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FARMERS' UNION

What a fine rain we have had! Fine nothing, I hear some cotton farmer say. Yes I know that the rain will stain and otherwise damage the grade of what little cotton you have open in the field but that is your misfortune. This rain is just the thing for the small grain farmer and he is proud of it. It is good for the grain already sowed and it is good for the ground where it has not yet been sowed. This rain makes a splendid opportunity for the cotton farmer to do a good work for himself and his kind in boosting the price of cotton for next season. Yes it gives all of our Haskell county farmers a chance to take the advice of the New Orleans meeting which was to reduce the cotton acreage for next year twenty-five per cent. Now will you do it? Suppose you have been planting about forty acres in cotton here in Haskell county where cotton gives you a good crop about every three or four years; to reduce twenty-five per cent would leave you thirty acres to feed boll worms and weevils on next year and give you ten acres to plant in wheat or oats or some grain crop that will make you some money and not keep your children out of school either and then if the worms leave you a few bales of cotton on your thirty acres the buyers will offer you more for it, enough more for it likely, to pay the rent on the entire thirty acres and then the ten acres in oats or wheat will make you enough to enable you to hold your cotton in the warehouse and market it only as the mills need it at a fair price to yourself. The possibility of this argument has

never been successfully controverted but there are always plenty of mossbacks around to remind you that if everybody would do this way these results would be obtained. Now brother farmer don't be a mossback, nor do you listen to a mossback, but if the proposition seems to be logical to you don't wait to see what your neighbor is going to do about it but proceed to do it yourself, be a pioneer. If necessary be an Iconoclast. When the Farmers' Union and the Southern Cotton Association first began to advocate this reduction of cotton acreage this writer made the argument one night at our meeting that we could not do it while we were in debt. I went on to point out that we had no money left to buy seeds to diversify our crops and we had no money left to buy more stock to consume more feed crops, so to my mind the proposition was an utter impossibility, although I was obliged to admit, in the discussion that followed, that the observation of my life had been that the man that diversified and made cotton take second place in their farming was always the man that had money to spend for his dry goods and always had some good stock to sell and sometimes money to loan. I was answered by a brother this way. If the all-cotton farmer keeps in debt while raising all cotton from year to year and the diversificationist keeps out of debt, then it follows that the way for the cotton farmer to get out of debt is to diversify even though to begin with necessitates going in debt a little more to start with. I for one have found that argument sound. If diversified farm-

ing is best to keep a man out of debt it certainly is reasonable to say that it is best to get him out of debt. So let us begin now to plow and sow not only twenty-five per cent of our cotton land, but even more, say thirty, forty, fifty per cent for fear somewhere else they don't reduce according to schedule, and then besides we who are in the Union have to consider the non Union man and his ways, for he will likely lay awake at night to study out plans how he can increase all that the Union man decreases.

So let us take advantage of the present season to plant as much ground in small grain as possible for there is not a shadow of doubt but that the solution of the Haskell county farmers' troubles lie along the line of diversified farming.

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SURVEYING CREW IS NEAR THROCKMORTON.

Cotton Crop Will Average More Than One-Half Bale to the Acre in Throckmorton Vicinity.

Special to the Telegram.

Throckmorton, Texas, Nov. 28—This county is gathering another record cotton crop and the crying demand is for more cotton pickers. Early in the season it was thought the crop for the county would average one-half bale an acre. Now however it is seen that the real crop will considerably exceed that. Many fields in the county are producing a bale per acre, a few are exceeding that limit and three-fourths bale per acre is not uncommon. The crop of feedstuff was abundant and the farmers in this county are in a very good financial condition.

The surveying corps of the Rock Island is now camped between this place and Proffitt. Complete preliminary surveys have been run from Graham to Proffitt. The present crew is covering the ground and expects to have its report of this trip accepted as final concerning the route from Graham thru this place and north-west to Roswell, N. M. The crew will make this their headquarters for several weeks.

The good roads movement is growing very strong in this county and it is likely that in the near future an election will be called for the purpose of determining whether or not a bond issue shall be had for improving the roads of the country.

County Attorney Bruce W. Bryant has moved his office to the court house.

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ALEXANDER MERCANTILE CO.

THE WATCHWORD:
"KEEP THE QUALITY UP."

INSANE BY HOWARD S. COLTER SPORTDOM



FINISH OF THE 75 YARD DASH FOR WOMEN PATIENTS

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WINNER CROSSING THE LINE IN THE WHEELBARROW RACE



BEFORE the year 1923 has dawned it is probable that nearly every hospital for insane in America will work for cures from an athletic angle. Physicians who have had the care of mentally incompetent persons declare that sports are the chief adjunct to insane treatment.

The patients become wonderfully interested and enthusiastic over wheelbarrow races, sprints, three-legged races, and the fun they derive from this sort of exercise is declared far greater than that which falls to the share of the same athlete or the athletic fan who participates in championship games on the field, diamond, track, gridiron and gymnasium floor.

A great alienist once said that where physical well-being is to be found there is usually a competent mind also. Athletics naturally promote bodily improvement, and with it comes the elimination of the diseased portions of the brain. Thus medical men hope to eradicate insanity among the patients at the hospitals.

The heat of the athletic struggle takes the mind of the patient from his woes, if that be the form of mania, and one crazed woman is declared to have been cured within two months after having participated continually in athletics at a hospital for insane in the east.

There is no athlete who gets as much apparent enjoyment out of his successes as the one who is insane. They take it as a new kind of play and take to it with all the vim that their physical attainments will permit.

Dances are also given in some asylums, to which the public is admitted by invitation. These, while they have their pathetic side, of course, afford much pleasure to the inmates, especially the younger ones.

Surgeons declare that some day all varieties of insanity will yield to treatment and be curable. An operation on the brain is said by them to be the solution but as yet the man has not arisen who can perform such an operation with unfailing success. There have been isolated cases now and then that have proved successful, but the brain is one of the mysteries of the human body that has been reserved for a future generation to solve. Meanwhile, however, under the new order of things the insane are far from an unhappy lot. It is only those of sound minds who are able to realize the plight of these afflicted people; while they in their ignorance are perhaps happier than many who have

the great nervous strain that Americans were under. But they were both wrong. For once figures lie. Though there were only 74,628 insane in hospitals in 1890 and 150,151 in 1906, the actual number of insane pro rata has decreased.

Here is the proof of it. In 1890 there were 162 hospitals, while in 1903 there were 328, and many of the older ones is taking care of the insane and taking them out of their homes, and incidentally the idea grew out that because the institutions were increasing in number and size the number of cases was likewise growing abnormally.

It is not generally supposed that there is a brighter side to insanity. The 5,000,000 people of this country who have relatives in asylums probably do not see this bright side and few of the other millions realize it. But nevertheless it is a fact that the darkest days of the affliction are over.

Nearly every patient in an institution is normal in all but one or two subjects. The dangerous insane are, of course, another matter; to them it is always night, and will be until some genius discovers a new method of treating the brain more satisfactorily than is known at the present day. But these others are normal human beings, with normal wants and ideas on all subjects but one or two.

In the old days this normal part of their nature never had its outlet; their lives were never given the leeway necessary for even a moment's happiness. But to-day it would not be an exaggeration to say that the insane in institutions are a reasonably happy lot.

In many institutions entertainments are given regularly by the inmates. The man who has the idea that he is King Edward is allowed to sit in his royal box in all his majesty, and, as his other faculties are unimpaired, he enjoys the show to its utmost. The woman who believes she has inherited a million from her uncle sits in the front row, happy in the belief that in a few days she will leave the institution and buy a silk dress for every woman she leaves behind.

the full use of their faculties. Not long ago there was considerable talk about the rapidly increasing number of insane in this country. Various causes were assigned to it. Some said the growth of the cities accounted for it; others thought that it was

it is possible. This was very strongly brought out not long ago in an asylum near Chicago. There was a patient there who had the idea that he was King Edward. The king was all right in every other way, but his idea on this point was so strong within him that it gave his normal part very little room to move about. From morning until night he would talk over various matters of state with his cabinet ministers, who were anyone who happened to be near him, and in greeting the women with a graciousness that the real king would find difficult to imitate. But the king was a jolly monarch. A smile was on



MEN PATIENTS WATCHING THE ATHLETIC GAMES

his race continually and if he had ever had a chance to rule anywhere, no one would ever have accused him of cruelty. He was modeled after the lines of old King Cole. But one day a patient was admitted whose weak point happened to be the idea that King Edward had sent emissaries over to kill him. The doctors hesitated about putting the new man in the same room with the king, but both were perfectly harmless, so the experiment was tried. All went well until the new patient learned that King Edward was about. Then he fled in terror and hid under a bed, and all the coaxing the nurses could do could not drag him out again. They were in a dilemma that taxed the resources of the institution. Finally, they decided to put the case before the king and depend upon his well known good nature to help them out. He was alive to the situation. His grief was touching, for a more harmless king certainly never breathed. Profuse with regrets at the strange mistake, the monarch approached the man under the bed and commenced to parley with him. With all his negative graciousness the king assured the benighted one that he was deluded. Strange to say, the new man gradually began to believe it. Something in the king's face inspired confidence and at last he came out. The two soon became fast friends and the monarch raised his new found friend to the peerage. This man is now out of the asylum, cured of his delusion. But the king still rules his little kingdom as happily as the man who rules his home.

According to the best known alienists in America, the natural condition of the insane person's mind may be restored to normal by first giving health to the body, which ultimately, it is claimed, will carry itself to the brain, the blood being purified and eventually carrying away the diseased portions of the brain. This, of course, cannot be made to apply to the cases which are violent, unless unusual conditions prevail, but at least athletics may be pronounced a great aid.

CHRISTMAS SURPRISE BASKETS



A SLEIGH FILLED WITH SURPRISE SNOW-BALLS



A CHIMNEY CENTRE PIECE

EVERYBODY loves a surprise gift, grown persons as much as children, so some new and interesting surprise centerpieces have been prepared to supplement the Christmas tree and its burden of gifts. These surprise pieces are intended to occupy the center of the table when dinner is served, either on Christmas day or the evening before, and they supply a good deal of merriment as well as decoration. Their decorative qualities are rare indeed, for they trim a table elaborately and more appropriately than an equal quantity of flowers would.

Santa Claus is the prevailing motive for these unique decorations, and one of the most attractive over which his familiar form in miniature presides is a basket laden with glistening white snowballs from behind each of which peers a smaller Santa Claus. In the top of every snowball is stuck a sprig of genuine holly, while nestling under each white globe is a quaint gift, sometimes a joke, or something Christmasy and appropriate for the recipient. Encircling the high, rounded handle of this basket is more holly, with realistic looking icicles fringing the inner side of the top. Around the basket proper are rows of Christmas "crackers" to add to the fun and the amusement of the occasion. These are covered with red crepe paper to match the basket, and a broad satin ribbon of the same shade is fastened on one side of the handle. This trimming has a Christmas sentiment done in gold letters.

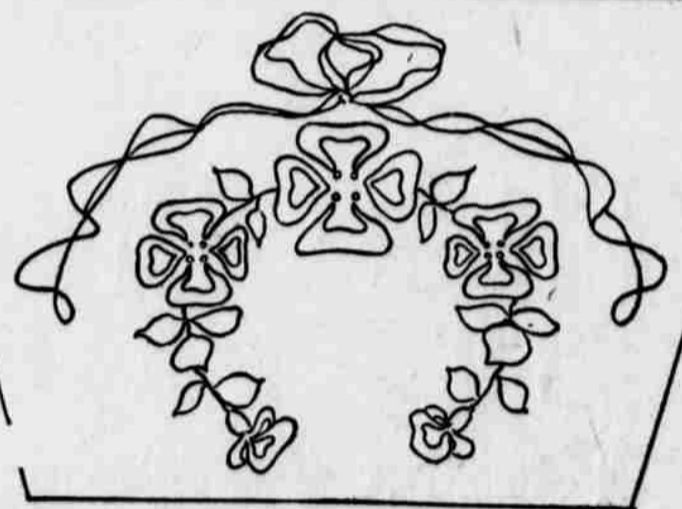
The idea of the Christmas surprise decoration seems to be to hide the gift as cleverly as possible. The Jack Horner way is reproduced by using a huge snowball instead of a plum cake or pumpkin and then concealing a gift for each person inside the snowball, with only a bit of white ribbon breaking through the crust to show its hiding place. A mock Christmas pudding adorned with a sprig of holly and with

real looking plums bulging from its sides is another attractive centerpiece which has a present hidden in the center of each plum.

A sleigh driven by reindeer makes an elaborate ornament. The whole centerpiece measures something like four feet from sleigh to antlers, so that more than an average sized table is required to display it to advantage. The pair of reindeer wear a glittering harness and they are arranged on wheels, so that they move in a slow and stately manner if there is room for this feat. In the sleigh are rows of fat snowballs with a sprig of holly stuck in the top of each and a tiny Santa Claus standing guard over each ball. A larger Santa Claus holds the reins and guides the sleigh. Ribbon streamers are attached to the snowballs, so that the ends can be passed to the guests as they sit at table, thus making an effective picture before the Christmas load is distributed. Each snowball forms the top of a paper box which is cylindrical and has its base buried in the bottom of the sleigh. To fill in the spaces between these gleaming white balls branches of holly and mistletoe or other Christmas greens may be used.

A centerpiece which has no surprise feature is a miniature gable roof with a bright red brick chimney, into which a tiny Santa Claus is stepping. The roof is covered with snow and icicles drip from its eaves, but good old Santa Claus knows that there are warmth and good cheer below, to judge by the pleased and anticipatory expression he wears. This centerpiece may be laid on the table without any further decoration, or it may be surrounded by branches of holly and Christmas ferns. If much other decoration is used the centerpiece loses its effectiveness.

Pretty Christmas Gift



NOVEL work bag that will make a very pretty and acceptable Christmas present is shown in the accompanying sketch. It is a handy little thing, for the needlebook is attached to the bag, so one does not have to hunt among the spoils inside for the needlebook. It is a simple matter to make the bag, and it requires only a scrap of material.



Cut a strip of silk 22 inches long and nine inches wide. Fold the short edges together and make a small French seam up the long sides. Fold back two inches and make a two-inch heading, with a half-inch space below to run the ribbon through. This heading is made as it is in any bag. Gather across the lower edge of the bag where the needlebook will be sewn on.

To make the needlebook, cut two pieces of linen 5 1/2 inches by 4 1/2 inches. Transfer the design in the illustration to the linen by means of a piece of carbon paper. Be sure to lay the design on across the long side of the linen. Cut two pieces of pasteboard exactly the size and shape indicated on the page where the design is drawn, and cover these with the linen.

Care should be taken in placing the linen on the pasteboard to see that the design is straight. Turn the edges of the linen over the pasteboard very neatly and sew back and forth from one edge of the linen to the edge opposite. Sew on the ribbon and then line each cover with a piece of the silk.

Cut two pieces of flannel one-half inch smaller than the covers and overhand the covers and flannel together. Then overhand the needlebook on the bag.

A very pretty color scheme is to have the bag and needlebook lining of



blue silk; the cover of white linen, and blue satin ribbons. The embroidery is effectively done as follows, using very delicate colors: Flowers, pink. Centers of flowers, white silk dots. Leaves and stems, green. Bow knot, blue.

Calendars for Christmas Gifts.

Calendars always make acceptable gifts. Embroidered calendars in the Dutch boy and girl design are extremely popular and effective worked out in the delft blues. Or, if desired, they may be painted on cardboard instead and tiny penny calendars neatly tacked on. They may be secured stamped at any of the fancy-work stores or departments. A pretty idea is to have a sofa pillow and tie rack to match.

YOUTHFUL MIND IN DISTRESS.

Awful Possibility That Loomed Before Six-Year-Old Jackie.

Six-year-old Jackie's mother believed that absolute truthfulness was the only rock on which to build that youthful gentleman's character, and the consistent working out of this principle did away, of course, with belief in all such things as fairies, Santa Claus, and other illusions dear to childish hearts, and they became instead "make-believe" games, Santa Claus in particular being a pet "joke" between his mother and himself.

Jackie came in from play one afternoon much excited and concerned. "Mother, Jimmie Norton believes there is a really and truly Santa Claus. He says he is sure that Santa Claus does come down the chimney. He wouldn't believe me at all when I told him it was just a joke," with rising anxiety.

Jackie's mother was somewhat nonplused. "Well, son," she temporized, "perhaps Jimmie's mother will tell him the joke some time soon, and then—"

"Oh, I hope she will," broke in Jackie, forgetting his manners in his earnestness, "because, you know, if she don't, when Jimmie has little boys of his own they won't ever get any Christmas presents."

EMERSON'S MEMORY AT FAULT.

Had at Times Almost Entire Lack of Remembrance.

Emerson was a notable sufferer from the vagaries of memory. His biographer relates that he met him one day in Boston, apparently at a loss for something, and asked him where he was going. "To dine," said Emerson, "with a very old and dear friend. I know where she lives, but I hope she won't ask me her name," and then he proceeded to describe her as "the mother of the wife of the young man—the tall man—who speaks so well," and so on, until his interlocutor guessed to whom he was referring.

Even the names of common objects often failed him completely. On one occasion, when he wanted an umbrella, he said: "I can't tell its name, but I can tell its history. Strangers take it away."

This falling of Emerson led to a pathetic scene when he attended Longfellow's funeral, and remarked as he gazed at the coffin: "He was a sweet and beautiful soul; but I have entirely forgotten his name."

BREAKS A COLD PROMPTLY

The following formula is a never failing remedy for colds:

One ounce of Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, one ounce Toris Compound and one-half pint of good whiskey, mix and shake thoroughly each time and use in doses of a table-spoonful every four hours.

This if followed up will cure an acute cold in 24 hours. The ingredients can be gotten at any drug store.

Vulgarity of Quarreling.

There must be a satisfaction in torturing human beings, for it is done so often. Nobody blames a wife for upholding her self-respect and resenting insult, but there is little sympathy for one who deliberately drives a man to deeds of rudeness and violence. Nagging and indulgence in bad temper leave indelible marks on the face of a woman, on her voice and on her character. They shrivel up whatever sweetness nature has put into her disposition and make her unlovely, even in the eyes of those who feel in duty bound to give her affection. It is often hard to maintain silence under provocation, but there is always the open door of escape, you know. A quarrel does not thrive when fed from one side only, and what should be important to every woman with pretenses to refinement is the undisputed vulgarly of bickering. Education and refinement are supposed to lift us so far above vulgarly that even the hems of our skirts are unstained.—Exchange.

In Beautiful Sepulcher.

The last resting place of the great Norwegian composer, Edward Grieg, is one of the most beautiful in its natural surroundings that could be imagined. By the side of a lake, at the extremity of a fjord, close to the composer's native town of Bergen, there is a natural grotto formed in the solid rock, which rises precipitously from the water's edge. Here the bones of the famous musician are buried, and, as the grotto is only accessible from the lake, the funeral cortege will have to make the journey by water.

Molasses and Sugar.

The term "molasses" is properly applied to the saccharine product which is separated from sugar in the process of manufacture. A syrup is the direct product of the evaporation of the juice of a sugar-yielding plant or tree without the removal of any of the sugar. The term molasses applies to the same process with the exception of the fact that the sugar has been removed at least partially by crystallization and some kind of mechanical separation of the crystals from the remaining liquid.

Bay State's First Governor.

There was almost a score of candidates at the first election held to choose a governor under the new constitution of Massachusetts in 1780. James Bowdoin and John Hancock, both eminent Bostonians, were the two men most in the public eye and estimation for the position. Altogether the total poll was about or less than 13,000. Hancock received more than 11,000. Bowdoin something over 1,000, and the remaining ballots were distributed among 15 or 16 other candidates.

WAS VERY FULLY OCCUPIED.

Situation in Which Bibulous Irishman Had His Hands Full.

Some one asked George B. Cortel-y, secretary of the treasury, if he intended becoming a candidate for governor of New York. Now, Mr. Cortel-y had an especial aversion for leading questions, so he answered by telling the following story:

Two Irishmen celebrated St. Patrick's day and started home together, but became separated. Finally they discovered themselves hugging lamp posts on opposite sides of the street.

"How are yez, Pat?" called Mike.

"Fair," says Pat, "how are ye?"

"I dunno," says Mike; "come over and see."

"I can't come," says Pat.

"Why can't yez?" says Mike.

"I've got me hands full shytayn' where I am," says Pat.—N. Y. Herald.

BAD ITCHING HUMOR.

Limbs Below the Knees Were Raw—Feet Swollen—Sleep Broken—Cured in 2 Days by Cuticura.

"Some two months ago I had a humor break out on my limbs below my knees. They came to look like raw beefsteak, all red, and no one knows how they itched and burned. They were so swollen that I could not get my shoes on for a week or more. I used five or six different remedies and got no help, only when applying them the burning was worse and the itching less. For two or three weeks the suffering was intense and during that time I did not sleep an hour at a time. Then one morning I tried a bit of Cuticura. From the moment it touched me the itching was gone and I have not felt a bit of it since. The swelling went down and in two days I had my shoes on and was about as usual. George B. Farley, 50 South State St., Concord, N. H., May 14, 1907."

ALPINE PERILS.



Disgust of Timson, who has been dodging his tailor for the last six months, when he suddenly comes upon him at the summit of a mountain in Switzerland.

TWO GOOD STORIES BY BARRIE.

One Told by Successful Author Is Decidedly Against Himself.

Mr. J. W. Barrie, the author of "What Every Woman Knows," tells a good story against himself.

A lady of his acquaintance had taken a friend to see one of his plays, and, quite astonished, he asked her why she did so.

"Oh," was the reply, "it's such a quiet street for the horses!"

He also tells of a playgoer who received no response to his repeated requests to a lady in front of him to remove her huge hat.

At length, exasperated, he said: "If you won't take off your hat, my dear madam, will you be so kind as to fold back your ears?"—Woman's Life.

Well Prepared.

"I learn," she said reproachfully, "that you were devoted to no fewer than five girls before you finally proposed to me. How do I know that you didn't make desperate love to all of them?"

"I did," he replied promptly.

"You did?" she exclaimed.

"Certainly," he returned. "You don't suppose for a moment that I would be foolhardy enough to try for such a prize as you are without practicing a little first, do you?"

LIVING ADVERTISEMENT

Glow of Health Speaks for Postum.

It requires no scientific training to discover whether coffee disagrees or not.

Simply stop it for a time and use Postum in place of it, then note the beneficial effects. The truth will appear.

"Six years ago I was in a very bad condition," writes a Tenn. lady, "I suffered from indigestion, nervousness and insomnia.

"I was then an inveterate coffee drinker, but it was long before I could be persuaded that it was coffee that hurt me. Finally I decided to leave it off a few days and find out the truth.

"The first morning I left off coffee I had a raging headache, so I decided I must have something to take the place of coffee." (The headache was caused by the reaction of the coffee drug—caffeine.)

"Having heard of Postum through a friend who used it, I bought a package and tried it. I did not like it at first but after I learned how to make it right, according to directions on pkg., I would not change back to coffee for anything.

"When I began to use Postum I weighed only 117 lbs. Now I weigh 170 and as I have not taken any tonic in that time I can only attribute my recovery of good health to the use of Postum in place of coffee.

"My husband says I am a living advertisement for Postum. I am glad to be the means of inducing my many friends to use Postum, too."

Name given by Postum Co, Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Well-villie," in pgs. "There's a Reason."

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NINETY-EIGHT FEET SHY.



Mr. Gouty—Thank heaven, I'm not a centipede.

Where Others Failed

"Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of Eczema which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Hunt's Cure, which promptly cured me. Two years have passed, but the trouble has not returned."

MRS. KATE HOWARD,
Little Rock, Ark.

A Nice Hint.

"I know what I'll do," said the girl whose bashful lover would not propose. "I'll go out as a trained nurse."

"But that is a profession. You know nothing about it," he replied.

"Haven't I had six months' experience sitting up nights with you?"—Illustrated Bits.

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An itching trouble is not necessarily a dangerous one, but certainly a most disagreeable affliction. No matter the name, if you itch—it cures you. Hunt's Cure is "It." Absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of itching known. First application relieves.

The Language of the Plants.

"He didn't care to write to her when he wanted her to arrange for a secret marriage, so he sent her a running vine."

How it Happened.

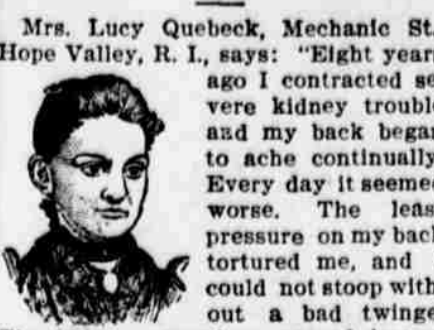
Jack—How did Spylog get the bum eye—football?

Jake—No, sir. Sprained it last summer at der bathing peach.—Wisconsin Sphinx.

He's a poor expressman who is unable to deliver the goods.

SEEMED WORSE EVERY DAY.

A Dangerous Case of Kidney Complaint and How It Was Checked.



Mrs. Lucy Quebeck, Mechanic St., Hope Valley, R. I., says: "Eight years ago I contracted severe kidney trouble and my back began to ache continually. Every day it seemed worse. The least pressure on my back tortured me, and I could not stoop without a bad twinge. The kidney secretions passed irregularly with pain, and I bloated badly. My head swam and spots flitted before my eyes. One doctor said I was incurable. However, I found prompt relief when I started using Doan's Kidney Pills, and the troubles I have related gradually disappeared."

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Reassuring.

Mr. Timmid—Have you noticed, Miss Maud, that the chandelier seems to be shaking? Are you sure that the foundations of your house are—are quite secure?

Miss Maud—There's nothing to be alarmed about, Mr. Timmid. Papa's room is just overhead, and he's snoring.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonic known, combined with the best blood purifier, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, etc.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Prop., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, price 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Reciprocity.

"He's very quick to reciprocate."

"Yes?"

"Yes; I killed his dog yesterday and buried mine to-day."

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.

The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches, etc. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

It's surprising how many friends you have when they need you.



**For
Lame
Back**

An aching back is instantly relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment.

This liniment takes the place of massage and is better than sticky plasters. It penetrates—without rubbing—through the skin and muscular tissue right to the bone, quickens the blood, relieves congestion, and gives permanent as well as temporary relief.

Sloan's Liniment

has no equal as a remedy for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, or any pain or stiffness in the muscles or joints.

Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

Sloan's book on horses, cattle, sheep and poultry sent free.



Pains All Over

Take Cardui



Disgust of Timson, who has been dodging his tailor for the last six months, when he suddenly comes upon him at the summit of a mountain in Switzerland.

TWO GOOD STORIES BY BARRIE.

One Told by Successful Author Is Decidedly Against Himself.

Mr. J. W. Barrie, the author of "What Every Woman Knows," tells a good story against himself.

A lady of his acquaintance had taken a friend to see one of his plays, and, quite astonished, he asked her why she did so.

"Oh," was the reply, "it's such a quiet street for the horses!"

He also tells of a playgoer who received no response to his repeated requests to a lady in front of him to remove her huge hat.

At length, exasperated, he said: "If you won't take off your hat, my dear madam, will you be so kind as to fold back your ears?"—Woman's Life.

Well Prepared.

"I learn," she said reproachfully, "that you were devoted to no fewer than five girls before you finally proposed to me. How do I know that you didn't make desperate love to all of them?"

"I did," he replied promptly.

"You did?" she exclaimed.

"Certainly," he returned. "You don't suppose for a moment that I would be foolhardy enough to try for such a prize as you are without practicing a little first, do you?"

LIVING ADVERTISEMENT

Glow of Health Speaks for Postum.

It requires no scientific training to discover whether coffee disagrees or not.

Simply stop it for a time and use Postum in place of it, then note the beneficial effects. The truth will appear.

"Six years ago I was in a very bad condition," writes a Tenn. lady, "I suffered from indigestion, nervousness and insomnia.

"I was then an inveterate coffee drinker, but it was long before I could be persuaded that it was coffee that hurt me. Finally I decided to leave it off a few days and find out the truth.

"The first morning I left off coffee I had a raging headache, so I decided I must have something to take the place of coffee." (The headache was caused by the reaction of the coffee drug—caffeine.)

"Having heard of Postum through a friend who used it, I bought a package and tried it. I did not like it at first but after I learned how to make it right, according to directions on pkg., I would not change back to coffee for anything.

"When I began to use Postum I weighed only 117 lbs. Now I weigh 170 and as I have not taken any tonic in that time I can only attribute my recovery of good health to the use of Postum in place of coffee.

"My husband says I am a living advertisement for Postum. I am glad to be the means of inducing my many friends to use Postum, too."

Name given by Postum Co, Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Well-villie," in pgs. "There's a Reason."

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

"For ten years" writes Mrs. Luzania Morgan, of Sneedville, Tenn., "I suffered with the turn of life, and tried many remedies without relief. I had pains all over my body and at times I could not sit up. At last I took Cardui and now I can do my housework. I have told many ladies about Cardui and recommend it to all sick women."

You cannot afford to experiment with your health. When sick, or ailing, from any of the troubles peculiar to women, take Cardui, the woman's remedy, about which you have so often heard; the medicine of real, scientific merit, endorsed by thousands, and pronounced "the best medicine for female troubles."

Its curative virtues, are known and proven. For headache, backache, dragging sensations, etc., it has been found unequalled. Try it.

AFFECTING SIGHT.

They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

SICK HEADACHE

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER, etc.

SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature

REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

CANDY

DEFIANCE STARCH

For famous and delicious candies and chocolates, write to the maker for catalog, wholesale or retail. Gunther's Confectionery 212 State Street, Chicago, Ill.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY

Quick relief and cures worst cases. Book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment free. DR. H. H. GREEN'S SONS, Box B, ATLANTA, Ga.

PATENTS never sticks to the iron.

W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 49, 1908.

"O. V. C." Free Offer

A handsome sepia-tone picture, without advertising and suitable for framing, will be sent free to any address in the United States on receipt of 25 Old Virginia Cheroot "cups" or containers and 10c in stamps to cover cost of mailing—if received before December 31st, 1908. You have a choice of four pictures:

"Old Virginia Colored Preacher"
"Old Virginia Mammy"
"Old Virginia Gentleman"
"Old Virginia Girl"

Send O. V. C. cups, stamps and request for picture desired to Federal Cigar Co., 111 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

OLD VIRGINIA CHEROOTS

are 5 Cent Cigars Without the Head—Therefore 3 for 5 Cents

W. L. DOUGLAS \$300 SHOES \$350

W. L. Douglas makes and sells more men's \$3.00 and \$3.50 shoes than any other manufacturer in the world, because they hold their shape, fit better, and wear longer than any other make.

Step at All Prices, for Every Member of the Family, Men, Boys, Women, Nurses & Soldiers.

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Order from
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DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
FOR RHEUMATISM, GRAY HAIR, BRONCHITIS, DIABETES, BACKACHE, etc.

DR. McINTOSH's NATURAL UTERINE SUPPORTER

gives immediate relief. Sold by all surgical instrument dealers and leading druggists in United States. It is a simple, reliable and safe uterine support, and a perfect remedy for all cases of weakness, pain and abnormality of the female system. Price 50c per box. Sold by all druggists. Wm. A. McINTOSH, Philadelphia, Pa., manufacturers of all the best and most reliable of the genuine McINTOSH'S supporter.

DEFIANCE Cold Water Starch

makes laundry work a pleasure. 10c per pkg. 50c per lb.

MERCHANTS! STOREKEEPERS!

Do you want to sell or trade your business? Write for our interesting proposition. A postal will do.

BURTON LOAN & MORTGAGE COMPANY
Dept. A. DALLAS, TEXAS

GREAT REMOVAL SALE

Will Continue Six Days Longer at

KING'S CASH STORE

D. B. Rives of the south-west side was a caller at our office Thursday and stated that on eighty acres he had picked four bales of cotton and would probably get two more. The worms and early freeze did it. Ordinarily he would have made forty to eighty bales of cotton. Many fine farms are turning out this way.

The editor of the Free Press has received a letter from C. L. Mistrot of Stamford in which he speaks of the sidewalks being built in his town, and the great advantage to property owners.

Mistrot Bros. have lately purchased a business lot on the north side of the square, thus showing their confidence in the future of Haskell, and are manifesting a decided interest in civic improvements in this city.

Mr. Young Bell of Loving Co. Texas, who spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bell, has returned to his home.

In another column will be found an article by Mayor Matthews on the proposed bond issue for a water system, sewerage system and street improvements.

Our Mayor is to be congratulated for the plain and forceful manner in which he presents these matters. Every citizen of Haskell should read his article carefully. No man should vote on these propositions until he has duly considered the same.

The Mayor's article will answer all questions, besides it will save you time and bring you to a realization of your duty as a citizen. Judge Matthews lays strong stress upon the matter of fire protection. He shows how people are running all kinds of fire hazard and how they pay for the want of fire protection in high insurance.

The time has come when we must act. It will never do to risk these fine structures to fire and have nothing to fight it. The sewerage system, every body in this day and time must be in-

formed enough to realize what this means to the general health and relation and to mortality.

Then the streets, what does good streets mean to a town? We must have them. This matter like the others has been too long delayed. Let every citizen do his duty. Get behind the city council and help them in this laudable enterprise.

COMMERCIAL CLUBS.

The Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs, will hold its next meeting at Colorado City, Dec. 8th.

The Editor of the Free Press is in receipt of an invitation to attend the meeting, which we will do if we can arrange our duties so as to spare the time. We have attended two of these meetings, and from our own experience we expect great things from Colorado City.

J. W. Davis of Rule wants one hundred brown leghorn hens, write or see him.

Wedding Bells.

Last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curran Hunt, occurred the marriage of Mr. George Davis and Miss Effie Murray. The bride and groom are well known young people in our community. A few friends and relatives were present. The happy couple entered the room as Mrs. Hollis Fields played the march and under the low, sweet tones of the "Flower song" the marriage vows were given and Rev. J. N. Thomas of the Christian Church pronounced them husband and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Davis expect to reside on a farm seven miles south-east of Haskell.

No. 4474

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Haskell National Bank, at Haskell, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$129,928.59
Oyerdrafts, secured and unsecured	16,941.62
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	7,600.00
Other real estate owned	290.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	1,361.22
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,873.68
Due from approved reserve agents	1,380.95
Checks and other cash items	801.50
Notes of other National Banks	832.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels & cts.	18.80
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$6,444.10
Legal-tender 5,000.00 notes	11,484.10
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	4,150.00
Total	\$201,662.46

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00
Surplus fund	12,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses & taxes paid	16,899.38
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other Nat'l Banks	9,736.41
Due to State Banks and Bankers	4,456.34
Due to approved reserve agents	1,437.12
Dividends unpaid	50.00
Individual deposits subject to check	71,663.21
Time certificates of deposit	350.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	20.00
Total	\$201,662.46

State of Texas, } SS:
County of Haskell, }
I, G. E. Langford, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. E. Langford, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
M. Pierson
F. M. Morton
G. R. Couch
—Directors

OH! THE LOADS OF XMAS Goods I am leaving at the RACKET STORE

On the North side of Square, HASKELL, TEXAS



SURE--W. H. Wyman & Co.

HAVE

put in an extremely fine line of Christmas Goods

IN

Jewelry, Stationery and Notions
Tin Cabinets.

Beautiful showing in Dolls for DOLLIES.

AND

Bushels of Toys for the Children.

Santa says come--Wyman says come
So do come and get your presents at low figures.

Every purchase gives you one chance on the Piano to be given away March 14, 1909.

Remember RACKET STORE

NORTH SIDE SQUARE

Hart-Wisdom

At their home Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wisdom gave in marriage Miss Pearl, their eldest daughter, to Mr. J. E. Hart of Gainsville, Texas, Rev. J. N. Thomas officiating.

At the appointed hour the young people entered the room in step with the music of their own happy hearts, and after the usual vows, were declared husband and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Hart will return in a few days to Gainsville for a short visit and then will probably make their home near Haskell on a farm.

On Thursday, Dec. 17th the Mule Creek District Union is called to meet at the Weaver School house. Every body will bring their baskets and we will have dinner on the ground.

W. S. Fouts, Pres.
C. W. Bartlett, Sec.

On next Sunday at 11 a. m. Mrs. Woodward of Stamford will address the women of the Methodist Church, on the occasion of the week of prayer of the Ladies Foreign Mission Society.

Mrs. Woodward is an able and impressive speaker and all will be highly entertained and edified. The general public is invited.
C. B. Meador, Pastor.

Dave Laughlin committed suicide in the county jail here this week by swallowing match heads. He swallowed the pieces of matches Sunday night and died Wednesday. He was charged with murdering his wife near Sager-ton a short while ago with an axe. This is the end of the most shocking tragedy ever enacted in Haskell county.

Stanly J. Clark, national organizer of the Socialist party, was here several days this week. He is connected with the American Manhood, a Socialist paper.

BIG SALE HUNT-HANCOCK CO.

Invites you to their big continuous sale, which lasts ever day this year. Ever article marked in plain figures.

Sell to every body the same, we don't sell you one staple article below cost and make it back on something you don't know the worth of.

One lot of cotton flannel bought to sell for 10c
NEXT WEEK 12 yards **\$1.00**
ANOTHER LOT 15 " **1.00**
One lot mens ducking pants, dollar grade for - **.85**

We are headquarters for boys and children's clothing. If you will try one of our Captain Kid Suits you will have the best for the least that money can buy.



The all Leather line of shoes only to be had by us.

They make life walk easy.



HUNT - HANCOCK CO.

The Store for all the People.

MEN WHO LOOK FOR QUALITY DEMAND



Wichita Valley TIME CARD

East Bound Passengers
No. 2.....8:35 a. m.
No. 6.....10:15 p. m.

West Bound Passengers
No. 1.....7:15 p. m.
No. 5.....5:26 a. m.

Number 5 and 6 are through trains from Fort Worth to Abilene and carry tourist sleepers.

The sleeping car fare from Haskell to Fort Worth is \$1.00.

Locals and Personals.

Fruit cake ingredients at Stephens & Smith's.

Don't forget that Evers has the only home made knee pads in Haskell.

The best line of spurs, bits, belts, purses, saddles and harness will be found at Evers' shop in Haskell.

Beautiful Art display at the Racket Store Thursday and Friday.

If you owe French Bros. call in at our store and pay up at once.

Piano tickets with each "Art Picture" at the Racket Store.

Phone no. 249 for fresh nuts of all kinds.

Mrs. D. Scott will entertain this afternoon with a hose and handkerchief shower in honor of Miss Fay Neathery.

On last Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brewer celebrated their first wedding anniversary. A large party of friends and invited guests attended.

Mr. G. E. Smith has charge of the paint and wall paper department at McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Phone Stephens & Smith for a good sack of flour—quality and price guaranteed.

Before you buy a buggy or surrey, see mine you can save you money. W. J. Evers, Haskell

Mr. Allan has purchased Mr. Will Brewer's residence in the north part of town and has moved his family to their new home.

We are requested to announce that the county Union is called to meet the first Wednesday in January at the Sayles school house, six miles south-west of Haskell. There will be some important matters disposed of.

Mr. Charley Camp spent a few days in Dallas this week.

If you want a good buggy seat cheap come and see my line. W. J. Evers the harness man at Haskell.

I have moved my shoe repairing shop to the new Dellis Bros. store, where I repair shoes.

Remnants in wall paper, 3 to 10 cents per roll. McNeill & Smith.

Arrived at Evers' shop at Haskell, another large assortment of fancy California hand-stamped belts, hatbands, purses and music rolls.

Mr. J. W. Davis of Rule called at our office Monday and settled up an old subscription account and did it so cheerfully we appreciated his manhood as much as we did the \$1.00. Mr. Davis is an honest man and we always love to meet an honest man.

A complete line of fireworks at Stephens & Smith's.

Call at our office and settle your subscription account. If you can't settle it call any way and have a social chat and tell us you can't pay now, but say a good kind word to us.

Remnants in wall paper, 3 to 10 cents per roll. McNeill & Smith Co.

We make prompt deliveries and give you the highest grade of feed and fuel.

E. A. Chambers Grain & Coal successor to L. P. Davison Grain & Coal Co. Our Motto Service, Weight, Purity. 49-4t

Remnants in wall paper, 3 to 10 cents per roll. McNeill & Smith.

Fruits and candies a specialty. Stephens & Smith.

See Mrs. W. R. Hill for first class dress making. Three doors west of Alexander's store. 49-4t

Madison Morgan, County Surveyor of Knox County, was a visitor to this city Wednesday.

Good game harness cheap, at W. J. Evers, Haskell.

With every dozen photos that amount to as much as \$4.50 I will give one enlarged picture.

E. L. ADAMS.
Fresh canned goods arriving daily. Stephens & Smith.

Earthquake Shock in Texas

Paris, Tex., Dec. 2.—Visitors to the city today from Garretts Bluff, twenty miles northwest of the city on the river, reported that there was a distinct earthquake shock there and for a few miles up and down the river at 7 o'clock Monday night. The wave seemed to come from the south and lasted only a few seconds. It caused window panes to rattle and shook pictures on the wall. One of the persons who felt the shock said that the sensation was like a wet dog on a gallery shaking the water from itself. Garretts Bluff is sixteen miles southeast of Boswell, Ok., from which place an earthquake shock was reported in today's Dallas News. Mrs. Herring, an aged resident of Garretts Bluff, who experienced the shock, declared as soon as she felt it that it was caused by an earthquake. She stated that there was an earthquake in the same vicinity thirty years ago.

Messrs. T. A. Greer and J. M. Hicks of the Rochester community, were pleasant callers at our office yesterday.

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Dr. O. M. GUEST
DENTIST
Office in the McConnell Building.
OFFICE PHONE No. 52.
RESIDENCE " 140.

Dr. J. D. SMITH
DENTIST
Office—Sherrill Building.
Phone 11 Office No. 12
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HASKELL, TEXAS.

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J. L. JONES, Notary Public
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Attorney-at-Law
OFFICE—Corner rooms over
FARMERS NATIONAL BANK
Will practice in all the Courts.

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The Free Press certainly appreciates the way our subscribers are paying up. We know what a dollar is to the average man, and how many places the last dollar is needed. And when a man comes in and pays us a dollar on subscription we certainly appreciate the deed. We are not going to collect all but the people are treating the Free Press squarely.

The special veniramen in the Dave Laughlin case are discharged by the court and need not attend court Dec. 16th on account of the death of the defendant.

M. E. Park, Sheriff.
We learn that Mr. C. D. Long who was operated upon for appendicitis last week at Fort Worth is getting along nicely.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Whereas, The County Commissioners Court of the County of Haskell, Texas, deems it advisable to issue bonds of said County for the purpose herein-after stated.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered by the Commissioners Ct. of said County, that an election be held on the 26th day of Dec., 1908, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

Shall the Commissioners Court of the County of Haskell, Texas, be authorized to issue bonds of said County in the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars, payable in forty years after date, with option of redeeming same at any time after five years from date, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, for the purpose of erecting a county Jail, in the town of Haskell, the County Seat of Haskell County Texas.

Said Election shall be held at each and all of the regular voting places, in each and all of the election precincts in Haskell County Texas as follows:

In election precinct No. 1 at the court house in the town of Haskell in said precinct; in election precinct No. 2 at the Brushy school house in said precinct; in election precinct No. 3 at the Howard school house in said precinct; in election precinct No. 4 at the school house in the town of Sagerton in said precinct; in precinct No. 5 at the school house in the town of Rochester in said precinct; in election precinct No. 6 at the school house in the town of Weiner in said precinct; in election precinct No. 7 at the old lumber office voting place in the town of Rule in said precinct; in election precinct No. 8 at the school house in the town of Cliff in said precinct; in election precinct No. 9 at the Cotton Wood school-house in said precinct; in election precinct No. 10 at the Joe Baily schoolhouse in said precinct No. 11 at the schoolhouse in the town of Jud in said precinct, and in election precinct No. 12 at the schoolhouse in the town of Carney in said precinct.

And the following persons are appointed presiding judges, assistant judges and clerks of said election for the several precincts above mentioned as follows:

For precinct No. 1: A. H. Norris as presiding judge, E. F. Springer asst. judge and J. F. Vernon and M. R. Wallace clerks; for precinct No. 2: J. N. Cooke as presiding judge, C. Parsons asst judge and J. R. King and W. R. Brown clerks; for precinct No. 3: Kim Hisey as presiding judge, Jack Modford asst. judge, Dave Anderson and Vernon Cobb clerks; for precinct No. 4: G. H. Mayes as presiding judge, A. W. Dunn asst. judge, W. M. Wood and J. W. Moore clerks; for precinct No. 5: D. W. Fields as presiding judge, J. S. Menefee asst judge, T. E. Holt and W. G. Cypert clerks; for precinct No. 6: H. Weinert as presiding judge, J. T. Therswanger asst. judge and W. M. Webb and W. J. Strawn clerks; for precinct No. 7: S. W. Vernon presiding judge, J. W. Mason asst judge, A. Chaney and R. W. Williams clerks; for precinct No. 8: J. W. McCann as presiding judge, W. P. Whitford asst. judge, M. M. Benton and T. A. Park clerks; for precinct No. 9: D. C. Nicholson presiding judge, G. H. Taylor asst. judge, Joe Robertson and Henry Free clerks; for precinct No. 10: T. A. Haley presiding judge, A. Fuller asst judge, John Clark and Jim Rhodes clerks; for precinct No. 11: Albert Allen presiding judge, W. C. Lane asst. judge, D. M. Graham and K. F. Campbell clerks; and for precinct No. 12: T. D. Whitford presiding judge,

W. J. Teaff asst. judge, T. W. Kangston and C. K. Johnston clerks.

Said election shall be held under the provisions of chapter 149 acts of the 26th legislature laws 1899 and only qualified voters who are property tax payers of said county shall be allowed to vote and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have printed across their ballots the words "For the issuance of bonds" and those opposed shall have printed on their ballots the words "Against the issuance of bonds."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the state governing general elections.

A copy of this order signed by the county judge of said county shall serve as a proper notice of said election and said county judge is directed to cause notice of the election to be posted at a public place in each election precinct for 30 days prior to the election.

Which is here accordingly done.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Haskell Texas this 13th day of November, A. D. 1908

JOE IRBY
County Judge,
Haskell County Texas.



The Care of the Nurse

or the skill of the doctor is of no avail unless the medicines be exactly as ordered.

Accurate Prescription Work

Is a leading feature of this pharmacy. Under no circumstances do we permit either substitution or alteration in a prescription. You get what the doctor orders. Nothing more, nothing less, nothing different.

COLLIER'S DRUG STORE
Haskell, Texas.

Piano contest still on at the Racket Store Also select Art Pictures to be shown next Thursday and Friday.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Will find many things here that will make a suitable and an appropriate gift.

GIFTS FOR MEN:

- Cuff Links
- Scarf Pin
- A Watch
- A Fob
- A Chain
- Set Ring
- Fountain Pin
- Emblem Buttons.

GIFTS FOR WOMEN:

- Silver Knives and Forks
- Set Ring
- Cuff Pins
- Cameo Pins
- A Watch
- Hair Barretts
- Belt Pins
- Locketts
- Bracelets
- Broach
- Cut Glass

GUS EVANS
THE JEWELER,
At French Bros. Drug Store.

Card of Thanks.
I want to thank the people, through the columns of the Free Press, for their kindness to me during my illness and most especial those of the Woodmen circle and W. O. W., I only hope they will ever be as loyal to their numbers and crafts as they have been to me.
Thank God for the grand and noble order of Woodcraft. I also thank all for the beautiful flowers brought to me, especially dear little Geraldene Neathery, God bless her and ever keep her little soul as pure as the beautiful flowers she brought to me.
Again thanking you all, and with best wishes, I am Faithfully and Fraternally Yours,
Mrs. Belle Coslett,
Guardian of W. C.

Good mules, wagons, farming implements, feed and stuff of all kinds for sale, and a good large farm to rent. For particulars see 49 tf J. J. Stein & Bro. Haskell, Texas.

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\$4.00
\$3.50
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You don't have to be a shoe maker to know that "Queen Quality" Shoes please you, fit smoothly, look handsome, are comfortable and satisfy. And you don't have to be a financier to know that such shoes at three to four dollars are a mighty profitable investment.

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HASKELL, TEXAS

It is naturally hard for a woman masquerading in male attire to be a man among men.

The fall styles in football yells are reported to be somewhat louder than last year's patterns.

A man while trying new boots on in a store fell and broke his leg. Must have been a pretty slippery customer.

An aeroplane garage has been constructed on the roof of a building in Paris. It is probably reached by a flight of stairs.

"War would be a crime," said the mayor of Tokyo. War is a crime, but are all the great defenders criminals? There's the rub.

It is rumored that Pullman fares are to be reduced. Nothing has been said about a readjustment of the scale governing "tips."

Kaiser Wilhelm says he told Queen Victoria how to run the Boer war. Does the Kaiser mean to imply that he wants all the blame for its conduct?

If the testimony of the doctors is to the effect that the ordinary firecracker stands in the way of a safe and sane Fourth of July, the ordinary firecracker must go.

"How," wails a stenographer in a Sunday paper, "can we girls escape the unwelcome attention of our employers?" Might try climbing a tree, suggests the Cleveland Leader, and making a noise like a suffragette.

The 10,000 Japanese school children who sang "America" at the welcome to the feet probably knew the words all right, but imagine teaching 10,000 American school children the words of the Japanese national hymn, whatever it may be.

The Harvard professor who asserts that it is criminal for a man to marry on less than \$500 per year should accompany that positive opinion with a schedule showing the man who wishes to marry where and how he can secure the needed \$500 job.

Let's see, didn't Wilhelm II. compose an opera or something of that sort. But now nothing more or less than the drama can possibly appease his universal genius. Mr. Frederick Thompson might ask him to write a play. Think of the accumulated material!

Dr. Story, the late principal of Glasgow university, taking a holiday in the country once, was met by the minister of the district, who remarked: "Hallo, principal! You here? Why, you must come down and relieve me for a day." The principal replied: "I don't promise to relieve you, but I might relieve your congregation."

Canada has, once and for all time, rejected the 12-foot canal as grossly incompetent, and its canal from Georgian bay to the St. Lawrence by way of the Ottawa and Mattawa rivers will be 21 feet deep, making Chicago and Milwaukee and Duluth ocean ports, subject only to sail of several hundred miles through exclusively British soil.

The distinguished Parisian architect, M. Augustin Rey, appears to be gradually getting reconciled to New York's skyscrapers. He now concludes that he would have the height of buildings limited by law to 20 or 30 stories, with a few taller buildings here and there to pleasantly diversify the outline. Or is M. Rey indulging in sarcasm at New York's expense?

It is estimated that the planting of between 15,000 and 20,000 acres to camphor trees in Ceylon would develop a production of 50,000,000 pounds, which, according to most authorities, is the quantity of camphor demanded annually at present. The camphor tree naturally grows to a height of 40 feet, but in Ceylon it is being kept at the more convenient height of four to five feet.

Ninety thousand more letters than usual were carried by the first three steamships that left New York for England after the two-cent rate for letter postage to Great Britain went into effect on October 1. Of course, many of these letters had been held to await the reduction in postage. One New York firm mailed 20,000 advertising circulars at a saving of \$600 from the old rate.

The number of French families, with or without children, is estimated at 11,315,000. Of this total 1,894,720 families have no children, 2,966,171 have one child, 2,661,978 have two children, 1,643,425 have three, 987,392 have four, 566,768 have five, 327,729 have six, 182,998 have seven, 94,729 have eight, 44,728 have nine, 20,639 have ten, 8,305 have 11, 3,508 have 12, 1,437 have 13, 554 have 14, 249 have 15, 79 have 16, 34 have 17, and 45 families have 18 children or more.

Such persistence as that shown by the British suffragettes seldom fails. Within a few years we are likely to hear them discussing the fall styles in ballots.

Mr. Zangwill remarks that for freedom in literary expression in the United States one must resort to the publication of books and even there there exists an censorship which is quite remarkable in what it attempts and succeeds in doing. Evidently Mr. Zangwill lacks adequate appreciation of the charm of being edited.

THE WEEK'S EPITOME

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

The fate of Ray Lamphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children at La Porte, Ind., is in the hands of the jury.

Halbert Finney of Taylor, a brakeman on the I. & G. N. Ry., was crushed between two cars Monday and died in the company hospital in Palestine Monday evening.

Ten wagon loads of peanuts from one farm were marketed in Gainesville Monday, and the entire lot, which had been thrashed and sacked, was sold for 75c a bushel.

Three gangs of men are busy with the preliminary work on the new steel bridge for the Katy at Red River, near Denison, taking the place of that partially swept away by floods last spring.

The three-year-old daughter of Thos. Newcomb, living in the Mount Hope neighborhood near Clinton, Ok., was burned to death Tuesday night, her clothing igniting from the kitchen stove.

After a fast and furious battle for twenty rounds between Jimmy Gardner of Boston and Jimmy Clabby of Milwaukee at New Orleans Thursday afternoon, the fight was declared to be a draw.

Ray Lamphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children of La Porte, Ind., by setting fire to the Guinness house April 28, was Thursday evening found guilty of arson by a jury.

Staxley Ketchell of Grand Rapids, Mich., regained the middle weight championship of the world Thursday and reversed his defeat of last September when he sent Billy Papke, the Illinois "Thunderbolt" crashing to the floor.

The first steps in the direction of a concentration of the American troops in Cuba, preparatory to evacuation was taken Friday with a small detachment of marines in garrison on the Isle of Pines was ordered to proceed to Camp Columbia.

Formal pleas of not guilty were entered Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn., by Col. Duncan B. Cooper, his son, Robin J. Cooper, and John D. Sharp, when arraigned in the circuit court charged with the murder of former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack.

The little town of Tiptonville, bordering on Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., which has been the scene of many stirring incidents of the past month, witnessed the lynching late Tuesday afternoon of three negroes who were arrested for murdering Special Deputy Sheriff Richard Burrows.

In effect, Assistant Attorney General James D. Walthall rules in an opinion handed down Tuesday that in Texas, no matter how badly a State Senator or Representative may want to resign his office and no matter if he has tendered such resignation and it has been duly accepted, he must still continue in office.

That both oil and gas are a certainty in the country eight miles southwest of Denton is the opinion of Paul J. Mahamey, an oil and gas expert from Pittsburg, Pa., who, after several months of careful investigation, has taken 1,500 acres of land under lease for both oil and gas.

An inspection of cattle in Levenia township, Mich., Thursday brought to light eighty-six additional cases of foot and mouth disease, which, with nearly 100 reported brings the total well up toward 200.

Herman Billek, under sentence of death on December 11 in Chicago for the murder of Mary Varal, received a telegram Friday announcing the death at Cleveland, Ohio, of his mother.

The orange crop of Cuba this year will be much larger and will reach 500,000 boxes, according to a report made to the bureau of manufactures by Consul Holiday at Santiago, Cuba. The business of orange culture in the island, he says, is almost entirely in the hands of Americans.

A little red Italian car with four cylinders that hummed like a giant bumble bee, and with an American driver at the wheel, Wednesday, won the first international light car race in Atlanta, Ga., ever held in this country.

Without cloud in the sky and fires rapidly approaching, the residents of Grand Prairie, Ark., are offering prayers for rain, which, it is believed, will be necessary to save 30,000 acres of prairie land from devastation. Back fires have been started in many places, but with little result.

Frederick Kiesapper, of New Braunfels, shot himself in the head Thursday, death resulting instantly.

Gilmer was visited by a wind, rain and hailstorm Monday, and great damage was done to property in the vicinity.

C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., will sink a test well for oil and gas soon on the land at Post City in West Texas.

The most interesting carnival feature at Brownwood and the best patronized attraction is the tuberculosis exhibit.

Heavy rains near Sword, north of Oklahoma City, washed out 200 feet of track belonging to the Santa Fe Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Davis was burned to death Saturday evening while burning trash from a garden patch, at Medford, Okla.

The report that Gen. Leconte, the Haitian minister of the interior, had been killed at Jeremie was confirmed Wednesday.

Van Alstine has just closed a two days' poultry show, and, despite the inclemency of the weather, it was a great success.

For the second time since 1864 the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of Texas met in Waco Monday afternoon, Nov. 30.

Northern Louisiana planters and business men have accepted a proposition for the establishment of a packing plant in Shreveport.

Organized labor will join hands with the Society for the Prevention and Relief of Tuberculosis in the war against the great white plague.

Herbert Neal, foreman of the Texas Central switch engine at Hico, had his hand very badly mashed Friday evening while switching in the yards.

According to the report of the Department of Public Health there were in Texas during the month of September only 1381 deaths and 4057 births.

Because he attempted, in his official capacity, to quell a disturbance, Charles Jeans, city marshal of Vinita, Okla., was shot and killed there Wednesday night.

Under Director North of the bureau of the census, the government has embarked upon the field of invention, and has been successful in the manufacture of a new tabulating machine.

It was learned Friday that an arrangement is under consideration, although it has not yet assumed the proportions of a "deal," by which the Missouri, Kansas and Texas may become the Gulf outlet for the Alton-Clover Leaf combination.

Earnest Milnor, the negro charged with attempted criminal assault on Mrs. Jose Jay at Mauriceville, twelve miles from Orange, last July, was found guilty Wednesday morning and his punishment assessed at twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

In his annual report to the secretary of war Lieut. Col. George W. Goethals, U. S. A., chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission shows that dirt has been flying in the excavation work of the last year and that \$84,572,598.55 had been spent, with an available balance of \$36,391,470.03 on July 1, 1908.

A daring attempt at robbery at the point of a pistol occurred at the home of Asbury Bryant, three miles southwest of Culleoka, Tex., Wednesday night, and though the would-be robber did not secure the money he was after, he shot and dangerously wounded Mr. Bryant.

Two tornadoes, one north and the other southbound, swept portions of Arkansas Monday, destroying many lives and doing great damage to property. All means of communication have been destroyed and only indefinite reports have been received.

Mrs. G. C. Whittaker was shot down on a street in Oklahoma City Monday. Her assailant made his escape. The bullet passed through her backbone, paralyzing the body from the waist down. Her condition is critical tonight and recovery is doubtful.

Advocating the expenditure of county funds upon good roads rather than upon expensive court houses, and giving assurance that the legislature would render assistance in the movement for better roads, Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma, addressed the township trustees in state convention, in Oklahoma City, Monday.

R. S. Payne, a capitalist and hotel man from Cincinnati, Ohio, is in San Angelo, and will consider the proposition to build a \$100,000 hotel.

The interurban soliciting committee reported \$21,000 subscribed to the Fort Worth, Weatherford and Mineral Wells interurban Wednesday morning, and stated it was expected the remaining amount to be raised by Monday.

In his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, Postmaster General Meyer gives the total receipts for the year as \$191,478,663, and the total expenditures as \$208,351,886, thereby showing a deficit of \$16,873,222, the largest in the history of the department.

RIVER ENDANGERS CITY

CITIZENS TO DIVERT ARKANSAS TO PREVENT SERIOUS PROPERTY LOSSES.

WILL CUT FEDERAL LEVEE

Fears for Safety of \$100,000 Hotel, Court House and Other Property.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 1.—Fearing that the already weakened banks of the Arkansas river would be unable to withstand the pressure of the water when the full force of the present rise reaches Pine Bluff, it was decided at a mass meeting of citizens held here yesterday to divert, if possible, the channel of the river by the cutting through of a narrow strip of land, where the river starts a "horseshoe" bend several miles north of the city. This plan, if successful, will leave Pine Bluff away from the main channel, and would eliminate the danger of an overflow. The action of the mass meeting followed the report of the coming of a 16-foot rise, the crest of which will probably reach Pine Bluff by Wednesday.

Exhibit Goes to Waco.

Brownwood: The tuberculosis exhibit was sent from here to Waco Monday. While here thousands viewed the exhibit and listened to the lectures. J. N. Wilkinson, who was in charge here, stated Monday evening before departing for Waco he is highly pleased with the treatment he received while here and said more interest was shown than in any former place he had visited and the number from here to join the Texas Anti-Tuberculosis Association was more than enrolled at both Fort Worth and San Angelo.

Franchise Is Desired.

Dallas: Oklahoma City is really in earnest about breaking into the Texas League, and R. E. Moist and Lawrence Milton, president and manager of the Oklahoma club, have come to Texas to meet the various franchise holders and ascertain just what will be necessary to get a franchise for Oklahoma City in the Texas League. President Wilber P. Allen of the Texas League has called a meeting of the franchise holders of the league to be held in Fort Worth when Oklahoma City will be heard and her proposition considered.

Wants Lower Freight.

Austin: R. F. Bell of Fort Worth, secretary of the Texas Hardware Jobbers' Association, appeared before the Railroad Commission Monday, accompanied by local jobbers, to discuss the matter of a petition for lower rates from Galveston and Texas City to Texas interior points, the idea being to take advantage of the low water rates into Galveston, and thus offset the recent advance in the all-rail rates from Mississippi River crossings and territory adjacent to Texas points.

Farmer Kills Himself.

Weatherford: C. C. Garner, aged 55 years, killed himself Saturday night on a farm about ten miles north of this city. When his wife and children were asleep, he reached under his pillow, took out a pistol and shot himself through the head.

Texas A. & M. Third.

Chicago: Students representing Iowa Agricultural College won the students' judging contest, which was the feature of the opening day at the International Live Stock Exhibition in the International Amphitheater. The Hawkeye boys were credited with 4,373 points for their placings in the horse, cattle, sheep and swine departments. The Texas A. & M. boys were third with 4,681 points.

Funeral of Judge Hare.

Sherman: With marks of respect from fellow members of the bar, Confederate veterans, those who stood with him in the early days and blazed the way for the development of Texas, and those of later generations who reverse and honor his memory, all that was mortal of Judge Silas Hare was given sepulchre at West Hill Cemetery, on Monday afternoon.

Accidentally Kills Self.

West: Joe J. Holt, a prominent business man, accidentally killed himself at his home Monday about noon. He was cleaning a shotgun when one barrel was discharged, the shot taking effect in his left breast. His wife heard the report of the gun, and ran out finding Mr. Holt weltering in his blood. Without speaking he expired. Mr. Holt was 47 years old. He leaves a widow and two children.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

Monday was the last day of the session of North Texas conference of the M. E. Church, South, held at Greenville.

B. J. Cobb of Naples, Tex., says in a few days he will begin shipping in car lots the finest kaolin clay that has been found in any portion of Texas.

Burglars cracked the safe in the office of Lorentz & Kepley, commission merchants of El Paso at an early hour Sunday morning, securing \$50 in money.

The cotton receipts of San Angelo are now nearing the 10,000 mark, which breaks the record for the same time in the past history of that city as a cotton market.

A joint session of the city and county commissioners will be held next Monday morning in Fort Worth to make final arrangements for the establishment of a joint hospital.

Houston's fire chief, O'Leary, who was grievously hurt Monday by the explosion of a car of fireworks in the Santa Fe yards in that city, is now thought to be on the road to recovery.

The bodies of Porter Tharpe and wife, who were drowned in Cottonwood Creek, about twenty-two miles north of Sweetwater Saturday were recovered about noon Sunday.

New Jersey troops were ordered out by Gov. Fort Wednesday afternoon to quell a riot between strikers and deputy sheriffs at the plant of the National Fireproofing company in Keasby.

The Texas conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, convened in its sixty-ninth annual session in Beaumont, Wednesday morning with Bishop Warren A. Candler of Georgia presiding.

From authentic information received by parties in interest Tuesday the Madill, Ok., oil field is a proven one. A gusher of four inches, spouting oil to a height of sixty-five feet, having been brought in.

Hichel Hethcoat, who lives three miles north of Kaufman while out hunting Saturday morning killed a snow-white squirrel. It is of the fox squirrel variety and was quite a curiosity to many people who never heard of one before.

Practically all of the machinery for the Temple Creamery Company was arrived and is being placed in position as rapidly as possible. The building is not quite completed, but it is expected that everything will be ready to start operations by December 7.

A protected navigable waterway connecting the Mississippi river at New Orleans with the Rio Grande is the bold yet feasible and inexpensive program of the Interstate Inland Waterway Association, which will hold its fourth convention at New Orleans on Dec. 4 and 5.

The Y. M. C. A. relay message was delivered to President Roosevelt at the White House by Gordon Leach of the boys' department of the local association at exactly 6:45 o'clock Monday evening. The remarkably fast time of three hours and ten minutes was made between Baltimore and Washington.

Oscar Lattie of the Texas Ranger force has been in Brady for the last three or four days. Some more rangers are expected in shortly. They will investigate some alleged cattle stealing cases in that county.

Thirteen hours is cut from the time between Dallas and the Eastern produce markets of Philadelphia and New York by the fast freight service inaugurated from St. Louis by the Baltimore and Ohio.

It has been proven to the satisfaction of the Texas Live Stock Sanitary Commission that hog raising in the State can be carried on without fear of cholera as demonstrations have shown that it can be successfully treated.

The Gen. J. C. Griffith Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy of Terrell has completed arrangements for the meeting of the State Daughters of the Confederacy in that city on December 1-4.

Fire originated Wednesday night about 3 o'clock in the O. D. Horn dry goods store, in Cisco, and quickly spread to Citizens' confectionery and Woldrudge's meat market. The three buildings, with their contents were destroyed.

Stokes Clark of Fort Worth, charged with killing State Ranger White, at Weatherford some time ago, was convicted in the district court Monday, and given seven years in the penitentiary.

The Commercial Club of Garland met Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of waking up and stirring the citizens of the town and community to the point of aiding in the building of an interurban line from Dallas to Greenville.



MISS SOPHIA KITTLESON.

HEALTH VERY POOR—RESTORED BY PE-RU-NA.

Catarrh Twenty-five Years—Had a Bad Cough.

Miss Sophia Kittleson, Evanston, Ill., writes: "I have been troubled with catarrh for nearly twenty-five years and have tried many cures for it, but obtained very little help."

"Then my brother advised me to try Peruna, and I did.

"My health was very poor at the time I began taking Peruna. My throat was very sore and I had a bad cough.

"Peruna has cured me. The chronic catarrh is gone and my health is very much improved."

"I recommend Peruna to all my friends who are troubled as I was."

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ACCURATE INFORMATION.

Fortune Teller—This line here shows that you will die in a year.

Client—Good heavens! In a year? "H'm—yes—but in which year?" can't quite tell you."

A Clever Fellow. "Did you friend make a hit at the literary club?" "I guess he did. He pronounced 'Les Miserables' in a brand-new way and then alluded to it as Victor Herbert's masterpiece." — Washington Herald.

ED GEERS, "The grand old man," he is called for he is so honest handling horses in races. He says: "I have used SPOHN'S DISTEMPER CURE for 12 years, always with best success. It is the only remedy I know to cure all forms of distemper and prevent horses in same stable having the disease." 50c and \$1 a bottle. All druggists, or manufacturers, Spohn Medical Co., Chemists, Goshen, Ind.

About One. Mrs. Hoyle—What time does your husband get in nights? Mrs. Doyle—About the time the cuckoo clock has the least to do.

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May be permanently overcome by proper personal efforts with the assistance of the one truly beneficial laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, which enables one to form regular habits daily so that assistance to nature may be gradually dispensed with when no longer needed as the best of remedies, when required, are to assist nature and not to supplant the natural functions, which must depend ultimately upon proper nourishment, proper effort, and right living generally. To get its beneficial effects, always buy the genuine Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. ONLY SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS one size only, regular price 50¢ per bottle.

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CUMS WERE ALL DEPT. AND... (unreadable text)

Educational —AND— Operative Union Of America

The Two Conventions.

The two cotton conventions—one at New Orleans by the Farmers' Union and the other by the Southern Cotton Association at Memphis—have passed into history and the question naturally arises, what has been accomplished?

Neither convention carried to maturity any definite plan for holding the cotton crop for satisfactory prices because of the many difficulties in the way of taking care of that part of it which is under mortgage for the supplies on which it was made. But both did much to overcome these difficulties by bringing forcibly before the business world the fact that when this fraction of the cotton is forced upon the market in advance of the demand for it, the price on the entire crop is depressed and the South loses millions of dollars which should flow through all her channels of trade. And not only did they bring these conditions clearly before the business world, but representative bankers and business men expressed a willingness to co-operate along safe and sound methods of improving them. The Farmers' Union needs a campaign of education among business men, as well as among farmers, and the New Orleans convention was worth all it cost for what it accomplished in this respect alone.

In the matter of marketing that part of the crop not under the necessity of immediate sale, the work of both conventions is calculated to have a very beneficial effect. The support of the holding and gradual marketing movement by leading financiers and large planters should be a powerful stimulus to those who have hesitated as to what they should do, and where one bale has been held back before, two should be held since these conventions.

It is too early to say what may be expected from the great warehouse scheme of the New Orleans convention, the committee in whose charge it was placed has not given a definite outline of the plan. Some such arrangement at New Orleans as that made at Galveston by the Farmers' Union of Texas would materially help, and it seems quite probable that this much will be accomplished. As to the organization of a great cotton holding company, that is another question. Evidently the Farmers' Union is not ready for such a move, and we do not believe the time will ever come when it can be made successful. Our opinion is that the remedy does not lie in that direction.

The one damaging result, in our opinion, of both conventions was the disposition to compromise with the cotton exchanges. At Memphis, gambling in cotton futures on the exchanges was boldly defended and the claim was made that anti-bucket shop legislation in the Southern states had helped to depress prices to the present low level. Of course, bucket shops were condemned, although the speakers did not show why gambling on exchanges is any more beneficial to the cotton growers than on bucket shops, but the spurious claim was advanced that buyers of futures on the exchanges supports the spot market.

At New Orleans no defender of future gambling raised his voice on the floor of the convention, but in some way press reports went out to the effect that a strong sentiment had developed, or was developing, in the union in favor of amending our anti-bucket shop legislation so as to permit gambling in "legitimate exchanges," whatever they are. This ought not to have been, because there is no such change of sentiment in the union and the spreading of such reports will strengthen the speculators and gamblers in their war upon these laws, which will be renewed before the next legislature.

As a whole, however, we believe the New Orleans convention has greatly strengthened the holding and gradual marketing movement; has strengthened confidence in the final outcome for better prices, and we confidently expect to see more cotton held for better prices and a gradual advance in the market.—National Co-Operator.

Kafir Corn in the South.

That Kafir corn and milo maize are not properly appreciated in the feed trade is the conclusion of the Texas station in a feeding test. These grains contain considerably less fat or oil than Indian corn and in other constituents the differences are not important. The protein and fat of Kafir corn are much less easily digested than the same constituents in Indian corn. In a feeding test the Kafir corn produced greater gains than milo maize, with Indian corn in third place.

In autumn make surface ditches or cuts to catch winter's surface waters and to save the plants. A little study will show where to run them so as most surely to lead away overflows. It not needed longer in spring they can be closed up. They need generally be no bigger than furrows. The underdrains are often needed in the berry patch, also, and the two supplement each other very nicely.

A face full of furrows often reflects a soul without a blemish.

Cotton's Utilities.

The following is the report of the committee on cotton bags being sent out by the Southern Wholesale Growers Association, of which Mr. J. A. Van Hoose, of Birmingham, Ala., is president:

"We, your Committee on cotton bags, recognizing the importance to the southern merchants of a fair and equitable price for cotton to our farmers, which affects all lines of trade and professions of our people and desiring that as much as possible of the raw cotton grown in the South be manufactured in our country to maintain the price, and realizing that a good cotton sack can be re-used for many purposes, recommend that the Southern Wholesale Grocers give preference to goods packed in cotton sacks and that we ask the manufacturers, packers and dealers using jute and burlap and other covering to use cotton whenever possible.

"We recommend that a copy be sent to each manufacturer listed with us and that the various flour, grits and rice mills, sugar and salt manufacturers be sent a copy and that different Fertilizer Factories be also informed. We recommend that the National Wholesale Grocers Association be asked to co-operate with us to get the Wholesale Grocers in their territory to further the use of cotton bags and covering.

"We recommend that the newspapers be requested to give this resolution as much publicity as possible."

Each and every one is urged to send a copy to every manufacturer, interested whose goods you are purchasing. Each is also asked to give this resolution as much publicity as possible through every local paper published in your town or county. Every farmer, merchant and citizen in the cotton producing States should be intensely interested in doing everything within power to further the object of the above resolution.

Very respectfully,
J. A. Van Hoose, President.
Birmingham, Ala.

More Cotton Needed.

The world's production of cotton, for mill consumption, during the year ended Aug. 31, 1908, exceeded by 2,340,000 bales the previous year, according to the Census Bureau's report on the supply and distribution of cotton. The report shows that fluctuations in the world's supply of cotton is measured practically by the variations in the annual production in the United States.

If the consumption of cotton in 1909 equals that of 1908, the United States, it is declared, must contribute about 12,500,000 bales to prevent further decrease in stocks. The number of cotton spindles in this country is 27,964,487, the distribution among the states giving Massachusetts 34 per cent, South Carolina 13 per cent and North Carolina 11 per cent. Rhode Island ranks fourth in the list. The number of spindles has increased 23 per cent in the last eight years and the consumption of cotton 24 per cent.

The annual export of manufacturers of cotton are declared to be subject to wide fluctuations, those for 1908 amounting to \$25,177,758, or less than half the value of exports for 1906, which aggregated in value more than \$50,000,000. This reduction is due to the falling off of the exports to China. An interesting fact to the producers is that of the total cotton amounting to 4,459,300 bales, 34 per cent was consumed in the United States.

Co-Operate With the Governor.

According to the Houston Post the Farmers' Union of Texas, through its leaders, has indicated that it will co-operate with the governor to apprehend and convict night riders. The Post expresses the opinion that the Farmers' Union means what it says, and that the governor, the Texas rangers and the organization will camp upon the trail of the outlaw until he finds the state too hot to hold him. Luster will be added to the name of the Lone Star state if the prediction is fulfilled. As an advertisement of the quality of Texas citizenship its fulfillment would be of incalculable value to a commonwealth which still has need of a greater population than can be secured without emigration from other states. Say the Post: "every farmer in Texas has the right to take his cotton to the gins. Every gin owner has a right to operate his plant. Every producer has a right to sell his cotton when he pleases, regardless of price or other circumstances. And the governor not only gives notice that these rights are going to be protected, but he makes it plain that he will not even permit men to threaten those who are attending to their business in a legitimate way."

A new experiment station will be established at Clemson, S. C. It will be under the direction and control of the Clemson College and special attention will be given to drainage and clearing of logged-off timber lands.

For every buyer on the exchange there is a seller. Therefore, if the buyer helps to "bull" prices, the seller who sells to him "bears" prices to the same degree. Gambling does not add to nor take away one cent from the value of any article gambled on.

Carelessness in leaving old water dishes standing about where the hens can have access to filthy, stagnant water, and allowing the fowls to eat decayed animal matter, cause great amount of trouble in the shape of bowel diseases and limberneck.

REVIVAL THAT COUNTS

By REV. A. C. DIXON, D. D.,
Pastor of the Chicago Ave. (Moody's) Church, Chicago.

"My soul cleaveth unto the dust. QUICKEN THOU ME according to thy word."—Psalm 119:25.

"I am afflicted very much. QUICKEN ME, O Lord, according to thy word."—Psalm 119:27.

"Plead my cause and deliver me. QUICKEN ME according to thy word."—Psalm 119:154.



These words of Scripture define a true revival. It is a quickening according to God's word, not according to some man's magnetism or eccentricity. A talented evangelist may swoop down upon a community and make a stir by sharp, striking sayings, draw large crowds and quicken a

kind of interest, but such a quickening may be according to the evangelist, not according to the word of God. Now, what we need is an increase of spiritual life along the line of biblical teaching.

Why Such a Revival?

1. To Lift Out of the Dust. "My soul cleaveth unto the dust. Quicken thou me according to thy word." Dust is the symbol of earthliness as opposed to heavenly-mindedness. David's soul had an attraction for dust. Drooping or dead things hold dust. It will stick so easily to living objects, and the cure for this dust magnetism is a larger infusion of life. The sick eagle wallows in the dust. It has not strength of wing to rise and shake it off, but the eagle full of life soars above the dust and gazes into the sun. Christians who are to-day wallowing in the dust of worldliness need an infusion of strong healthy life that they may "mount up on wings as eagles."

2. To Sustain Us Under Life's Burdens. "I am afflicted very much; quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word." Dust mars and hinders life, but it is not heavy. There are Christians not covered with dust living consecrated lives, who have on them heavy burdens of responsibility, calamity or sorrow. Such as these need quickening that they may have strength to bear their burdens. David was afflicted very much, and this word "afflicted" has a wider range than bodily disease. But he does not pray for a lessening of the burden. What he wants is more life to carry what he has and to assume larger burdens. Burden-bearing develops a strong, healthy man, while it crushes the weak and sickly. We need more life under these burdens that they may develop rather than crush us.

3. To Break All Bonds That Enslave Us. "Plead my cause. Deliver me. Quicken thou me according to thy word." This reveals to us a condition of bondage. "Deliver me; set me free," and this freedom comes through a revival—a quickening according to God's word. Some of us are bound by habit; the habit of doing nothing good. It is difficult to tell which is worse—the habit of doing what is wrong or the habit of neglecting what is right. Oh, for the quickening that will deliver us from these do-nothing bonds! Others are bound by the fear of men. When the apostles were filled with the Spirit they spoke the word of God with boldness; they feared neither the face nor the sword of their enemies.

How to Get It. Pray for it. Every text is a prayer: "Quicken thou me according to thy word." It is a personal prayer. It is well for the pastor, for the church, for all Christendom, for the world. But we must not fail to pray for ourselves. "Quicken Me." If you are quickened somebody else will be, and if the fire begins in your soul the flames will catch the combustible materials about you. You need to strike the match that can burn up a city. The fact is, all quickening must be individual. The Lord does not quicken the crowd. The tongue of flame at Pentecost sat not upon the crowd, but "upon each of them." A revival that comes in answer to prayer is God-given, and the only kind worth having. A revival gotten up is soon put down. A revival produced by a series of mechanics, whether of song or invitation or eccentricity, will not last. It can be destroyed by an opposite course of mechanics. It is simply a battle of force, with which God has little to do. The revival we call the Reformation was born in prayer. Luther's habit was to pray three hours a day. The knees of Melancthon were found after his death to have been made callous by kneeling. Pentecost was preceded by ten days of supplication and prayer. Peter and John were in the spirit of prayer on their way into the temple, when the other great revival in which many were converted was commenced. After Christ had cast out the devil from the demoniac he said: "Such as this cometh forth only by prayer."

When the Lights Go Out. Mrs. Baker—Isn't it odd that, according to the newspaper accounts, most of the people who are very sick seem to die during the night? Mrs. Barker—The sick men my husband sits up with seem to drop off about 3 a. m.—Harper's Weekly.

RECIPES FOR VIENNA BREAD.

A Little Trouble to Make, But Delicious When Finished.

Four pounds of flour, three pints milk and water, one-half ounce of salt, 1½ ounces fresh compressed yeast. Place the flour in the bread bowl and in it put the milk, water and salt. Mix with the liquid enough of the flour to make it a thin batter, next rub the yeast to powder between the hands and mix into batter. Cover the bowl closely and let it stand three-quarters of an hour. At the end of that time mix in the rest of the flour smoothly and let the dough thus made stand again closely covered 2½ hours until it is light and elastic. Then cut into pound pieces and each pound into 12 parts. Flatten these small pieces of dough in squares three-quarters of an inch thick, fold their corners to the center, pinch them to hold down and turn the little rolls thus made over on a board covered with a cloth. Let them stand ten minutes, turn up again on a baking sheet and put them into a hot oven to bake quickly for about 15 minutes. When half done brush them with milk, return to the oven and finish baking them. It is a little trouble but they are delicious when done.

The Home.

Cold cereals can be fried the same as mush; serve with gravy.

Nickel may be kept bright by being rubbed with wool saturated in ammonia.

Kid shoes may be kept soft and free from cracks by rubbing them once a week with a little pure glycerin or castor oil.

When brushing a room sweep toward the fireplace, otherwise the draft from the chimney draws the dust in that direction.

Table or any other linen that is stained with raw egg should be well soaked in cold water first, as the hot water would set the egg.

It is said that syrup or cream will not drop from a pitcher on the tablecloth if the nose of the pitcher is rubbed with butter.

Pickled Red Cabbage.

Take off the outside leaves of a nice red cabbage, cut in quarters, remove the stalks and cut it across in very thin slices. Lay these on a dish, strew them plentifully with salt and cover with another dish. Let them remain 24 hours, turn into a colander to drain, and if necessary wipe lightly with a cloth. Put them in a jar and boil up the vinegar and spices, and when cold pour over the cabbage. Tie down with bladder and keep in a dry, cool place. It will be fit for use in a week or two. For one head of cabbage I take one quart vinegar, one-half ounce ginger root, one ounce whole black pepper and, if you like, a dash of cayenne.

The pickle will be much more crisp if the frost has touched the leaves.

Almond Delight Pie.

Make a rich pastry and fill with the following mixture: Blanch and chop fine one cupful of almonds. Put one cupful of granulated sugar moistened with one teaspoonful of water into a frying pan. Place over a slow fire until melted, then add the chopped almonds stirring briskly until the mixture turns a golden brown. Turn this out on the crust in the pan and spread quickly before it cools. Beat three eggs, add two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar and one and one-half cupfuls of milk, pour over the almonds and bake in a hot oven at first. Cover with a meringue of the white of egg and two tablespoonfuls of sugar.

Chestnuts with Apples in Salad.

The chestnuts in market now make a delicious salad with apples and celery. The domestic kind will do, but are more work than the large imported ones. Score shells of the nuts and scald them so that the shell and skin will come off easily. Then boil in salted water until they are tender. If the large chestnuts are employed cut them in three pieces; use the small ones whole. Mix the nuts with an equal quantity of diced apples and celery and dress with mayonnaise. The chestnuts and apples are tasty without the celery. Either the apples or nuts are delicious alone, as a salad.

French Soup.

To one quart of milk add, when boiling, about five boiled Irish potatoes, rubbed through a sieve, by which a paste is made, when the milk and potatoes have boiled up once add three well beaten eggs and a piece of butter the size of an egg. If it boils after the eggs are added it is apt to curdle; stir it round till it is well mixed, and serve it up.

Apples and Onions.

There is a new luncheon dish which calls for fried apples and onions served with bacon. The apples are sliced round, without peeling, and the peeled onion is added, thinly sliced. These are fried together. The bacon is fried to a crisp brown and served with the others.

Smooth Jelly.

To prevent the gritty substance forming in grape jelly, preserves, etc., to one gallon of the fruit when hot add one teaspoonful of soda when a green scum arises which you skim off and it does away with all grit.

Tripe à la Lyons.

Cut into strips a pound of boiled tripe. Fry in butter with two large onions sliced, pepper, salt and minced parsley to season. When brown add a tablespoonful of vinegar. Serve with lyonnaise potatoes.

Smile's Face Value.

Although most of us would hesitate to express what might be termed the face value of the "modern smile," we certainly realize at times that it is a form of currency which is depreciating. In the "modern smile" we recognize the crude, official thing which neither illuminates, cheers nor bridges awful gaps of silence. It may savor of suggesting a wave of imbecility to declare that we ought all to smile more, but it is certainly true that the charm of a woman's smile was once esteemed even above beauty.

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR.

Bond Issue and Civic Improvement.

The members of the City Council having requested me to make a statement to the voters of the city with reference to the proposed bond issue for a system of water works, Sewerage and for street improvement, I take this opportunity of presenting the question in the way the Council as well as myself understand it.

In the first place we realize the fact that it will be impossible for our city to ever have such conveniences without a bond issue. We also realize the fact that we have a fast growing little city of 4,500 or 5,000 people and a number of nice and expensive residences and business houses all practically without any fire protection.

Should we have a fire and it were to destroy one or two of our most costly buildings on the public square, the loss would be as great as the cost of a water system.

Again we find from investigation that the reduction on insurance would be almost enough to pay the interest on the bonds, thereby allowing us to have the use of the money practically free of charge. And who would not borrow money these stringent times if they could get it without interest?

The sewerage system is also important. A town of the population we have, where there are so many surface closets where disease germs accumulate, the health of every citizen is endangered more or less all the time, and nothing should appeal to us more readily than the health of our citizenship. I really think this the most important of the three, but as the sewerage cannot be operated without the water we arranged for the larger amount to be applied for the

water, with the view of adding to the sewerage as soon as practical.

I think it hardly necessary to make any argument to convince any one that we need street improvement. Any time we have a continued rain we are all made to realize this fact and do not have to be cited.

And as above stated, we have a fast growing city surrounded with the best and most productive land within the borders of our state with an inexhaustible quantity of good water and clothed with every natural advantage. Our pride, if nothing else, should appeal to us in this matter.

The only objection that any one could have to the issuing of Bonds I suppose would be the increased taxation so I will discuss this point.

Suppose we make the rate 25 cts on the hundred, the limit the law allows us to go, that would be \$2.50 a year on a \$1,000.00 home. Now the owner of this home has the comforts and conveniences of these improvements for this amount, besides if he insures his place the rate of insurance is reduced, and should he desire to sell his place he could sell for several times this amount more than he could without these improvements. But some one might say this will apply to improved property or to those who desire to sell, but it will not apply to unimproved property. Let us illustrate again. Suppose a man has a lot that he values at \$100.00 and he wants to hold it for twenty years. His taxes would be 25cts. more. In twenty years he would be out \$5.00. Would any one contend that a purchaser would not give \$5.00 more for a lot with these conveniences than for one without them?

Another thing I wish to mention is, that the tax payers will

not have to pay anything extra until the end of the next year. Before that time these improvements will be completed and in use, and we will have the benefits before we are out anything, provided the Bonds are voted.

Another advantage, a good portion of this money will be spent with our home people for labor and material and will give employment for the laboring man and he in turn will spend his wages with the home merchant for supplies. If a man has a house to rent the fact that work is plentiful makes it easier for him to get a renter. This will probably create a demand for more houses, and some one will commense to build. Then the real estate man, the lumber man, the hardware man will come into action.

The three propositions will be submitted separately to the voters. I mean by this, in the order we called for an election to be held on Dec. 31, 1908 for three distinct propositions, namely for \$23,000.00 Water Works Bonds, \$7,000.00 Sewerage Bonds and \$5,000.00 Street Bonds. All three propositions will be printed on the same ticket, but will be so arranged that is in favor of one and opposed to the other, he can vote for the one he favors and against the one he opposes, or he can vote for all or against all as he desires.

Will state that on the same day we will allow the voters to express their views as to whether they favor a stock law inside of the corporation.

The Council has been petitioned to pass such a law and under the laws of the state could do so without submitting it to a vote, but owing to the fact that we are going to have an election, we thought best to allow the people to express themselves.

We have also called an elec-

tion on the same day for an Alderman to fill the unexpired term of J. F. Jones who has resigned.

In conclusion we will say in behalf of the Bond Issue, do not let any petty prejudice you may have cause you to vote against this question that is so all important to the future of our city and her citizens.

Towns have reputations as do individuals. Do not let it be said of HASKELL that she is non-progressive and has allowed her fair name to drag in the mire, but on the other hand let her shine like the star, attracting all who come within its rays. I say "TURN HASKELL LOOSE."

T. E. MATTHEWS,
Mayor.

A Surprise.

"Oh Jonny, where did you get your new suit?"

"It is not new Mary, it is an old one that Ramsey the Tailor cleaned up for me and made it look like new and he did it real cheap too."

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Home Mission Notes.

Monday of last week was observed as tag day by the W. H. M. Society. A very few of the ladies took part in the tagging but nice little sum of \$13.50 was cleared. If the whole society would have worked how much could have been secured?

The money raised by all the Home Mission societies during the week of prayer will be given to the Ann Browder Home and School at Dallas for a new building.

The home has lately received the fourth individual gift of \$1,000.00 for the building fund. Mrs. M. L. Stone, for six years principal of the home, has retired from the work for a temporary rest and study and Miss Sue Lyons of New Orleans has taken her place.

Thanksgiving afternoon from 3 till 5 o'clock, Mrs. Eph Wells entertained the ladies of the Home Mission Society.

For the diversion each lady was asked to write the one thing for which she was the most thankful. The answers were interesting and instructive. The musical feature of the afternoon was most enjoyable, for Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Stephens, who gave vocal and instrumental numbers, are both artists in

their lines.

Refreshments of sandwiches and hot chocolate were served by ladies assisting the hostess. Quite a liberal Thanksgiving offering was received.

PRESS REPORTER.

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