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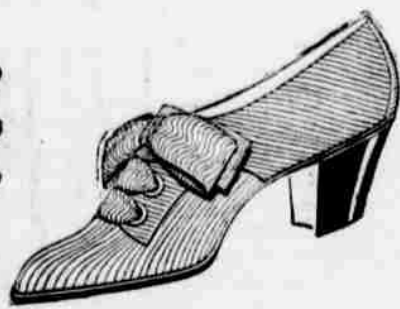
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FORT WORTH AND ALBUQUERQUE RAILROAD.

Fort Worth, Tex., June 30, '09.
Mr. T. E. Matthews,
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 21st will say that we are trying to build the Fort Worth and Albuquerque railroad, and it looks now like we would build it. The people along the line are taking considerable interest in the enterprise and offer very liberal donations.

This road would be the best paying proposition in Texas, and I would suggest to you that you form a committee at once, of your best citizens, and come here and have a talk with Mr. Capps, of the firm of Capps & Cantey.

I leave tonight and will be gone for some time.

Yours very respectfully,
C. I. Dickinson.

Fort Worth, Tex., June 30, '09.
Mr. Oscar Martin,
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 16th, will say that we have been very busy organizing a construction company to build a railroad from here to Albuquerque, N. M. This construction company consists of Fort Worth people and if we can get enough bonuses from different towns that we will go through, we shall certainly build this road, and I would suggest to you that you get a committee, say three or four gentlemen, and come down here and see Wm. Capps, or some of our Fort Worth people and tell them exactly what Haskell will do. This road must be built and will be built.

Thanking you for the letter, I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,
C. I. Dickinson.

Abilene Citizens Start Plans for Railroads

Program of Work Unanimously Adopted at Mass Meeting

Abilene Residents Enthusiastic Regarding Projects to Make City Greater Railroad Center.

Abilene, Texas, June 24.—Patriotic Abilene citizens, numbering between one thousand and twelve hundred, gathered in the opera house here yesterday afternoon in response to a call to hear the report of the railroad committee. Every business house in the city was closed during the meeting and five hundred representative business men were present to hear the following report, which was read by Judge J. M. Wagstaff, chairman of the railroad committee:

"To the Citizens and Property Owners of Abilene:

"We beg to submit to you the following plan for the building of railroads beneficial to the interests of Abilene:

"1. That every citizen of Abilene subscribe to the limit of his ability to the bonds of the proposed railroads.

"2. The plan should be for the equal benefit of every subscriber alike in proportion to the dollars in bonus subscribed by each. The railroad should not be built for any man or set of individuals, but for the good of the whole of Abilene and her entire citizenship.

"3. Men of experience, able and ready to give their time, and willing to serve the people for one year without charge, should be selected as directors, and to be named in the charter.

"To them should be entrusted the details of organization, the selection of the territory into which the railroads should be built, and also all other details. The people should understand that success will come only on condition that they give earnest, hearty support

selected to handle this railroad proposition are sustained by the united support of the entire people, the greatest success may be expected. We feel sure that it is within the power of the people of Abilene to build all the railroads needed for a city of fifty thousand people. We can build to the magnificent territory northeast, southeast, southwest and northwest, and Abilene will then have all the railroads necessary for its equipment as a first-class city. We can by this means reach the coal fields for our manufacturing interests, and the payrolls of these new railroads will furnish the means for the support of the families of thousands of working men. We do not advocate the building of trunk line railroads, but merely railroads to reach territory that will become tributary to and which will add to the support and prosperity of Abilene.

"4. We submit to you the form of a subscription obligation. We believe that this obligation should be signed by every citizen liberally and to the end that the property of the individual may be protected, and the prosperity and happiness of our city be preserved. The form of the obligation is as follows:

"Abilene, Tex., June 21, '09.
"For a valuable consideration, each subscriber hereto promises to pay to the order of J. M. Wagstaff, chairman of the Abilene railroad committee, or to his successor, at Abilene, Tex., the sum of money set opposite his name.

"Each subscriber agrees to pay the amount set opposite his name in installments of ten per cent thereof, each installment payable after thirty days' written notice from J. M. Wagstaff, chairman, or his successor. It is understood, however, that the payments called for under this contract shall be as far apart as thirty days between each call. The money is obligated by each subscriber for the building of one or more railroads out of Abilene within three

months of the railroads, the details of the form and issuance of stock and bonds, and, in fact, all other matters of business detail and managements are entrusted by each subscriber to the trustees or directors of the railroad company that may be organized to build said railroad or railroads out of Abilene. In the distribution of the stock and bonds issued on account of the building of said railroad or railroads, it is understood that each subscriber hereto will receive his just pro rata in accordance with the amount of his subscription, to the end that all subscribers shall be treated alike and that the results may be for the fair profit of all. Each subscriber hereto will receive the amount of his subscription in bonds, which bonds may be handled by the owner in any manner he pleases, but the stock which he will be entitled to by virtue of his bond subscription will be placed with the directors for a period of ten years, and may be sold by the directors of the railroad at any time upon the written consent of a majority in amount of the stockholders of the road, upon such terms and conditions as the directors may deem best. If a sale of the stock is made by the directors, the proceeds shall be divided among the stockholders in proportion to the amount owned by each.

"5. We believe that the parties who invest their money in these railroad enterprises will not lose any of the money so invested, but that the same will be a safe investment and that in this manner the values of our city will be maintained and that our population will largely increase. Every citizen who invests a dollar in these railroads will receive a mortgage bond upon the road or roads and the property of the road or roads will secure his investment. The stock in the road will be divided among the subscribers to the bonds in proportion to each man's subscription and disposed of by the directors in the manner provided in the subscription obligation.

"6. We believe that the minimum amount of stock should be issued to the mile of road built, to-wit, \$1,000, and that the subscribers should receive the entire amount of their subscription in bonds of the railroad and be given in addition thereto their proportionate part of the stock issued in the road.

"We have studied the situation and believe that the people of Abilene can easily subscribe to \$500,000 in bonds of the proposed railroads for immediate use, and if the citizens do their duty we feel absolutely sure of success. Later on as the necessities may require we can make additional subscriptions to the five hundred thousand dollars which is now to be raised. Abilene has sufficient financial strength and ability to build all the short line railroads that are needed, and with unity of purpose and concert of action there is no doubt of success.

"7. All bonuses given to the road or roads and all townsites located on the road or roads shall be for the exclusive benefit of the stockholders of the road and shall insure to their exclusive benefit, and no officer or



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Gus Evans
Coddell's Drug Store.

road or roads shall own any townsite on said road or be interested in any townsite on said road except as a stockholder in said road, and the directors of the road or roads, to be hereafter organized and built, will see that all bonuses are apportioned to the exclusive use of the road or roads, and that all townsites shall be laid out or sold for the exclusive benefit of the road, and that no officer or stockholder shall be given any advantage whatever over another stockholder.

"J. M. Wagstaff, Chairman,"
After the report had been read, several prominent business men of the city made short addresses on the subject, each and every one of them heartily indorsing the plan as set forth by the railroad committee. Among those who addressed the meeting were S. P. Hardwicke, J. M. Radford, Will Stith, E. B. Bynum, Henry Sayles Sr., W. G. Swenson, Gen. F. W. James, Judge D. G. Hill, Senator W. J. Bryan, Henry James, Morgan Weaver and H. O. Wooten.

Following the speeches, a motion to adopt the report of the railroad committee was made and carried by a unanimous rising vote. The railroad committee has already begun active work on the subscription obligation and several who have no property holdings in the city are ready and anxious to purchase stock in the roads.

We have seven and one-half sections of land, \$1.25 due State and \$3 bonus, 80 per cent tiable, balance all good grass land, time lived out. This is a bargain, write or come at once,
W. T. Jones, & Co.
Fort Stockton Texas.

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THE HICKEY CASE.

Judge H. G. McConnell has returned from Wichita Falls where he was engaged in the prosecution of Walter Hickey for the murder of Tom Dixon in this county several years ago.

The jury found the defendant guilty, and assessed his punishment at confinement for twenty years in the penitentiary.

This case has been tried several times and there have been several reversals and mistrials, and the venue has been changed to several different counties. We learned that Judge McConnell sustained his excellent record as a trial lawyer and that he tried the case with skill and made a great reputation with the court and bar of that city as a lawyer. His friends of this city take a pride in rehearsing his successes in handling the case so ably, proving himself more than a match for the opposing counsel.

DIED

Last Tuesday Robert Simmons son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Simmons of this city, was taken to Abilene to be operated upon for appendicitis. The operation was performed Wednesday morning, but failed to relieve him. He died Wednesday night and his remains were interred in the Haskell cemetery Friday.

The deceased was a very promising young man of splendid character, and it will be a hard cross for his family to bear, but there is a hope that beyond the grave we shall again meet our loved ones.

If you would like to save some money, it will pay you to inspect these goods and prices. In fact we are selling everything, even our best goods at lower prices.

Come and see us, it will pay you. Respectfully,
S. L. Robertson.

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France is going to police the air With fly cops?

If the shoe pinches take it back. The municipal court says so.

Here is where the mosquito casts his vote for the open-work shirt waist.

Jules Verne once more is vindicated, but the trip to the moon is still to be taken.

A tree appears to be to an airship what an uncharted rock is to an ocean vessel.

The new Dutch baby is going to be very important as long as she has no little brother.

It should be noted that the Zeppelin airship hardly ever has to be carried home in a baggage car.

Count Zeppelin would have better success if he could train his airship to stand without being hitched.

The girl who lost two \$50 bills through a hole in her stocking has learned that a stitch in time saves nine.

Canada retorts airily that her prosperity has removed much of the recent necessity for more neighborliness.

Perhaps this will be the last summer in which man can enjoy a view of the deep blue sky unobstructed by airships.

They hissed one of D'Annunzio's plays in Milan. This means it will be as great a success in New York as it is a failure in Milan.

One of the features of the twentieth century life most horribly misbranded is that form of gasoline intoxication known "joy riding."

Statistics show that there are twice as many births as deaths in Grand Rapids. Still, this does not account altogether for the growth of the place.

A jailed affinity broker, whose specialty was duping widows, credits his downfall to his good looks. He should have remembered that handsome is as handsome does.

That newborn future Queen of Holland will be quite in line in that coming day when woman is to rule the world and mere man be taught to know his proper place.

A member of the douma says Russia is on the brink of economic and political ruin. And only a slight push is needed to precipitate her where she'll land with a dull, sickening thud.

The reported discovery of a Viennese physician that every man has his bad day is no new one. This life is for very few, one whose succeeding days make it one grand, sweet song.

Judging by the number and prominence of wealthy "Friscons" involved in the silk-smuggling scandals, San Francisco is taking kindly to the new exclusion law and making the best of it.

One hundred Chicago young women, describing their ideal for a husband, united in demanding that he must be the "head of the house." Those artificial minxes are evidently determined to catch a man apiece.

In a bankruptcy case in New York it developed that one of the partners of the firm in question received a salary of \$12,000 a year to keep away from the business and do nothing. It would not take a lazy bug's bite to make a large percentage, viewing such a job, fairly die with envy.

An English peer made an abject apology to Lady Granard, formerly Miss Beatrice Mills, of New York, for calling her in a political address a "dumped American heiress, fortunate enough to secure a title." Which little incident throws quite an interesting light on the manners and customs him to be foolhardy.

There is not much enthusiasm about the proposed balloon journey ten miles skyward to establish communication with Mars. And probably if communication were established the first news to be flashed to the earth would be that there is a real estate boom on the planet and that now is the time to invest in planetary lots.

The movement for beginning and quitting work earlier to get more time for daylight recreation does not appear to be as popular in some quarters as had been supposed. A poll of the employees of the navy department in Washington showed an overwhelming majority against the plan. The idea may be regarded more favorably by other government employes, but there is little testimony to that effect.

A Chicago woman wishes to buy a husband and has appropriated for that purpose the humiliating sum of \$200; but, on the other hand, it must be borne in mind that she naturally expects to get nothing but a Chicago man.

In the town of Worcester, Mass., any one wishing to whistle on the streets must take out a license. It is difficult to understand the sense of such a law when it is that too many men have the habit of whistling away at their dogs.

FOR ANOTHER CANAL

COLOMBIAN CONGRESS PLEDGED TO GRANT CONCESSION TO CHILEAN ENGINEER.

INDEPENDENT OF UNCLE SAM

English Engineers Are Coming to Join in Final Survey. Estimated Cost \$1,000,000.

Panama, June 28.—Influenced by British capital, determined to secure a trans-isthmian canal free from American domination, a majority of the Colombian Congress is pledged to grant a concession to Luis Arturo Undurraga, a Chilean engineer, who is said to have discovered a new route far superior to that of the Panama Canal. English engineers are coming to join Undurraga here for a final survey.

The plan contemplates joining the oceans in one year with a sea level canal, having a level of six feet and dredging it in five years to a depth of forty-five feet. The cost is estimated at \$100,000,000.

French Navy Scandal. Paris: The report of the Parliamentary Commission which investigated the naval scandals in France, has been turned in. It is a scathing condemnation of the naval administration for the past ten years and it makes an astounding exposure of the deplorable condition of the fleet for which France has spent \$700,000,000 since 1899.

Cuban National Lottery. Havana: The Senate has accepted the report of the committee approving the establishment of the National Lottery. Details of the plan will now be referred to a conference committee of both houses with the expectation that an agreement will soon be reached and the measure will become a law in a few days.

New Ocean Speed Record. Liverpool: The Cunard line steamship Mauretania has established a new world's record for passenger steamers between New York and London. She arrived here at 10:15 Monday night and thus accomplished for the first time the feat of disembarking her passengers on Monday night after leaving New York on Wednesday.

Temperature 53 Degrees. New York: All records for low temperature for June 19 went to smash Saturday when the thermometer went down to 53 degrees at 5 o'clock in the morning. At no time since the establishment of the local Weather Bureau has there been such a low figure in Northern New York during the night and early morning.

J. D. Hallen Not Guilty. New York: James D. Hallen, a former New York lawyer, who was on trial, charged with grand larceny in cheating the Nicaraguan Government out of the price of 1,000,000 cartridges, was acquitted Monday by direction of Judge Malone, who told the jury that the State had failed to prove Hallen guilty.

Bids on Encampment Supplies. Austin: Adj. Gen. Newton Tuesday opened bids on supplies for the encampment of the Texas National Guard, which will be held at Camp Mabry July 6-20, and awarded a number of contracts.

Auto Line Established. Gainesville: The town of Valley View, ten miles south of this city, has established an automobile line to this place with two cars a day each way.

Auto Death Rate in Chicago. Chicago: Automobiles are killing Chicagoans this year at the rate of three persons every two weeks. In 1907 the slaughter was one person every three weeks, according to police statistics.

Washout on Denver Road. Amarillo: A waterspout at Tascosa Sunday washed out a short stretch of the Fort Worth and Denver track. Trains on that road are running several hours late. Had did considerable damage northeast of Amarillo.

Mexican Cotton Plant Burns. City of Mexico: A special received Wednesday from Guadalajara, State of Jalisco, states that the Atemajac cotton mill, owned by the Compania Industrial de Guadalajara, burned to the ground Wednesday. The loss is \$1,000,000.

Pipe Line Laborers Strike. Shreveport: Reports from the Caddo oil field state that about fifty pipe line laborers brought here recently by the Standard Oil Company from Pittsburg, Pa., have struck for higher wages.

Postmaster General Declines. Washington: Postmaster General Hitchcock was invited by Representative Henry to attend the annual convention of the Texas Postmasters' Association at Waco from Aug. 1 to 3, inclusive, but declined on account of other engagements.

Sherman Union Station. Sherman: The plans and blue print specifications of the \$100,000 Union Passenger Station to be built here this fall have been received and the

Woman Beats Riding Record. Rochester, N. Y.: By a continuous horseback ride of more than 150 miles in about eighteen hours, Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth of Avon Monday beat the famous record of President Roosevelt, when, accompanied by several army officers, he covered 120 miles in one day.

No Penalty For Slavery. Washington: As a result of a remarkable omission in the Federal statutes, disclosed incident to a recent investigation of peonage by members of the Immigration Commission, Congress next winter may be asked to pass a law actually making slavery a crime, and providing a penalty for holding persons in involuntary servitude.

Affair Is Still Unsolved. New York: After a bit of police flurry Monday, an hour or two of unverified reports and telephoning between cities, the murder of Elsie Siegel, the daughter of Paul Siegel of this city and granddaughter of Maj. Gen. Franze Siegel of Civil War fame, resolved itself into an unsolved crime again.

Prisoners Escape From Jail. Tulsa, Okla.: Six desperate prisoners sawed their way out of the county jail. Six other prisoners refused their liberty and remained in jail. The delivery occurred Sunday night, shortly after inspection, while the jailer was in the front end of the building used as a jail.

Santa Fe Oklahoma Cut-Off. Tulsa, Okla.: According to Horace Speed, chief counsel for the Santa Fe in Oklahoma, that road will shorten its principal line from the Southwest to Kansas City by a cut-off from Cushing to Tulsa. Such a line will lessen the mileage sixty-three miles.

Child Burned to Death. San Angelo: When the residence of John Valentine was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon an adopted 5-year-old boy was burned to death. Nothing is known regarding the origin of the fire.

Harriman Rumored Ill. New York: Rumors that E. H. Harriman was critically ill in Vienna, a report which at times was exaggerated to the extent of saying that he was dead, all met with prompt denial by his associates at the Union Pacific offices Monday.

Saw Cuts Off Both Hands. Celeste: J. D. Rogers lost both hands as a result of coming in contact with a power wood saw. One hand was caught first, and in trying to save it he lost the other.

Kansas City Heat Fatal. Kansas City: Two died here Sunday from heat prostrations. A street car conductor was overcome while on his way home from work, and a musician, was prostrated while playing in an amusement park.

Steamers Collide in Lake. Alpena, Mich.: The steamer W. P. Thew, owned by Hugh R. Harvey of Detroit, was sunk off Thunder Bay Island Tuesday by the steamer Livingston. The captain and eleven men escaped in yawls and were picked up by the steamer Mary Elphicks.

Wright Brothers Ready to Fly. Washington: The propellers were set in place on the Wright aeroplane at Fort Myer Tuesday. With the exception of the motor the machine is practically ready for a flight.

Delegates at Monte Ne, Ark. Monte Ne, Ark.: Probably seventy-five delegates, representing as many cotton-growing States, were present Tuesday at the third annual meeting of the National Cotton Association.

Delegates to Cotton Congress. Little Rock, Ark.: The third annual Cotton Congress was called to order Tuesday morning by Col. W. H. Harvey, secretary of the association, in the beautifully decorated banquet hall of the Oklahoma Building here. Every cotton-growing State was represented.

Johnson-Kaufman Match. New York: Jack Johnson and Al Kaufman will fight a forty-five round contest next September if the promoters who can handle the affair overbids the man with the twenty-round limit.

Union Depot for Denison. Austin: The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Monday notified the Railroad Commission that an agreement had been reached with the H. & T. C. and Frisco for a resumption of the work on the union depot ordered constructed at Denison.

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Drowned Near El Paso. El Paso: Miss Maria Trigg, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Trigg, was drowned in the lake at the smelter Monday afternoon, where she had gone with a party to spend the day picnicking.

In a collision between an interurban car of the Anderson Traction Company and an automobile at Breazeale Crossing, six miles east of Anderson, S. C., Sunday, one man was killed and

ROBBER GETS \$8,195

WAGGONER BANK AND TRUST CO. ON LOWER MAIN STREET ROBBED.

MAN WORKS SINGLE HANDED

Enters Place While Cashier King is Checking Up. Takes Money and Disappears.

Fort Worth, Tex., June 23.—The branch of the Waggoner Bank and Trust Company, at 1416 Main street, two blocks north of the Texas and Pacific passenger station, in one of the busiest sections of the city, was held up by a lone robber, armed with a six-shooter, at 4:05 o'clock yesterday afternoon and practically looted of its cash.

The only occupant of the bank at the time of the occurrence was W. G. King, cashier, and when surprised by the robber he had his head drawn down, balancing his books, with the bank's money lying on the counter within reach.

The sum of \$8,195 was taken, nearly all of it in greenbacks. About \$1,000 in gold and silver was left behind. The robber, according to the statement of Mr. King, backed out of the door with the money under his coat and walked calmly away, turning south. King gave the alarm, but the robber had disappeared completely.

At a late hour there was no clew and no arrest had been made.

Urowd Sees Boy Drowned.

Fort Worth: In view of a crowd which lined the Clear Fork of the Trinity River and watched from the bridge near the City Park, 9-year-old Clarence Sales fell from a tree into the swollen stream Wednesday and was drowned. Men, women and children were almost frantic in their efforts to rescue the child, and only by force was his 13-year-old brother, Victor, restrained from plunging into the stream.

Man Killed in Church.

Decatur: John J. Mosher, a farmer who resided in the Sand Flat community, was shot and killed Saturday night about 8:45 o'clock. The killing occurred in Sand Flat schoolhouse during a revival meeting. The house was filled with men, women and children, and a panic ensued. Roy Burnham, 19-year-old son-in-law of Mosher, and his cousin, also named Burnham, surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Johnson of Chico.

Kill Man and Burn House.

Texarkana: Much excitement and indignation prevails in the Hooks neighborhood, fifteen miles northwest of here, over a dastardly crime by negroes. A few nights ago William Temple, an old white man who lived the life of a recluse upon his little farm, having no family, was murdered and his house was afterwards burned down over his corpse. The object of the murder is known to have been robbery.

Road to Pass Through Snyder.

Snyder: A letter from chief engineer of Santa Fe Railroad in Chicago, addressed the Commercial Club at this place stated that the road has adopted the route that would carry it through Snyder. The same train that brought this good news also brought three carloads of mules to be used in grading.

Work on Brazos River.

Waco: Major A. C. Waldron and his assistant, Capt. Ralf Smead, are on the Brazos River, forty miles below Waco, superintending operations there connected with dam and lock building, and the construction of snagboats for the improvements above Old Washington, ending, for the present, at Waco.

Board to Codify Texas Laws.

Austin: The Governor Tuesday appointed the board to codify the laws of Texas, composed of James G. Dudley of Paris, R. B. Miner of San Antonio and H. G. (Brock) Robertson of Beaumont. Mr. Robertson served on the codifying board that prepared the statutes of 1895.

Retail Merchants at Temple.

Temple: The annual convention of the Texas Retail Merchants' association assembled in this city Tuesday morning for a three days' session.

Vote On Tax at Denison.

Denison: The taxpayers of Denison voted Tuesday 361 to 287, in favor of levying a tax of 25c on the \$100 to build a hospital. The building is to cost \$25,000 and the special tax will be collected for two years only.

Child Fatally Burned.

Dallas: Zura Jackson, 11 years of age, was fatally burned by the explosion of a gasoline stove in the kitchen at her father's home, in Dallas, Sunday.

Busy Shipping Truck.

Marshall: The farmers and truck growers of this county are busy just now shipping truck of all kinds, which is fine this year. All of the commercial orchards are shipping peaches to the market, and next week will commence to ship in carload lots.

Ft. Worth Switchman Killed.

Fort Worth: James L. Shady, a switchman in the employ of the Texas and Pacific, was killed Sunday when

GENERAL RAIN FOR TEXAS.

Crops of the State are Greatly Benefited.

Dallas: From reports received Tuesday night, it appears that the rainfall of that afternoon was not only general in its scope, but that it did a vast amount of good to the sections visited. Hard rains fell at Wichita Falls, Weatherford, San Antonio, Taylor and other sections.

Cotton Carnival Palace.

Galveston: Ground was broken Monday to start the erection of the cotton palace to be used for the housing of products and display of machinery and other things connected with the fleecy staple at the big cotton carnival to be held here the first week in August. The building, which is to be mammoth in size, will be a permanent feature of the annual cotton carnivals to come.

Fire in Steamer Three Days.

Galveston: The steamer Ocmulgee, laden with 2,200 tons of freight, reached Texas City early Monday morning with a large share of her cargo badly damaged as a result of fire which broke out in hold No. 2 last Thursday evening. Until the cargo has all been taken out the extent of the damage can not be ascertained.

Wrights Prepare For Tests.

Washington: That the Wright brothers will take every care to prevent any recurrence of the accident to Orville Wright at Fort Myer last September is evident from the methods they are pursuing in connection with the resumption of the aeroplane trials this week.

Balloon Soars Above Storms.

St. Louis: The balloon St. Louis, Ill., which ascended with five passengers Sunday, made a final landing near Carlinville, Ill., after a flight of sixty miles in seven hours. The gas bag held 76,000 cubic feet of gas. The balloonists passed above two storms by going up 6,500 feet.

Mob Hangs Negro.

Willburton, Ok.: A negro named Sylvester Pitts, alias Charles Ray, and known among the colored people as "Alabama Red," was taken from the county jail by a mob of about thirty men here Saturday and hanged to an electric light pole which stood within ten feet of the jail door.

Mother Sees Child Drown.

Cameron: Paul Watson, 8 years old son of Mrs. Willie Watson of Cameron, was drowned in Little River Sunday. He was wading and slipped and fell in the water over his head. His mother was watching him and rushed into the stream and almost lost her life, but the little fellow was lost.

Katy Railroad Buys Land.

Temple: The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway has excited considerable interest here by the purchase of sixty-five acres of land, adjoining the city on the southeast, for which it paid an average price of \$300 per acre. The intentions of the company have not been made public.

Work For Tyler Home-Coming.

Tyler: Possibly one of the most interesting features of home-coming week here, July 5-10, will be the exhibits. The committee in charge has been working for some time and reports there will be one of the finest displays ever shown in East Texas of the kind.

Work Starts at Sweetwater.

Sweetwater: Actual work on the Santa Fe Texico-Coleman cut-off has begun here Monday. About 800 citizens of Sweetwater assembled at 3 o'clock, and headed by a brass band, repaired to the camp of contractor in charge of work through here.

Texas Invents Aeroplane.

Washington: Jacob Lloyd Nichols of Belton has completed the preliminary protection of his pending patent for an aeroplane of the monoplane type and returned to Belton Sunday to begin the construction of a machine that will carry one man.

Great Cattle Loss Reported.

El Paso: According to reports received here, thousands of cattle are dying from thirst in North Central Mexico. Small streams have dried up and not a drop of rain has fallen in twelve months.

Chas McClain Is Dead.

Cleburne: Charles McClain died here Sunday morning at 5:20 a. m. He was president of the Texas Chiefs of Police and City Marshals' association and one of the best known officers in the State.

High Dive to Death.

Beaumont: Charles Harris, aged about 39 years, a professional high diver, was killed Sunday while making an exhibition dive from the top of his ladder, a distance of about seventy feet, into the Neches River.

Seventy-five Years for Knight.

Fort Worth: The jury in the Ike S. Knight murder trial rendered its verdict Wednesday morning, finding the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree and fixing his punishment at seventy-five years in the penitentiary.

Fricco's Brownwood Park.

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THE LION'S SHARE

BY OCTAVE THANET
AUTHOR OF "THE MAN OF THE HOUR"

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SYNOPSIS.

The story opens at Harvard where Col. Rupert Winter, U. S. A., visiting, saw the guide of young Mercer. He met Cary Mercer, brother of the dead student. Three years later, in Chicago, in 1906, Col. Winter overheard Cary Mercer apparently planning to kidnap Archie, the colonel's ward, and to gain possession of Aunt Rebecca Winter's millions. A Miss Smith was mentioned apparently as a conspirator. A great financial magnate was aboard the train on which Col. Winter met his Aunt Rebecca, Miss Smith and Archie. Col. Winter learned that the financial magnate was Edwin S. Kestcham. Winter, aided by Archie, cleverly frustrated a hold-up on the train. He took a great liking to Miss Smith despite her alleged kidnapping plot. Archie mysteriously disappeared in Frisco. Blood in a nearby room at the hotel called for the boy's life. The lad's voice was heard over the telephone, however, and a minute later a woman's voice—that of Miss Smith. Col. Winter and a detective set out for the empty mansion owned by Arnold, a Harvard graduate. They were met with an explosion within. Mercer appeared. He assured Winter that Archie had returned. The colonel saw a vision of the supposedly haunted house. It was Miss Janet Smith. Col. Winter to himself admitted that he loved Miss Smith. Mercer told Winter that Archie had overheard plans for a coup and had been kidnaped. One of Mercer's friends on returning the boy to his aunt had been arrested for speeding and when he returned from the police station to his auto the lad was gone. Mercer confessed he was forcibly detaining Kestcham. Mercer told his life story, relating how Kestcham and his scoundrel secretary, Atkins, had ruined him, the blow killing his wife and holding him prisoner in order that he could not get control of a railroad which was the pet project of the father of his college friend, Endicott Tracy. Aunt Rebecca saw Archie in a cab with two men. They vanished. She followed in an auto, into the Chinese district.

CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

But he missed his deserved commendation; indeed, he forgot it himself; because, as he looked back at the horses rearing on the sudden check and tossing their auburn manes, then ran his scrutiny behind them to the back, he perceived no life in it; and when his own passenger jumped with amazing nimbleness from her seat and lunged the crazy door wide open, she recoiled, exclaiming: "Where are they? Where did you leave them?"

"Leave who?" queried the hackman.

"Say, what you stoppin' me fur? Runnin' into me with your devil-wagon! Say!"—then his wrath trailed into an inarticulate mutter as he appreciated better the evident quality of the gentleman before him.

"You may be mixed up in a penitentiary offense, my man," she said, placidly. "It is a case of kidnaping. Where did you leave that boy who was in the cab? If you give us information that will find him, there's five dollars; if you fool us—well, I have your number. Where did you leave the boy?"

"Why, there was a cop with 'im—a cop and a gentleman. Ain't you got hold of the wrong party, lady?"

"A brown-haired boy in a gray suit with a blue cravat—you know he was in your cab. And how do you know it was a real policeman?"

"Or he wasn't helping on the devil-illy if it was?" sneered the chauffeur, who had now become a full-fledged partisan. "Ain't you lived in this burg long enough to find out how to make a little mazzina on the side? You're too good for Frisco. Heaven is your home, my Christian friend."

"Cut it out!" retorted the man. "I guess I know how to find my way round as well as the next man—"

"Certainly you do," soothed Mrs. Winter, who was fingering a crisp new five-dollar bank note, "and you are no kidnaper, either; you made no bargain with those men—"

"Sure I didn't!" agreed the hackman, "nor I ain't standin' for kidnapin', neither. Why, I got kids of my own, and my woman she'd broom me outer the house if I was to do them games. Say, I'll tell you all I know. They got off, them three, at that there corner, and I was to drive fast 's I could three blocks ahead and then git home any old way. And that's God's truth, I—"

"You didn't see where they went?" Mrs. Winter was quietly insistent.

"No, I didn't. I guess I was a dumb fool not to notice, but they paid me well, and I'd a bad thirst, and I was hikin' to a place I know for beer; and that's—"

"Did the boy seem willing?"

"He didn't do no kickin' as I seen." A few more questions revealed that the man had unpacked his full kit of information. He had never seen either of the men before. The gentleman—yes, he was sure he was a gentleman; he wasn't no swell confidence guy; he was the regular thing—gentleman engaged him to take a party to the Chinese quarter; he'd tell where to stop; didn't need a guide; only wanted to make a few purchases, he said, and he knew where the things was; yes, ma'am, that was all; only down there on Market street, or maybe—why, somewhere near by—he stuck his head out and told him to turn the corner, and then he kept telling him to turn corners, until finally he told him to stop and they got out.

Mrs. Winter gave the man the bank note, counseling him to keep his eyes open for the two men and the boy, and to report to her at the Palace hotel, giving his number, should he see either man or boy. It would be very well worth his while.

The chauffeur did not interrupt, but he shook his head over the departing

hack. "He'd ought to have known it wasn't on the square, but these hack drivers ain't got good sense even when they're, so to speak, sober, which ain't often," he soliloquized. "Well, lady, if they've took to the Chinese quarter, we'd better be looking up a Chink to help us, I guess. I know a fairly decent one—"

"I think I know a better," interrupted Mrs. Winter, with a faint smile. She had detected a suppressed pity in the man's regard. "Motor slowly along the street. There is a shop, if I can find it, where there ought to be a man—"

"Man you know? Say, lady, I guess I better go in with you, if you don't mind—"

"No; stay in your car. You don't know how safe I am. Not only my gray hair protects me, but I have only to say a few words and any of these men will fight for me if necessary. But this is in confidence—just between us, you understand. You are not to repeat it, ever."

She looked at him with a frank smile, and involuntarily his hand went up to his cap. "What you say goes, lady. But jest remember I'm right here, spark going all the time, ready to throw her wide open when you step in; and"—his voice sank—"I ain't absolutely unprepared for a scrap, either."

"I understand," said she, looking at him keenly, and a few moments later she stepped briskly into the shop before which he halted with a little lighting of the heart because of this uncouth knight of the lever. The shop itself was like any one of a score on the street, crowded with oriental objects, bizarre carvings of ivory and jade, daggers and strings of cash, swords, gorgeous embroidered robes of silk and gold in a huddle over a counter or swinging and gleaming in the dusky background, squat little green and brown gods with puffy eyelids, smiling inscrutably amid shoes and fans and Chinese lanterns of glass and bronze, glittering with beads—in all these, like the score about it; yet the clean windows and a certain order within gave it a touch out of the common. A man and a boy served the shop, both in the American dress, with their pigtail tucked under the visorless caps. Both greeted her in the serene oriental fashion, bowing and smiling, their obsequious courtesy showing no smallest sign of the surprise which the sight of an unattended woman must have given them.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Winter was aware that both, under their lowered eyelids, took cognizance of that soft-carven disk of jade among the lacers on her breast. She asked the man if he had seen a lad and an older man, or it might be two older men, one a policeman, come into that or any other neighboring shop. She explained that the lad was her grand-nephew and was lost (she eschewed the harsher word, for she had no desire to set afoot a rumor which might bring the police upon her). She named a sum large enough to kindle a sudden gleam in the boy's eyes, as the reward awaiting the lucky man who might put her on the right track. But her words struck no responsive spark from the Chinaman's veiled gaze. In perfect English and a very soft voice he avowed ignorance and sympathy with the same breath.

And all the while she could feel his glance slant down at the jade ornament.

"Send the boy to look in the shop next door," said she. As she spoke she raised the charm between her thumb and her first two fingers, looking at him directly. Her tone was that of command, not request. He frowned very slightly, making an almost imperceptible gesture, to which she returned a single Chinese phrase, spoken so low that had he not expected the words they had been indistinguishable to his ear. Instantly he addressed the boy rapidly in their own language. The boy went out. The master of the shop returned to Mrs. Winter. His manner had utterly changed; the tradesman's perfunctory deference was displaced by an almost eager humility of bearing. He would have her sit—there were a few cane-seated American arm chairs, in grotesque contrast to all their accompaniments—he prostrated himself before her; he put himself at her service; still to her trained eye there was a corner of his mind where incredulity wrestled with a stronger emotion.

"Do not fear," she said, gently. "It is really my own, and he gave it to me himself, almost 30 years ago. He was hardly 30 years old himself then. You see, my husband had been so fortunate as to do him a kindness. It was he who had it first. When he died it came to me, and now for the second time in my life I am using it. I knew you belonged. I saw the sign. Will you help me find my boy?"

"Did your ladyship know he is here, in San Francisco?"

If she had not already dissipated any doubt in his mind, her evident relief blew the last shred away now. "Haven't you such a thing as a telephone somewhere?" cried Rebecca Winter. "Time is precious. Can't



He Avowed Ignorance.

you speak to him—have him come here?"

It appeared that there was a telephone, and in a moment she was put into communication by the shopkeeper. He stood in an attitude of deep respect while she talked. He heard with unsmiling attention her first Chinese words; he listened as she returned to English, speaking very quietly, but with a controlled earnestness, explaining that she was Archibald Winter's widow, giving dates and places, in nowise alluding to the service which had won the charm about her neck. Yet as he listened, insensibly the Chinaman grew certain that she had spoken the truth. Presently she turned to him. "He wishes to speak to you," she said, and went back to the shop. She sighed as one sighs from whose heart a great burden rolls. "To find him here, and still grateful!" she was thinking. "What wonderful good fortune!"

She sat down, and her face grew dreary. She was no longer thinking of Archie. Her vision was on another face, another scene, a time of peril, when almost against her reason her instinctive woman's recoil of pity for a fellow-creature in danger of unthinkable torture had been so intense that she had more than acquiesced in her husband's plan of risking both their lives to save him; she had impelled him to it; she had overcome his terror of the risks on her account. "It is only death we have to fear, at worst," she had argued. "We have the means to escape in a second, both of us, from anything else; and if we run away and leave this poor wretch, who hasn't done anything but love his country, just as we love ours, and be too civilized for his trifling, ornery, pusillanimous country-people to understand, to get slashed to pieces by their horrible ling-ling—whatever they call it—Archibald Winter, don't you reckon we shall have nightmares as long as we live?"

Thirty years ago—yet it seemed like yesterday. Distinctly she could hear her husband's voice; it had not come back to her with such reality for years; it was more real than the cries of the street outside; and her heart was beating faster for his words: "Becky, there never was a woman like you! You could make a dead man hop up and fight, bless you!"

"Your ladyship"—it was the shopkeeper back again; he had lived in England, and he offered the most respectful western title of his knowledge—"your ladyship may be cheeful. All will be done of the best. The young gentleman will be back fo' to-night. If your ladyship will now let us to the hotel."

Mrs. Winter bowed slightly; she was quite her self-possessed self again. "I will go certainly," she said, "but I shall hope to see you, also, to-night; and meanwhile, will you accept, as a token from a friend who trusts you, this?" She took a little gem-crusted watch from her fob and handed it to him. Her manner was that of a queen who rewards her general. And she left him bowing low. She entered the motor car. It was no longer a lone motor. Another car steamed and snorted near by, in which sat the

amiable banker from Iowa, his wife and Janet Smith.

It took only a moment to transfer a passenger, to explain that she hoped to find the boy who had been lost—no, she would not use such a strenuous word as kidnaped—and would they complete their kindness by not mentioning the affair to any one? One hated so to get into the papers. And would they let her see them again to thank them? Then, as she sank back on the cushions, she remarked, as much to the expectant chauffeur as to Janet: "Yes, I think it is all right. I think we shall see Archie to-night."

**CHAPTER XII.
A BLOW.**

There was no one but Mrs. Winter to welcome the colonel when, jaded, warm and dusty, he tapped on Aunt Rebecca's parlor door. Mrs. Millicent was bristling with a sense of injury; one couldn't touch her conversationally without risk of a scratch. The colonel put up the shield of his unsuitable appearance, his fatigue and his deplorable need of a bath, and escaped into his own apartment. But he made his toilet with reckless haste. All the time he was questioning his recent experience, trying to sort over his theories, which had been plunged into confusion by Mercer's confession. "I suppose," he reflected, "that I had no right to give Mercer that hint at the door." The hint had been given just as they parted. It was in a single sentence:

"By the way, Mercer, if that pillar in the patio is of importance in your combination, you would better keep an eye on it; it has a trick of cracking."

"The devil it has!" grunted Mercer. Then he thanked him, with a kind of reluctant admiration in his tone.

"You are sure you don't object to my detective's staying?" questioned the colonel.

"No, sir; prefer to have him. You told him to have his men in and overhaul the house?"

"I did. I warned you I should have to. You promise there shall be no racket? But I—I think I'll take Haley."

"Thank you. That's right kind of you, sir. Good-by, sir."

This had been the manner of their parting—assuredly a singular one, after the sinister suspicions and the violent promises which the soldier had made himself in regard to this very man. After leaving, he had motored into town, down to the police courts, to discover no records of the arrest and no trace of Archie. Thence, discouraged, perplexed and more worried than he liked to admit, he had repaired to the hotel. His aunt was gone, Miss Smith was gone, and Randall could only relate how Mrs. Winter "had flew like a bird, sir, into a big red motor car and gone off, and then Miss Smith and a lady and gentleman had got into a white car and gone off in the same direction."

He was meditating on his next step, when Birdsell was announced below. The detective looked as warm and as tired as the colonel had felt an hour before. Rupert was not eager to see

him, but neither was he anxious for the tete-a-tete with Millicent which awaited him in the parlor. Between the two he chose Birdsell.

"Well," he greeted him, "did you find any trace of the boy?"

"Of course I did," growled Birdsell. "They didn't try to hide 'im. They had him lodged in a dandy room with his own bath. Of course, he left his tooth-brush. They'd got him some automobile togs, too, and he'd left some leggings when he packed, and a letter begun on a pad to Miss Smith—Dear Miss Janet, it begins, 'I am having a bully time. I can steer the machine, only I can't back—that's all. Say, the young dog has been having it fat while we were in the frying pan, for fear somebody was bothering him.'"

"But he is not in the house now?"

"No, nor nothing else."

"Nobody hidden away? Where did the groans you heard come from?"

Birdsell flushed. "I do believe that slick deceiver you call Mercer put up a game on us out of meanness—just to get me guessing."

"That sort of thing looks more like the college boys."

"Say, it might have been. This thing is giving me nervous prostration. Say, why didn't you see the thing out with me?"

The colonel shamelessly told the truth to deceive. "I was called here. I was told that Mrs. Winter, my aunt, had seen Archie in the street."

"She was just getting out of a machine as I came up. Miss Smith was with her, and they had their hands full of candy boxes. They were laughing. I made sure the boy had been found."

"Not to my knowledge," said the colonel. But in some excitement he walked into the parlor. The ladies had arrived; they stood in the center of the room while Randall took away the boxes.

"Candy for Archie," explained Aunt Rebecca, and these were the first words to reach Rupert Winter's ears. "I expect him to dinner."

"Aunt Rebecca," proclaimed Millicent, "I never have been one to complain, but there are limits to human endurance. I am a modern person, a civilized Episcopalian, accustomed to a regular and well-ordered life, and for the last few days I seem to have been living in a kind of medieval mystery, with kidnapers, and bloodstains, and, for anything I know, somebody ready to stick a knife into any one of us any time! You people may enjoy this sort of thing—you seem to—but I don't. And I tell you frankly that I am going to apply to the police, not to any private detective inquiry office, as like as not in league with the criminals"—thus ungratefully did Mrs. Millicent slur the motives of her only truly interested auditor—"but real policemen. I shall apply—"

She did not tell where she should apply, the words being snapped out of her mouth by the sharp tinkle of the telephone bell.

Aunt Rebecca responded to the call. "Send him up," was her answer to the inaudible questioner.

She laid down the receiver. Then she put it back. Then she stood up, her silver head in the air, her erect little figure held motionless.

Janet Smith's dark eyes sought hers; her lips parted only to close firmly again.

Even the detective perceived the electric intensity of the moment, and Rupert shut his fists tight, with a quickened beating of the heart; but emotional vibrations did not disturb Mrs. Melville Winter's poise. She continued her plaint.

"This present situation is unbearable, unprecedented and un—un—unexpected," she declaimed, rather groping for a climax which escaped her. Aunt Rebecca raised her hand.

"Would you be so very kind, Millicent," said she, "as to wait a moment? I am trying to listen."

Like a response to her words, the knob of the door was turned, the door swung, and Archie entered the room, smiling his odd little chewed-up smile.

Janet uttered a faint cry and took a single step, but, as if recognizing a superior right, hung back while the boy put his arm about his great-aunt's waist and rather bashfully kissed her cheek.

She received the salute with entire composure, except for a tiny splash of red which crept up to each cheekbone. "Is it really you, Archie?" said she. "You are a little late for dinner day before yesterday, but quite in time for to-day. Sit down and tell us where you have been."

"Quite so!" exclaimed Mrs. Millicent. "Good heavens! Do you know how we have suffered? Where have you been? Why did you run away?"

But Archie, who had surrendered one-half of him to be hugged by Miss Smith and the other to be clasped on the shoulder by his uncle, seemed to think a vaguely polite "How-de-do, Aunt Millicent; I'm sorry to have worried you!" to be answer enough. Only when the question was repeated by Mrs. Winter herself did he reply: "I'm awfully sorry, Aunt Rebecca, but I've

promised not to say anything about it. But, truly, I didn't mean to bother you."

Millicent exploded in an access of indignation: "And do you mean that you expect us to accept such a ridiculous promise—after all we have been through?"

"Quite so," remarked Aunt Rebecca, with a precise echo of her niece's most Anglican utterance—the gift of mimicry had been one of Mrs. Winter's most admired and distrusted social gifts from her youth.

Rupert Winter hastened to distract Millicent's attention by saying, decisively: "If the boy has promised, that ends it; he can't break his parole. Anyhow, they don't seem to have hurt you, old son?"

"Oh, they treated me dandy, those fellows," said Archie. "Miss Janet, I know how to run an electric motor car, except backing."

"I'll bet you do," muttered the detective.

Here the colonel came to the boy's relief a second time and drew Birdsell aside. "Best let me pump the chap a little. You get downstairs and see how he got here, who brought him. They'll get clean away. It is late for that as it is. You can report to-morrow."

It was the colonel, also, who eliminated Mrs. Millicent by the masterly stratagem of suggesting that she pass the news to Mrs. Wigglesworth. He artfully added that it would require tact to let the lady from Boston understand that the lad had been found without in any way gratifying her natural curiosity in regard to the manner of finding or the cause of disappearance. "I'll have to leave that to you," he concluded. "Maybe you can see a way out; I confess my hands are in the air."

Millicent thus relegated to the ambassador's shelf, the colonel slipped comfortably into his pet arm-chair facing his nephew on the lounge between Aunt Rebecca and Miss Smith. Miss Smith looked frankly, charmingly happy. Aunt Rebecca looked rather tired.

"Of course," he remarked, "I understand, old man, that you have promised secrecy to the Fireless Stove gang, as well as call them; but the other kidnapers, the crowd that held up your car and then switched you off on a side track while young Fireless was detained—they haven't any hold on you?"

"No, sir," said Archie; "but—you see, that strange gentleman and Aunt Millicent—I was scared lest I'd give something away."

"They're not here now. All friends here. Suppose you make a clean breast of your second kidnaping. It may be important you should."

Nothing loath, Archie told his story. Left outside while Tracy went into the office with a policeman, to whom he gave his assumed name, he remained for hardly two minutes before a gentleman and a "cop" came up to him, and the latter ordered him to descend from the machine—but not until they had found it impossible to move the vehicle. When they did discover that the key was out and gone, the man in citizen's clothes hailed a cab and the officer curtly informed Archie that Gardiner (Tracy's traveling name) had been taken to another court and he was to follow. He didn't suspect anything beyond a collision with the speed regulations of the city, but had he seen a chance to dive under his escort's arm the boy would have taken it. Such chance was not afforded him, and all he was able to do was to lean out suddenly as they passed the Palace and to wave at Randall. "I wanted them to stop and let me get some one to pay my fine," said Archie, "but they said I was only a witness. They wouldn't let me stop; they run down the curtain—at least so far as it would run. It was like all those hack curtains, you know—all out of order."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

OBSERVANT PEOPLE ARE JAPS.

Trouble Is They Are Liable to Carry It to Extremes.

The Japanese are a most imitative and observant people and copy everything they see with minute fidelity. A Newport man recently engaged a Japanese valet, who was very attentive and satisfactory.

His duties rarely took him into the kitchen, but when he had a chance of watching the cook he did so with extraordinary interest.

The cook caught a severe chill and left somewhat suddenly. The lady of the house was in despair, as she could not replace her.

At last the valet announced diffidently that he thought he could cook a little and the mistress gladly agreed to give him a trial.

The first thing he started on was the potatoes. He took off his shoes and socks and put his feet in a bath of hot mustard and water.

The lady wanted to know what on earth he was doing. He replied that he saw the cook do that when she was peeling the potatoes, and nothing would "make him that this was not a necessary part of the process.

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The local merchants have all acquiesced in the intentions of their clerks to take a day off for rest July the 4th.

We have been sending out statements to our subscribers, and we are very much gratified at the prompt response they are making to same. We have heard from about all to whom we mailed a statement, very few having neglected so far to respond. Such support as this makes us cheerful and we feel like our efforts are appreciated.

Messrs Guest and Abbott this city have received the following letter from the detective department of the Texas Bankers association.

Cleburne Texas, June 25, 1909. Guest & Abbott, Haskell, Texas,

Gentlemen:- You are informed that there are a band of check raisers who are operating extensively in Texas. They seem to have many ways to secure checks buying and trading for them when given to reliable person, again by selling some minor article and securing your check, also robbing mail boxes by fishing out letters with a piece of wire and then raised to the desired amount by an alteration of the writing. Again by the use of acids in the body of the check, by removing the writing and then re-writing to any desired amount. Owing to the genuineness of the signature giving them the money, it is usually from two or three weeks before discovery, therefore they are very hard to locate. Quite a bit of this work is done by boys and young men, also several Mexicans are engaged in this business.

I will suggest that you keep a sharp lookout for them, and if

they attempt to pass any on you notify me as several of these criminals are wanted in Texas at the present time. Owing to the late numerous complaints of such, it seems that it is rapidly on the increase if you suspect any of the above in the future, kindly advise me or J. W. Hoopes, Secretary at Austin, and be obliged.

Yours very truly,
W. A. Boyd.

FARMERS UNION DEPARTMENT.

It seems, at last, that a New York "Dealer" has discovered that the monthly crop conditions reports of Secretary Wilson's Department are very erroneous and consequently unreliable.

He says, "It is a mathematical impossibility to establish a 'jar' of conditions—applicable to all months—by which bushels can be measured."

In the name of goodness Mr. Wilson ought to be more careful in collecting and compiling this information.

These speculators are liable to make some awful mistakes, betting on the "prospects" and allow some deluded outsider to really win in some of these speculations in agricultural products. Mr. Wilson ought to get busy immediately and discover or develop some plan by which the professionals can "establish a 'jar' of conditions—by which bushels can be measured," thus putting the speculators business on an absolutely safe basis. The article in which this complaint is made shows no concern whatever for the welfare of the producer or the consumer, but depletes the situation of the dealers.

It is a well known fact that this crop reporting system was instituted at the behest of these same "dealers" who imagined they were going to reap great advantages by it, and so they have, but it turns out that even in a proposition of this kind, there are two sides to be on and even the speculator will get on the wrong side some-

times. Of course we producers and consumers are sorry for their predicament, but we don't see just how we can help them; we furnish the best figures we know how and if they are not sharp enough to juggle a profit out of them we cannot help it, and we don't feel that we are to blame.

He says, "While as now compiled these reports are worthless they are also harmful." We farmers have long felt the truth of the last phrase of that sentence. We are perfectly willing to agree that they are harmful to our interests, but we thought the speculators were all well pleased with the condition reports, as they are given in percentage, but lo, now they want bushels, not percentages! Well I guess Mr. Wilson will find some way to get the "bushles" into his reports for them.

The argument has always been that the government got out this information to protect the farmers against false information gotten out by unscrupulous individuals, firms or corporations. The government figures carry the weight of authority with them, and all the people are taxed to pay the expense of getting them out and now it is discovered that this information, gotten out by this expensive and tortuous system, is not reducible into "bushles." Well I declare! Surely Mr. Wilson will get busy and fix this weak place in his crop conditions. As we said above, the argument has always been made that the government got out these conditions for the protection of the farmers, but hear Mr. Jones' evidence a little further. He says; "I have in my possession, letters from certain leading houses in which their estimates of the total growing winter and spring wheat crops for this year vary from 652,000,000 to 705,000,000 bushles."

He gives this condition of affairs as a result of the misinformation contained in the government report.

He says; "Not only does the public press give wide publicity to this mis-information, but advantage is also taken by

some of the most prominent speculative houses to issue bulletins and circular letters giving such construction of the figures as best suits their immediate position in the market." Aha! They take the official figures and give them such construction as suits their immediate position in the market? And now this construction varies in winter and spring wheat 53,000,000 bushles and all based on the official figures of the Department of Agriculture. Indeed this looks like protection for the farmer.

Press Correspondent.

Program B. Y. P. U. Jr.

Subject—"The Spiritual Mind." Song No. 80.
Prayer.
Song No. 101.
Roll call, answered by memory verse; Rom. 12:2.
Song No. 138.
I. Describe the Spiritual mind negatively—Herbert Arubuckle.
II. What is necessary to a Spiritual—Jimmie Payne.
III. How may we cultivate a spiritual mind—Allene Couch.
Song No. 152.
Open discussion of the lesson.
Song No. 226.
Junior benediction
"The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."

ROTAN'S THIRD ANNUAL PICNIC.

Rotan, the plucky town at the terminus of the Texas Central railroad, will give its Third Annual Picnic on July 6, 7 and 8. There will be amusements for all and everybody is cordially invited to be on hand. The Central has made a rate of one dollar from Waco and return. Be sure you will be treated right if you are here. Don't forget the date.
G. L. Webster.

At the request of J. J. Jones the Fiscal Agent of the Prudential Investment Co. of Houston, who is running an advertisement of their loan business in the Free Press, we will assist borrowers in making applications for loans from this company. Call at the Free Press office or write direct to the Houston office.

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MORGAN JONES TO BUILD NEW LINE?

Reported He is Interested in Fort Worth & Albuquerque Project.

Morgan Jones, the veteran railroad builder of Texas, who is now finishing the Abilene & Southern, is reported to have become interested in the Fort Worth & Albuquerque and will take up the task of building it. A meeting of the executive committee, which has been called for Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, will be for the purpose of discussing the reported offer from Mr. Jones.

"We will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock in William Capps' office and will then decide about the man who wants to build the road," said Mr. Dickinson Monday morning. "We expect to organize this afternoon."

Mr. Jones is not a promoter. He uses his own resources in the construction of railroads. One of the first lines that this well-known capitalist projected and built was the Wichita Valley, of which he is now president. This road is at present a Burlington proposition.

The Abilene & Southern was planned and projected a year ago and the actual construction work begun in the winter. It is now rapidly nearing completion into Ballinger from Abilene.

Colonel Jones was not in the city Monday and the rumor of his offer to invest money and construct the road to Albuquerque could not be confirmed.

Fort Worth people have already subscribed several hundred thousand dollars to the project; Haskell offers \$60,000; Lubbock \$100,000 and Mineral Wells \$150,000. Springtown has also offered a substantial bonus.

No. 4474

Report of the Condition of The Haskell National Bank at Haskell, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, June 23rd, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 129,918.47
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	11,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Banking house, furniture, & fixtures	7,600.00
Other Real Estate owned	290.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	9,870.19
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	6,351.46
Due from approved reserve agents	20,691.49
Checks and other cash items	276.37
Notes of other National Banks	1,519.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	19.10
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	4,257.50
Legal-tender notes	9,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	229,444.99

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 60,000.00
Surplus fund	12,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	16,147.54
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	1,502.58
Individual deposits subject to check	110,598.98
Time Certificates of deposit	5,548.00
Certified Checks	600.00
Cashier's Checks outstanding	150.20
Total	229,444.99

State of Texas, County of Haskell, ss:
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.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23th day of June, 1909. P. D. Sanders, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
Leo Pierson
G. R. Couch
S. W. Scott
Directors.

Many goods all through the stock are being sold at very low prices since our serious loss by the storm. This makes us feel as if we had rather have the money out of the goods and not take so much risk.

2t S. L. Robertson.
Insurance? Yes, what kind? Fire, Tornado, Hail, Burglary, Plate Glass, Casualty and Automobile Insurance all written by us in standard companies.
27-3t Scott & Key.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hunt of Wichita Falls are visiting Mr. Hunt parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hunt.

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

Train No. 2 East Bound due 7:50 a. m.
Train No. 1 West Bound due 6:40 p. m.
Train No. 6 East Bound due 10:15 p. m.
Train No. 5 West Bound due 5:22 a. m.
M. R. Frampton, Agt.

Locals and Personals.

Paper Napkins—Racket Store.

Mrs. Kate Tucker of Dixie Land is here looking after her property that was damaged by the storm.

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

Miss Minnie Ellis is visiting her brother, Mr. R. E. Ellis of Rule.

For fresh and up to date groceries call on Stephens & Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Joslet of the north side were in the city Monday.

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

W. J. Evers.

Mrs. H. A. Widner of Waco is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Knowles of this city.

Haskell Chapter No. 181 will meet in stated convocation Tuesday night, July, 5th. All members are requested to attend. G. E. Langford, H. P. S. W. Scott, Sec.

Lunch Baskets—Racket Store.

Best line of Syrup on earth at Stehens & Smiths'.

T. J. Sims has crushed corn and threshed Milo Maize chops put up in 100 lbs and will be delivered any where in town.

If you want insurance of any kind it will pay you to see us. We can insure wind mills or any thing that can be insured.
Chancellor & Johnson.

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

Mr. T. W. Owens returned Tuesday from a trip back to his home in New Mexico.

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

D. G. Jordon of Stamford, a concrete man was in the city Tuesday.

Great cut in work gloves, Racket Store.

Phone Stephens & Smith for a can of Alarm Coffee.

We were the first to adjust and pay storm losses after the storm. Let us write your insurance.
Chancellor & Johnson.

Dried fruits and beans of all kinds at Stephens & Smiths'.

Miss Stella Lacy of Waco is visiting Mrs. S. W. Scott and Miss Flo Tandy of this city.

Miss Helen Murdock of Fort worth is with Mrs. Chas. Irby of this city.

White Bermuda Onions at Stephens & Smiths'.

American Beauty flour best on earth at Stephens & Smith.

Breaking of Dirt for New Methodist Church.
On Monday, 5th of July at 8:30 a. m. there will be an impressive program rendered on the lots where the new Methodist Church is to be erected, near the old church. Mr. F. G. Alexander will make an address on The Past Methodism of Haskell and Judge McConnell on The Future Methodism of Haskell. Other impressive ceremonies will be engaged in, when the dirt will be broken for the new Methodist Church. Every body is invited.
C. B. Meador, Pastor.

We are requested to notify all U. C. V's. to meet at the Court House Saturday, July 3rd at 2 o'clock p. m. Important business.

CYCLONE SUFFERERS.
We will give you a special discount of 5 per cent on all dishes or household and kitchen goods.
Racket Store.

Dr. J. D. Smith has moved his office from the Sherrill building to the upstairs in the Smith & Sutherlin building on the north side.

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

Paper lunch sets—Racket Store.

Something new—Sanitary Duster. Better than feathers. No microbes can harbor in it. Ladies look at these, you will like them, at Racket Store.

Genuine Niger Head coal for sale at Marsh Williams & Co's.

Misses Lois and Beryl McConnell have returned from a visit to friends at Abilene.

Seed Irish Potatoes, \$1.75 per bu. at Stephens & Smith.

Back combs and barretts repaired by Evans at little cost.

Strayed. A bay mare, 4 years old, about 14 hands high, roached mane, spot in forehead, white hind feet, paces and gentle to work and ride. \$10 reward for delivery to me at Haskell.
G. E. Ballew. tf

17 jeweled watches at Evans.

Nice line ornamental and plain bowls and pitchers—and selling so cheap at the Racket Store.

We are in market for all the chickens in Haskell Co.
Marsh Williams & Co.

Wooden picnic plates—Racket Store.

Evans for watch repairing.

DIED
Grover Vincent of this city died at the home of his parents Tuesday and was buried in the Haskell cemetery.

Silk fobs at Evans'.

For sale or Trade, a new \$145 surrey.
Dr. Moore. tf

We handle the best feed money can buy.
Marsh Williams & Co.

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

Hat and belt pins at just half price.
Evans.

For sale or trade, a new \$145 surrey.
Dr. Moore. tf

Mr. O. B. Norman left the early part of the week to lay in his stock of paint. He informed us that he was going to reopen the Norman paint store. It will be remembered that this house was burned out some time since.

Get a hat pin for half price at Evans'.

Farmers come to see us when in town, we want your business.
Marsh Williams & Co.

"White Frost Refrigerators"
We are now offering this celebrated "REFRIGERATOR" to the trade as one for BEAUTY and ECONOMY, is constructed entirely of metal, germ proof, and is nicely enameled both inside and out, will do for the Parlor. Everybody likes it but the ICE MAN. Let us show you.
CASON, COX & CO.

Ladies! We have just received a case of those fine Flemish Jugs—so nice for water or milk. Call and secure one—you will like them much.
Racket Store.

New collar pins at Evans'.

Char coal for sale at Marsh Williams & Co's.

"MISS COLLINS OF HASKELL HONOREE."
On last Monday night, in honor of Miss Sybil Collins, the guest of the Misses Nicholson, a Moonlight picnic was given on the bank of Moore's Lake.

At 8. 30 the jolly party left the city on two spacious floats with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harwell acting as chaperones. Just as the moon was casting its silvery rays on this beautiful body of water and making one of the grandest views to be seen in the west, the party arrived to spend a few hours on this lovely spot.

"Music always has its charms," but on this occasion as the soft strains of the violins, guitars, and mandolins, floated out upon the cool stillness of the night it was indeed pleasant to the ear and greatly enjoyed by all. For this pleasure we are indebted to the Misses Houghton.

At 10 o'clock a delightful "Picnic lunch was served to which the participants did full Justice. Thus ended an evening of great pleasure, and speaking in behalf of all were present we will say it was a decided success and greatly enjoyed by all. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harwell, Misses Collins Nicholson Segrest Pruden, Harris Baily, Stone, Moore, Ketchum, Donaldson Houghton, Messrs. Ezell, Johnson, Shinn, Bost, Lawrence, McCamie, Medford, Howell, Ketchum, Moore, Nicholson, Whiteley, Finley, Watson and Ezell. Hamlin Hearld.

Don't you think that success ought to crown our efforts, if we survive the storm and other unfortunate losses we have been subjected to, if we still elect to continue the voyage on smoother waters leaving the breakers behind us? We should never look back, but press forward to better things. Respectfully,
It S. L. Robertson.

THE BURNING QUESTION.
Can I Get A position When My Course Is Finished.
Fifty two of our graduates went into good positions from May 18th to June 15th just 28 days. You should hesitate no longer. Just so sure as you complete a combine course of bookkeeping and shorthand or telegraphy in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, just so sure will you be placed in a good position promptly, and with the best firms at good salaries. We maintain our employment bureau at an expnse of several thousand dollars annually. No charge is made to the student or to the firm with whom the student is placed.
Write for catalog and full particulars.

DIED
The Free Press has the sad duty to perform of chronicling the death of Mrs. Dovie Bedford Beene, which occurred last Sunday morning at the residence of her father, W. G. Bedford, of this city. The deceased was interred in the Haskell cemetery Monday.

The Haskell public generally are aware that my stock of goods was damaged by water from the recent great storm, blowing off the roof of my store building. By very hard and persistent work we have restored the stock to as near as possible its normal condition so much so that the casual observer would scarcely notice the damage. Many goods were left without boxes, which are now dry and clean. Many of these goods are being sold from 25 per cent to 50 per cent, below former prices.
2t S. L. Robertson.


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Mrs. J. H. Carothers is visiting relatives at Waco. Mr. Carothers accompanied her as far as Fort Worth.

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JULY 4TH — 135 Years Ago.

BY HERBERT F. JACKSON

ALTHOUGH so much visited and so much written about, there is very little accurate popular understanding of the history of Independence hall where the Declaration of Independence was signed July 4, 1776, 132 years ago.

Its construction was begun in 1732, about 50 years after the first landing of William Penn at the site of Philadelphia, near the house known as the Blue Anchor tavern. It is ascribed sometimes to the working of an inscrutable deity that Independ-



HALL WHEREIN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS ADOPTED.

though provided with immense chimney-places, and that these stoves cost about £28 provincial money. The second room prepared for regular occupancy was the western one on the ground floor. The justices of the provincial supreme court who first sat there were John Kinsey, Thomas Graeme and William Till.

A bell, probably brought from England by William Penn, was hung in a tree near the governor's headquarters as early as 1683 and rung when it was desired to bring the people together or upon occasions of solemnity. It is believed to have been transferred to the cupola of the old court house in High (Market) street about 1697, and afterward to have been placed temporarily in the tower of the new state house. In October, 1751, the memorable order was sent to Robert Charles, the provincial agent in London, for a bell of 2,000 pounds weight. The superintendents of the state house, Isaac Norris, Thomas Leech and Edward Warner, wrote:

"Let the bell be cast by the best workmen and examined carefully before it is shipped, with the following words well-shaped in large letters round it, viz.:

"By order of the Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania, for the State House in the City of Philadelphia, 1752."

"And underneath, 'Proclaim Liberty Through All the Land to All the Inhabitants Thereof.—Levit., 25:10.'"

This bell duly arrived before the end of that year, but in March, 1753, it cracked. It was at first determined to send it back to England to be recast, but two artisans, named Pass and Stow, declared that they could recast it, and they did so, adding some copper alloy to improve the quality of the metal. The enterprise proved a success, except that the tone of the bell was not entirely satisfactory. Pass and Stow were unmercifully teased in public on the score of having used too much alloy. They asked and obtained the privilege of again recasting the bell. The result of this second attempt of its kind in America was the historic tocsin which 25 years later was literally to "proclaim liberty throughout the land." Another bell was also ordered from England by the assembly, but it did not take the place of the American bell until the latter was cracked again in 1835, while being tolled on the occasion of the death of Chief Justice Marshall.

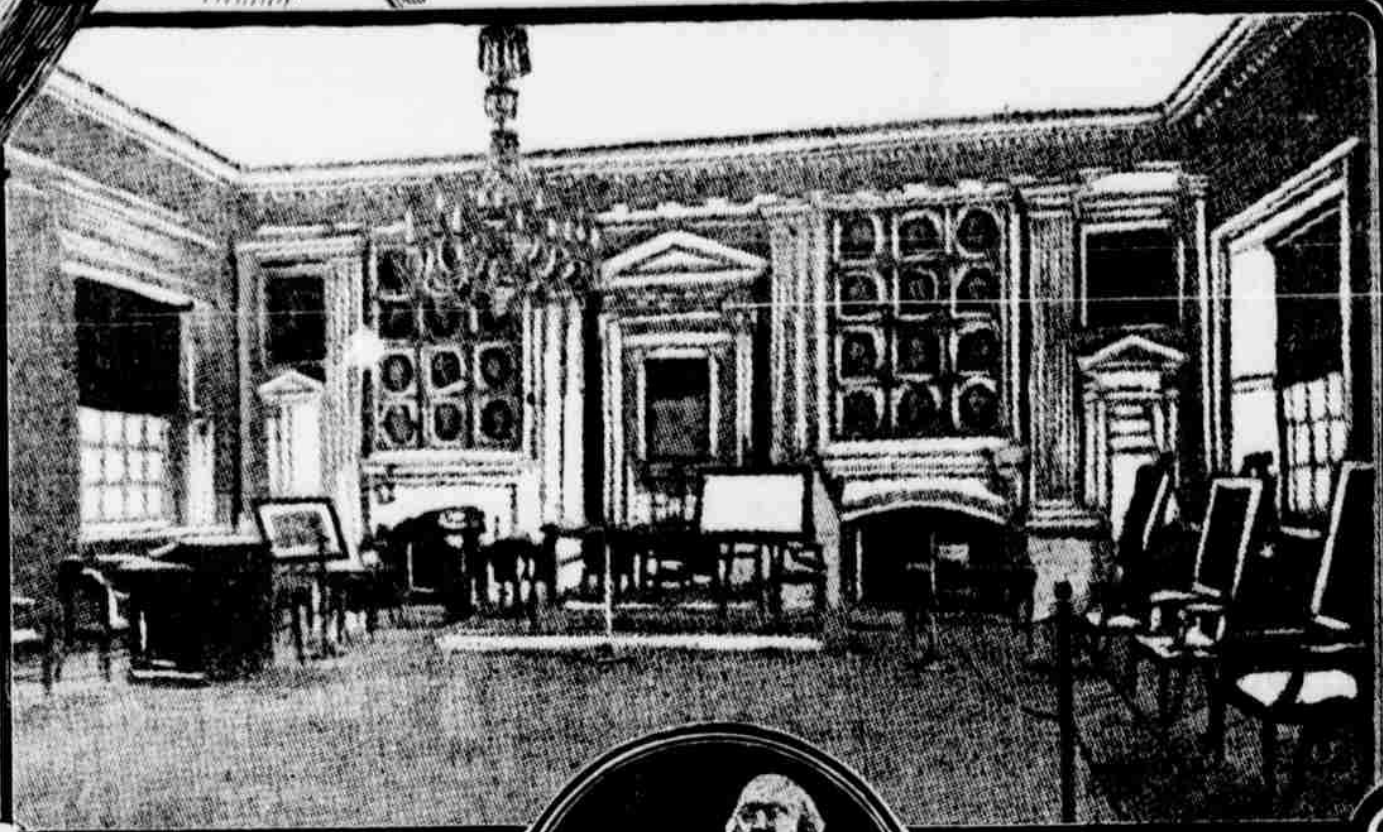
In 1767 came the agitation over the tax on tea and other imported commodities. John Dickinson's letters of a "Farmer" rubbed this and other object lessons, stupidly given by the British ministry, deep into men's minds. The act was repealed in 1777, except in so far as it related to tea.

When news of the Lexington-Concord fight in April, 1775, arrived, the bell in the state house steeple again called 8,000 people together, and they unanimously agreed to defend with their arms, their lives, liberty and property. The climax of the first period of the struggle was fast approaching. The second continental congress met in the state house on May 10, 1775, the Provincial assembly having yielded to it the chamber that was ever after to be sanctified by its labors. In June, 1776, began the debating of the question of independence. The preliminary resolution proposed by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, declaring that the colonies "are of right and ought to be free and independent states," was adopted in committee on the night of June 10, but it was not until June 23 that the draft of the Declaration of Independence was submitted to congress. On July 1 congress adopted the resolution, and that day and the three following were devoted to discussion in committee of the whole of the Declaration itself. It was passed on the evening of the Fourth.

Not until August 2 was the Declaration of In-

dependence engrossed on parchment. Three copies of it, according to one tradition, were signed in the Independence chamber, one of which now hangs there, behind the table and chair used by John Hancock and George Washington, the former while presiding over the continental congress, the latter over the constitutional convention. The original is preserved in the state department at Washington and lately has shown such indications of crumbling away that President Roosevelt some time ago ordered that it be kept in a locked safe.

Many more impressive events and ceremonies took place at Independence hall. The British defiled it with cruelty to American prisoners during the occupation of Philadelphia by the troops of Gen. Howe. The flags captured by the Americans and French at Yorktown were received here by congress. The second inauguration of



STATUE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Washington as president and that also of John Adams took place in what is now known as Congress hall, adjoining the state house to the west, which was not built until 1787-9. It was here that congress received the news of the death of Washington.

Much work of restoration has made Independence hall what it is to-day. In general, this work has been directed by careful study of the past. Zealous co-operation of organized bodies and individuals has also brought together in the state house many objects of venerable value as illustrative of the early days of the nation. The stranger naturally desires a succinct, serviceable statement of the things of peculiar interest that the state house contains.

The Declaration chamber, where the continental congress and the constitutional convention sat, is, with the exception of a new flooring, substantially in the same state in which it was then. The walls are hung with portraits of many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence or of the constitution, many of them painted by contemporaneous artists. A portrait of Washington preserved here is by Poole. Here are the chair and tables used by the presiding officers of both bodies, Hancock and Washington, and many of the chairs occupied by the members or delegates. On the president's table is the silver inkstand used in signing both the Declaration of Independence and the constitution.

In the rear portion of the main lobby of the state house is the Liberty bell, useless except as a sacred memorial of the past. It is suspended upon the same framework of timbers which formerly held it in place in the tower, but which now rests on the floor. Passing up the grand stairway, some of the most noteworthy portraits in the collection are found upon its walls. Among them are those of Washington, Lafayette, William Penn, Louis XVI, George III, and Gov. James Hamilton, the figures being of full length and heroic size.

The Long room, or Banqueting hall, in the second story, contains a sofa, chair and pew-bench used by George Washington, the last mentioned in Christ church; West's painting of the treaty-making scene at the great elm tree, portraits of Martha Washington, the British sovereigns of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries from and including Charles II, to George II, and many notables, both civil and military, of the revolutionary period. The two other rooms on this floor are similarly enriched.

Betsy Ross and the Rejected Flag

We often read and hear the statement: "It is to be regretted that many of the fascinating narratives of our colonial history are born of imagination, and among these are favorite stories, such as: 'Captain John Smith's adventure with the Indians, Putnam's famous ride, Betsy Ross and our first flag, and Barbara Fritchle at Fredericks-town.'"

There is abundance of proof extended to verify that Betsy Ross lived, and that she was employed by the continental congress to manufacture flags, the government archives bear witness.

Betsy Ross' flag was first rejected and some time later accepted.

Betsy Ross attended Christ church, Philadelphia, and the pew in which she worshiped was next to the one occupied by Washington, and her pew is marked by a brass plate bearing these words: "In this pew worshiped Betsy Ross, who made the first flag."

Of late years the journals, magazines, and school histories of our country have called attention to the origin of our national flag as having been suggested by the family arms of the Washingtons. This supposition comes from Martin Tupper, an eminent English poet and litterateur. His first reference to our flag in this connection was made public in the fall of 1850. The announcement did not receive serious consideration until at a public banquet given in America. At this dinner, held in the city of Baltimore, the idea was heralded to the world that the stars and stripes had their origin in the heraldic symbols of the Washington family.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Edited and Contributed by
W. S. MORGAN,
Springfield, Missouri.

Organization is the foundation structure of the union.

Education should follow the work of organization as rapidly as possible. Co-operation will follow organization and education just in proportion as you advance the latter.

It is just as important for the small farmer to belong to the union as it is for the one who farms on a larger scale.

It will not be a great while until million-dollar enterprises, owned and controlled by the farmers, will be as common as straw hats in the summer time.

The community that works for higher prices for agricultural products labors in its own interests, as that will make money plentier there, and all classes will share in the prosperity.

Now is the time to begin to decide whether you are going to sell your cotton to speculators and help keep the price down, or through the Farmers' union, and help put the price up.

Every law enacted, and every court decision rendered, relative to rates on railroads is of vital importance to farmers. A raise of two cents a bushel on corn means a loss to the farmers of over \$50,000,000. Care should be taken to see that the farmer's profits are not confiscated.

COTTON MONEY CROP OF SOUT

Believer in Diversification Does Not Think it Wise to Abandon Staple Harvest.

While I am firm believer in diversification, believing that the farmers should grow everything that they possibly can, that they need for their own use, such as corn, hay, neat, milk, butter, eggs, molasses, fruit and vegetables, I believe they will make a great mistake if they abandon cotton entirely. Cotton has always been the money crop of the south, and always will be. There is nothing that can take its place; nothing that can be produced so certainly, kept off the market without injury for so long a time, or that can be turned into cash at all times so readily.

There is nothing the farmers love to grow so well. From the time they began to break their land until they crop is marketed, their whole existence is wrapped up in cotton. And I do not blame them; it is the most interesting crop on the farm. It responds to good treatment the quickest, and endures slipshod methods the best. It is the poor man's crop.

With the poor unscientific methods of the past it will enable him to stay poor. The poorest paid, the poorest fed, the poorest dressed, the most poorly appreciated, and the hardest worked of any class of humanity, with prospects as poor as himself. On the other hand with improved methods, cotton becomes the poor man's friend and uplifter. Grown in connection with food and forage crops, cotton is the most important and valuable of all. The farmer knows when he plants it, that he can sell it as soon as it is baled. Not so with other crops; they can be grown in all parts of this country, and in growing them the southern farmer has to compete with the north, east and west, where they can be grown more cheaply than in the south. Not so with cotton; it can only be grown in the south, where the proper soil, climate and conditions exist. While we can grow nearly everything, our northern, eastern and western brothers produce, making it unnecessary for us to buy from them, they cannot grow cotton at all, and must buy ours. And we should have it for them. It pays to grow what the world wants, and what there is always a market for. Cotton can always be sold at some price and for cash. Let us grow cotton then, but food and forage crops, as well, so that we will have enough to eat and feed, without having to pay out all our cotton money to enable us to live. Grow cotton, but in rotation with other crops, so you can build up your land, so that it will produce maximum yields instead of minimum. Do this and you will not be obliged to work yourself and family to death in order to exist. Do this, and you will make farming what it ought, and what God intended it to be, the most independent occupation that man can engage in.—Dan H. Stewart, in Union Advocate.

The farmer must study agriculture as a business and must be familiar with every detail of his business. He must understand his business in order to succeed. The farm, the soil, the seed, the resources in general, must be well considered. The proximity to markets and the market price of such produce as may be raised. The farmer must strive to put the same intelligence behind the plow that the other fellow puts behind his desk. This would revolutionize the methods of farming and marketing now in vogue. Intelligent farming and intelligent marketing will change the present conditions and bring prosperity to the agricultural people.

The Farmers' union is a great agricultural school that presents greater facilities for obtaining much useful knowledge that cannot be obtained elsewhere.

There is a great future for the Farmers' union and if it continues on in the same conservative course it will prove a great blessing to the farmers of our great country.—National Co-operator.

Cotton Area and Condition.

The crop-reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the United States department of agriculture estimates, from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau, that the area planted to cotton this year (1909) in the United States, including that already planted and expected to be planted, is about 95.6 per cent. of the area planted to cotton last year, equivalent to about 31,918,000 acres, as compared with 33,370,000 acres indicated by the bureau's revised estimate of last year's planted area, a decrease of about 1,452,000, or 4.4 per cent.

The condition of the growing crop on May 25 was 81.1 per cent. of a normal condition, as compared with 79.7 per cent. at the corresponding date in 1908, and 81.4 per cent. the average condition for the past ten years on May 25.

Texas Farmers Selling Wheat.

It is reported from Grayson and adjoining counties in Texas that many farmers are selling their wheat at \$1.25 per bushel, delivery to be made as soon as threshed. Others have turned down similar offers, believing the price will go even higher than it is now.

DOWN WITH MORTGAGE ORDER

Texas Members Call Attention to Declaration of Purposes and Urge Enforcement.

The National Co-Operator publishes the following letter, which is self explanatory:

The fourth article in our declaration of purposes is: "To discourage the mortgage and credit system. Since January 1, 1900, there has been filed in Hopkins county 41,363 chattel mortgages, or over 24 mortgages daily, or 4,136 annually; total fees, \$20,681. Since January 1, 1909, we have filed 2,534 mortgages.

To the Farmers of Texas: "How is your county? Investigate, see the cost; how many physical and moral wrecks; how many cells have been filled; how many felons produced; what the cost of courts.

Commercial dependence is a chain that galls every day. The concealment of evil has never resulted in progress. We must make our mistakes teach us something. Greed grows on what it grasps.

The mortgage system is a self-supporting institution. It always holds its own.

It calls for just as many dollars when cotton is cheap as when cotton is dear. It is not affected by the severest drought. It is not drowned out by the heavy rains, floods, nor storms. It is never killed by winter's frost nor freezes. It is blight proof. It is without sympathy and never weeps. It is not troubled by late backward springs nor early frost. It is not subject to rust and is moth proof. It grows at night, Sunday, rainy days and even holidays. It brings a sure crop every year. It produces cash every time. It fosters usury, encourages speculation and prostrates human energy. It does not wait for the market to advance, but sternly demands a full surrender. It is not subject to the speculations of the bulls nor bears of the boards of trade. It is a load that styles, chafes and frets, day by day. It is a dangerous burden the farmer must shun; he cannot shake it off. It is with him morning, noon and at night. It rides upon his shoulders during the day, eats with him at the table, and haunts him in his sleep. It consumes his crop, devours his stock. It demands, without mercy, the fat test steer, the finest cow and the most valuable horse. It shares the children's bread, leaves them bare and illiterate. It lives upon the first fruits of the season. It stoops the toiler's back with its remorseless burden of care and anxiety. It hardens his hands, benumbs his intellect and permanently whitens his locks, and often times sends him and his wife to the poor, the hell of the helpless, the dead-end of danger, the forecast of fury, the wage of the tyrant. "Live at home." Don't mortgage. Fraternally yours,

A. P. LANDERS.

Blessing of Farmers' Union.

The intelligence of the people is the only safeguard of liberty that remains to them. The stronger intelligent elements will control the rest of mankind. This is inevitable. This has been the law of nations from the creation of mankind until now, and will always be the inexorable law that controls the nations of earth. This law confronts the farmers and admonishes them that in order to gain lost prestige they must study conditions for themselves and apply intelligent remedies that will cure the evils that have blighted our agriculture.

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DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN

IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE ENTIRE WEEK REDUCED FOR BUSY READERS.

CONDENSED AND IMPORTANT

Carefully Prepared for Those Who Desire to Keep Thoroughly Posted on Events.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

By a vote that obliterated party lines and made the strangest bedfellows that the pending tariff bill has yet thrown together, the Senate Tuesday voted a duty of 15 per cent on hides.

President Taft will possibly supervise putting the finishing touches upon the proposed amendment to the tariff bill providing for the imposition of a 2 per cent tax upon the net earnings of corporations.

Availing themselves of the presence of a quorum, the leaders of the House Monday obtained action upon several important matters of legislation. Among these was the conference report on the bill providing for the taking of the thirteenth census and with respect to that measure the debate hinged on the Senate amendment requiring that applicants for appointment must take examinations in the State or Territory in which they propose to live, and that they must have had at least one year's actual domicile therein previous to such examination.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

Virgil Mathis, a brakeman on the Central, was horribly injured at Garrett Tuesday night and died Wednesday morning at the railroad hospital in Ennis.

Greater Pittsburg walked Sunday amidst thundershowers and a torrid sun. Only one street car, carrying the United States mail, moved in the city or suburbs.

Probably seventy-five delegates, representing as many cotton-growing states, were present Tuesday at the third annual meeting of the National Cotton association in Monte Ne, Ark.

Oklahoma will probably join the purchasing department of Texas is requiring that all supplies purchased for the State be wrapped in cotton bagging in place of jute. The latter is a foreign product, while cotton bagging is a home article.

The question of cleanliness and health is one now engaging Tulsa, Ok. The City Health Commission has inaugurated a crusade against the fly and as another sanitary precaution has purchased hundreds of garbage cans which will be placed over the city.

Miss Mary Harriman, of New York, eldest daughter of E. H. Harriman, has taken one of her father's Erie ferri-boats and turned it into a man of peace to fight tuberculosis. She has presented the boat to the Brooklyn committee on prevention of tuberculosis and the Brooklyn Red Cross Society, Hammocks, steamer chairs and other conveniences for out-in-the-air sleeping will be arranged for the accommodation of 300 men, women and children.

The Cuban Senate has accepted the report of the committee approving the establishment of the National lottery. Details of the plan will now be referred to a conference committee of both houses with the expectation that an agreement will soon be reached and the measure will become a law in a few days.

Two bandits entered the night office of the United States Express Company, Green Bay, Wis., at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, and at the point of a revolver compelled the man in charge to open the safe. They secured \$5,000.

The branch of the Waggoner Bank and Trust Company, at Fort Worth, two blocks north of the Texas and Pacific passenger station, in one of the busiest sections of the city, was held up by a lone robber, armed with a six-shooter, at 4:05 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and practically looted of its cash.

A negro named Sylvester Pitts, alias Charles Ray, and known among the colored people as "Alabama Red," was taken from the county jail by a mob of about thirty men in Wilburton, Ok., Saturday and hanged.

A large rowboat carrying five American and four English tourists and four Irish boatmen, was swamped in a gale while crossing Lower Killarney Lake, Wednesday, at Killarney, Ireland. All of the tourists and two of the boatmen were drowned.

Ground was broken Monday in Galveston to start the erection of the cotton palace to be used for the housing of products and display of machinery and other things connected with the fleecy staple at the big cotton carnival to be held there the first week in August.

Miss Mary Farrell, a handsome girl of 17, was shot through the heart and instantly killed Thursday in the Edgefield addition of Waco, on the South Side. Miss Farrell was visiting a neighbor, and was shot by a boy, in fact, a mere child of 9 years, with a 22-caliber target rifle.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Monday notified the Railroad Commission that an agreement had been reached with the H. & T. C. and Frisco for a resumption of the work on the anion depot ordered constructed at Danison.

At the age of ninety-four years, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Wall, a resident of Texas since 1869, died Tuesday at her home in Dallas.

All members of the Roosevelt expedition, at present in camp on the Loieletta Plains, in Africa, in the Sotik district, are in excellent health.

The heaviest rain at one period since October, 1908, fell at Ft. Worth, Friday. The total precipitation was 1.84 inches in forty-five minutes.

Work has begun on the cotton oil mill at Goldthwaite, and it is the intention of the management to have the machinery running this fall.

The Wise County Old Settlers' Association is mailing out programs and invitations for the reunion of the association Wednesday, July 28.

Rain fell Friday at the following places: Abilene, Greenville, Houston, Palestine, Sherman, Weatherford, Wichita Falls and Beaumont.

The second annual encampment of the East Texas Baptist Young People's Union opened Friday in the Park near Ragsdale Lake in Jacksonville.

The third annual meeting of the Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs was called to order at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday in Abilene.

The heat of Thursday in Pittsburg killed four, New York two and in Philadelphia three were killed from heat. Many prostrations are also reported.

While the son of Doc Alexander, who lives about three miles west of Hico, was in the field hoeing cotton, he was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

The Marlin Commercial Club is making a strong bid for a \$250,000 hotel and bathhouse, offering a site suitable for such structures and other inducements.

Jacob J. Shubert of the firm of Sam and Lee Shubert, Inc., announce that contracts had been signed for a new \$200,000 theater in the St. Louis downtown district.

Advices received from Cartagena, Colombia, confirm previous reports that Gen. Rafael Reyes, President of Colombia, has abandoned his office and sailed for Europe.

The Troupe Box Factory made its initial run only a few days ago, but it is now running full time, working on some large commercial contracts for Dallas and Fort Worth firms.

The proposed line from Fort Worth to Albuquerque is practically assured, and it will not be over twenty days at most until the stock is all subscribed and the company organized and ready for business.

There have been twenty cars of Irish potatoes shipped from Sulphur Springs up to date. There is a pretty fair crop raised, but owing to low prices, the farmers have quit offering them for market.

The 2-year-old son of G. B. Odom, living near Washburn, was bitten by a rattlesnake Friday and died. The child was playing in the yard and attempted to play with the snake as it started to crawl in front of it.

Brownwood and Brown County had one of the best rains Wednesday night that had fallen for months. Reports from the country show the rain there was much harder than in town, and that there is a good season in the ground.

Deposits of the National banks of St. Louis are near the highest point they have ever reached. The statements published to show their condition at the close of business June 23, disclose a total of nearly \$150,000,000 in the eight local institutions.

After a trial of nearly three weeks' duration, Katherine Clemons Gould obtained a legal separation from her husband, Howard Gould, third son of the late Jay Gould, by a decision of Justice Dowling in the Supreme Court, Friday, in New York.

A mob of fifteen masked men took a negro from jail at Cuthbert, Ga., and hanged him. Reese attacked Miss Mary Tinton at her home, and with an ax chopped off one of the young woman's arms and inflicted other dangerous wounds upon her which will cripple her for life.

The preparations for homecoming week, in Tyler, July 5-10, are now complete, and the indications are that Tyler will entertain the greatest number of guests in its history.

Chicago authorities Sunday began a systematic weeding out of missions where Chinamen are brought in contact with young women and girls. A mission conducted by three sisters in Woodlawn, the best residence district of the South Side, was raided and several Chinamen and six or seven young women teachers were driven to the streets.

The Senate Friday voted against placing a duty of 1/4c a gallon on crude oil. This crude oil schedule is the great puzzle of the pending tariff bill, the question being, does the Standard Oil Company want a duty on oil or does it want it on the free list?

Mexico also has taken a hand in the effort to hasten the work on the Elephant Butte, or Engle dam, in New Mexico, in order that an early distribution of the waters of the Rio Grande may be made in accordance with the recent treaty on this subject between the United States and Mexico.

Deposits of the National banks of Chicago are at about the highest point they have ever reached. Circulars issued to show the condition at the close of business June 23, in response to a call from the Controller of the Currency, show a total of \$401,731,000 deposits in the fifteen local institutions.

The school census for Denison District, 1909, just completed, shows: Whites, 2,730, colored, 1,023, total, 3,753.

A white man who has not been identified was found dead at a rooming house in Ft. Worth Monday

WANTED TO MEET HIM AGAIN

Patriarch Had Something to Say to Man Driving a Big Red Automobile.

The Stranger—That's a singular looking old fellow sitting out there on the fence. He seems quite a patriarch.

The Native—Yep. He's been sittin' thar fer three years.

Three years! Good gracious! There must be an interesting story involved in this. Is he waiting for something?

Yep. He's waiting for a tall feller drivin' a big red autyomobile. He came 'bout three years ago an' runned over' the old man's caik. Th' feller stopped an' said: 'What's the damage?' an' the old man said, 'Bout 'leven dollars,' and the feller gave a twenty an' drove on. An' th' old man's sittin' over there waitin' for him to come back."

"Eh! Poor old chap. Forgot to thank the man, I suppose. But what's he got that shotgun for?"

"The twenty th' feller gave him was bad."

INTOLERABLE ITCHING.

Fearful Eczema All Over Baby's Face—Professional Treatment Failed.

A Perfect Cure by Cuticura.

"When my little girl was six months old I noticed small red spots on her right cheek. They grew so large that I sent for the doctor but, instead of helping the eruption, his ointment seemed to make it worse. Then I went to a second doctor who said it was eczema. He also gave me an ointment which did not help either. The disease spread all over the face and the eyes began to swell. The itching grew intolerable and it was a terrible sight to see. I consulted doctors for months, but they were unable to cure the baby. I paid out from \$20 to \$30 without relief. One evening I began to use the Cuticura Remedies. The next morning the baby's face was all white instead of red. I continued until the eczema entirely disappeared. Mrs. P. E. Gumbin, Sheldon, Ia., July 13, '08." Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

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The Customer—You don't appear to have a hat in the place to suit me. The Hatter—Try a soft green one, sir.

Never Fails
There is one remedy, and only one I have ever found, to cure without fail such troubles in my family as Eczema, Ringworm, and all others of itching character. That remedy is Hunt's Cure. We always use it and it never fails.

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Rutherford, Tenn.

Gratitude Poorly Expressed.
An old woman was profuse in her gratitude to a magistrate who had dismissed a charge brought against her.

"I thought you wouldn't be 'ard on me, your worship," she remarked, as she left the dock. "I know 'ow often a kind 'art beats be'ind a ugly face."

Rough on Rats, unbeatable exterminator
Rough on Hen Lice, Nest Powder, 25c.
Rough on Bedbugs, Powder or Liq'd, 25c.
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Rough on Moth and Ants, Powder, 25c.
Rough on Squeeters, agreeable touse, 25c.
E. S. Wells, Chemist, Jersey City, N. J.

That Wheezy Sound.
"Say," inquired the boy next door of the little girl whose father suffered from asthma, "what makes your father wheeze so?"
"I guess it's one of his inside organs playing!"—Puck.

The King of blood purifiers is Dr. Simmon's Sarsaparilla. It rids the system of the winter's accumulation of impurities. It makes the young feel well—the old feel young. Now is the time to renovate yourself. Simmon's Sarsaparilla cannot be excelled. Price 50c and \$1.00.

Accounted For.
She—Do you know, dear, I had my heart set on ice cream to-night.
He—I thought you seemed rather cold-hearted!

Must Work Both Ways.
He—I could waltz on to heaven with you!
She—Can you reverse?—Yale Record.

Little children are suffering every day in the year with sprains, bruises, cuts, bumps and burns. Hamlin's Wizard Oil is banishing these aches and pains every day in the year, the world over.

And it sometimes happens that after a man has made his mark he acquires a wife who makes him toe it.

GRATIS.



Youth (at a bun emporium)—I say, you know, this milk is sour.
Sweet Thing—Well, there's plenty of sugar on the table, ain't there?

Beyond Expression
G. W. Farlowe, East Florence, Ala., writes: "For nearly seven years I was afflicted with a form of skin disease which caused an almost unbearable itching. I could neither work, rest nor sleep in peace. Nothing gave me permanent relief until I tried Hunt's Cure. One application relieved me; one box cured me, and though a year has passed, I have stayed cured. I am grateful beyond expression."
Hunt's Cure is a guaranteed remedy for all itching diseases of the skin. Price 50c.

A Broad Discrimination.
There is an elder of a certain church up-state who thinks that things are only half done or not well started in a prayer meeting he offered thanks for the safe return from their vacation of the minister and his wife. With proper dignity and in a loud voice he said: "O Lord, we thank thee for bringing our pastor safe home, and his dear wife, too, O Lord, for thou preservest man and beast."—Success.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

His Stomach Rebelled.
A dyspeptic Atholston man went into a restaurant the other day and ordered fried catfish. "Fried cat!" bawled the waiter to the cook. Instantly the weak stomach rebelled. "Cancel that order!" the customer said, "and give me an order of country sausage." "Sidetrack the cat and make it dog!" yelled the waiter, and he is wondering yet why the man grabbed his hat and left.—Exchange.

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Examine carefully every bottle of **CASTORIA** a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the *Signature of J. C. H. Pletcher* in Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

What Did He Mean?
Mr. Brown and his family were standing in front of the lion's cage. "John," said Mrs. Brown, "if these animals were to escape, whom would you save first, me or the children?"
"Me," answered John, without hesitation.—Everybody's Magazine.

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Palms (to man and his wife passing)—Have your future told, sir.
The Man (Whispering)—I'll be around later. I don't want my wife to know it.—Life.

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"I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently, and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now."—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

The Reason.
"What's the reason we shouldn't have a little outing this Saturday?" asked Mrs. Grampus.
"I am," snarled Grampus.—Buffalo Express.

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Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Erects immediately. 50c and 80c at Drug Stores.

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Pa—What is it, my son?
Little Willie—Do they raise chicory in a henry?

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Truly yours,
Honest John,
The Grocery man

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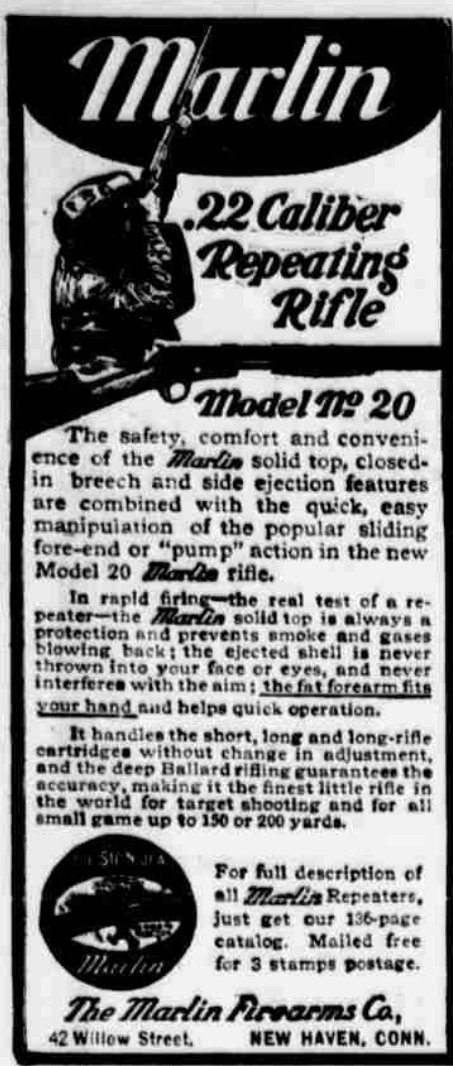
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Twentieth Century Modes.
There seems to be a tendency among heroines in novels to get themselves crushed, rather than folded, in warm embraces. Styles change, of course.—Pack.

Provoking.
"Dear me," said Mrs. Podgerson, "I do wish you'd quit botherin' me when I'm writin' letters. You've gone and made me leave the o out of Sylvester."

The Lucky Dollar.
When a man finds a dollar he generally keeps it as a lucky piece. He does not feel that the dollars he earns are worth keeping.

BUFFALO ITEMS

Well the good old farmers of this country are all busy as a bee farming. The storm and hail did the farmers a great damage, many houses were blown off the blocks and several houses torn into splinters.

Tom Chitwood got everything he had blown away. He is building him a new house this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno McGregor are improving a great deal from their hurt in the storm. Mr. McGregor had him a cellar dug, him and his wife take time about setting up to see if there is another cyclone coming.

Hammie Smith is sick this week, we hope he will be up in a few days for all the sports are missing him very much.

Monroe Howard says he will have to lay off for a week and catch up with his sleep, he sits up at M. Smiths one night and goes to Mr Newberries the next, he says the patient at Mr. Newberries gets very ill some times.

Mrs. Cynthia Howard happened to a little accident on the creek Wednesday while fishing. There was a fish got on her hook and she grabbed at her pole and caught a hand full of water and she got a good ducking, maybe the little fish will get a rest now.

Mr. Parish Trimmes says if his buggy horse don't get well by Sunday he will have to walk to Mr. Williams Sunday evening the walk wouldnt hurt him if he had any shoes to ware.

Isaac Howard is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Rose McGregor, Herly

Howard, Joe Smith and Paul Howard all visited Mr. Newberries Sunday. Miss. Pheny Newberry says she has got the heart ache this week.

Ed Warnack and Charlie McDannel from Haskell, was at Mr. Smiths Wednesday on business.

Pearl Haw says he has got to start to Arizona in a few days on a hand deal.

Hoping the Free Press good luck I remain as ever,
The Buffalo Sport.

"Sport" is full of jokes this time, if he does not sign his name to his articles as well as his nom de plume, they will be cut out, get your letters in on Wednesday.—Editor

TEXAS B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION ENCAMPMENT.

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TO THE PUBLIC:

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HOWARD
We are having some very hot weather now, that is what we need to kill the worms that are working on the crops.
It looks like rain today, a light shower would make the crops grow but it would probably make the worms worse.
Howard is dull now as the school house was torn up so we cant have any society in it, so every body has to stay at home.

Mr. C. W. Franklin left Haskell last week in search of a better place, we hope he will find it, although old Haskell is hard to beat.

Mr. Alexander leaves us for Denton County.

Mr. Tom Chitwood has his new house near completion, where his old one blew away.

Mr. Avery is moving to town this week, having sold his place near the school house.

The surveying crew have completed their work to Stamford and will now move back to go over some of their work. This makes us think we are going to get a rail road real soon. We can almost see the first train as it comes along with many cheers from the people of Howard.

Mr. John Brown's baby has been sick the last few days but is better now.

Mrs. Riche visited Mrs. Bowen Sunday.

Mr. McGregor is able to be out again since the cyclone bemped him up.

Trimmer City is doing a lively business now.
With best wishes to the Free

Press and its editor I remain as ever,
Old Joe Clark.

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SCHOLASTIC CENSUS.

Hon. C. T. Williams County Superintendent, handed us a report of the scholastic census which shows the independent districts and enrollment as follows:

Haskell	731
Rule	386
Rochester	286
Carney	207
Sagerton	194
Weinert	116
All other common districts in the county	2371
Total	4281

Mr. Williams left Tuesday for Austin to submit to the Attorney General for approval, late issues of bonds as follows:

Haskell	\$10,000
Rule	8,000
Sagerton	9,000
Weinert	6,000
Lone Star	1,000
Jud	1,600

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A Common Center.
An optimist is a man who eats the doughnut without thinking of the hole. So is a pessimist.—Pack.

Good Demand for Lead in China.
China uses a good deal of lead, principally for lining tea chests.

Many Blind in Great Britain.
The blind population of Great Britain is about 40,000.

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

Large Cities of United States.
This country has 138 cities with a population of over 50,000.

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

Miss Julia Winn is visiting at Dallas and other points.