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DRY FARMING.

Something About its Success in the Dry Northwestern States.

Below we give extracts from an article which recently appeared in the Independent Magazine, written by Wm. C. Deming of Cheyenne, Wyoming, who was a delegate in the Farmers' Congress held at Denver, Colo., in February. He wrote, in part:

"A few years ago in the Rocky Mountain West dry farming was a joke and a byword. Today hundreds of thousands of acres are, or soon will be, under cultivation by this method; thousands of sturdy men are its devotees, and only a few weeks ago 300 interested and enthusiastic delegates and as many visitors from fifteen arid and semi-arid States and Territories met at the Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress in Denver, and registered their faith in a movement which is to join hands with irrigation in reclaiming the barren wastes of the West.

Technically speaking, all that section of country in which the annual rainfall is less than twelve inches is called arid. Where the rainfall exceeds twelve inches and is less than twenty inches, it is called semi-arid. For convenience and easy reckoning, draw a line from Bismarck, N. D., through North Platte, Neb., to Laredo, Tex., and all that country to the westward to the Sierra Nevadas and the Cascade Mountains may be termed arid or semi-arid, and it embraces more than one-third of the entire United States.

The arid and the semi-arid West for forty years or more has been largely a sheep and cattle pasture, and it is conservatively estimated that it requires from 20 to 100 acres to support one animal, the average being about 35.

It will be readily seen, therefore, that if after all the available water has been used for irrigation, there is still an agency by which other millions of acres may be reclaimed, then cozy homes will replace the sheep wagon and school children will romp where only lambs frolicked before.

What then, is dry farming? In plain words, it is farming successfully with the natural rainfall, which must be so conserved and used as to obtain results. The world has plodded along for several thousand years, and yet it has occurred to but few people, until within a decade, that it is possible to store up the moisture as it falls and use it when desired. When rains come and the snow melts upon the native sod in the arid and semi-arid West, the moisture is either quickly evaporated from the surface or passes into the ground, from which it is almost as quickly drawn by the same process of evaporation.

When the land is plowed and permitted to lie without subsequent tillage, the moisture, whether from rain or melted snows, soaks into the ground, possibly to the depth of the furrow, from which it is again withdrawn by evaporation. Influenced by the heat of the sun and the aridity of the atmosphere, the surface bakes and a crust is formed. The untutored and uninitiated, as it were, in the dry farming cult, would no doubt assume that the crust so formed would act as a protection against the "drawing" influence of the air and sunshine, and would therefore prevent evaporation. The reverse is true, and herein is the key that unlocks the secrets of dry farming. The crust so formed is cellular. It is full of little holes through which practically all of the moisture beneath passes out into the air.

In the arid and semi-arid West, particularly in the rarer atmosphere of the higher altitudes, the evaporation takes place so rapidly that the residents of those regions almost invariably under-estimate the annual rainfall. The average altitude of the

arid and semi-arid region is about one mile above sea level.

Since dry farming has been reduced to a science it will not be amiss to use scientific terms where they elucidate rather than obscure the subject. The process of evaporation through the cellular crust above referred to is the result of a force known as capillarity. A familiar and effective example of capillary attraction is that of holding the edge of a lump of sugar in water and watching the moisture move steadily toward the top. Or a better example still, in which capillarity and evaporation are both illustrated, is found in the lamp, the flame of which consumes the oil as fast as it rises in the wick, through capillarity, just as the warm dry air consumes all the moisture in the ground by means of the cellular "earth wick."

It must be evident then that if provision is made by which the precipitation, which readily passes into the soil, is prevented from passing out by capillary attraction and evaporation, we are in a position to use this moisture and produce a variety of crops, it having been demonstrated conclusively that agriculture can be carried on successfully and profitably with a minimum of twelve inches of precipitation, if all is devoted to the right use.

As a rule, it is better to let a piece of ground, whether fall or spring plowing, lie fallow during the summer, seeding each alternate year. During the fallow season the surface of the plowed ground should be harrowed or stirred after each heavy rain or big snow, thus forming a dust mulch or blanket, as it were, by which capillary attraction is destroyed and evaporation reduced to a minimum. Even the casual or indifferent student of agriculture will see that the effect of harrowing after rain or snow prevents the forming of a crust and the consequent cells which accelerate evaporation.

Thus the secret of dry farming is the conservation of the moisture that falls, and the secret of the conservation is the destruction of the little cells at the surface through which evaporation is so active, and the secret of the destruction of the little cells is frequent harrowing of the surface, which prevents the forming of the crust.

The soft dirt or granular condition permits the moisture to pass rapidly into the ground, and likewise holds it where it will do the most good. That in brief is the science of dry farming, which after all is not "dry" farming, but the intelligent retention and application of all the moisture that falls in a section of country whose agricultural possibilities have heretofore been considered more than doubtful.

Semi-arid land which I have seen sold for \$1.50 per acre is now, under the dry farming system, growing thirty-five to forty bushels of wheat to the acre, fifty to sixty bushels of oats, forty to sixty bushels of barley, bountiful crops of field peas used as winter feed for sheep, 150 bushels of potatoes to the acre, and as fine a stand of alfalfa as I have ever seen in any irrigated section at the same period of growth.

Within the last two years hundreds of thousands of acres of grazing land in Wyoming and Colorado have been sold and are being cut up in to small tracts and disposed of for dry land agriculture to farmers from every State east of the Missouri River.

Under the "Campbell system," as it is known in the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado, the dry farmer plows his ground from eight to ten inches deep, preferably in the fall, in order that it may receive the benefit of the winter snows. As a further advantage the land is plowed at right angles to the prevailing winds, that the trough of the furrow may catch and hold as much snow as possible. Where and when it is too dry for fall plowing, then early spring plowing

should be done, using always the same system of harrowing after heavy rains. An industrious boy with three sections of a steel harrow will cultivate thirty acres a day.

In conclusion, however, it should be borne in mind that experience has already demonstrated that alfalfa, the greatest forage crop known to any arid region, will grow on unirrigated sagebrush or prairie land, if the Campbell system is rigidly followed.

The important things to remember about dry farming are the following:

That twelve inches of rainfall properly conserved in the soil will produce thirty to forty bushels of wheat to the acre each alternate year.

That the soil of the arid region possessing all its virgin elements of strength is the most fertile in the world, and under dry farming it is likely to remain so, for while all of the moisture is conserved on these lands, in the East where the rainfall is more copious much of the plant nourishing elements are washed away.

That arid land which will produce nourishing grass and hay sufficient to feed and fatten 80 per cent of the sheep and cattle of the United States will produce other and better crops with other and better systems.

That in the Rocky Mountain West the rain falls when most needed, from March 1 to Sept. 1.

That nothing is lost, but much is gained by cropping a particular piece of land only every other year, except, of course, perennial crops like alfalfa.

That the most successful dry farmer is he who uses his head as well as his hands, and seeks out the most successful drought-resisting plants and grains by intelligent seed selection.

That among the crops which have been profitably grown by the dry farming method are wheat, Kafir corn, barley, emmer, commonly known as spelt, oats, rye, field peas and many hardy vegetables.

That the average yield of wheat per acre, the United States over, in 1904 was only 12½ bushels, and oats 26-7-10 bushels to the acre. In 1905 wheat averaged 14½ bushels to the acre and oats 28-8-10 bushels.

That you can beat the average, under dry farming, in the worst years.

That the motto of the dry farmer is "One plowing, frequent harrowing."

My own opinion, covering a more or less careful observation and study of the subject for five years, is that dry farming is not only possible, but may be made profitable, if the prospective farmer unites "Faith, Hope and Charity" in his efforts; if he be intelligent and industrious, if he will apply the knowledge and experience already gained by others with assiduity, and has the pluck and the resources to stay with the proposition for five years. Already dry farming has added millions of dollars to the assessed valuation of the West.

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FROM ALL OVER TEXAS

Arrangements are about completed for the erection of new Federal buildings at Greenville and Corsicana.

Blum independent school district school bonds, to the amount of \$9,000, have been approved.

District Judge Hawkins and County Judge Spencer have named C. T. Spalding auditor for Ellis County. There were ten applicants for this position.

The Business Men's Club and the Y. M. C. A. of Waco will hold a summer Chautauqua, beginning June 22. The assembly is to be opened by Hon. William Jennings Bryan.

During a light thunderstorm Tuesday afternoon, Jack Robinson, a negro driver for the Brown Building Supply Company, of Houston, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

While making a coupling at Bonham a few days since, Simpson Renus, a switchman in the Texas and Pacific yards, lost his foot by having it crushed.

The management of the Rock Island-Frisco System has decided to expend \$1,000,000 in procuring adequate terminal facilities at Galveston. More than 150 acres have been obtained for that purpose.

Mrs. Minnie Meier, wife of Adolph Meier, a prosperous farmer living in the Southern part of the city of Calvert, accidentally took a dose of Rough on Rats and died from the poison.

James Crookford, of Fort Worth, died at a hotel at Corsicana of congestion of the lungs. He was stricken at an early hour Thursday evening while sitting in the hotel lobby and died in a few minutes.

The Railroad Commission has approved the application of the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railway to authorize the registration of a portion of the road's first mortgage bonds, amounting to \$1,146,000.

In addition to the large planer at East Winstonsboro, another one is soon to go in at that place, and a strong corporation has been formed and has bought the small planer in Winstonsboro proper, and will enlarge same at once.

Joseph V. Guyton, aged 79 years, born in South Carolina, one of the McLennan County pioneer settlers, died Thursday. Deceased served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, and came out with battle scars and a highly honorable record. He leaves a widow.

An unknown white man fell from the Santa Fe trestle on East Seventh Street in Fort Worth Thursday night, and was instantly killed. The fall was only about fifteen feet, but the victim struck on his head and shoulders on a cement culvert and his skull was crushed.

The body of a young male infant was found floating down the Trinity River a few days since by the crew of the Katy Putnam. The body was packed in a cigar box, and was wrapped in newspapers, and evidently had not been in the water very long.

Ed Luethecke, for twenty-five years a resident of Denison, died suddenly Thursday morning, of heart failure. He was in ill health, but arose as usual and ate breakfast. Shortly afterward he was taken sick and died suddenly.

Ten white men, Claud, George and Jesse Lester, Belcher Hombs, Alfred Oille and Buck Blalock, John and Walter Herring, of Titus County, were arrested last week on a charge of white capping.

At Hempstead, Bill Holliday was killed by St. Davis Thursday night. The cause of the killing is not known. The killing occurred at Davis' home.

A number of corporations have had to pay the penalty for failure to pay franchise taxes before May 1.

A twenty-room boarding house was burned in Fort Worth early Friday morning, and a number of railway men had narrow escapes from the building. The financial loss was about \$7,500.

Representative W. A. Cooke, of Bexar County, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address to the Confederate Veterans at their annual encampment, to be held near Dripping Springs, in Hays County, July 24-26.

Friday, about 1:30 p. m., two prisoners in the Dallas City Hall prison sawed in two an iron bar in the run around and made their escape. How the prisoners obtained the saw is not known to the police.

A TORNADO'S WRATH

FOUR LIVES ARE LOST. MANY SERIOUSLY INJURED.

TWO TOWNS ARE DESTROYED

Ridgeway and Birthright Are Destroyed—Heavy Hail Follows, Ruining Crops.

Dallas, May 7.—Dispatches late last night said: Four persons known to be killed; upwards of forty injured, almost a score seriously; the town of Birthright, near Greenville, completely destroyed; a dozen houses smashed at Ridgeway, in the same neighborhood; probably half a hundred farm houses wrecked, with property loss running from \$100,000 up; these are some of the results estimated of storms that swept over parts of North Texas yesterday between noon and 3 o'clock. Probably the greatest damage was done in Hunt County, where houses were unroofed for miles, and one town destroyed. The wind was in a northeasterly direction. It was in this section of the State that the deaths occurred. Forty persons are said to have been injured in the country adjacent to Greenville and Sulphur Springs. Only a blacksmith shop was left standing at Ridgeway.

Across Cooke County and into Denton County swept another storm, its pathway near the town of Hemming, which suffered so severely recently. Nine houses were demolished at Burns City, eleven miles southeast of Gainesville, it is said. Telephone wires are down and it is impossible to secure information as to the extent of further damage, or to ascertain whether there were any fatalities.

When the storm, which is reported to have originated in the vicinity of Pilot Point, in Denton County, passed across the State into East Texas, at Deport, the wind cut a swath two hundred feet wide through the town, but no one was killed or seriously hurt. Four houses at Deport were smashed, one being lifted from its foundations and carried away.

In Bell County, the Temple Gas Company's plant was struck by lightning and damage done to the extent of \$15,000. No one was hurt. Hail accompanied the high wind in Bell County and in other sections of the State, and the crop damage will be great.

LYNCHING AFTERMATH.

Prominent Citizens of Sterrett Are Placed Under Arrest.

Durant, I. T., May 7.—At noon yesterday three prominent citizens of Durant, J. H. Newman, Omar H. Perkins and James McCauley, were arrested by the United States Marshals on a charge of complicity in the hanging of the negro Jim Williams at Sterrett, five miles south of Durant on Sunday night, March 31 last. The three men were taken to Atoka yesterday afternoon, instead of being admitted to bail in a hearing before the United States Commissioner here.

Jim Williams was the negro who assaulted Miss Maud Mizner, a German girl on Red River on the afternoon of March 30. The next day Williams was apprehended by United States Marshals, who drove with him to Sterrett. While waiting there to board a train for Durant, Williams taken from the officers by a mob of several hundred men and was hanged to an oil derrick a short distance east of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas station.

AGED WOMAN BURNS TO DEATH.

Mother of John Storp of Cooke County, Perishes.

Gainesville: The home of John Storp, who lives in Delaware Bend, this county, twenty miles northeast of Gainesville, burned Sunday. His mother, who was very feeble from old age, perished in the flames. Mr. Storp was away from home when his house burned, and it is thought that his mother perished in trying to save some of the household goods.

A New Skin Game.

Kaw City, Ok.: The common laborers of Kaw City have abandoned all other work and are making a mint of money skinning Southern cattle that die as a result of being dipped in crude oil at the local dipping vat. During the storm Sunday thirty-eight steers died in one herd. The skimmers get one-half of the hide's worth for their work, and a good hand averages \$25 a day. Continued cold and rain cause the cattle to die.

Festive Parson in the Toils.

New York: A dispatch from Sarnac Lake, N. Y., says Rev. J. K. Cooke, late of Hempstead, L. I., has been taken into custody at Sarnac Lake. According to the telegram the arrest was made by detectives employed by a private agency. The local authorities at Sarnac Lake deny knowledge of the arrest. It is reported that Rev. Cooke and Miss Whaley arrived at Sarnac Lake Monday and went to a boarding house there.

DIGGING UP DOINGS OF DUNNE CROWD.

Sees His Aides de Camp Fall into the Clutches of the Law.

Chicago, Ill., May 6.—Former Mayor Dunne's political lieutenants were indicted late Saturday afternoon. The Grand Jury found true bills against ex-Chief of Police John M. Collins, ex-Police Comertford, ex-Public Works Commissioner Connell, former Purchasing Agent Roche and Detectives James McGrath and James McNulty.

The allegations are: Conspiracy to defraud the city by using its police for collecting campaign contributions and doing other political work in the recent election; violations of the civil service laws; collecting bribes from saloon keepers and mutilating and destroying police records.

Collins is indicted three times. In two charges he is liable to fines not exceeding \$2,000 and imprisonment of from one to five years. Roche and Connell are liable to the same fines and imprisonment and the detectives are liable to imprisonment in the penitentiary. The men who had charge of Mayor Dunne's campaign are alleged to have collected at least \$50,000 from the police and unestimated amounts from other sources. Saloon keepers and owners of dives are believed to have paid much more than this to the police.

Two Men Shot near Pottsboro.

Pottsboro: Ben and Jim Mathis were shot and seriously wounded Saturday on the Burdett place, seven miles north of Pottsboro. A single barrel of a shotgun was used, both men being wounded by the same discharge. Ben Mathis was shot in the side and eye and Jim Mathis in the back. Hense Delay, a farmer living on the same farm as the Mathis Brothers, went to Pottsboro Saturday evening and surrendered to the Constable.

Fort Worth's New Officers.

Fort Worth: Fort Worth's first commissioners under the new charter were elected Saturday as follows: Mayor, W. D. Harris; Commissioners, George Mulkey, G. H. Colvin, Sam Davidson, Lee Stephens; City Attorney, Sidney Samuels; Assessor and Collector, W. J. Glavin. Those elected were members of the Citizens', which had little opposition.

Gulf Pipe Line Progress.

Paris: The Gulf Pipe Line Company has about completed cutting a canal half a mile long, 3 feet wide and about 10 feet deep, from the north bank of Red River, near Arthur City, back for the purpose of laying the pipe across the river. Two lines of pipe will be laid across the river, one of them as an emergency pipe in case of breakage of the other. Two large storage tanks have been erected at the pumping station at Powderly.

Pennsylvania Capitol Frauds.

Pittsburg: Civil and criminal suits will be brought by Attorney General Todd against those responsible for the capitol scandal. A complete list of those who will be named as defendants will not be known until the inquiry is completed. The suits will be based on the testimony showing that the contractors collected from the State for 752 thermostats and installed only 363, and in substitution of domestic for baccarat glass and an inferior glass for Tiffany favrite.

T. L. Simpson, better known as Coon Simpson, one of Morris County's best known farmers, was found dead in his bed by his wife Sunday morning.

A Sad Tragedy.

Crockett: Wyatt Lane, a well-to-do farmer living eleven miles east of Crockett, came in Saturday morning and surrendered himself to Sheriff John C. Lacy, making the statement that he had shot and killed W. S. Dudley near his home Saturday morning. Both parties are men of families, and both were armed with shotguns when they met. Dudley is said to have fired two shots at Lane and Lane shot and killed Dudley, shooting him four times.

Lake Traffic Is Heavy.

Chicago, Ill.: With more traffic in sight than any previous season, the opening of navigation on the Great Lakes this year was the latest on record. Even now ice blocks the way to some harbors on Lake Superior. Without a sign of labor trouble anywhere and with a fleet of enormous carrying capacity, the total tonnage of grain, iron ore, coal and lumber for the year will, it is believed, exceed all previous records by from 10 to 20 per cent.

Somerville-Houston Proposition.

Taylor: The entire survey and right of way for the proposed Taylor, Somerville and Houston Railway has been secured from Taylor by way of Lexington and Dime Box in Lee County to Somerville, a distance of seventy-eight miles. A meeting of the committee having the project in hand was held Saturday, at which Chairman M. R. Hoxie presided and made his report.

TRAILING THE OCTOPUS

DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE THAT UNCLE SAM IS BUSY.

COAL MEN ARE EXAMINED

Scores of Witnesses Give Testimony Before Secret Service Men. Secrecy Maintained.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 4.—From facts which have developed here during the last week, it is clear that the Government is about to proceed against the coal combine. For two weeks, it is now learned, two secret service men have made their headquarters at the St. Charles Hotel, where they have examined several scores of witnesses. The people who have come before the examiners were in nearly every instance those who either now or in the past were connected with the coal business.

The two Secret Service men, F. W. Sommers and C. R. Brennan, both of Chicago, would say nothing regarding their visit to Milwaukee or its purpose, nor from those who were brought before them could much be obtained. They had evidently been cautioned not to say a word regarding the statements which they had made. Enough has been gathered, however, to indicate that the Government is not only investigating the coal companies, but is also after land companies which own coal lands.

Seed Scarce in Denton.

Denton: Farmers from different sections of the country are fearful of a scarcity of cotton seed if there is to be anything like a general replanting of that crop. Much of it is not yet up from the earlier plantings, and it is believed by many that it will not come up at all. A farmer from Sildell said that there was not one-fourth enough cotton seed in that part of the county for replanting, and the same conditions obtains in other sections.

Prominent Indian Dies.

Ardmore, I. T.: Peter Maytubby, whose death is reported at Caddo, was for many years prominent in tribal affairs in the early days and assisted in the framing of legislation in the interest of the Chickasaws. At one time he was the Governor of the Nation, and was re-elected to the same position, but did not serve because an act of Congress continued the old tribal officials in office until statehood. He was 60 years of age and leaves a wife and family.

Pythians Amalgamate.

Shawnee, Ok.: Amalgamation of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Indian Territory and Oklahoma was effected here Thursday, with Grand Chancellor Barnes of Jacksonville, Ill., presiding. Addresses were made by Vice Grand Chancellor H. B. Brown of Cleburne, Texas, and C. F. Sn Neal of the Endowment Bank of Chicago. The next annual meeting will be held at Sulphur, I. T.

Cuts Out His Tongue.

Milan: Arcangelo Rossi, a tenor, who was with the Conreid Opera Company in San Francisco during the earthquake, and who, as a result of the fright he experienced, has not been since well, endeavored to commit suicide here Friday. Recently he lost his voice. This calamity weighed so deeply on his mind that he went crazy and he cut his tongue out with a pair of scissors. He was taken to the hospital in a critical condition.

Drug Plant Culture.

Sherman: J. Long, whose experiments in drug plants farming have attracted much attention, is in receipt of a letter from Allaire, Woodward & Co., pharmaceutical and drug millers at Peoria, Ill. They ask him to let them know what quantity of drug plants he can furnish them this year, as they are waiting to hear from him before ordering elsewhere. Indian Territory parties are investigating drug plant culture.

N. A. Craven Gets a Plum.

Austin: B. B. Cannon, who was appointed State Purchasing Agent by Governor Campbell, resigned Friday afternoon and Judge N. A. Craven, Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Institute was appointed to succeed him. The announcement of Mr. Cannon's resignation was first made in the message to the Senate announcing the appointment of Judge Craven. Nothing was given out as to Mr. Cannon's reasons for resigning.

Brewers Are Indicted.

Ardmore, I. T.: August Busch, son of Adolphus Busch, the St. Louis millionaire brewer, was one of a number of brewers indicted by the Grand Jury here on the charge of manufacturing a beverage known as Mistletoe, which is said to contain more than the permissible percentage of alcohol. The men indicted are officers of the New State Brewing Company of Oklahoma City. Much of the liquor has been sold in the Chickasaw Nation.

MINISTER CREATES SENSATION.

Young Lady, Not His Wife, Disappears at the Same Time.

New York, May 3.—The members of the fashionable St. Georges Episcopal Church at Hempstead, L. I., were astonished yesterday when they learned that their pastor, Rev. John Jere Cooke, had departed from Hempstead, and that Miss Floretta Whaley had also left home and had written letters saying that she would not return. Rev. Cooke is married to a daughter of Rlenzi A. Clarke, of Hartford, Conn. She left Hempstead some time ago and is now at her father's home. That no official cognizance will be taken of the mysterious departure was made evident from the formal statement which was issued yesterday by Bishop Burgess, of the diocese of Long Island. He says immediate action will be taken by the vestry of St. George's Church to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Mr. Cooke.

COTTON SEED JUMPS.

Arkansas Farmers May Have to Pay \$100 a Ton.

Little Rock, Ark., May 3.—Owing to the fact that almost the entire acreage of cotton in Arkansas will have to be replanted because of the unusually cold, wet weather in April causing the seed to rot, cotton seed has jumped to as high as \$75 a ton in many sections of the State. Many planters are unable to get seed at all and it is expected that the acreage will be cut 10 or 15 per cent because seed cannot be had. One reason for the scarcity of seed and the abnormally high price was the weather condition last fall. The storms last October kept the seed damp for many days, and as a result many tons of seed sprouted, rendering it unfit for planting purposes. The best seed was saved for planting purposes and the next best sold to the oil mills.

Planters are in desperate straits all over the State, and it is expected that the price for seed will go to \$100.

CATTLEMAN WANT REBATE.

Suit Will Be Entered for Some \$600,000 or More.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 3.—Secretary H. E. Crowley of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, is preparing to institute suit through Attorney S. H. Cowan against the railroads for the recovery of more than \$600,000 alleged freight overcharges, and is sending out blanks to all members of the organization who have been making shipments, for them to send in the amounts involved by their transactions with the lines. The Interstate Commerce Commission has ruled that the cattle rates of the railroads on shipments from Texas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and other sections should be lowered, and on that decision the association is to bring suit.

BILLS ARE VETOED.

Governor Disapproves of Three Measures Carrying Appropriations.

Austin: Three bills, carrying appropriations were vetoed Thursday by the Governor, and his reasons filed in the State Department. The first is the wolf scalp bounty bill carrying \$100,000; the second is the act carrying \$40,000 to build an addition to the general land office, and the third is an act carrying an appropriation of \$25,000 to build an adjunct to the state insane asylum for feeble-minded children.

Charters Come Higher.

Austin: The first fruit of the special session was plucked Thursday afternoon when the House agreed to the Senate's amendments to the bill increasing the charter and permit fees. Only the Governor's signature is necessary to make it a law. It will not become effective, however, until ninety days after adjournment. Generally speaking, it doubles the fees now charged.

Will Hang for Uxoricide.

San Antonio: Henry Vaughan, the gigantic negro wife murderer, was sentenced by District Judge Dwyer to be hanged on Wednesday, June 5. Vaughan killed his wife on September 29, while in a jealous rage. He cut her throat with a razor and sat down calmly on the gallery and watched her die. When sentenced he showed no signs of emotion and said that he was ready to die.

Wanted a Bill "Lost."

Little Rock, Ark.: That Chief Clerk Lucas of the House of Representatives testified before the joint legislative committee, which has under investigation the alleged tampering with the Moore-Heartsill anti-bucket shop bill, that he had been approached by an unknown man and offered \$20,000 to allow the Amis anti-race track gambling law to be "lost," is asserted by a member of that committee.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE

The Commissioners' Court of Travis County has ordered a prohibition election to be held June 1. The petition was signed by 1,600 voters.

Mr. J. A. Patch, of Fredericksburg, aged 84 years, an old pioneer settler from Germany, killed himself with a shotgun.

Oklahoma Republicans will hold a State Delegate Convention at Tulsa, June 6, when Secretary Taft is going to be present and make an address.

President Roosevelt has been made an honorary member of the Army of the Potomac at the thirty-seventh annual convention at the Belasco Theater in Washington.

Thirty years after being indicted for the murder of William King in Madison County, Ga., William Graham was arrested recently in all County, where he has lived since 1877.

W. D. Wilbur, of Paris, Tex., and associates have purchased thirteen acres of ground one-half mile west of Hugo, I. T., and will at once begin the erection of a \$80,000 oil mill.

The House has passed the bill fixing telegraph rates in Missouri at 25 cents for the first ten words and 1 cent additional for each additional word.

Major J. B. Fairchild, for thirty-five years a citizen of Sherman, died suddenly Thursday evening. He had been enjoying his usual health during the day, and was quite cheerful.

Arthur McEwen, chief editorial writer of the New York American, and well known throughout the west in newspaper circles, died last Thursday at Hamilton, Bermuda, of heart failure.

Three hundred teamsters in Kensington, a suburb of Chicago, went on strike, asking for a scale of \$15 a week, and team owners employing about one hundred men have conceded the demands.

It is announced that preparations are being made by the Rock Island to build a line that will give that road the shortest route from Chicago to Mobile, and eventually from Chicago to New Orleans.

Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock the train bearing members of the Dallas Commercial Club on their annual trade excursion pulled out from the Katy depot and on Tuesday, April 30, the party will arrive in Dallas at 7:30 o'clock over the Texas and Pacific Railroad from the east.

At Woodstock, Ala., Frank Richardson, a negro, fatally shot J. E. Sullivan, agent of the Alabama Great Southern Railway, who in turn shot the negro dead in his tracks before he fell.

Sir Alexander Sweetenham retired from the Governorship of Jamaica Friday. He has gone to his residence in the hills, where he will stay until he leaves the island. Colonial Secretary Bourne has been installed.

William A. Brady, the American, is planning to invade London with two of his theatrical companies.

Ten trans-Atlantic liners brought more than 15,000 aliens to New York Wednesday, which is a record number for one day.

Snow, which in many places fell to a depth of four inches, covered the greater part of Nebraska last Friday morning. It had all the marks of a blizzard, and breaks all known records for the month of May.

The volcano of Alarcon, province of Neuquen, Argentina, is in full activity.

Local physicians report quite a number of serious cases of measles of a dangerous type existing in Taylor and vicinity.

A movement is on foot to improve the physical condition of the congested "loop" district of Chicago. The plan embraces new rapid transit arrangements and the removal of the downtown railway terminals.

The Trans-Siberian Railway is to be double-tracked, work commencing at once.

J. B. Gullett, of Canton, was run over and killed by a train at Grand Saline. His head was entirely severed from his body.

The explosion of a gunpowder magazine at Canton, China, Friday resulted in great destruction to life and property. Fifteen bodies have already been recovered and hundreds of persons are reported to be injured.

Dallas is in the throes of one of the warmest municipal elections ever held in that city.

Many farmers in Red River and Lamar Counties, discovering that the cold had killed their cotton, have replanted the fields in peanuts.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE UNION.

Look out for the mortgage octopus; that is the one that eats up the bread and clothes of the poor man.

That life is well spent which has blessed other lives and has made men be better from its contact.

If you want the machinery and wagon-maker to keep busy, leave your wagon and other tools and implements out in the weather.

"Life is earnest, life is real, and the grave is not the goal," When you hook up with the mortgage, You sell the body and the soul.

There is no time nowadays, if there ever was, for the dreamer. This is the day when men do something. You must do something, or the somethings will do you.

Now that that cotton is coming on all right, it is a good time to see that the warehouse is growing large enough to hold all of the crop, if necessary.

Tennessee started with a State Union about one year ago. At that time there were 150 local Unions; now there are over 500. This is from the habit of doing things.

We have no time to discuss the question of whether the Union is a "trust or whether it is not; it is a necessity to the tillers of the soil, and it is the necessities we are after in this year of our Lord.

What the mortgagee wants is the results of your labor, and the poorer you are the more completely he can get all you make. Get you a piece of dirt of your own and keep the mortgage man off of your dunghill.

How many of those odd corners have you rubbed out by planting a tree? It is not going to be many years until the tree will be worth more than the crops on the open lands. Plant a tree under most any sort of a provocation.

Do you know the teacher of your children? Likely not, and you ought to be ashamed of this. You would know who it was that you put to train a colt. Just because you are not as valuable as a colt, don't think your child is not worth more; maybe it takes after its mother and her folks.

If a man wantonly burns his house or takes an axe and destroys a wagon or some other valuable piece of property, he is promptly arrested and must pay the penalty of a malefactor. How much real difference is there between him and the man who leaves his implements and vehicles out in the weather to be destroyed by the elements?

That old lying philosophy about fortune knocking at a man's door but once is the meanest rot ever perpetrated upon an unsuspecting humanity. The sun never rises but he lights the way to betterment of every human being. If you think you have sinned away your day of grace, go and get some liver medicine, and read the history of men who have become historical after practically a life of failure. Get busy and quit thinking that you are so important that God Almighty has picked you out for the purpose of making an object lesson for humanity. You are not that big. You are "one of a bunch; so choose your bunch—the winners of the failures.

The time to work for members is right now, and all the time.

The good Lord has seen fit to cut down the cotton crop again. A few years ago there was a sort of tacit agreement to cut the crop down in all the Southern States. This was kept in some sort of a way. That was a step in the right direction of raising prices. The next step was to hold it for the spinners' price. Both these steps are necessary. It is all tommyrot to talk that holding for a price will get the price for all the cotton that might be raised. It will surely get the price for all that is sold, but you can make so much cotton that it will not all be demanded at a high price. The moment that it reaches such a price that it is too high to use, the use will be cut down to some extent, and that part of the crop will be left on hand, and will bring no price at all. If overcropping is gone into to a much larger extent than it now is, there will be a slowing up in demand, and then cotton holders will stampede, and all the good work of the last ten years will go to the bow-wows.

Don't be afraid of making the local do much of a social organization. That is just what it ought to be. Make it a good place to go for a good time for both young and old. It won't be very long before the young men of to-day will be the middle-aged ones and the middle-aged will be old. Keep all of them in touch with each other and above all else in touch with the questions that have to do with making the every-day life a success and a continual wellspring of happiness. That is the whole success of life. Live it right.

If there was ever a period in the history of this country when it was more urgent that every man get busy getting a home 'han right, history makes no record of it. For several years we have seen the sad spectacle of hosts of men going up and down the land howling themselves hoarse about the meanness of speculators "cornering" all sorts of things, except the only real thing that was being cornered, and which has been cornered since first man became the enslaver of man. We refer to the cornering of the lands, which are a gift of God to his creatures. This made little difference so long as this country afforded plenty of lands on the same terms—that of seizure—but the time has come when land monopolists—cornerers, if you please—have taken up practically everything desirable in this country and are holding it in a gigantic trust, and almost without taxation, against the man who wants and needs it. This sort of "cornering" is infinitely worse from a moral point of view than the cornering of any other sort of a commodity, because if corn is cornered, it is only a little while until a new crop is on hand, and so it is of all sorts of crops or any sort of handiwork. The land monopoly is a perpetual thing and stands in the way of relieving all other sorts of monopolies. There is need of education along this line, and it is the duty of the Unions to take this matter up and sift it to the bottom, for it will be no great length of time until this matter will come up in a manner that will not be downed, even if it takes uncounted blood and treasure to settle it. In the meantime, he who is wise will get him an abiding place of his own. The final overthrow of the "land cornerers" will not come until their oppression grows so heavy that revolt, or revolution, either bloody or otherwise, is the final remedy.

How many of the locals have organized a debating club among the members for the discussion of the public questions that the people have to deal with? There are thousands of young men and boys that need education along lines of political economy, as well as along many other lines of public thought and public interest, and there is no other way that affords such an easy and sure course of information as the local debating club.

Didn't we tell you that pretty soon the members of the Unions would soon get on the side of enjoying life? You bet we did! That is the object of real education. If you educate yourself up to the point of analyzing the beautiful sunsets, you will have added a source of enjoyment to your life. So it is with beautiful flowers, bowery vines and shady trees. Plant a tree, set a shrub and plant a flower under the slightest provocation.

The steel trust is a bad thing, and it needs some public attention, but the humble little trust that is "busting" the farm and robbing the farmer's wife of all the things that should add pleasure to her life is the mortgage trust. He is the king octopus. Keep him from feeding on your substance, and you will be in a better position to do something to stop the steel, oil and transportation robberies.

The value of land is almost a matter of its location and its improvement. When you go to vote for the spending of public money, be sure that YOU will get the benefit. Have a good road leading to your home, rather than a million dollar court house in town. The million dollar court house is all right as an ornament, but it will do you and your girls and boys no good. You need the road.

There is no sense in selling cotton for five cents, and there are enough sensible people to prevent this in spite of the efforts of the disorganizers.

We don't seem to hear of any farmers' picnics being talked of. What is the matter? Get them up, lots of them, and every mother's son put on his best clothes and go out every time. That is one of the things we are living for.

The long whiskered hayseed is about played out nowadays. The farmer, thanks to education and co-operation has come to be one of those who know what is going on while it is going on. This is one of the things that the Union stands for.

We want to say again that it time that you were looking around the house to see if you have done as much for your partner in the way of labor saving things as you have done for yourself. If you haven't, you are not toting fair.

The time to keep the boys and girls in school is while they are boys and girls, and while you can do so. It may turn about that you will not have an opportunity to send them some of these days. There is but one "now."

The Impossible. Luther Burbank looked worried. "What's the trouble?" they asked. The wizard knitted his brow. "I've been trying to produce a grassless politician, but it's no use." Saying which, he grafted a watermelon onto a pumpkin.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Exact Analysis. Askitt—Why do you consider that goat an impressive looking animal? Nowitt—Because he has such a striking forehead.—Chicago News.



THE DELUGE

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CHAPTER III.—Continued.
"We'll fix it up later, Blacklock," said he.
"All right," said I. And from that minute I was almost silent. It was something in her tone and manner that silenced me. I suddenly realized that I wasn't making as good an impression as I had been flattering myself.

When a man has money and is willing to spend it, he can readily fool himself into imagining he gets on grandly with women. But I had better grounds than that for thinking myself not unattractive to them, as a rule. Women had liked me when I had nothing; women had liked me when they didn't know who I was. I felt that this woman did not like me. And yet, by the way she looked at me in spite of her efforts not to do so, I could tell that I had some sort of unusual interest for her. Why didn't she like me? She made me feel the reason. I didn't belong to her world. My ways and my looks offended her. She disliked me a good deal; she feared me a little. She would have felt safer if she had been gratifying her curiosity, gazing in at me through the bars of a cage.

Sam—not without hesitation, as I recalled afterward—left me with her, when I sent him to bring her brougham up to the Broadway entrance. As she and I were standing there alone, waiting in silence, I turned on her suddenly, and blurted out: "You don't like me."

She reddened a little, smiled slightly. "What a quaint remark!" said she.

I looked straight at her. "But you shall."

Our eyes met. Her chin came out a little, her eyebrows lifted. Then, in scorn of herself as well as of me, she looked herself in behind a frozen haughtiness that ignored me. "Ah, here is the carriage," she said. I followed her to the curb; she just touched my hand, just nodded her fascinating little head.

"See you Saturday, old man," called her brother friendly. My lowering face had alarmed him.

"That party is off," said I, curtly. And I lifted my hat and strode away.

As I had formed the habit of dismissing the disagreeable, I soon put her out of my mind. But she took with her my joy in the taste of things. I couldn't get back my former keen satisfaction in all I had done and was doing. The luxury, the tangible evidences of my achievement, no longer gave me pleasure; they seemed to add to my irritation.

I worked myself up, or rather, down, to such a mood that when my office boy told me Mr. Langdon would like me to come to his office as soon as it was convenient, I snapped out: "The hell he does! Tell Mr. Langdon I'll be glad to see him here whenever he calls." That was stupidity, a premature assertion of my right to be treated as an equal. I had always gone to Langdon, and to any other of the rulers of finance, whenever I had got a summons. For, while I was rich and powerful, I held both wealth and power, in a sense, on sufferance; I knew that, so long as I had no absolute control of any great department of industry, these rulers could destroy me should they decide that they needed my holdings or were not satisfied with my use of my power. I was surprised when Langdon appeared in my office a few minutes later.

He was a tallish, slim man, carefully dressed, with a bored, weary look and a slow, bored way of talking. I had always said that if I had not been myself I should have wished to be Langdon.

His expression, as he came into my office, was one of cynical amusement, as if he were saying to himself: "Our friend Blacklock has caught the swollen head at last." Not a suggestion of ill humor, or resentment at my impertinence—for, in the circumstances, I had been guilty of an impertinence. Just languid, amused patience with the frailty of a friend. "I see," said he, "that you have got Textile up to 85."

He was the head of the Textile trust, which had been built by his brother-in-law and had fallen to him in the confusion following his brother-in-law's death. As he was just then needing some money for his share in the National Coal undertaking, he had directed me to push Textile up toward par and unload him of two or three hundred thousand shares—he, of course, to repurchase the shares after he had taken profits and Textile had dropped back to its normal 50.

"I'll have it up to 98 by the middle of next month," said I. "And there I think we'd better stop."
"Stop at about 90," said he. "That will give me all I find I'll need for this Coal business. I don't want to be bothered with hunting up an investment."

I shook my head. "I must put it up to within a point or two of par," I declared. "In my public letter I've been saying it would go above 95, and I never deceive my public."

He smiled—my notion of honesty always amused him. "As you please," he said, with a shrug. Then I saw a serious look—just a fleeting flash of warning—behind his smiling mask; and he added carelessly: "Be careful about your own personal play. I doubt if Textile can be put any higher."

It must have been my mood that prevented those words from making the impression on me they should have made. Instead of appreciating at once and at its full value this characteristic and amazingly friendly signal of caution, I showed how stupidly inattentive I was by saying: "Something doing? Something new?"

But he had already gone further than his notion of friendship warranted. So he replied: "Oh, no. Simply that everything's uncertain nowadays."

My mind had been all this time on those Manasque mining properties. I now said: "Has Roebuck told you that I had to buy those mines on my own account?"

"Yes," he said. He hesitated, and again he gave me a look whose meaning came to me only when it was too late. "I think, Blacklock, you'd better turn them over to me."

"I can't," I answered. "I gave my word."
"As you please," said he.

Apparently the matter didn't interest him. He began to talk of the performances of my little two-year-old Beachcomber; and after 20 minutes

"Why not?" I asked.
"Oh—I don't know. You see—the fact is—well, they're a lot of old fogies up there. You don't want to bother with that push, Matt. Take my advice. Do business with them, but avoid them socially."
"I want to go in there," I insisted.
"I have my own reasons. You put me up."

"I tell you, it'd be no use," he replied, in a tone that implied he wished to hear no more of the matter.
"You put me up," I repeated. "And if you do your best, I'll get in all right. I've got lots of friends there. And you've got three relatives in the committee on membership."

At this he gave me a queer, sharp glance—a little fright in it.

I laughed. "You see, I've been looking into it, Sam. I never take a jump till I've measured it."

"You'd better wait a few years, until—" he began, then stopped and turned red.

"Until what?" said I. "I want you to speak frankly."
"Well, you've got a lot of enemies—a lot of fellows who've lost money in deals you've engineered. And they'd say all sorts of things."

"I'll take care of that," said I, quite easy in mind. "Mowbray Langdon's president, isn't he? Well, he's my closest friend." I spoke quite honestly. It shows how simple-minded I was in certain ways that I had never once noted the important circumstance that this "closest friend" had never invited me to his house, or anywhere where I'd meet his up-town associates at introducing distance.

Sam looked surprised. "Oh, in that case," he said, "I'll see what can be done." But his tone was not quite cordial enough to satisfy me.

To stimulate him and to give him an earnest of what I intended to do for him, when our little social deal had been put through, I showed him how he could win \$10,000 in the next three days. "And you needn't bother about putting up margins," said I, as I often had before. "I'll take care of that."

He stammered a refusal and went out; but he came back within an hour, and, in a strained sort of way, accepted my tip and offer.

"That's sensible," said I. "When

As soon as I saw that lady, I knew what it was that had been hiding at the bottom of my mind and rankling there.

Luckily I was alone; ever since that lunch I had been cutting loose from the old crowd—from all its women, and from all its men except two or three real friends who were good fellows straight through, in spite of their having made the mistake of crossing the dead line between amateur "sport" and professional. I leaned over and tapped Sammy on the shoulder.

He glanced round, and when he saw me, looked as if I were a policeman who had caught him in the act.

"Howdy, Sam?" said I. "It's been so long since I've seen you that I couldn't resist the temptation to interrupt. Hope your friend'll excuse me. Howdy do, Miss Ellersly?" And I put out my hand.

She took it reluctantly. She was giving me a very unpleasant look—as if she were seeing, not somebody, but some thing she didn't care to see, or were seeing nothing at all. I liked that look; I liked the woman who had it in her to give it. She made me feel that she was difficult and therefore worth while, and what's what all we human beings are in business for—to make each other feel that we're worth while.

"Just a moment," said Sam, red as a cranberry and stuttering. And he made a motion to come out of the box and join me. At the same time Miss Anta and the other fellow began to turn away.

But I was not the man to be cheated in that fashion. I wanted to see her, and I compelled her to see it and to feel it. "Don't let me take you from your friends," said I to Sammy. "Perhaps they'd like to come with you and me down to look at my horse. I can give you a good tip—he's bound to win. I've had my boys out on the rails every morning at the trials of all the other possibilities. None of 'em's in it with Mowghill."

"Mowghill!" said the young lady—she had begun to turn toward me as soon as I spoke the magic word "tip." There may be men who can resist that word "tip" at the race track, but there never was a woman.

"Mowghill!" said Miss Ellersly. "What a quaint name!"

"My trainer gave it," said I. "I've got a second son of one of those broken-down English noblemen at the head of my stables. He's trying to get money enough together to be able to show up at Newport and take a shy at an heiress."

At this the fellow who was fourth in our party, and who had been giving me a nasty, glassy stare, got as red as was Sammy. Then I noticed that he was an Englishman, and I all but chuckled with delight. However, I said: "No offense intended," and clapped him on the shoulder with a friendly smile. "He's a good fellow, my man Monson, and knows a lot about horses."

Miss Ellersly bit her lip and colored, but I noticed also that her eyes were dancing.

Sam introduced the Englishman to me—Lord Somebody-or-other, I forget what, as I never saw him again. I turned like a bulldog from a toy terrier and was at Miss Ellersly again. "Let me put a little something on Mowghill for you," said I. "You're bound to win—and I'll see that you don't lose. I know how you ladies hate to lose."

That was a bit stiff, as I know well enough now. Indeed, my instinct would have told me better then, if I hadn't been so used to the sort of women that jump at such an offer, and if I hadn't been casting about so desperately and in such confusion for some way to please her. At any rate, I hardly deserved her sudden frozen look. "I beg pardon," I stammered, and I think my look at her must have been very humble—for me.

The others in the box were staring round at us. "Come on," cried Sam, dragging at my arm, "let's go."

"Won't you come?" I said to his sister. I shouldn't have been able to keep my state of mind out of my voice, if I had tried. And I didn't try.

Trust the right sort of woman to see the right sort of thing in a man through any and all kinds of barriers of caste and manners and breeding. Her voice was much softer as she said: "I think I must stay here. Thank you, just the same."

As soon as Sam and I were alone, I apologized. "I hope you'll tell your sister I'm sorry for that break," said I.

"Oh, that's all right," he answered, easy again, now that we were away from the others. "You meant well—and motive's the thing."

"Motive—hell!" cried I in my anger at myself. "Nobody but a man's God knows his motives; he doesn't even know them himself. I judge others by what they do, and I expect to be judged in the same way. I see I've got a lot to learn." Then I suddenly remembered the Travelers Club, and I asked him what he'd done about it.

"I—I've been—thinking it over," said he. "Are you sure you want to run the risk of an ugly cropper, Matt?"

I turned him round so that we were facing each other. "Do you want to do me that favor, or don't you?" I demanded.

"I'll do whatever you say," he replied. "I'm thinking only of your interests."

"Let me take care of them," said I. "You put me up at that club to-morrow. I'll send you the name of a second not later than noon."

"Up goes your name," he said. "But don't blame me for the consequences."



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or so, he drifted away. "I envy you your enthusiasm," he said, pausing in my doorway. "Wherever I am, I wish I were somewhere else. Whatever I'm doing, I wish I were doing something else. Where do you get all this joy of the fight? What the devil are you fighting for?"

He didn't wait for a reply. I thought over my situation steadily for several days. I went down to my country place. I looked everywhere among all my belongings, searching, searching, restless, impatient. At last I knew what ailed me—what the lack that yawned so gloomily from everything I had once thought beautiful, had once found sufficient. I was in the midst of the splendid, terraced pansy beds my gardeners had just set out; I stopped short and slapped my thigh. "A woman!" I exclaimed. "That's what I need. A woman—the right sort of woman—a wife!"

IV. A CANDIDATE FOR "RESPECTABILITY."

To handle this new business properly I must put myself in position to look the whole field over. I must get in line and in touch with "respectability." When Sam Ellersly came in for his "rations," I said: "Sam, I want you to put me up at the Travelers Club."

"The Travelers!" echoed he, with a blank look.

"The Travelers," said I. "It's about the best of the big clubs, isn't it? And it has as members most of the men I do business with and most of those I want to get into touch with."

He laughed. "It can't be done."

will you attend to the matter at the Travelers? I want to be warned so I can pull my own set of wires in concert."

"I'll let you know," he answered, hating his head.

I didn't understand his queer actions then. Though I was an expert in finance, I hadn't yet made a study of that other game—the game of "gentleman." And I didn't know how seriously the frauds and fakirs who play it take it and themselves. I attributed his confusion to a ridiculous mock modesty he had about accepting favors; it struck me as being particularly silly on this occasion, because for once he was to give as well as to take.

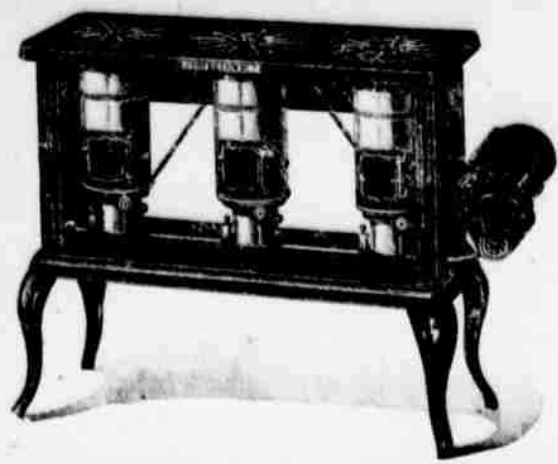
He didn't call for his profits, but wrote asking me to mail him the check for them. I did so, putting in the envelop with it a little jog to his memory on the club matter. I didn't see him again for nearly a month; and though I searched and sent, I couldn't get his trail. On opening day at Morris Park, I was going along the passage behind the boxes in the grand stand, on my way to the paddock. I wanted to see my horse that was about to run for the Salmagundi Sweepstakes, and to tell my jockey that I'd give him \$15,000, instead of \$10,000, if he won—for I had put quite a bunch down.

In one of the boxes I spied my shy friend, Sammy. He was looking better than I had ever seen him. Less heavy-eyed, less pallid and pasty, less like a man who had been shirking bed and keeping up on cocktails and cold baths. He was at the rear of the box, talking with a lady and a gentleman.

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HASKELL, TEXAS, May 11, 1907.

The 2c railroad fare bill was defeated in the house Tuesday.

The fine rains this week put Haskell county on top again.

The mud and slush this week was a forcible reminder that Haskell needs more sidewalks.

"Go around," "Wade through," "Swim it," were some of the expressions heard as people tried to navigate some of our streets after the rain the other day. This is not as it should be.

Our cotton factory committee expect to complete the subscription to stock up to \$50,000 in town in a few days and they will then ask the farmers of the county to come up with another \$50,000.

It is well worth your while to read the weekly letters from our Austin contributor, they throw an excellent sidelight upon the character of some of our legislators and give a pretty accurate idea of the whys and wherefores of some legislation. In this week's letter he throws a hot brick at a class of members who are using their free passes for all they are worth and delaying legislation by their neglect of duty.

The people of Haskell have been beset with elections recently. There was the road bond election, the school bond election, the incorporation election, election for trustees and two or three other elections, and perhaps some little feeling or soreness possibly resulted from some of them, though none of enough consequence to be cherished. We are building a town here now and can't afford to allow little jealousies or sore spots to interfere with the good work. If any man has, or even thinks he has, a gall on his shoulder, let him cut it out without delay and get his shoulder up against the wheel of progress again and push for all he is worth. Forward March!

DRY FARMING.

On our first page this week we publish an article on "Dry Farming" or what is known as the Campbell system, which is coming largely into use in the North-western states. The article was written by a Wyoming man who is familiar with the subject and a perusal of it will be well worth the time and attention of every farmer in Western Texas. We have read and studied the Campbell system a good deal and have long been convinced that its adoption on the farms of Western Texas would make crop failures a thing of the past and that it would add from 25 to 50 per cent to the yield per acre. We believe it would be even more effective here than it is in the states where it was developed and is being brought into general use for the reason that our average annual rain-fall is considerably greater than theirs. At least our greater rainfall would make it unnecessary to allow the land to lie fallow alternate years, but under the Campbell system our lands would produce a crop every year.

Mr. Campbell developed his system in Nebraska several years ago and much was published in regard to and in praise of it, but the farmers of even the semi-arid Northwest were very slow to be convinced of its efficacy and to take hold of it, regarding it as more of a theory than a fact, as it appeared to promise too much for merely a change in the method of preparing and cultivating the land, but from various published articles during the last year or so it appears that they have become convinced of its great value and thousands of them have adopted the system.

Some five or six years ago the FREE PRESS published a number of articles giving pretty full details as to the Campbell system in the hope of benefitting the farmers of this section, but the matter appeared to pass unheeded.

We now have this to say to the farmers of Haskell county—we are in possession of full details of the methods of preparing and cultivating the land under the Campbell system and if they desire to have them we will publish a series of articles on the subject. If you want us to publish this matter tell us or write a postal or letter. If a considerable number of requests are received we will begin the publication, say in two weeks, if not we will use our space for other matter.

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

At the election on Saturday, 4th inst., for trustees of the Haskell Independent School district Messrs. G. R. Couch, J. F. Pinkerton, F. D. Sanders, T. E. Ballard, A. C. Foster, G. J. Graham and G. T. McCulloh received the highest number of votes and will constitute the new Board of Trustees.

On the question of locating the new school house the following vote was polled: In favor of the south side of town 58 votes, for the east side 39 votes, for north side 10 votes, for west side 5 votes.

The location of the building is wholly within the discretion of the Board of Trustees and the vote polled, which was a very light one, is merely directory or in the nature of a petition, but no doubt will be duly considered by them in determining the location.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoe Remedy.

There is probably no medicine made that is relied upon with more implicit confidence than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. During the third of a century in which it has been in use, people have learned that it is the one remedy that never fails. When reduced with water and sweetened it is pleasant to take. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

TWO BALL GAMES.

Munday and Stamford go Down Before Haskell.

The Haskell base ball team has redeemed itself from its bad defeat last week at the hands of the Munday team by giving both Munday and Stamford knock-out blows, and the boys are in high feather again.

On Monday morning, accompanied by a number of friends, including several young ladies, they took the train for Munday and there played the Munday team a game in which they beat them on a score of 12 to 10.

On Wednesday the Stamford ball team came to Haskell puffed up with the conviction that they had an easy job before them to do the Haskell team, but when the game was over and the score footed up they found that they had only one tail feather left—Haskell had beaten them 13 to 1.

We fear they are too badly discouraged to learn to play ball and try it again.

The rain was in good time and the raindrops, as they "pattered on roof and window pane" and slaked the thirst of Mother Earth, brought floods of joy to all.

Cooke, Collin, Hopkins and several other counties in the northern and central portions of the state were swept by cyclones the early part of the week. A number of persons were killed, many houses destroyed and much damage done.

H. Clay Pierce of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, who left his home in St. Louis and has been in New York ever since he was indicted in Texas for perjury, dodging arrest and extradition, returned to St. Louis Thursday and surrendered. The St. Louis officers telegraphed the sheriff of Travis county who left on the next train for St. Louis. Pierce however, immediately sued out a writ of habeas corpus in the federal court and will make a fight against the right of the Texas officer to bring him to this state for trial.

If You Don't.

succeed the first time use Herbine and you will get instant relief. The greatest liver regulator. A positive cure for constipation, dyspepsia, Malaria, chills and all liver complaints. Mr. C., of Emory, Tex., writes: "My wife has been using Herbine for herself and children for five years. It is a sure cure for constipation and malaria fever, which is substantiated by what it has done for my family."



WHAT IS THE USE



PAYING for that which YOU DON'T GET?

You get all you pay for if you buy Schwab Brand Clothing for Men, Youth's and Boys.

This also applies to

STAR BRAND SHOES

Patriot
for
Men

We claim to lead all others
on Ladies and Gents Oxfords.
Every pair Guaranteed.

Society
for
Ladies

HASKELL'S PROGRESSIVE STORE

S. L. ROBERTSON & CO.

Cultivators

We have had a fine sale of our planters this season--we seemed to have had just what the farmers wanted in that line.

But the planting season is about over and cultivation is the next important step, and on that line we want to suggest that we have also just what you need in

The John Deere

This cultivator is built for strength and durability and convenience of operation, and it is unexcelled for properly stirring and pulverizing the soil about the young plants.

Investigate these Cultivators before you buy any other make.

FLY TIME

Fly time is here, which means that it is time to put up screen doors and screen your windows. We have a large assortment of

SCREEN DOORS

from the plainest to the most ornamental, and screen wire in all widths--and our prices are right.

CASON, COX & CO.

HASKELL,

TEXAS.

L. P. Davidson Grain and Coal Co.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN
GRAIN, HAY AND COAL

Have in Stock Shelled and Ear Corn.

FARM SEEDS

Milo Maize, Kaffir Corn, Millet and
Sorghum Seed.

See us for wholesale prices on

FLOUR

PHONE NO. 157

Or see us in new iron building south of
Alexander Mercantile Co's. Store.



CITY MEAT MARKET...

MARSH & ENGLISH, Propr's.

Your Patronage Solicited.

We Keep all Kinds of Fresh Meats Ob-
tainable in Their Seasons.

Haskell Telephone Company.

Has Long Distance Connection with All Points, and
Direct lines to the following local places.

Ample, Aspermont, Broach Ranch, Shinnery Lake,
Marcy, Brazos River, McDaniel Ranch, Pinkerton,
Chff, Irby Ranch, Throckmorton, Stamford,
Rayner, Orient, Galva, Munday, Seymour.

Local Exchanges at Haskell, Aspermont and Munday.
Telegraph messages received and transmitted.
A. J. COMBS, Manager, Haskell, Texas.

OPERA HOUSE STABLE

HASKELL, - - TEXAS.

We will furnish good rigs to all surrounding points.

Charges Moderate. - - -

TRY US FOR PROMPT SERVICE

SIMMONS BROS.

You Will Save Money

By making out your bill of Lumber and sending same to the
W. W. GOODWIN LUMBER COMPANY,
of San Augustine, Texas.

Use short lengths as lengths from 16ft up takes an advance of
50c every two ft. in length. Always state exactly what you
want and what you want it for, also grade of same. We sell
to any one who has the cash. Ref: First National Bank,
San Augustine.

W. W. GOODWIN LUMBER COMPANY.

HASKELL STEAM LAUNDRY

We launder all grades or qualities of clothing from the
coarsest to the finest in the best style.

Use no Injurious Chemicals
Always Guarantee Satisfaction.

Conclusive Evidence.

The following letter is self explanatory, and shows conclusively the opinion the Vice-President and Gen. Manager of the Cotton Belt Railway has of the Telegraphy department of the Tyler Com'l. College, the leading school of Telegraphy in America:

Tyler, Tex., Feb. 5, 1907.

Tyler Commercial College,
Tyler, Texas.

GENTLEMEN: This letter is given you in order to avoid having to answer so many letters of inquiry, relative to this Company's connection with your college, and I beg to state for the information of attending students, that we have placed a loop of our main line wire thru your college for the benefit of your students, and are furnishing you our telegraph and station blanks. We have also agreed

to employ your telegraphy graduates who can pass our regular examination to fill vacancies coming up on this line, and will pay them the standard rate of wages for the position they are employed to fill.

The minimum salary paid operators is \$55 per month, 12 hours work constituting one day, all time in excess of 12 hours will be paid for on basis of prorata of regular rate. Operators called for special service after being excused by the dispatcher will be allowed fifty cents for the first hour and prorata of the regular rate thereafter.

Yours truly,

W. E. GREEN,

1st V. P. & Gen'l. Supt. St. Louis
Southwestern Railway Co. of Tex.

Miss Ella Dyess who has been attending school at this place left Wednesday night for Market.

The Local Option Lecture.

In his lecture on local option or prohibition Wednesday night at the skating rink, Rev. J. G. Adams left the anti-no ground to stand upon from a moral and biblical standpoint. His proposition that there are two sides to the prohibition question and that one side is right and the other wrong and that the anti side is wrong and the pro side is right, was made very clear to all who are amenable to the logic of facts. His further proposition that there is, nor can be in good conscience, no compromise between right and wrong was also made clear. He was justly severe on citizens and officers who wink at violations of the law and thus violate their duties as citizens and their oaths as officers of the law.

The Fashions as predicted for the Summer.

June being the traditional bridal month, the usual fashion article in this number of the New Idea Woman's Magazine is devoted to the bride and her attendants. New materials for the wedding gown, and graceful drawings showing the latest ways of making the same are given, as well as suggestions for the bridesmaids and maids of honor. The Girls' Letter contains many valuable hints for the selection of a trousseau and will undoubtedly prove helpful to the girl with moderate means who wishes to spend sensibly her allowance for this purpose. Ideas for bridal luncheons and anniversary dinners also appear in this issue. Another illustrated fashion article is devoted to the discussion of jumper fashions, which will, without doubt, occupy the most important place in summer wardrobes.

Although low in price, the "New Idea" magazine is equal to the high priced fashion journals.

Letter to

FOSTER & JONES,

Haskell, Texas.

Dear Sirs: We asked City Drug Co. Crystal Springs, Miss., to sell Devoe. They wanted to know, of their own knowledge, how it compared with another paint they knew all about—it was sold right there, and considered good.

They painted the house of W. B. McCluney two coats on purpose to test the two paints against one another; one coat Devoe 6 gallons; the other coat that other paint 10 gallons. Difference \$20; \$7 for paint, \$13 for labor.

That other paint is made in New Orleans; is pure; is considered an excellent paint, and has a good deal of local goodwill.

But the standard of paint has been low all through the Southwest. That paint is thin; is, you see, six-tenths of a paint. Devoe saves \$20 over it on half a small job.

It is a case of local best compared with actual best.

Yours truly,

F. W. DEVOE & Co.
P. S. McNeill & Smith sell our paint.

Notice of Sale.

On the first Monday in June, 1907, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the court house in Haskell, the old fence around the court house square (the chain to be reserved) will be sold to the highest bidder; and also at the same time there will be sold three of the watering troughs around said square.

JOE IRBY, County Judge,
Haskell County, Tex.

No Gloss Carriage Paint Made

will wear as long as Devoe's. No others are as heavy bodied, because Devoe's weigh 3 to 8 ounces to the pint. Sold by McNeill & Smith. 2m

REVIVAL SERVICES.

Will begin at the Methodist church Monday at four o'clock p. m. and continue through the following ten or fifteen days. I am expecting Bros. Carlton of Munday and Duncan of Stamford to help in the meeting. This announcement ought to be enough to bring every member of the church into active co-operation. Please do not make it necessary to urge you to attend and do your whole duty. All are invited to attend.

J. H. CHAMBLISS.

NOTICE W. O. W.

All members of Elmwood Camp No. 24, W. O. W. at Haskell, are requested to be in attendance at the hall next Tuesday night, May 14, for the consideration of important business.

CONSUL COMMANDER.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Scruggs of Seymour, spent a day or two with Mrs. T. D. Isbell the early part of the week.

Capt. W. M. Wood of the northeast part sold a draft horse on our streets Monday to Mr. Ed Thornton for \$200. Capt. Wood raised the horse on his ranch in this county and has several others just as good left on his ranch.

SENATOR HAD DATES MIXED.

Why Missouri Statesman Was Late at Cabinet Dinner.

Ex-Senator Cockrell probably is the only man in Washington who ever kept President Roosevelt waiting at a dinner. It was one of the cabinet dinners that were given by the secretary of the interior and Mrs. Hitchcock three years ago. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt arrived in due time, as did all the other guests except Senator Cockrell.

After a delay of almost an hour Mrs. Hitchcock invited her guests to the dining-room and dispatched a messenger to the residence of Senator Cockrell to make inquiries. Great fear was felt that the Missourian had started and had fallen by the way, as the day was a cold and wintry one. The fact was, however, that the senator was sitting quietly at home when the messenger got there, clad in his dressing gown and slippers and congratulating himself that he could be indoors. He had put the date of the dinner in his calendar in large and attractive handwriting, but had forgotten to turn a leaf and was, accordingly, a day behind time. No one appreciated the joke more than did the president, and the dinner that began in anxiety and apprehension ended in a big laugh at the dear old senator.—Denver Times.

OFFICIAL KNEW HIS DUTY.

Found Man Where He Shouldn't Be, and That Settled It.

French officials are said to be particularly strict in their discipline of tourists. A lately returned traveler tells several more or less apocryphal stories to illustrate the state of affairs.

An American lost his footing, slipped down an embankment and fell into a small, shallow pond. As he scrambled, dripping, up the embankment to the footpath, he was confronted by an arm of the law.

"Your name? Your address?" demanded this uncompromising person, notebook in hand.

"But I fell," began the astonished American. "I only—"

The man waved his arm.

"It is forbidden to bathe in this lake," he said, firmly. "I am not here to listen to extenuating circumstances."—Youth's Companion.

Tame Beaver in Canada.

In Manitoba the beaver is protected by law from either being shot or trapped, and the protection results in increase. Colonies of the animals can now be found both on the Ochre and Turtle rivers, to the east of Dauphin. One colony has started building a dam on the Ochre river at the railway bridge near the village. So tame have the animals become that it is a common thing for the residents to visit the locality in the evening and watch the industrious animals at work. In one or two cases the work of the beaver in damming the Turtle river has proved a loss to farmers in the vicinity by their land being flooded and the water overflowing it. The matter was laid before the government in Winnipeg by parties interested, and permission obtained to open the dams, but not to molest the animals. As the beaver increases rapidly, the government is likely to have another problem on its hands to solve before a great while.

Failed in Business.

When Senator Bailey was in Washington recently a stranger called at his hotel and sent in a card. The senator did not recognize the name, but in accordance with his usual courtesy came out to where the stranger was waiting. It took only a few minutes' conversation to develop the fact that the individual simply desired to make a "touch." It was the regulation "Been unfortunate and desire to get back to my own country." "What is your business, colonel?" the senator inquired. The rusty frock coat and the black hat seemed to warrant the title. "Why, I am a gentleman, senator," the stranger replied, pompously. "Oh, I see," the senator said, pleasantly. "Have you instituted bankruptcy proceedings, sir?"

His Preference.

"The earthquake that eastern seismograph recorded was somewhere 14,000 miles away."

"Hasn't it been reported yet?"

"No."

"Well, that's strange. Do you suppose it really occurred?"

"Of course."

"Took place, and nobody knew it, eh?"

"Evidently."

"Well, say, that's just the sort of earthquakes I like."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Last Monday the streets of Haskell were literally crowded with men, vehicles, horses and mules. About 15 months ago the FARM PRIZES started a movement to make the first Monday in each month a market day at Haskell and worked up a movement that has grown beyond our most sanguine anticipation. The business men have lent their encouragement and farmers and stockmen have found that it is beneficial to them and given their support. Those wanting to buy horses can find them for sale on the streets of Haskell on First Mondays and those wanting to sell can find the buyers on these occasions.

Mr. J. L. Jones was over from Hale Tuesday.

MEN'S

CORRECT

FURNISHING

GOODS

"Clothes Don't Make the Man"
but they help his looks

Wonderfully

Our line of clothing is one made for our exclusive use--of a quality rarely encountered in ready-made clothing, and styled in a manner out of the ordinary, is thus brought within a most desirable price limit.

You have noticed many of our suits on the best dressed men of the town. Do you care for your appearance? If you do, you are sure to be pleased with our goods. They are correct, at prices from \$10.00 to \$20.00.

HATS

We have it from a reliable source, that we will have no more "Northers," so you will make no mistake in purchasing your spring straw hat now. Have you seen our Straw Hats? Some of them are being worn already, and lots more can be seen before another week has passed. The sailor is stronger this year than ever before. No man will be well dressed this season without a sailor hat. They sell at our store from \$1.50 to \$3.50.

Neck Wear

This line is our PRIDE. It was made for our exclusive use. Patterns bought of us cannot be found at other stores. You certainly cannot be correctly attired without a NECK TIE. A shirt and collar you must wear and you should have a stylish tie. We sell them at 35 - 50 and 75c.

Underwear

Our 50c Garments are remarkable and could be sold for more, but we are satisfied with 50c and you will be delighted.

SHOES

Everybody wears low shoes for summer. Our line of Low Shoes is an extensive one. We can fit all feet at any price. If you wear patent leather our A. D. B. and "American Gentleman" are correct. If you don't wear patent leather ask for our No. 1113, Genuine Kangaroo.

The Big Store

Alexander Mercantile COMPANY.

DISTRICT COURT.

The spring term of the district court for Haskell county will convene at Haskell on Monday, May 27.

Following is a list of the grand and petit jurors summoned to attend at said term:

GRAND JURORS

J. E. Irby	W. B. Roberts
J. P. Ashley	Wheeler Lee
J. G. Blake	J. E. Greenfield
J. C. Bohanan	J. B. Wadlington
A. Fuller	J. U. Fields
J. D. Stodghill	T. B. Russell
H. C. Cousins	R. D. C. Stephens
W. C. DeLong	J. S. Menefee
Lewis Howard	

PETIT JURORS

J. A. Couch	Cal Vancleave
Jim Logan	R. W. Williams
J. A. Rud	Baylor Pardue
John Therwhanger	G. W. Pilley
E. G. Bennett	D. McLennon
Mike Perry	Bill Norman
Jim Finley	J. B. Williams
J. C. Draper	Tom Whitford
J. M. Speck	J. E. Robertson
R. H. Penick	T. A. Pinkerton
T. E. Ballard	Wyley Stephens
Henry Alexander	E. W. Loe
Veznon Cobb	W. J. Sowell
Lon Gardner	Sam Florence
Lee Pierson	Jno. Hallmark
C. M. Hunt	Frank Vernon
Jim Killingsworth	Geo. Fields
J. N. Ellis	Fleet Neal
Boge Hunt	W. A. Marsh
R. H. McKee	J. T. Lawley

Pharmacy Board.

The Pharmaceutical Examining Board of the 39th Judicial district will meet in Anson, Texas, on June 5, 1907, for the purpose of examining applicants for license and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Board.

C. L. TERRELL, chairman.

TO ORGANIZE LOCAL UNION.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held in the town of Haskell on Friday night, May 17th, for the purpose of organizing a local union of the Farmers' Union.

All who are eligible to membership in the order are invited to attend and participate in the organization.

M. A. CLIFTON.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Topic—Character Building.

Leader—Ruby Touchstone.

Song.

Responsive reading, Ps. 41.

Song and prayer.

Scripture reading, Gal. 6:7-8; Prov. 8:19.

Truth to be applied. We are sowing habits.

Song.

Paper—Some habits—Mary Hester.

Story—Leis Sprowls.

Solo—J. W. Hester, Jr.

Open session.

Bible drill.

Song and collection.

League benediction.

ONE ON ST. PETER.

St. Peter settin' at the gate;

Nigger passin' by—

St. Peter up and sez to him,

"How did you come to die?"

"Go ax de man whut helt de gun

A-pintin' at dat roos';

Go ax de dog whut helt my foot

An' wouldn't turn hit loose!"

"And so," St. Peter sez to him,

"You was kitched in de ac?"

Dat nigger turnt an' looked at him

An' spon's: 'H'it is a fac!"

"Down in de deep den you mus' go,

Fer stealin' uf dat hen!"

The nigger scratch his haid right hard

St. Peter had him den!

But 'duck'y liftin' up his arms

He flop 'em on his sides,

An' 'zactly like a rooster crow

Three times out loud he cries.

St. Peter hung his haid wid shame—

He 'membered uv his sin—

An' grabbin' up a great big key,

He let dat nigger in!

—New Orleans Picayune.

A Haskell Woman Asks

"have you a floor paint that will last two week?" Yes we have Devco's; it has a beautiful gloss and will wear two years if properly applied. McNeill & Smith. 2m

Teachers Chosen.

The new school board of the Haskell Independent district met Tuesday and qualified.

Mr. A. C. Foster was made president, Mr. G. T. McCulloch secretary and Mr. G. R. Couch treasurer of the board.

The board then held an official session and re-elected Prof. B. C. Dyess, Miss Cecil Hughes, Miss Lourena Graham and Miss — Wells as teachers during the next term.

There are yet six or seven teachers to be employed.

RAILROAD SCHEDULE
Of Trains on W. V. Railway.

TRAIN NO. 2	
Leaves Abilene at	5:50 a. m.
" Haskell,	8:24 a. m.
" Wichita Falls,	1:25 p. m.
Arrives Ft Worth,	6:45 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 1	
Leaves Wichita Falls,	3 p. m.
Arrives Haskell,	8:14 p. m.
" Abilene,	11 p. m.
Connects at Abilene with T. & P. train which arrives at Fort Worth at 7 a. m.	

Locals and Personals

Cream bread at Collins & Brewer's.

Mr. Sam Egger was up from Stamford Wednesday visiting the Haskell store of D. Egger & Son.

A full line of painted and galvanized screen wire at McNeill & Smith's.

Mr. John Ellis is building a residence on the west side, near Mr. B. F. McCollum's place.

Refrigerators and water coolers at McNeill & Smith's.

When you want to go to the depot ring No. 25 for Simmons' Wagonette.

Contractor Fulgham has the walls of the new 30 by 100-ft brick, which he is building for Whitman and Jones on the east side of the square, nearly completed.

You can get the best of everything at Collins & Brewer's place.

Rev. J. G. Adams, who is employed by the Texas Local Option league as a lecturer, delivered a street lecture here Wednesday that was both amusing and instructive.

Get grandmother breakfast bread at Collins & Brewer's.

For pure, nicely handled, home-made hog lard go to Marsh & English market.

MULES FOR SALE—One span of mules, 16 1-3 hags high, 5 and 7 years old, weigh 2300 lbs., good condition. F. H. Thomas at Oglesby's wagon yard.

A good bunch of work and brood mares for sale. Will sell one or more. (4) J. D. ROBERTS.

Mrs. G. E. Langford, wife of Haskell's accommodating railroad agent, accompanied by her sister Miss Ruth McCarty, arrived the early part of the week from Oklahoma City, where she has been visiting for some time with her parents.

Wanted—3 dozen hens and two pigs. Mrs. A. M. Peiphey.

Fly time is here and Cason, Cox & Co. have the screen doors.

Have your eyesight tested and glasses fitted by a competent optician who knows his business. Will be at Collier-Andruss Co. drug store May 16, 17 and 18th.

A. W. Hawkes, Atlanta, Ga.

Get the pure ice cream at Collins & Brewer's.

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

If you read the advertisement in the FREE PRESS last week of the great opportunity to secure a farm and town lots in Atascosa county and feel interested, call on the Haskell Real Estate Co. for further particulars.

Cotton seed meal and hulls, good milk feed. Davidson Grain and Coal Company.

For Durham milk cows see M. R. Hemphill.

Did you read the opening chapters of the new serial story "The Deluge" in the FREE PRESS last week? This is an original copyrighted story by a popular writer of fiction and promises to be lively and interesting. The plot involves the quest of money and a woman will expose some of the methods of big finance and high society.

Garden seed in bulk, large stock and assortment, at Racket Store.

Come and see our screen doors—the prices are the lowest. Haskell Lumber Company.

Finest line of ladies' lace, embroidered and plain hose at Racket Store.

Mr. Mack Murphy of Midland was in the city the early part of the week. Mr. Murphy was originally from Bell county and has many acquaintances here.

Mr. C. C. Dockery of the south side was in Haskell Monday. He said he had heard that Mr. R. G. Landis had cotton with squares and blooms.

Mr. R. C. Montgomery of the Farmers National bank made a business trip to Dallas last week and returned the early part of this week.

There will be no flies on your horses if you use Evers' Fly nets and horse hats—south side of square, Haskell.

We still have plenty of money to loan at 8 per cent on land and to buy Vendor's Lien notes. Sanders & Wilson.

Messrs. F. D. Harris and D. M. Cogdill of Mineral Wells were here several days this week. These gentlemen think that the Mineral Wells & Northwestern Railroad, which is now being extended westward from their city, will come to Haskell and they are looking at the lay of things ahead of it.

STOCK FOOD AND MEDICINES—We are exclusive agents for Pratt's Stock Foods and Medicines, which we sell under a positive guarantee. Racket Store.

If you want pure Harville cotton seed, L. P. Davidson & Co's. is the place to get them.

The Cook Springs school house in the western part of the county was destroyed by fire last Sunday night. It appears that incendiarism was suspected as sheriff Park was called out by phone Monday to make an investigation.

I have just delivered a 100-page abstract of title, probably the largest abstract ever made in Haskell Co. Would like to furnish you an accurate and complete abstract of your country land or town lots if you need any thing in that line. S. W. Scott.

Don't throw your old saddles, harness and shoes away when you can get them substantially repaired at Evers' shop in Haskell. Prices reasonable and work first class.

See us if you want screen doors. Our price is right. Haskell Lumber Company.

Mr. J. G. Campbell of the west side was in town Wednesday and said they had a fine rain in his locality Tuesday.

Mr. C. N. Meadors of the west side was in town Wednesday and said his cotton was not killed but was all right and now had four leaves on it.

Why fight flies when you can get screen doors at a bargain at Haskell Lumber Company.

That Powder-paint at the Racket Store is the thing for your outbuildings—costs 70 per cent less than oil paint.

May 16, 17 and 18th the famous optician of Atlanta, Ga., will have a practical optician from the home office at Collier-Andruss Co's.

It is reported here that Messrs. A. B. Carothers and Jim Kilgore had a difficulty at Rochester Tuesday in which both of them received slight knife wounds. We heard no particulars of the affair.

When you burst a hame-string take it to Evers, the saddler at Haskell for treatment.

Your life will be like a pleasant dream if you screen your house with Haskell Lumber Co. screens.

600 acres near Ample at \$25.00 per acre, 200 acres of it in cultivation and is fine—very fine. Terms, one-third cash, balance in one and two years. See A. H. Norris, Haskell, Tex.

The best cedar posts in the country at Haskell Lumber Co.

The Hawkes ground lens with perfect transparency, successfully adjusted to your eyes, will restore your falling sight. These lenses have been the standard of scientific excellence for a quarter of a century. Meet specialist at Collier-Andruss Co's. drug store May 16, 17 and 18th.

Mr. R. H. Davis returned Wednesday from Calvert where he was summoned some days previously to the bedside of his aged mother who passed away and was buried while he was there.

Carload of chops and bran at Foster & Neal's.

Mr. J. A. Rose was in the city Wednesday and paid the FREE PRESS a call.

Mr. J. L. Sandlin, who is lately from Mississippi, made us a pleasant call Wednesday. Mr. Sandlin said that he had read the FREE PRESS for several years in Alabama, where he lived before going to Miss. He is well pleased with our town and country and is anxious to have some of his friends in Ala. and Miss. come here.

Driving and work gloves, see them for quality and price. Racket Store.

Mrs. W. W. Fields is expected home today.

Mr. D. Dennis of Bell county came in yesterday on a prospecting trip.

Mr. A. J. Wilder of Heidenhimer was in our city yesterday.

Creamery butter on ice at Foster & Neal's.

Mr. Jim Williams of Foster was thrown out of a buggy Sunday night and was knocked unconscious. A brother of his and a Mr. Kitchen were also thrown from the buggy but were not seriously hurt.

Jersey milk cows for sale. These cows are immune to ticks. M. R. Hemphill.

The stone work on the Masonic building is now completed and the carpenters are putting in the wood work.

Mrs. A. H. Day and sister, Miss Willie Callaway, left Monday night for Sweet Home, being accompanied as far as Abilene by Mr. Day. Mrs. Day will visit there a while with her parents and old friends when she will return home, but Miss Willie will remain there with her parents. Miss Willie spent the past nine months in Haskell attending our excellent school, during which time she made many friends who regretted to part with her. Quite a crowd of the young people accompanied her to the depot Monday night and wished her a safe and pleasant journey to her home in the far southern part of the state.

The county commissioners' court will meet in regular session next Monday.

Cedar post at 12 cts and up at Haskell Lumber Co.

Any information desired about the Haskell country will be cheerfully given by the City Realty Co., and all land or city property listed with them SHALL have our best and closest attention. See or address, A. H. NORRIS, Mgr. Haskell, Texas.

Judge H. G. McConnell left Monday night for Snyder to try an injunction case before Judge C. C. Higgins Tuesday. He expected to return Wednesday morning and attend the trial of a case at Aspermont Wednesday.

Warren, Ark., ships more Yellow Pine Lumber than any other town in the world. Send us a list of what you want. We are independent. Flat Lumber Co., Warren, Ark.

Mr. B. W. French of Killeen came in Tuesday on a visit to his brothers. He also visited a brother at Benjamin while in this section.

Special coffee sale at Foster & Neal's—Lyon coffee at 15 cts a package, or 7 packages for \$1.00.

Yes, you can get grandmother's bread wrapped in tissue paper at Collins & Brewer's.

Mr. A. H. Monzingo of the north-east side attended the First Monday sales at Haskell and bought a horse, bridle and saddle, paying a good price.

Mr. J. R. Snodgrass of Rochester was in town Monday and we learn that when the late frost came he had 200 acres of cotton planted, about 100 acres of which was up sufficiently to be killed and this will have to be planted over.

Portland cement for sale at Sherrill Bros. rock yard.

Mr. T. G. Jack and family of near Carney were in town Wednesday trading. Mr. Jack is one of the old settlers and substantial citizens of our county.

Corn planting is over and we are going after more buyers. List your lands for quick sales. 10-14 West Texas Development Co.

Mrs. Martha Carlisle and son John Carlisle of Dickens county are here on a visit to the family of Mr. W. A. Carlisle.

It is a pleasure for us to meet any kind of an old sale, either special or fire and smoke, or sheriff forced, if that. Alexander Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Elsie Malone McCollum of McCauley spent the early part of the week in Haskell visiting among her friends. From Haskell Mrs. McCollum attended at Stamford the convention of the M. E. Home Mission society for the Northwest Texas conference district, to which she was a delegate from her local society at McCauley.

Remember that Evers, the saddler at Haskell, will make you any thing to order in the leather line from a hame strap to a good stock saddle.

Special sales well advertised not only help the firm that makes them but the advertising they do helps the town, and other merchants also get business from the crowds attracted to the town. The special sale by D. Egger & son, which is now on, will convince the people that Haskell is in it to do business, and that Egger's stores are up-to-date.

On last Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Day gave in honor of their sister Miss Willie Callaway, who was shortly to leave for her home in Southern Texas, a farewell party to the friends of the young lady, who were many, as attested by the large crowd who attended to spend a last evening with her.

Mr. S. R. Ramsey, who is now in San Antonio, has sent us his subscription to the FREE PRESS. Not long since he cashed up and had his subscription stopped, but finds he can't well do without it.

If you are anxious to sell we have a buyer. 10-14 West Texas Development Co.

Mr. E. T. Ewell of McConnell was in town Thursday and said that that town was taking on a boom, and among the new enterprises was a gin plant to be put in by Mr. Strickland who was formerly connected with the light plant at this place.

B. V. P. U. PROGRAM.

Leader—Miss Eula Poole.
Scripture Lesson—2 Cor. 8:1-15.
Subject—Young People and Church Finances.
Song.
Prayer.
Our financial system—Mr. Leon Gilliam.
The sturdship of money—Miss Annie Lida Hughes.
Song.
What should young people who earn money do—Miss Cecil Hughes.
Duet—Misses Emma Nicholson and Louise Lamar.
What should young people who are supported by others do.—Miss Mable Wyman.
Closing Exercises.

Good Words for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

People everywhere take pleasure in testifying to the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Edward Phillips of Barclay, Md., writes: "I wish to tell you that I can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My little girl, Catherine, who is two years old, has been taking this remedy whenever she has had a cold since she was two months old. About a month ago I contracted a dreadful cold myself, but I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and was soon as well as ever." This remedy is for sale at Terrell's drug store.

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Mrs. Mary Jones who has been visiting in Dickens county returned home Sunday.

Relief From Rheumatic Pains.

Among the troubles that beset mankind rheumatism is one of the most aggravating. "I suffered with it for over two years," says Mr. Rolland Curry, a patrolman, of Key West, Fla. "Sometimes it settled in my knees and lamed me so I could hardly walk, at other times it would be in my feet and hands so I was incapacitated for duty. One night when I was in severe pain and lame from it my wife went to the drug store here and came back with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I was rubbed with it and found the pain was nearly gone during the night. I kept on using it for a little more than two weeks and found that it drove the rheumatism away. I have not had any trouble from that disease for over three months." For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

Mr. J. S. Keister returned Wednesday from Texarkana where he had gone to the bedside of Mrs. Keister, who was very sick. Mr. Keister says he left his wife much improved and that he thinks she will be able to come home in about a month.

A dark cloud of grief was thrown over our entire city last Thursday when a message was received that Mrs. J. W. Johnson was dead. She had been taken to Fort Worth for an operation, and only lived twenty-four hours after the operation. Mrs. Johnson was a fine christian lady, a member of the Baptist church. She leaves three daughters, one son, several grand children, her noble husband, and a score of friends to mourn for her.

A very solemn service was held at the residence Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m., and the remains laid to rest in the Haskell cemetery.
J. T. Nicholson, Pastor.

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Mayor A. J. Smith received a telegram Thursday from A. J. Moffett of Belton stating that he would arrive in Haskell Monday or Tuesday to take up the matter of an oil mill at this place. Mayor Smith has been corresponding with Mr. Moffett on this subject and thinks that when he comes our committee will be able to close a deal with him.

Don't Pay Alimony.

to be divorced from your appendix. There will be no occasion for it if you keep your bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills. Their action is so gentle that the appendix never has cause to make the least complaint. Guaranteed by Terrell's Drug Store. 25c. Try them.

Mrs. Fink arrived yesterday from Sweetwater on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Liles.

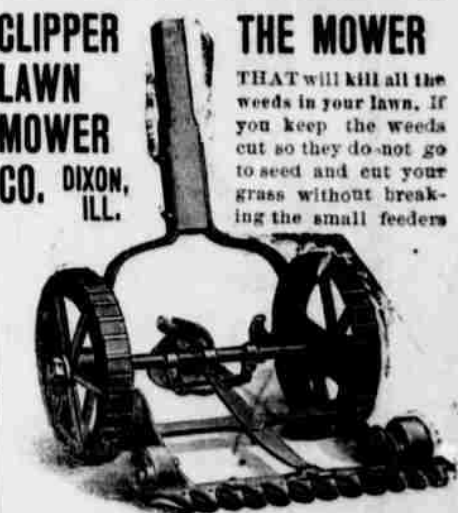
A Narrow Escape.

G. W. Cloye, a merchant of Plunk, Mo., had a narrow escape four years ago, when he ran a Jimson bur into his thumb. He says: "The doctor wanted to amputate it but I would not consent. I bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and that cured the dangerous wound." 25c at Terrell's Drug Store.

Wonderful Eczema Cure.

"Our little boy had eczema for five years," writes N. A. Adams, Henrietta, Pa. "Two of our home doctors said the case was hopeless, his lungs being affected. We then employed other doctors but no benefit resulted. By chance we read about Electric Bitters; bought a bottle and soon noticed improvement. We continued this medicine until several bottles were used, when our boy was completely cured." Best of all blood medicines and body building health tonics. Guaranteed at Terrell's Drug Store. 50c.

Mr. Jim Williams of the Foster school neighborhood, who was thrown from a buggy Sunday, was sufficiently recovered from his injuries to come to town yesterday.



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THE MOWER THAT will kill all the weeds in your lawn. If you keep the weeds cut so they do not go to seed and cut your grass without breaking the small feeders of roots, the grass will become thick and the weeds will disappear.

The Clipper will do it. Ask your dealer for them. If they have not got them, below is the price: No. 1-12 in. Mower, \$5; No. 2-15 in. Mower, \$6; No. 3-18 in. Mower, \$7; No. 4-21 in. Mower, \$8. Send draft, money order or registered letter. Mention the Free Press when writing.

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Our Austin Contributor.

Austin, Texas, May 6.

This has not in any way been a week of great things in the Capital City. Of course, the main thing before the present session is the problem of taxation. How dear to the legislative heart the free pass is, and how determined almost every "servant of the people" is to "get all that is coming to him," one needs only cite the ease with which a "short the quorum" condition can be brought about. There is not a dishonest man in the bunch, but the way this special takes good money for absent Saturdays is a caution. There was a whole plenty to do, and several members wanted to do some of the urgent things Saturday, but the free-pass-packing gang was so multitudinous that a quorum could not be found by fine tooth combing Austin Saturday. The public is gorged on this sort of patriotism. That the machine costs the State some \$1200 a day is not so important, though honest men don't have to "take money from a child," but it is important that these men who only last summer swore that they were the most trusty and most capable men in the State into whose hands it would be safe to entrust the public interests of four millions of people of Texas, should have some respect for the public confidence and their own honor. If this same body of men should hire the most disreputable nigger in Texas to do a job for them, and he should put so little care and "dollar for dollar" work into his job as they have done, and are doing, they would refuse to pay a cent. This does not apply to this body as a whole, for it is plainly evident that a majority are honest men, a majority have sense enough and honor enough to try to do the best they can under most trying conditions, but there is a disgraceful number who are making bad conditions by a dolittle lack of the common sense that would enable one to lead a blind goose to water. It is one of the unaccountable things in the make-up of a sorry man that he is not the same sort of a person away from home that he is at home. Some of these slick fellows here are among the best citizens at home, diligent in their own business, models of morality and faithful followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene. They are made of such rotten material that the first temptation that comes along finds a victim, and the first attraction that bobs up knocks all fidelity to both honor and duty over the ropes.

It may be said on pretty good authority that if the Senate passed the four corporation tax measures in essentially the way they came over from the House and that if the House, in turn, passed the Senate's full assessment measure, as it is certain to do, now that it has expressed it, the Administration's demands with respect to revenue legislation will have been measurably satisfied. If, in addition to this performance, a satisfactory text-book bill is enacted, the members of the Legislature will be allowed to go home next Saturday at noon, which is the time when its session expires by limitations of law. Not much more than that is likely to be done.

The flutter of excitement occasioned by the passage of the anti-gambling law, has about passed away, and since it has been proclaimed by the Attorney-General's staff that "pink tea" gambling was not embraced in the law, "all's quiet on the Potomac."

It seems that all of a sudden it has dawned upon the Legislature that there is absolutely no demand among business men and farmers for a two-cent railway fare bill, and that the very men whom this morsel was intended to placate, hoot at the idea, and some of them go even further and call it utter nonsense, and suicidal to the best interests of the State. At any rate, it may be pretty confidently stated that the bill is as dead as a herring.

Thomas B. Love, Speaker of the House, has announced his intention to stump the State in the hope of landing the Attorney Generalship plum at the next election. J. T. Adams, of the Twenty-Second District, is undecided as to his future political career. Judge Joe Adkins does not care for the honors of the House for another term, and the only chance his friends will probably have to see him in public life again will be to offer him the County Judgeship.

During the month of April the Secretary of State's office brought in more revenue than it has at any time in its history. Secretary of State Daschell finished the estimate of the revenues that came through his office for the past month. The total is \$140,228.56. The State is just beginning to feel the effect of the franchise tax law passed at the twenty-ninth session of the Legislature. Many of the franchise taxes due for the last two years did not come in until the limit had almost expired.

The proclamation ordering the election on the proposed constitutional amendments has been made by the Governor. It is well known that Governor Campbell is opposed to the salary raise proposed for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and the members of the Legislature, but there is no provision for a veto of a proposed amendment, and he will have to get in his work on these matters in the same way that a private citizen does.

State Superintendent Cousins closes a letter to County Commissioners and Judges, with regard to the appointment of school superintendents, under provisions of House bill No. 147, as follows: "He should be a leader among the teachers, one whose interest in educational matters has already been demonstrated. He should be the first and best school man in the county. Therefore, in the name of the children of your county, I beg leave to ask you to forget politics, sectarianism, factions, kinship, personal friendship and every other consideration except the fitness of the man for the work he is to undertake."

The "elder statesmen" movement should have had the hearty support of the people. The time is here that demands wiser management and less temporizing; less trying of wild experiments, less of doing things simply because they are opposed or supported by some body the Legislature likes or dislikes, as the case may be. To put it bluntly, this is a time when we need more common sense and old-fashioned honesty. It would seem that hardly a measure is brought before the house that has not a "nigger in the wood pile," or if this is not true, somebody injects ore at some stage of the game.

Speaking of the situation, Representative Thomas, of Fannin, said Saturday: "While there is talk of another called session, I do not believe there will be one to follow the adjournment of the present session. I believe that next week's work will be sufficiently fruitful of results to satisfy the Governor for the present. There are six Constitutional amendments to be submitted to the people in August, and if these are adopted it would be the logical thing for the Governor to call a special session following their adoption for the purpose of enacting such laws as these amendments contemplate."

For many years there has been a row going on among the tax dodgers as to who it was that was lying the biggest in the matter of assessment. Some one with a taste for "aggrer" has tabulated things a little, and it is discovered that ten of the counties of Texas are applying half of the taxes of the State. These counties are Dallas, Harris Bexar, Tarrant, Galveston, McLennan, Jefferson, Grayson, El Paso and Travis, whose payments are in the order named. This leaves out all the balance of over two hundred and twenty-five organized counties to pay the balance of the taxes. In that balance are included such counties as Lamar, Fannin, Collin, Hunt, Johnson, Hill, Denton, and so on. In none of these counties is the average assessment of farm lands as much as eight dollars and the presumption is that other property is on the same plane. If the movement to make assessments at something like the value is adhered to the State will have to cut the rate to about one-third or else Texas will have an overflowing treasury, which will be a greater real danger than an empty treasure box.

In the Thirtieth Legislature, two largest avocations represented are the law and farming. By far the largest number in any one class are the lawyers, 100 of whom are found in this Legislature. Thirty-five of the Legislature come from the sons of toil and the remaining number is about equally divided between the merchants, the teachers and doctors and newspaper men. Most of the farmers will go back to their plow handles and few will return to the Thirty-First.

Already the leaven is working among candidates for 1908. In the House twenty-eight will positively offer for re-election. Forty-five will not be a candidate for anything. Twenty-eight are uncertain, some of whom are controlled by local conditions. Thirteen are in the "hands of the people." Sixteen will offer for other places of honor, and three will be candidates for Speaker of the House of the Thirty-First Legislature. It is noticeable that lawyers are among those most numerous desiring to return.

The publication of the proposed amendments will commence this week, and the public will have a chance to know what they are to vote for or vote against.

A bill for the codification of the laws was passed with a great flourish of trumpets, because such a law was one of the crying and obvious necessities, but, lo and behold, its passage carried no appropriation with it to pay the expenses, and so again it is a case of love's labor lost.

TWO WAYS TO HANG PICTURES.

"Regular" and "Symmetrical" Both Have Good Points.

Not only must the size and shape of the room be considered, but also the style and dimensions of the picture. An ordinary and safe course to adopt is to hang the pictures in a line all around the room. This may be done when the pictures are all about the same size. Their lower edges should be on a level with the eyes of the spectator. Another system is the symmetrical one, in which "balance" is preserved by the pictures of large size forming outstanding points of observation, so to speak, the smaller pictures being hung evenly on either side of them and leading up to them. The size of the room must determine the size of the pictures which are to decorate it. Large pictures dwarf a small room, and the spectator is not able to get far enough away from the picture to enjoy its charm. Remember, then, that spacious rooms require and do justice to pictures of large proportions. The same remark applies to halls, staircases, and landings, which, if small, should be hung with moderate sized engravings, sketches, or other examples of art, as circumstances may determine.

Damp and dust are great enemies to pictures; therefore, every precaution should be taken to protect them from both as much as possible. No extremely valuable picture ever, if possible, should be hung against an outside wall, nor even on a freshly papered wall until it is perfectly dry.

Soda is a Kitchen Necessity.

The average housewife looks askance at washing soda. It ruins both colors and hands; yet it is very useful. Very dirty or soiled linen may be cleaned by boiling in fairly strong soda water. A little soda dissolved and added to the blueing water prevents streaking. A good bleacher is made by boiling one pound of soda in a quart of water. Add a packet of chloride of lime, strain and bottle, and discolored doorsteps and tables that are a bad color may be cleaned with the fluid. Brush over well and leave for the night, then wash off well in the morning.

In making batter for paper hanging, add a small lump of soda after it is made. This adds greatly to its adhesive qualities. Burnt saucers are easily cleaned by filling with old water, adding a lump of soda, and bringing to a boil. The tea tastes better if the kettle gets an occasional soda-water bath.

When the Fabric is All Wool.

If one takes up a piece of wool cloth and a piece in which cotton is present the former will feel very soft and yielding to the touch, while the latter will be hard and rather smooth than otherwise.

A wool surface when rubbed is rough. In raveling out woolen materials, when the threads are untwisted, the wool will fray and the ends curl up, while cotton will break off evenly without any ends.

A chemical test which can be employed at home is the application of muriatic or nitric acid to woolsens. If a sample of goods is dipped into one or the other of these chemicals it will turn a reddish yellow color if no foreign threads are present. If cotton is present the chemical eats it away immediately, leaving behind only the yellow warp or wool.

Mock Bisque Soup.

Meat-stock soups are a trifle heavy for spring. Here is a spring soup that is easy to prepare, and, because of the acids in the tomatoes, most palatable when spring fever begins to be felt. One-half can tomatoes, one and one-half tablespoonsful butter, one and one-half tablespoonsful flour, one quart milk, salt and pepper. Stew and drain tomatoes; scald milk in double boiler and thicken with the flour and butter; season tomatoes well and reheat. Take both from the fire and mix together; if tomatoes are acid add pinch of soda. If mixed on fire soup is apt to curdle.

Ideal Face Lotion.

Glycerin and oatmeal, made into a paste with rose water, constitute an ideal face lotion to remove the effects of cold winds. As an addition to the bath glycerin scented with rose perfume will impart a delightful freshness and delicacy to the skin, the proportions being four ounces of glycerin to one gallon of water. For a cough or cold a tablespoonful of glycerin in a cup of hot milk gives instant relief. Two parts of glycerin and one part of powdered willow charcoal also is a help in case of severe cough.

Vegetarian Pie.

Peel and slice three large potatoes, two medium Spanish onions, and four tomatoes; place them in alternate layers in a pie-dish with three ounces of butter divided between the layers, season rather highly with pepper and salt; cover with a short crust made with butter, four ounces of butter to one-half pound of flour being about the right proportion. It should be baked at least two hours in a good, but not scorching hot oven.

Warm Water for Plants.

If house plants droop from no apparent cause and refuse to thrive, try watering them solely by pouring warm water into the saucers every day. Plants love heat, and it will sometimes give them a new lease of life.

When Housecleaning.

Select bright days for cleaning, so that the sunlight may penetrate the dark corners, but windows to be well polished should be washed on a gray day or the glass will appear streaked.

Costly Cyclopedia.

The revision of the great Korean cyclopedia called Munhon Pigo, which was ordered by the government some months ago, is now completed, and it consists of an edition of 29 volumes, which will be published at an expense of 47,500 yen.—Korean Daily News.

AN EXCELLENT HOME RECIPE.

One That Will Relieve All Sufferers From Stomach Troubles.

More stomachs get out of order than any other organ in the human body. More people dose for stomach troubles than any other disease. No better evidence is wanted than the fact that there are more patent medicines on the market for stomach troubles than for any other disease. If your stomach is out of gear, if your digestion is off, don't doph with these patent nostrums but go to your druggist and get the following simple prescription filled:

Compound Tincture of Cinchona, one ounce; Proseine Compound, one ounce, and Sherry Wine, half a pint. Mix these together and take one teaspoonful in a wine glass full of water before meals and at bed time.

IT WOULD BE SIMPLE.

Formalities Complied with, Escape from Hotel Was Easy.

In the days before the dawn of his fame it was the practice of a certain well known author to wander up and down the land seeking what he might devour in the way of suggestion and local color. In this way he had drifted down into Arkansas, "roughing it," and not, as he expresses it, presenting an appearance calculated to inspire a hotel proprietor with unlimited confidence.

The only hotel in the town, a frame structure, seemed to have been built upon the theory that there was plenty of room straight up, but that ground had to be bought, and the wanderer was shown to a room on the third floor, reached through many narrow and winding passages. From the one window it was a straight drop to the ground.

"Say, how would I get out of this place in case of fire?" he asked the landlord, who had brought up his grip.

The other eyed him coldly.

"Wall," he drawled, "all yo' would have to do would be to show ther night watchman—the one with ther shotgun—a receipted bill for yo' board an' lodgin', an' get him to tie up ther bulidg'."—Harper's Weekly.

WHERE WOMAN IS SUPERIOR.

Vegetarian Springs a Few Facts to Astonish Companions.

"Since the first of the year," he said, "I haven't had a smoke, and I haven't taken a drink."

Everybody looked at him with amazement, respect and awe. How strong-willed he must be, they said; how ascetic, how spiritual! It was tremendous.

"And yet," said a pale vegetarian, "all women, or at least 99 per cent. of them, maintain this wonderful abstinence their whole life long. Why don't you praise them for it?"

With his medicated handkerchief he brushed the sneer from his lips.

"We men," he said, "beside women are hogs. We call our women silly; we won't give them the vote; but the average woman lives on a higher plane than the average man. She thinks of nobler things than money-grubbing, drink, tobacco, food."

"Did you ever hear your wife growl about the cooking? Did you ever hear of a woman epicure? No; woman is above the hoglike pleasures of the table. She is above such a tobacco and whisky seance as is now going on here."

The vegetarian put on his cap of medicated flannel, and, despite the warmth of the night, drew the flannel earflaps over his ears.

"Give woman her due," he ended. "She is a finer-fibered, a more temperate, a more spiritual creature than coarse, gross, hog-like man."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

FRIENDS HELP

St. Paul Park Incident.

"After drinking coffee for breakfast I always felt languid and dull, having no ambition to get to my morning duties. Then in about an hour or so a weak, nervous derangement of the heart and stomach would come over me with such force I would frequently have to lie down."

"At other times I had severe headaches; stomach finally became affected and digestion so impaired that I had serious chronic dyspepsia and constipation. A lady, for many years State President of the W. C. T. U., told me she had been greatly benefited by quitting coffee and using Postum Food Coffee; she was troubled for years with asthma. She said it was no cross to quit coffee when she found she could have as delicious an article as Postum."

"Another lady, who had been troubled with chronic dyspepsia for years, found immediate relief on ceasing coffee and beginning Postum twice a day. She was wholly cured. Still another friend told me that Postum Food Coffee was a Godsend to her, her heart trouble having been relieved after leaving off coffee and taking Postum."

"So many such cases came to my notice that I concluded coffee was the cause of my trouble and I quit and took up Postum. I am more than pleased to say that my days of trouble have disappeared. I am well and happy." "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkg.

FIRST TO CROSS PACIFIC.

Side-Wheel Steamer Aroused Much Interest in Japan.

"I saw the first steamship flying the American flag that ever crossed the Pacific ocean enter the harbor of Hongkong," said Frederick R. Sterling, a merchant of Hongkong.

"That vessel was the Colorado, and it landed in Hongkong in 1869. It was the first day of January, and there was a big crowd of people of all nationalities to see her. Being a side-wheeler of the old-fashioned type, she was a curiosity. At the request of Isaac J. Allen, the American consul general, the ship gave an excursion around the island on which the city is situated. I was among the 1,200 on board. It was a gala day. Whistles blew, people shouted, and numerous small sailing boats and tugs escorted us."

"As I remember now, the vessel belonged to the Pacific Mail Line and sailed from San Francisco. She made the trip of 8,000 miles in 30 days, and when she arrived was in perfect trim and good order. Everybody realized that it means the beginning of the great development of the Pacific."

ADVANTAGE A WIDOW HAS.

At Least They Don't Have to Sit and Watch Husband's Flirt.

"I saw such a pretty woman at a disadvantage the other night," the little real widow was saying. "She was married. She was sitting at a table with some other pretty women and handsome men and her husband. Her husband began to flirt outrageously with one of the women. I wish you could have seen the look that came over her face. Everybody in the room saw how distressed she was."

"Now, what I want to know is this. Why didn't she go to work and flirt with one of the handsome men to get even? Anyone of them was quite ready and willing, but, no, wives never seem to be able to do that. They just sit ready to cry, with everybody noticing."

"That's the advantage we real widows have over wives. We don't have to sit and watch our husbands flirting with other women. We know where they are, and we also know that whatever they may chance to be doing, they are probably not flirting."

Long Time Between Calls.

"You used to wear a Vandyke beard," she pouted. "I don't like you without it. The next time you come to see me wear one again."

He looked at her reproachfully.

"Do you know how long it takes to grow a respectable Vandyke?" he asked her.

"No," said she. "How long?"

"About six months," he answered plaintively.

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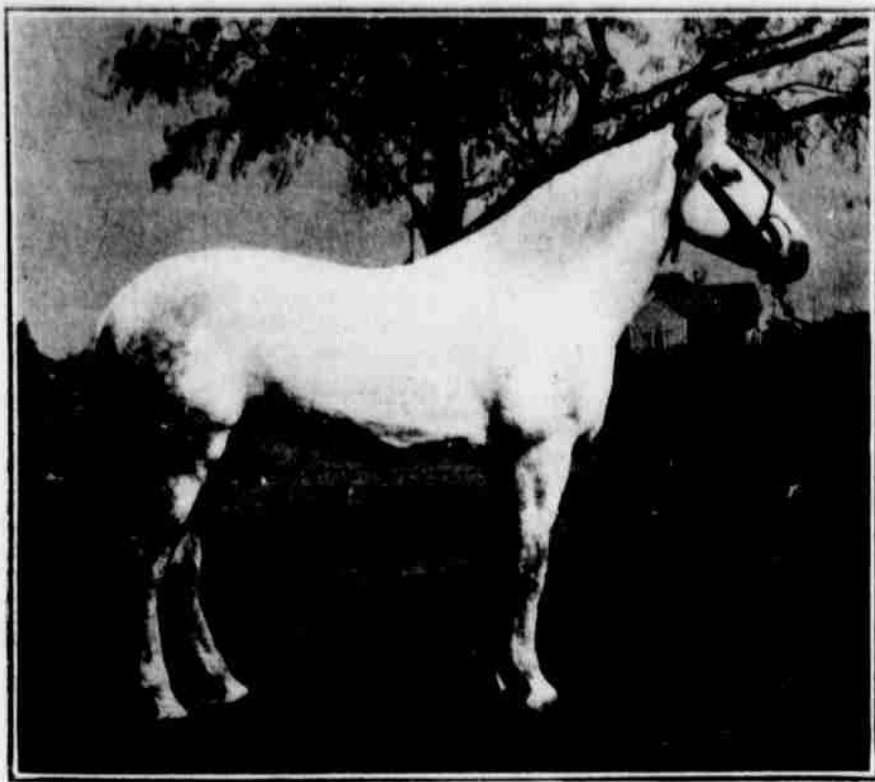
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IS EIGHT YEARS OLD.

He will make the season of 1907 at the Opera House Livery Stable, Haskell, Tex.

DESCRIPTION OF ALMONT, JR.—This Stallion is a dark iron gray, 16 hands high, natural saddler, travels all the gaits. Almont Jr. was sired by Allen Almont, whose first dam was by Simon, son of Woful, by Black Hawk, sire of Ethan Allen 2:15, 2d dam Kate, by Baker's Legtreasurer, son of Medon, 3d dam a thoroughbred.

TERMS: \$15.00 to insure foal.

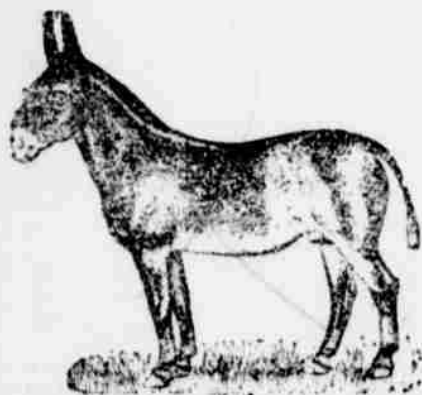
The money due when colt comes.

JOHN F. LeFEVER.

TO HORSEMEN.

My horse, which is a cross of the Copperbottom and Hambletonian blood, his dam being the former and his sire the latter strain, will stand for the season at my farm.

This horse is a blood bay with black points, he is a fine saddler and driver and goes all the gaits.



STARLIGHT, JR. is a black Tennessee jack with light points, 14 hands high. He took second premium at the Haskell Street fair last fall.

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Mrs. J. H. Chambliss, Mrs. C. P. Morris and Mrs. — Wells went to Stamford on the Thursday night train to attend the Northwest Texas convention of the Home Mission society of the M. E. Church, S., which was convened at that place, and to which they were delegates from the local society.

Judge McConnell went to Aspermont on professional business Wednesday.

ABUNDANT RAINS.

Give Promise of Good Crops.

Splendid rains were general over Haskell county Tuesday and Thursday of this week, opening wide the door of hope and putting new life in the people and country.

These rains fell slowly and were ample in quantity to put a thorough season in the ground.

While we had been without rain for several weeks and the surface soil had dried out sufficiently to retard the growth of young plants and damage to some extent wheat and oat crops and prevent the germination of recently planted seeds, there was still a large amount of moisture deeper down, remaining from the winter and fall rains, so that the rains this week make a connection between the two and again make the farming prospect as good as could be desired.

As reported in the last two issues of the FREE PRESS, some of the earliest plantings of cotton were killed or considerably damaged here and there over the county by frost, but the work of the frost was not general, many fields escaping its blight.

Some farmers, especially those having new or sod land, had not planted their cotton because it had become too dry to germinate the seed. These farmers as well as those who had their early planting killed by the frost can now go ahead with their planting with every prospect of making good crops. Such planting will be as early, in fact earlier, than most farmers have been planting cotton in this section for the past several years, the early plantings this year having been from four to six weeks earlier than usual.

The corn, maize and forage crops were not damaged to any appreciable extent by either the frost or drought, only being slightly retarded in their growth, and with the warm weather will now grow off at a rapid rate.

Wheat and oats, as above indicated, were damaged by the dry weather, but farmers say that many crops of these will make a fair yield as a result of the recent rains, and none will fail entirely.

This we believe gives a fair statement of the farming situation as it exists here now, and, from our long residence and observation in this country, we see no reason for gloomy apprehensions, but on the other hand regard the prospect as being as good or better than the average at this time of the year.

HASKELL A MUNICIPALITY.

Officers Elected, Sworn in and City Government Organized.

The officers elected on the 30th ultimo to constitute the municipal government of the Town of Haskell, except Alderman T. E. Ballard who was sick, were duly qualified and inducted into their respective offices on Monday, to-wit: A. J. Smith, mayor; A. C. Foster, R. C. Montgomery, G. R. Couch, H. S. Wilson, aldermen, and Warren Fitzgerald, marshal.

The Board then held a session and appointed one of their number, Mr. G. R. Couch, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. R. C. Montgomery was designated to act as mayor pro tem in the absence of the mayor.

Mr. W. H. Murchison was employed to draft a set of by-laws and ordinances.

The Board held another meeting Tuesday when Title 18 of the Revised Statutes of the State was adopted as a basis for the city ordinances and government.

It is understood that the Council will meet on next Monday night when Mr. Murchison will submit a draft of the by-laws and ordinances.

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CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of William Harvey and Casandra Harvey and the unknown heirs of R. A. Highsmith by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Haskell county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Haskell, on the 27th day of May A. D. 1907, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 29th day of March A. D. 1907, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 428, wherein Haskell Lodge No. 525, Independent Order Odd Fellows and H. S. Wilson, L. M. Garrett and J. N. Ellis trustees, are plaintiffs and the unknown heir of William Harvey and Casandra Harvey and the unknown heirs of R. A. Highsmith are defendants, and said petition alleging that on the 1st day of January, 1907, plaintiffs were lawfully seized and possessed of the hereinafter described premises holding the same in fee simple and that on that date defendants entered said premises and ejected plaintiffs therefrom and wrongfully withheld same from plaintiffs to its damage \$3000.00, said premises being a part of the Peter Allen survey of 1/2 league and one labor, Abst. No. 2, Cert. No. 139, Sur. No. 140, Pat. No. 365, Vol. 17, the part sued for being known and described as Lot 5 in Block 19 in the town of Haskell as shown from a map of said town, and plaintiffs allege that the annual rent of said premises is of the value of \$300.00, and plaintiffs further allege that the land was patented to the heirs of Peter Allen Dec. 31st, 1866, by Pat. No. 365, Vol. 17; that as between the plaintiffs and the unknown heirs of William Harvey and Casandra Harvey, said William and Casandra Harvey are a common source of title; that on Aug. 2, 1888, said William and Casandra Harvey conveyed said land to D. M. Winn; that on Sept. 22, 1892, D. M. Winn and wife conveyed the said land to R. A. and J. S. Highsmith; that on Jan. 25, 1893, the said R. A. Highsmith and J. S. Highsmith conveyed said land to J. A. Harrison; that by the will of said J. A. Harrison who is now deceased, his wife Priscilla J. Harrison succeeded to all right, title and interest of said J. A. Harrison in said property; that on Oct. 20, 1898, the said Priscilla J. Harrison conveyed said property to J. S. Highsmith; that on the 5th day of Nov. 1904, J. S. Highsmith and wife conveyed said property to J. N. Ellis, H. R. Jones and L. M. Garrett, Trustees for Haskell Lodge No. 525, Independent Order Odd Fellows and their successors; that the plaintiffs H. S. Wilson, L. M. Garrett and J. N. Ellis are the successors of the trustees mentioned in the conveyance above referred to; that as between the plaintiffs and the unknown heirs of R. A. Highsmith the said R. A. Highsmith is a common source of title;

And plaintiffs for further plea in their behalf say that the defendants ought not to hold said land as against plaintiffs because plaintiffs and they whose estate they hold, claiming the same under duly registered deeds, have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of said land and premises, using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes thereon for period of more than five years after the defendants cause of action accrued and before the commencement of this suit, and this they stand ready to verify, and plaintiffs further allege with reference to the claim or claims of the defendants to said property that they do not know the kind character or extent of the same, but that they believe that the unknown heirs of William Harvey will contend that certain notes described in the aforesaid deed from William and Casandra Harvey to D. M. Winn were given as part of the consideration for said deed and that they have not been paid and if such is their claim plaintiffs charge that said claim is untrue, but that said notes were paid off and satisfied at their maturity to the legal holder by the said D. M. Winn, and plaintiffs further allege and charge that they do not know the kind, character and extent of the claim or claims of the unknown heirs of R. A. Highsmith to said property, but believe that said defendants will contend that certain notes executed by J. A. Harrison, mentioned and described in the aforesaid deed executed by J. S. and R. A. Highsmith to said J. A. Harrison, were given as part of the consideration for said deed and that they have not been paid, and if such is their claim, plaintiffs allege and charge that such claim is untrue, but that said notes were paid off and satisfied to the legal holder by Mrs. Priscilla J. Harrison, widow of J. A. Harrison at their maturity.

Wherefore plaintiff charges that

the liens reserved in said deeds to secure payment of said notes, are by reason of the payment thereof as above alleged extinguished, and plaintiffs pray that citation be issued and properly served and that judgment be rendered for the plaintiff for absolute title, for possession of said land and for writ of possession and that the above mentioned liens be cancelled by a decree of this court.

Herein fall not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. W. Meadors, clerk of the District Court of Haskell county.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Haskell, Texas, this the 29th day of March A. D. 1907. **J. W. MEADORS, Clerk,**
District Court, Haskell Co.
By Chas. Irby, Deputy.

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