflected to another subject—the impulse of confession being strong upon him. He freed his mind about the stains on Cary Mercer's cuffs; and, when at last he sought Millicent he was in his soul praising his aunt for a wise old woman. After justice was dispensed by his miscomprehension of Millicent's words, he took out his cigarette case and began pacing the garden walks, smoking and humming a little Spanish love song, far older than the statehood of California.

The words belonged to the air which he had whistled a weary week ago. Young Tracy came along, and caught up the air, although he was innocent of Spanish; he had his mandolin on his arm; he proffered it to the colonel.

"Miss Janet has been singing coon songs to his nibs, who is really getting almost human," he observed affably; "well, a little patience and interest will reveal new possibilities of the Fireless Stove! In man or metal. Shall we get under his nibs' window and give him the 'Bedouin Love Song' and 'I Picked Me a Lemon in the Garden of Love' and the Sextette from 'Lucia' and other choice selections? He seemed to be sitting up and taking notice! let's lift him above the sordid thoughts of Wall street and his plans for busting other financiers."

The soldier gave this persiflage no answer; his own thoughts were far from gay. He stood drinking in the beauty of the April night. The air was wonderfully hushed and clear; and the play of the moonlight on the great heliotrope bushes and the rose-trees, which dangled their clusters of yellow and white over the stone parapets of the balconies, tinted the leafage and flickered delicately over the tracery of shadow on the gray walls. Not a cloud flecked the vast aerial landscape—only stars beyond stars, through unfathomable depths of dim violet, and beneath the stars a pale moon swimming low in the heavens; one could see it between the spandrels of the arches spanning the colonnade.

Aunt Rebecca in black lace and jewels was tilting with the world in general and Millicent Winter in particular; she displayed her most cynical mood. She had demolished democracy; had planted herself firmly on the basic doctrine that the virtues cultivated by slavery far outnumber its inseparable vices; and that most people, if not all, need a master; had been picturesque and inaccurately eloquent on the subject of dynamite (which she pronounced the logical fourth dimension of liberty, fraternity and equality); had put the yellow rich where they belonged; and the red anarchists mainly under the sod; and she had abolished the Fourth of July to the last sputter of fire-cracker; thence by easy transitions she had extolled American art (which American patrons were too ignorant to appreciate), deplored American music ("The trouble isn't that it is canned," says she, "but that it was spoiled before they canned it!"), and was now driving a chariot of fire through American literature; as for the academics, they never said what they thought, but only what they thought they ought to think; and they always mistook anemia for refinement, as another school mistook yelling and perspiring for vigor.

Just as Winter modestly entered the arena, no less a personage than Henry James was under the wheels. Janet Smith had modestly confessed to believing him a consummate artist; and Millicent in an otund voice declared that he went deep, deep down into the mysteries of life.

"I don't deny it; he ought to get down deep," returned Aunt Rebecca in her gentlest, softest utterance; "he's always boring."

Mrs. Melville's suppressed agitation under her stays creak.

"Do you really think that James is not a great artist?" she breathed.

"I think he is not worth while."

"Wow!" cried Tracy. "Oh, I say—"

"Aunt Rebecca; you cannot mean—"

"This was Mrs. Melville, choking with horror."

"His style," repeated the unmoved iconoclast, "his style has the remains of great beauty; all his separate phrases, if you wish, are gems; and he is a literary lapidary; but his sentences are so subtle, so complex, so intricately compounded, and so discursive that I get a pain in the back of my neck before I find out what he may mean; and then—I don't agree with him! Now is it worth while to put in so much hard reading only to be irritated?"

"I beg pardon," Winter interposed, with masculine pusillanimity evading takes sides in the question at issue, "I thought we were going to have some music; why don't you boys give us some college songs? Here is a mandolin."

Aunt Rebecca's still luminous eyes

went from the speaker to Janet Smith in the corner. She said something about hearing the music better from the other side of the balcony. Now (as Mrs. Millicent very truly explained) there was not a ha'penny-worth's difference in favor of one side over the other; but she followed in the wake of her imperious aunt.

The colonel drew nearer to Janet Smith; in order to sink his voice below disturbing the music-lovers he found it necessary to sit on a pile of cushions at her feet.

"Did you know Mercer will be back to-night?" he began, a long way from his ultimate object. He noticed that leaning back in the shadow her ready smile had dropped from her face, which looked tired. "I want to tell you a little story about Mercer," he continued; "may I? It won't take long."

He was aware, and it gave him a twinge of pain to see it, that she sat up a little straighter, like one on guard; and oh, how tired her face was and how sweet! He told her of all his suspicions of her brother-in-law; of the blood-stains and the changing of clothes; she did not interrupt him by a question, hardly by a motion, until he told of the conversation with Keatcham and the note signed "The Black Hand." At this her eyes lighted; she exclaimed impetuously: "Cary Mercer never did send that letter!" she drew a deep intake of breath. "I don't believe he touched Mr. Keatcham!"

"Neither do I," said the colonel, "but wait!" He went on to the theater girl's report of the receiver of the telegrams. Her hands, which clasped her knee, fell apart; her lips parted and closed firmly.

"Did I think it was you?" said he. "Why, yes, I confess I did fear it might be and that you might be trying to shield Atkins."

"It!" she exclaimed hotly; "that detestable villain!"

"Isn't he?" cried the colonel. "But—well, I couldn't tell how he might strike a lady," he ended lamely.

"I reckon he would strike a lady if she were silly enough to marry him and he got tired of her. He is the kind of man who will persecute a girl to marry him, follow her around and importune her and flatter her and then, if he should prevail, never forgive her for the bother she has given him. Oh, I never did like him; I'm afraid of him—awfully."

"Not you?"—the colonel's voice was cheerful, as if he had not shivered over his own foreboding vision. "I've seen you in action already, you know."

"Not fighting bombs, I hate bombs. There are so many places to hit you. You can't run away."

"Well, you'll find them not so bad; besides, you did fight one this very morning, and you were cool as peppermint!"

"That was quite different; I had time to think, and the danger was more to me than to any one else; but to think of Mrs. Winter and Archie and you—all of you; that scares me."

"Now, don't let it get on your nerves," he soothed—of course it is necessary to take a girl's hand to soothe her when she is frightened. But Miss Smith calmly released her hand, only reddening a little; and she laughed. "Where—where were we at?" she asked in her unconscious southern phraseology.

"Somewhere around Atkins, I think," said the colonel; he laughed in his turn—he found it easy to laugh, now that he knew how she felt toward Atkins. "You see, after I talked with Keatcham I couldn't make anything but Atkins out of the whole business. But there were those stained cuffs and his changing his clothes—"

"Yes," said she.

"How explain? There was only one explanation; that was, that perhaps Mercer had discovered Keatcham before we did, unconsciously spotted his cuffs, been alarmed by our approach and hidden, lest it should be the murderers returning. He might have wanted a chance to draw his revolver. Say he did that way, he must foolishly pretend to enter for the first time. If he made that mistake and then discovered the condition of his cuffs and the spots on his knee, what would be his natural first impulse? Why, to change them, trusting that they hadn't been noticed. Maybe, then, he would wash them out—"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## All His Fault.

An old lady who was in the habit of declaring, after the occurrence of an unusual event, that she had predicted it, was one day very nicely sold by her worthy spouse, who, like many others we have heard of, had got tired of her eternal "I told you so!" Rushing into the house breathless with excitement, he dropped into his chair, elevated his hands, and exclaimed: "Oh, wife, wife! What—what—what do you think? The old brindle cow has gone and eaten up our grindstone!"

The old lady was ready, and hardly waiting to hear the last word, she broke out at the top of her lungs: "I told you so, you old fool! I told you so! You always would let it stan' out o' doors!"



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Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, to take from our number, a beloved and esteemed brother, Joe M. Taylor, who departed this life Aug. 9th, 1909, and,

Whereas, Mr. Taylor was an honorable member of the Haskell Lodge No. 374 K. of P., and,

Whereas, his life was an open book before all who knew him, and his character that of a christian gentleman, and his walk and conversation, characterized by a high sense of honor, therefore, be it resolved:

1st.—That the death of Mr. Taylor we recognize a great loss to our brotherhood, and in sadness, bow in humble submission to an all-wise Providence, knowing that he doeth all things well;

2nd.—That we extend to his grief stricken loved ones, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, with the prayer, that God's Holy Comforter may lift the cloud of sorrow and enable them to see the loving hand of Providence in the midst of deepest sorrows;

3rd.—That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Haskell Lodge No. 364, K. of P., and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the immediate relatives of our deceased brother, also that a copy be furnished for publication, to the Haskell Free Press.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Vernon,  
L. O. Cunningham,  
T. C. Williams.

## PROGRAM

Of the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Haskell county association to be held with Sagerton Baptist church. Beginning Thursday night before the fifth Sunday in August, 1909.

Introductory sermon preached by Bro. G. W. North, Thursday night 8:30.

Friday 9:30 a. m. Devotional services conducted by Bro. H. A. Lamb.

10 o'clock. To what extent am I responsible to God for the unsaved—Bro. I. N. Alvis and H. Venson.

11 o'clock. Sermon by Bro. E. B. Speck.

2:30 p. m. Devotional services held by Bro. J. B. Trammell.

3 o'clock. The Power of Religion in the home—Rev. P. A. Mansell and W. D. Droomgoole.

8:30 p. m. Sermon by Bro. I. N. Alvis, Rom. 8:34.

Saturday, 9 a. m. Devotional services conducted by Bro. John Speck.

9:30. What is a True Revival and How may it be obtained?—Bro. Jno. Arbuckle and H. Venson.

10:30. Bible Wisdom in Soul Winning—Bro. Wilks Scott and E. B. Speck.

11 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. P. A. Mansell.

Saturday 2 p. m. What has the Sunday School in the commission—Bro. J. P. Siles and W. P. Whipman.

3:30. Board Meeting.

8:30. Sermon by Bro. W. D. Droomgoole.

Sunday 10 a. m. Sunday School Mass Meeting by Bro. J. P. Siler.

11 a. m. Sermon by Bro. Jno. Arbuckle.

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## STRAIN-SANFORD

On last Sunday by previous arrangement with Squire Menefee, Mr. Earl Strain and Miss Laurina Sanford were married on the Haskell and Rose school house road.

It seems that the brides parents objected to the match, so Mr. Strain procured a license and delivered them to the Squire and had this officer to meet him about a quarter of a mile west of the bride's home, and to procure the bride, the groom went to the Rose school house a mile or two east of the parental home where the bride was attending a meeting. The young couple got in a buggy at the school house and started west toward Haskell. Everything went smooth till they passed the home. The irrate father discovered the couple as they were passing and ran out and caught the horse they were driving by the reigns, but the groom to be put whip to his horse and forced him to break loose from the stern parent, who ran to his lot got out a mule and procuring a gun gave chase. By this time the couple met Mr. Menefee, the Justice of the Peace and as he had seen the situation and the couple failing to stop, the man with the Squire put

whip to the horse and the ceremony was performed on the run with the two buggies abreast and the old man, the shot gun and the mule bringing up the rear. All parties were excited and the ceremony was reduced to the two questions the declaration pronouncing the couple man and wife and God bless you.

This done, the mad race of three and a half miles to Haskell was on and with the impediment of the ceremony out of the way the officer and his companion not desiring to argue the case with a combination like a mule the old man and a shot gun, joined the couple in a mad race to leave them behind which was soon accomplished. We congratulate all parties concerned. The old folks no doubt will do the right thing and forgive and the young couple will begin a useful life. We extend best wishes to all concerned.

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.  
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## FREE BALLOT

The republican party has for years appealed to the selfish instinct of the laborer. They tell him protection enables his employer to pay him higher wages and hold up to his eyes full dinner pail arguments. This has caught the naturalized citizen whose vote has controlled the ballance of power in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and this vote has elected the presidents and congressmen in the past. It is useless to make any argument based on principles of statesmanship to a class of selfish laborers who would vote to tax their fellow citizens for such selfish purposes. The predatory interests of the country use this vote to elect men to office who will take care of predatory wealth. The vice in the ballot cast by the laborer, is punished, by increase price of food and other necessities. And to the striking Unions we would suggest, that the ills they complain of is probably a punishment that is the logical siquence of corrupt unpatriotic ballots. It has been said a mans sins will find him out, "The Wages of sin is death." That if you sow "wind you will reap a whirl wind." This may apply to politics. In fact history reveals to us that no corrupt people can escape the consequences of corruption. Thousands of Europeans come to this country as laborers and as soon as they can vote the majority vote a selfish unpatriotic ballot and thanks to the shrewed employer, they fail to reap the reward of their vice. The vote of the naturalized citizen is used by the employer to overcome the will of the American patriot. Having been cheated by their employers in the division of the spoils the foreigners have organized labor in to despotic lawless Unions and are turning to socialism.

They make war on capital war on independent labor, and have to be restrained and enjoined by the courts and are shot down and dispersed by the officers of the law. Having abused their ballots and used them for selfish purposes and been defeated. They have no confidence in the ballot. They have found that from corrupt ballots results a corrupt congress. It seems to us that the time has come to disfranchise the labor vote, or educate to an understanding of American institutions. We suggest this, because we believe that in the Northern States, the labor vote has allowed itself to be intimidated and forced to vote for trust measures. If this ballot, can thus be controlled. And they have not the patriotism to use a ballot placed in their hands by the blood of patriots and political martyrs, for their own protection, that they may not use the ballot under coetcion against themselves and country they should be disfranchised.

There is no doubt that the threat to close factories and the full dinner pail argument, intimidated thousands of labor voters, because of their helpless condition.

We believe in the sight of a free ballot, but we do not want to go into an election and cast our ballot against that of an industrial slave. He must free himself. If he has not the manhood to be free, then deny him the ballot.

## DEAD

The Free Press learns with regret of the death of Joe Taylor who died at Temple with Typhoid fever. The deceased had many friends and acquaintances here who regret to hear of his death.

If you have land to exchange for land or other property in the East or Central Texas Counties, come and list it with us and we will make the trade for you.  
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### Time Table

Schedule of trains on Wichita Valley R. R. arriving and leaving Haskell.

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.

Mrs. R. L. Jackson is visiting relatives in Roanok Alabama.

Mr. Will Boone and little daughter Miss Margate of Wichita Falls is visiting his brothers family of this city. Mr. J. S. Boone.

The Light plant is installing two immense boilers and an engine of 150 horse power.

D. W. Fields and J. S. Menefee of Rochester were in this city Wednesday.

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

Street Music Co.

Window shades, a nice line, new stock. **McNeill & Smith.**

Haskell has the gravel to make good streets, now is the time to put the gravel on the streets.

Mrs. O. P. Gresham is visiting her brother at Albany.

Mr. J. F. Jones of Rule was in this city Tuesday.

Mr. W. A. Marsh has sold his interest in the firm of Marsh, Williams & Co., and has purchased an interest in the Northside Market.

J. W. Blakemore of South side was in town Tuesday and reported the rain Sunday and Sunday night was light at his place.

A coat of gravel will fix the streets leading to the depot for all times.

Plenty of Glass and Putty at **McNeill & Smith Hwd. Co.**

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from **Sanders & Wilson.**

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

Jim Davis of Rule was in Haskell Tuesday and reports good crops in that vicinity.

Mrs. Tom Griffin and Miss Ruby Liles have been visiting Mrs. R. R. Robison of Wichita Falls. Mr. Griffin went over to the Falls Saturday and accompanied them home Sunday.

Misses Moore, Barlow and Tom Broach visited friends at Stamford this week.

**Sherwin-Williams Paints and varnishes. The standard for quality at NORMAN'S.**

FOR SALE OR TRADE a thoroughbred Spanish Jack.

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**Wall paper good and cheap at NORMAN'S.**

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

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pitchford took their little daughter Gussie to Fort Worth where she was operated upon for appendicitis the 5th of this month. Mr. Pitchford has returned and reports that his daughter stood the operation splendidly.

T. L. Green, who lives 8 miles South East of town on the Jollett farm reports that a good rain visited his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Grissom left Monday for Fort Worth Corpus Christi and other points. They will visit points in Oklahoma before they return.

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Evangelist Marshall will give his lecture on "The Unseen" at the Court House next Sunday at 4 o'clock.

Mr. C. F. Oglesby of McGregor has written his father Capt. Wm Oglesby of this city that the prospects for a crop in that vicinity is worse than in the history of that section.

Miss Annie Ellis has returned from a visit to friends at Dallas and other points.

**Brighten up finishes of all kinds at Norman's.**

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If you need a fine brass mounted up-to-date buggy harness at a low price, buy mine. W. J. Evers at post office blk Haskell.

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I have moved my shop to post office block where I will do all kinds of repairing on saddles, harness and buggy tops as well as selling you new goods cheap. **W. J. Evers, Haskell.**

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For sale, cheap, a few pairs of registered pure bred Homer Pigeons. Phone No. 198. Richard Noland. **tf**

Mrs. J. A. Lester left Tuesday night for Nocomo Texas, to meet her father and mother and pay them a visit.

### Prof. Egbert R. Cockrell

The able and efficient teacher of Texas Christian University, made our town a visit while out in the interest of the college.

Friday morning he gave a lecture on "The Value of an Education." In his presence were both old and new students.

Haskell is as well represented at T. C. U. as any one town in the State.

Friday afternoon the T. C. U. students honored Prof. Cockrell with an "auto-ride."

The decorations were carried out beautiful in purple and white, with pennants waving gracefully in the balmy breeze. A very gay and joyous crowd, singing and giving college yells.

The hours of darkness turned them home-ward feeling as if they had "won a game."

They did make considerable noise, but it was only college spirit.

The crowd consisted of Misses Odell, Boone, Wilfong and Bryant. Prof. E. R. Cockrell Messrs Press Baldwin, Roy Shook, Earl Odell and Frank Baldwin.

Reporter.

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Window shades from 35c up. **McNeill & Smith Hwd. Co.**

Nearly the whole of Haskell county had a rain this week, which will assure good feed crops and make the cotton fruit.

A meeting has just closed at The Roberts School house conducted by G. W. Piland assisted by J. E. Nicholson in which there were 36 conversions, and 28 additions to the Baptist Church. Mr. Piland and Mr. Nicholson are both earnest young preachers and are doing a good work.

Commissioners Court convened Monday in regular term with all the commissioners present.

Get one of those Sanitary Syrup pitchers at Wm Wells'.

Revs. J. T. Goiwald and Jerome Duncan of Stamford passed through Haskell Wednesday on their return from Rule.

M. H. Gilliam has returned from a trip to Temple and other points.

Sanitary Syrup pitchers at Wm Wells'.

Mr. Fred Irby of Kent, El Paso county, has sent in his subscription to the Free Press. - Later - We learn that he and Miss Gertrude Cummins were married last Sunday.

I have room for six boarders. Near depot. **Mrs. Sanfield.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gilley are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ramey of this city.

Mr. W. L. Hills of Rule was in Haskell Wednesday, and reports crop prospects as in that vicinity as being very flattering.

Mr. J. L. Jones of Rule was in this city Wednesday.

Born on the 9th to Judge and Mrs. McConnell a daughter.

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## WALL PAPER

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Mr. Gus Grussendorf of East side was in town Wednesday.

Mr. A. H. Alexander visited the Grussendorf community the early part of the week and reports crop prospects good.

Mr. U. C. Stodghill of the East side was in town Wednesday and spoke very encouragingly of the crop situation. He said he had about ten acres of June corn coming up. He also said he spledid success with and acre of June corn last year.

Misses Emma and Ruby Hatcher of Albany who have been visiting Mrs. C. D. Long of this city have returned to their home.

The reports of farmers in different communities show that there is a good feed crop promised and a fair crop of cotton.

D. A. Graham and son Will, of the North-west Side were in the city Tuesday.

Capt. W. M. Wood spent several days in the city this week. Capt. Wood reports good rains in the North-east part of the county.

Mr. Lee Pierson is in Colorado Springs and has requested us to forward the Free Press to his address.

Secretary Matthews of the Board of Trade, B. A. Barnes, B. W. Bryant, G. R. Couch, M. Pierson, G. W. Collins and E. L. Parish were the committee that went to Fort Worth and presented the advantages of Haskell to the State Normal locating committee. We believe this delegation made an impression and Haskell is going to be heard to turn down.

In the advertisement of the Columbian Conservatory of music last week we made some typographical errors, the word "Columbia" should have been "Columbian" and the date should have been the 16th instead of the 15th.

Miss Sibyl Collins, Stenographer for the Commercial Club is taking a vacation and will visit Mineral Wells, Dallas and Galveston. Miss Vinson is doing the stenographer work for the Club during the absence of Miss Collins.



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Miss Eva Ramey who has been visiting in Avoca has returned home.  
Mr. W. H. Murchison made a professional trip to San Antonio this week.



# TAFT SIGNS TARIFF BILL AND CONGRESS ADJOURNS

## Senate Passes Conference Report by Vote of 47 to 31 and Then Adopts Resolution Correcting The "Joker."

### THE HOUSE QUICKLY APPROVES THE ENACTMENT

#### Measure Then Went to the President and the Battle Over Revision, Which Has Been On for More Than Four Months, Is Ended—Amendments Are Voted Down.

- CHRONOLOGY OF THE PAYNE TARIFF LAW.
- March 1, 1909, President Taft called an extraordinary session of congress to revise the tariff.
- March 15—Congress convened.
- March 18—Chairman Payne, of the house ways and means committee introduced a provisional bill.
- April 10—House passed bill and transmitted it to the senate.
- April 12—Senate began consideration of the measure.
- July 8—Senate passed bill with 817 amendments.
- July 9—Tariff question shifted from both houses of congress and sent to conference committee.
- July 29—Conferees reached agreement and it was signed and reported to the house.
- July 31—House adopted conference report and passed bill.
- August 5—Senate adopted conference report and passed bill.
- August 5—President signed tariff bill.
- August 6, 1909, new tariff law becomes effective.

House to notify the president of their decision.

**Both Houses Adopt "Joker" Schedule.**

The concurrent resolution making reductions in the leather schedules then was taken up by the senate and adopted unanimously. The resolution was then sent to the house.

Almost every member of the lower body was in his seat and the debate was short. The resolution received an almost unanimous vote and was immediately sent to President Taft for his signature.

The house showed the clock ahead and adjourned sine die at 5:35.

**Cannon Reduces Insurgent Chairman.**

Speaker Cannon announced the membership of the committee for the Sixty-first Congress. In the changes of chairman two insurgents were reduced in rank. Cooper, Wisconsin, is succeeded by Olmsted of Pennsylvania as chairman of insular affairs. Gardner of Massachusetts, who is chairman of industrial, arts and exhibitions, is succeeded by Rodenberg of Illinois.

The house referred the McCumber joint resolution, amending the drawback provision of the tariff bill to the committee on ways and means, where it will sleep until next winter.

**Bailey Says Law Robs Consumers.**

Senator Bailey of Texas made the final speech on the tariff bill on behalf of the Democrats. He ascribed the defeat of the Democracy in 1894 and 1896 to misrepresentations of the Wilson tariff bill.

He declared Aldrich would not deny the average rates of the pending bill were higher than those of the Dingley law. Aldrich did deny it, whereupon Bailey said there was not time to argue out the contradiction, but he would reiterate that the average duties were higher in the Payne-Aldrich bill than in the Dingley law.

In closing Bailey advised the Republicans to suggest to the beneficiaries of the law to reveal in its benefits while they could. "For," he said, "it is the last license the American congress will ever extend to them to rob the American consumers."

By this time, with the clock pointing 10 minutes to the time set for the taking of the vote, the galleries were crowded.

A majority of the spectators were women. Every senator able to be in town was in his seat. Back to the hall representatives and clerks stood in rows four deep.

**Conferees Reduced 110 Articles.**

It was in this impressive setting that Senator Aldrich arose in his seat to make the last argument in favor of the bill which will bear his name, together with that of Chairman Payne of the house ways and means committee. He declared the measure was the most important act that had ever been passed by the American congress.

He regretted the bill would not receive the unanimous approval of the Republicans. He challenged any senator to point out anything in the schedules subject to a protective duty upon which any monopoly had been or could be established. He submitted a statement showing that the senate conferees had reduced senate rates on 110 articles.

Aldrich concluded by saying there had never been a bill so certain to produce prosperity.

**Sherman Orders Vote Called.**

Immediately after the Rhode Island senator sat down Vice President Sherman put the question on the adoption of the conference report and ordered the vote to be called. The vote was 47 to 31.

Then the senate took up consideration of the concurrent resolution changing the rates on boots, shoes and leather. Immediately after the tariff bill vote, Senator Culberson of Texas offered an amendment to place cotton bagging on the free list. It has been made free in the senate bill, he said.

but had been set on the dutiable list in the interests of one or two companies that monopolized the manufacture of bagging in this country.

Aldrich said the proposition for free bagging should remain in the McCumber joint resolution, where it was placed Wednesday. Culberson answered, I knew there was a plot to pass that particular resolution in the senate and kill it in the house. McCumber corroborated this statement.

A motion made by Aldrich to lay the Culberson free bagging amendment on the table was carried, 43-26.

Stone (D.), Missouri, then offered an amendment to place shoes, harness and other leather goods on the free list. This was also laid on the table, 43-23.

**Taft Issues Statement.**

President Taft gave out a statement giving his views of the new tariff act, which he designates officially as the "Payne bill," in accordance with past custom of giving first recognition to the framer of the measure in the house of representatives.

The statement in part follows:

"I have signed the Payne tariff bill because I believe it to be the result of sincere effort on the part of the Republican party to make a downward revision, and to comply with the promises of the platform as they have been generally understood, and as I interpreted them in the campaign before election.

"This is not a perfect tariff bill, or a complete compliance with the promises made strictly interpreted but a fulfillment free from criticism in respect to a subject matter involving many schedules and thousands of articles could not be expected. It suffices to say that except with regard to whisky, liquors and wines and in regard to silks and as to some high-classes of cottons—all of which may be treated as luxuries and proper subjects of a revenue tariff—there have been very few increases in rates.

"This is not a free trade bill. It was not intended to be. The Republican party did not promise to make a free trade bill.

"It promised to make the rates protective, but to reduce them when they exceeded the difference between the cost of production abroad and here, making allowance for the greater normal profit on active investments here. I believe that while this excess has not been reduced in a number of cases, in a great majority, the rates are such as are necessary to protect American industries, but are low enough in case of abnormal increase of demand, and raising of prices, to permit the possibility of the importation of the foreign article and thus to prevent excessive prices.

"The power granted to the executive under the maximum and minimum clause may be exercised to secure the removal of obstacles which have been interposed by foreign governments in the way of undue and unfair discrimination against American merchandise and products.

"The Philippine tariff section I have struggled to secure for ten years past, and it gratifies me exceedingly by my

signature to give it the effect of law. I am sure it will greatly increase the trade between the two countries, and it will do much to build up the Philippines in a healthful prosperity.

"The administrative clauses of the bill and the customs court are admirably adapted to secure a more uniform and a more speedy final construction of the meaning of the law.

"The corporation tax is a just and equitable excise measure, which it is hoped will produce a sufficient amount to prevent a deficit and which incidentally will secure valuable statistics and information concerning the many corporations of the country, and will constitute an important step toward that degree of publicity and regulation which the tendency in corporate enterprises in the last twenty years has shown to be necessary."

**No Indications of Hostility.**

Six o'clock was agreed upon by the two houses as the hour for final adjournment. Senators loitered about until the arrival of that hour.

Democrats and Republicans, regular and irregular, formed little social groups with no indication of hostility.

A resolution offered by Mr. Culberson, expressing the appreciation of the senate for the able and impartial manner in which the vice-president had presided over the sessions of that body, was adopted.

In especially happy language Mr. Sherman thanked the senate for the courteous treatment which had been extended toward him at all times. His life in the senate, he said, had been made a continual pleasure by the consideration that had been shown him at all times.

Concluding his remarks, by wishing the senators a happy return to their homes, he declared the extraordinary session of the Sixty-first Congress adjourned "without day."

A burst of applause was accorded the vice-president, as he laid down the gavel of his authority and at 5:53 p. m., two minutes in advance of the time fixed the senate adjourned sine die.

With its members almost exhausted from the heat and arduous labors of the last four months, the house of representatives devoted the last day of the special session to perfecting the tariff bill, and transacting a mass of routine business.

**Cannon Announces Committees.**

Speaker Cannon announced his committee appointments, and they were received with varying degrees of satisfaction.

The concurrent resolution amending the leather schedule of the tariff bill was adopted without a dissenting vote after it had been discussed for little over half an hour. No such good luck, however, befell the McCumber-McLaurin resolution, reviving the drawback provision and placing cotton bagging on the free list which had previously been adopted by the senate.

It was but a few minutes before five o'clock when Mr. Payne's resolution fixing 6 p. m., as the hour for adjournment sine die was adopted.

## CROPS AND WATER ARE AIDED BY RAIN

### LATE COTTON AND IN SOME INSTANCES CORN, IS BENEFITED OVER STATE.

## MOST ALL OVER THE STATE

**Panhandle Visited, Territory Around Amarillo and Childress Greatly Aided—Good for Grass.**

Dallas, Aug. 10.—Northwestern Texas was visited yesterday by good rains, which was also the case regarding a wide section of territory in Northern, Eastern, Central and portions of Central Western Texas.

This rain will be of vast benefit to late cotton, in some instances corn was aided and it will insure stock water and a good growth of grass.

Central Texas had hard rains and North Texas local showers yesterday, according to reports received by the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company last night. The reports were as follows: Corsicana, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Stephenville, Quanah, Sweetwater, Albany.

**Amarillo:** Rain began falling gently here shortly before daylight Monday and continued until noon. It is reported that this entire section was visited by the precipitation.

**Childress:** Splendid rains fell over Childress County Monday, amounting to an inch and a half. It is of great benefit to cotton, which was beginning to suffer. Late corn is also assured, as well as all feed crops, grass and water for stock.

**Woman's Body Found in Water.**

Taylor: Stripped of all clothing but a skirt, the lifeless body of Mrs. F. Sauer, aged 45 years, wife of Ritz Sauer of North Taylor, was found Monday floating on the surface of a shallow pool of water in Bull Branch, a small stream a short distance below the Taylor Water Company's reservoir. The family moved to Taylor two years ago from LaGrange.

**Twenty-Eight Bids for Normal.**

Taylor: Delegations from twenty-eight towns and cities are here, each endeavoring to secure the West Texas State Normal, a site for which will be selected by the committee composed of Lieut. Gov. A. B. Davidson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction R. B. Cousins and John Marshall, which is in session in this city.

**Boilworm Gets Busy.**

Ennis: There have been fairly good seasons this summer along the Trinity River front, east of Ennis, and cotton there has attained a moderate growth and promised an average yield until within the last few days, when reports have begun to come from there that bollworms are destroying the crop at a rapid rate.

**Increase Employees Pay.**

Fort Worth: The Northern Texas Traction Company Monday announced voluntarily an increase in wages of trainmen to nineteen, twenty, twenty-two, twenty-three and twenty-five cents per hour on the city lines, and from twenty-three to twenty-seven cents on the Interurban. The increase is effective August 15.

**Bank Guaranty Law Effective.**

Austin: The "ninety-day" laws of the second called session of the Legislature become effective at midnight Monday night and will be laws of the land thereafter until repealed or held invalid, if the last should happen.

**Another Quake in Mexico.**

City of Mexico: Acapulco felt another severe earthquake shock Monday morning, according to reports reaching this city. People were greatly frightened, but there was no loss of life or great property damage.

**Prominent Ranchman Dead.**

Amarillo: H. L. Fuqua, well known in this city, died suddenly on his ranch near Claude from effects of muscular rheumatism, which affected his heart Saturday afternoon.

**To Build Airship Landing.**

New York: The plans for the new twelve-story home of the Automobile Club of America call for a landing for airships on the roof. This will be the first landing place for air crafts to be built on the roof of a skyscraper.

**Another Fatal Collision.**

Long Jumeau, France: Eleven persons were killed and thirty injured here Monday by the collision of a passenger train with a freight train.

**Texas Postmasters at Waco.**

Waco: Monday the eleventh annual convention of the Texas Postmasters' Association began. In connection with it was the meeting of the sixth annual convention of the Postmasters' State League.

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Groveton: Dock Thompson was killed near Apple Springs Monday, through the head and once through the heart, dying instantly.

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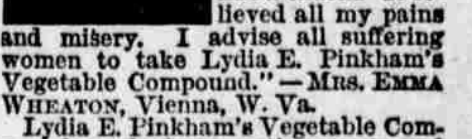
"Hello!" said the bore, leaning over the office railing, "what's new this morning?"

"That paint you're leaning against," gloefully replied the busy man.—Caldwell.

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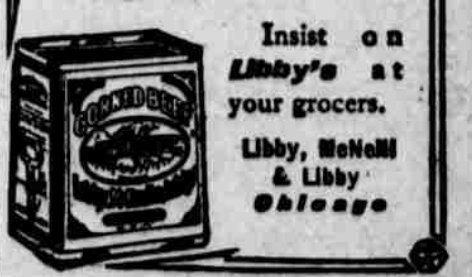
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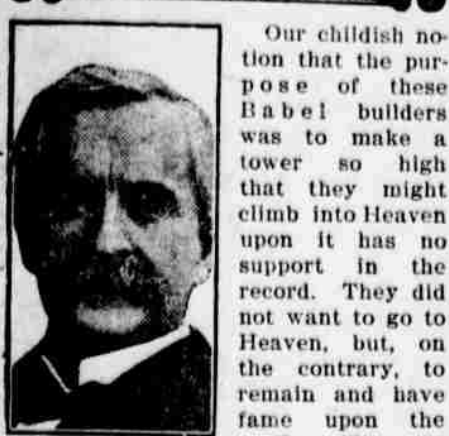
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# BABEL BUILDING



Our childish notion that the purpose of these Babel builders was to make a tower so high that they might climb into Heaven upon it has no support in the record. They did not want to go to Heaven, but, on the contrary, to remain and have fame upon the earth. "Let us make us a name" expresses their purpose in building both city and tower. The expression "unto Heaven" does not mean "into Heaven." "Whose top may touch the sky" expresses the meaning. In our modern speech we would say a "skyscraper." The same thought is expressed in Deut. 1:28, when the cities of the Canaanites are said to have been "great and walled up to heaven." Their walls were "skyscrapers."

The iniquity of this city and tower building was in the fact that they built only for themselves. "Let US make US a name, lest WE be scattered," gives the motive which reveals the moral quality of the purpose. They would, like Cain, build a city and a civilization without altar or temple. They would eliminate God. They are self-centered, self-sufficient and self-satisfied.

But God will not be left out. He thrusts himself upon nations, communities and individuals who would leave him out of their lives and plans. "The Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the children of men builded." They would erect monuments to man, but no temple to God. Humanity was their God. Their creed was that man is the highest expression of God and, therefore, needs no other God. They deified self. But God will not be ignored.

He saw the evil which would result from their self-defying course and struck the note of warning. "This they begin to do and now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do." Evil, if left alone, will grow worse and worse. "Imagination," says Napoleon, "rules the world," and evil imagination is a mighty power against God and righteousness. To let sin alone is to cultivate it. It is a wild weed which grows without attention. It is a fire which, once started, is hard to put out.

"The Lord did there confound the language of all the earth." When men leave God out of their thoughts and plans his method is to confound their language and thus break up their federation of unbelief. The infidelity of one age destroys the fidelity of another age. A few years ago agnosticism was popular in the world of unbelief; now it is almost extinct, destroyed by another cult of unbelief, which asserts that everybody can easily know God, for everything is God. When a new infidel fad arises in any quarter, you only have to wait awhile to see another infidel fad arise and destroy it. Babel builders of all ages are thus confounded in language and scattered. The selfish ambition of one soon conflicts with the self-interest of another and the result is alienation. Self-seeking brings confusion. It leads to misunderstandings and divisions.

We are all building babels or temples. A temple is a structure built for God, dedicated to God in every part and used only for God. A Babel is a structure built for self, dedicated to self and used for self. Is our business a temple for God or a Babel for self? Is our home a temple or a Babel? Is our single purpose to glorify Christ or would we like to share the glory with him? Is it, then, half temple and half Babel we are building? May these questions search our hearts in such a way as to result in every life's becoming a temple for God.

Napoleon III. of France decided that Rosa Bonheur, the famous painter of animals, was worthy of the cross of the Legion of Honor, but he hesitated about giving it, for no other woman had been thus honored. One day the empress visited Rosa in her studio and found her in soiled working garb, no little embarrassed by this sudden appearance of royalty in her workshop, and the embarrassment was increased when the empress gave her an affectionate kiss. But after the empress had departed, imagine the surprise of the artist when she saw, pinned on her soiled jacket the cross of the Legion of Honor. It came when she was busy with her routine duties, doing the next thing the best she could. And so God's "well done" comes to the humblest of his servants while they are busy with the humdrum work of carving stones out of daily duties and placing them in Life's temple to his glory.

**Many Visited Holy Places.**  
The number of pilgrims who went to the holy places of Islam (Mecca and Medina) this season is estimated at about 170,000.

**Book Read by Many.**  
Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman's book, "Women and Economics," has been translated into eight languages.

The conduct of our lives is the true mirror of our principles.—Montaigne.

## AN EASY WAY.

How to Cure Kidney Troubles Easily and Quickly.

It is needless to suffer the tortures of an aching back, the misery of backaches, rheumatic pains, urinary disorders, or risk the danger of diabetes or Bright's disease. The cure is easy. Treat the cause—the kidneys—with Doan's Kidney Pills. H. Mayne, Market St., Paris, Tenn., says: "Weak kidneys made my back stiff and lame. The urine was cloudy and irregular and I had to get up many times at night. I lost energy, became weak and could not work. Doan's Kidney Pills removed all the trouble and restored my health and strength." Remember the name—Doan's. Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

## WHAT HE FOUND HARD.



"Hit suttlin' must be hard, Sambo, to have de reputation foah chicken stealin' wot you've got!"  
"Yass, chile, but chickens is so scarce nowadays, dat de hardest part is tryin' ter live up ter dat reputation!"

**Only Cure for Consumption.**  
With the present rapid growth of the anti-tuberculosis movement the number of so-called "cures" for consumption is being increased almost daily. Hundreds of quack "doctors," "professors" and "institutes" are advertising that they can cure consumption for small amounts, with the result that thousands of dupes are yearly cheated out of their lives as well as their money. Besides these, "cures" and medicines of all sorts, numbering now several hundred, are sold for the deception of the public.

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis brands all these institutes, doctors, professors and cures as frauds and deceptions. The only cure for consumption is fresh air, rest and wholesome food.

**Pleasant for Mr. Bennett.**  
William S. Bennett, a representative from New York city, went to address a political meeting in his district one night, when he was much younger than he is now.

"The chairman," said Bennett, "was a very literal person. He looked at the gallery, where one woman was sitting, and said: 'Lady and gentlemen, this is a most momentous campaign. There are grave issues to be discussed. Later we will hear from our best speakers, but, for the present, we will listen to Mr. Bennett.'"

**Died in Good Company.**  
A clergyman, who was not averse to an occasional glass, hired an Irishman to clean out his cellar. The Irishman began his work. He brought forth a lot of empty whisky bottles, and as he lifted each one looked through it at the sun. The preacher, who was walking on the lawn, saw him and said: "They are all dead ones, Pat." "They are?" said Pat. "Well, there is one good thing about it—they all had the minister with them when they were dying."—Tid-Bits.

## ON FOOD

**The Right Foundation of Health.**

Proper food is the foundation of health. People can eat improper food for a time until there is a sudden collapse of the digestive organs, then all kinds of trouble follows. The proper way out of the difficulty is to shift to the pure, scientific food, Grape-Nuts, for it rebuilds from the foundation up. A New Hampshire woman says:

"Last summer I was suddenly taken with indigestion and severe stomach trouble and could not eat food without great pain, my stomach was so sore I could hardly move about. This kept up until I was so miserable life was not worth living.

"Then a friend finally, after much argument, induced me to quit my former diet and try Grape-Nuts.

"Although I had but little faith I commenced to use it, and great was my surprise to find that I could eat it without the usual pain and distress in my stomach.

"So I kept on using Grape-Nuts and soon a marked improvement was shown, for my stomach was performing its regular work in a normal way without pain or distress.

"Very soon the yellow coating disappeared from my tongue, the dull, heavy feeling in my head disappeared, and my mind felt light and clear; the languid, tired feeling left, and altogether I felt as if I had been rebuilt. Strength and weight came back rapidly and I went back to my work with renewed ambition.

## AS STRAIGHT MEN SEE HIM.

The Dead-Beat is Probably the Most Despised Creature That Walks the Earth.

No man is wholly free from sin, but so many lesser evils are tolerated that a man should hesitate long before becoming a dead-beat. Criminals are despised and abhorred, but to the dead-beat all that is coming, as well as the contempt of his fellow men. There is something at once so mean and so little in taking advantage of the confidence which comes with friendship that the hand of every man is turned against a dead-beat as soon as his reputation is well established. The dead-beat may fondly imagine he is living easy and making money without work, and, of course, he takes no account of the confidence he violates and the hardships he inflicts on others. But, that aside, he really has a harder time than the man who is honest and fair. He is compelled to move a good deal, and peace of mind he knows not. Like other types of crooks, he doesn't prosper, and his finish is more unpleasant than the beginning.—Atchison Globe.

## CHILD HAD SIXTY BOILS.

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## A Sunday Sermon.

One must accept life as it is. It gives us great happiness if we are wise enough to see it, and it balances the scales by sending great sorrows, too.

But that is life. If you would make the world brighter try to forget your hurts, dry your eyes and turn to help those who need the pressure of a friendly hand, the encouragement of a smiling look.

Sorrows and troubles of all kinds should teach one a great lesson—the lesson of universal kindness.—New York Times.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

**Praises American Woman.**  
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## A Trying Time.

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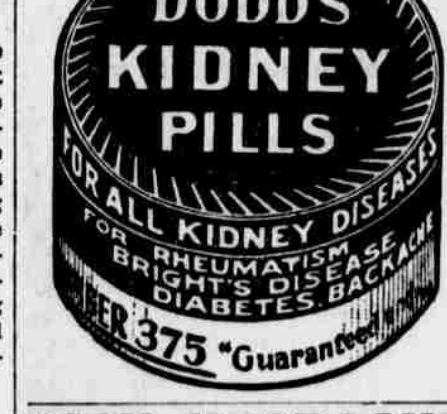
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vs.  
**M. L. Perry et al.**

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 1/2 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 10th day of July A. D. 1909.  
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Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Merchant and Mrs. V. C. Holcombe returned yesterday from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Via and Arthur Via went to Haskell today.

We want everyone to try to attend Sunday School at Cottonwood at 3 o'clock.

Our revival meeting will begin next Saturday at 11 o'clock. The pastor will hold the meeting until Monday when Rev. Hood Vinson will come out with his tent. Let everybody come and lend a helping hand in the saving of souls for the Glory of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sprabury were in Munday Saturday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ross Hemphill and Mrs. Steadman of Haskell attend services at Roberts and visited Mr. Hemphills parents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hemphill.

As news is scarce I will close for this time.

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## He Gives Texas The Credit.

Recently the National Liquor Dealers Association met in Pittsburgh Pa. and the gathering was addressed by the president, Mr. Sunstein. In the course of his remarks he said:

"It is conceded that the liquor trade of this country has never before experienced such adverse conditions by reason of agitation against the business as during the past two years. Within the memory of the present generation we have had strong agitation against the business, but in effect both the local option movement of the seventies and the State-wide prohibition movement of the eighties were in comparison but gentle zephyrs in a summer breeze. Few realized when the present wave of agitation started in Texas in 1901 and 1902 that it would in a few years spread over the country with such adverse results as we have experienced.

We are glad that these men are beginning to open their eyes to the fight now made against them and against their nefarious business. And we are glad to note that they give Texas credit for starting the aggressive agitation dating back prior to 1901 and 1902. into full swing about 1895 and the volume of wave has steadily grown until we have got the rummies and their allies frightened out of their wits. Their eyes are beginning to hang down on their cheek bones as they contemplate their danger, and Texas will never stop until every bar room and brewery is expelled from the State. On with battle!

## Home & State

Biographical Sketch of  
Ex-Senator

**A. S. HAWKINS**

Candidate for Lieutenant  
Governor of Texas.

Born at Ladonia, Fannin county, Texas, March 31, 1868. Nephew of ex-Governor Alvin Hawkins of Tennessee; son of Reverend S. J. Hawkins, deceased of the North Texas Conference of the M. E. Church South, and Mrs. E. M. Hawkins, who now resides at Dallas, Texas, was raised in Northeast Texas; lived in Marion, Upshur, Cass, Hunt and Camp counties, where his father preached for years. Attended Southwestern University at Georgetown; taught school in Wood, Rains and Johnson counties. Was licensed to practice law at Gatesville, before Honorable C. K. Bell. Has lived at Midland for the past twenty years, except three years at Abilene, and throughout West Texas is well known as an attorney. Is prominently connected with the Live Stock Industry and owns a horse and cow ranch at Pyote, Ward county, Texas.

A. S. Hawkins was a member of the House of Representatives in 1893, representing Midland and twenty-nine other counties. Later on in 1893 was appointed District Attorney of the 32nd Judicial District, by Governor Hogg, to fill out the unexpired term of S. H. Bowan, Esq. of Fort Worth, who had resigned. In 1901 was again elected a member of the House of Representatives. In 1905 was elected to the senate from the Abilene District, composed of thirty-two counties.

In 1893 was the author of the law creating the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas; in 1901 of the School Land law, which opened up West Texas to the settlers; in 1905 was the author of the law providing for State and County depositories. The state depository law yields more than enough revenue to support the whole Treasury department of the state, and the county depository law yields a handsome revenue to almost every county in Texas. Was more or less prominently connected with the passage of other important legislation in the various legislatures above referred to.

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