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Collier's Drug Store Always in the **L E A D.**

BUSTER BROWN AND HIS DOG TIGE

Will give a free reception in front of our store Tuesday, March 16th at 2:30 p. m.

Every one is invited to attend. It will be a treat for both young and old and is the chance of a life time to see these real live characters of national reputation.

C. D. Grissom & Son
The Store With the Goods

HASKELL HAS 5215 POPULATION

Mr. T. E. Russell has just completed the census of Haskell and to every body's surprise it shows we have 5215 inhabitants. Our people are so conservative they have never claimed to have over 4000 inhabitants. Some towns would have been claiming 10,000 population if they were so large as Haskell. The rail road guide that the traveling public uses gives Haskell about 800 population, which is just about the number of children attending the two schools in the town. We say this because when the scholastic census was taken last fall it showed 725, and we feel reasonably sure it will run over 800 now.

U. C. V. MEET.

Haskell Camp of U. C. V. of Haskell convened at the court house in Haskell, Feb. 27th, 1909, comrades present 10.

Resolution of respect adopted concerning Mr. deceased wife of comrade an comrade J. W. May who died since our last and have answered the call.

G. E. Ballew and Dan Mooneyham were appointed as a committee to look after the wants of sick comrades and the sick wives of old soldiers and to make reports of their necessities.

G. E. Ballew and Capt. W. W. Fields were appointed a committee to visit the homes of old soldiers, and the homes of the sons and daughters of old soldiers and invite them to attend our meetings on the fourth Saturdays at 2 p. m.

G. E. Ballew, Asst. Adjt.

B. Y. P. U. Jr. March 14th 1909

Leader—Ella Re DeBard. Subject—What Jesus taught about himself and the Father. Song—No. 355.

Topic—Showing Jesus to the World.—Allie Irby.

John 17:5, Jesus was with the Father, Shared His Glory.—Walter Tompkins.

Matt. 16:15—17, John 14:2, Called God My Father—Emmett Couch.

Mark 14: 61, 62, Claimed to be Son of the Blessed—Eva Ramey. Song—No. 351.

Matt. 11:27, All things Delivered to the Son—Nobie Tompkins.

John 5:17, The Work of the Son is the Work of the Father—Lee Killingsworth.

John 14:28, 7:16 5:30, The Son is Subject to the Father—Helen McFatter.

John 14:9, The Son Shows us the Father—Ruth Haley.

John 17:11, 20:19—21, Showing Jesus to the World—Willie Reavis.

Song—No. 361. Recitation, (Selected)—Helen McFatter.

Benediction.

Show going people in general look forward with pleasure for the annual visit of the Eller show which comes Mar. 16th. He always brings a clean, wholesome entertainment and his company is composed of ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. J. L. Jones of Rule was in the city Thursday.

NORMANS' Paint and Wall Paper Store.

We make paint and wall paper our business, DON'T carry it just as a SIDELINE.

We have bought more wall paper for 1909 than any firm in Haskell county ever bought in one year.

We have some **RED HOT PRICES** and will discount any ones prices on **WALL PAPER**. We are putting competition in the back ground.

Every article in Paints, Varnishes, Stains, Enamels, Etc., we sell under a **POSITIVE GUARANTEE** to give satisfaction.

"Sherwin & Williams Paints" the standard for quality

Yours for Bright Homes

NORMANS' PAINT STORE.

A Destructive War in West Texas.

Equal rights to all and special privileges to none. (DEMOCRACY)



Prof. W. P. Betts, Ex-Confederate of the Army of Northern Virginia, on the war path.

For 7 years he has been on the war path armed and equipped with mighty power of the unseen forces, making glad hearts and happy homes all along his line of march in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas and now in Texas again the great Democratic State smoothing the pathway of many suffering fellow creatures after other methods of healing had failed, which seems to have aroused jealous hatred among some of the Medical professions, which they have demonstrated by laying the iron hand of the medical trust on my person and binding me and the profession over to the April term of the county court. I was called here by afflicted people to heal them because they failed to get relief in Medical Theraputic. Now they virtuly say to those afflicted people, "if we can't heal you, he shall not." I am 72 years old and for the first time in life I am deprived of the privilege of making an honest living by a legalized profession

Dr. W. P. Betts, The Drugless Doctor.

While Mr. Eller does not especially feature his band and orchestra, they are conceded to be two of the finest musical organization travell

My plant is running night and day. Will buy your cotton or do custom ginning. We are turning out thirty bales per day.

W. T. M. Mal.

SOCIETY COLUMN.

The Magazine Club met with Miss Houston at the home of Mrs. A. W. McGregor on Saturday afternoon, March 6th. After answering to roll call, the subject of which was "The Artist's Note Book," the business of the afternoon was given attention and at four o'clock with Mrs. Fred Sanders as teacher the lesson on English Art was commenced. A talk on "The Life and Paintings of Landseer," was made by Mrs. Louis Ellis and a Character Sketch of Thomas Gainsborough by Mrs. G. J. Graham proved to be quite interesting. Mrs. S. R. Rike read an article on Art.

The guest of the afternoon was Miss Ella Day. On March 12th the club meets at home of Mrs. H. R. Jones.

The following is the program for the afternoon:
Subject—Tennyson.
Roll call — Responses from "Idyle of the King."
Story—"Guinevere."

For Sale Cheap.

New undercut survey and buggy, good horse and cow.
Phone 26. W. R. Hill, City Haskell, Texas

Mrs. Ogleby is visiting Mr. Logan Ogleby at Gilmer.

O. J. RANCH ITEMS

Mrs. G. W. Smith is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Brown.

Jim Logan needs the assistance of a good looking lady to comfort him in his declining years.

R. M. Smith of Rule is visiting the family of Mr. Rudger.

Mr. Willis, deputy sheriff of O'Brien, was in this vicinity this week. We suspect his mission was a social one instead of official.

It snowed here tonight.

Stein Bros. of Haskell and C. M. Brown are locating some Oklahomans in this vicinity. The country is fine for farming and the prospectors are coming in. "Bill Bye"

The specialties presented between acts at the performance of Rip Van Winkle—are the kind you see in the best vaudeville houses. They are put on to entertain, not to kill time.

Wanted—3000 bu. maize and Kaffir corn in the head, will pay 50 cts per bu.

Marsh, Williams & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds are going to move to Mexico, these are most excellent people and the Free Press wishes them success in their new home.

We have all kinds of farm seed.

Marsh, Williams & Co.

HOWARD

The warm weather was followed Sunday night by a shower and a drop in the thermometer.

On last Saturday night at the school house we had an old time spelling match, both old and young participating, using the old blue back speller. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Powell were the champions.

Messrs Franklin brothers entertained a party of friends from Haskell Sunday.

Miss Maud Roberts is visiting her sister Mrs. Joe Dinsmore.

Mr. Bowen and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Sunday.

Miss Humphry with the seventh grade of her school visited the manufacturing plants at Haskell Saturday, including the Oil mill and Broom factory.

Miss Pearl Howard leaves for San Angelo this week.

Reporter.

There is no soil in the world that will produce better than Haskell County, if the seasons hit just right. If the seasons are a little off we make it any way. Just look how the late cotton has turned out after the freeze. There was enough made any way to put the country on a safe basis.

The Rip Van Winkle Orchestra, under the directions of Herr Jeffries is one of the finest musical organization traveling, and well worth the price of admission.

HASKELL FREE PRESS

OSCAR MARTIN, Publisher

HASKELL, TEXAS

The envelope was invented in 1683 and was in disfavor for a long time.

The average elevator in a large office building travels about 20 miles an hour.

An effort is being made in England to foster the tobacco-growing industry of Scotland.

Mr. Jack Hinns is of the real stuff of which heroes are made. He refuses to go on the stage.

Right here it seems appropriate to mention an interesting fact that this country consumed \$14,000,000 worth of peanuts last year.

Paderewski, while performing in New York, split the nail on one of his fingers. Our dispatch does not say what happened to the piano.

It is no mere play upon words to remark that the congressional spotters are spilling for a fight and that the odds are on the despoiler.

Again we are reminded that money does not have a loud voice, but that it is a very penetrating voice and carries even to the fortified places.

The American battleships have made a record in their long voyage which will always be an interesting feature in the world's naval history.

"War is knocking at our doors," says Congressman Hobson. Gratitude, please go to the door and tell War that we are not at home.—Cleveland Leader.

Now comes the word that the "pneumatic pompadour" is to take the place of the old-fashioned "rat." Thus suggests a use for old automobile tires.

England has been roused to a fine pitch of military enthusiasm by a thrilling play. It is not, however, anything with soul kisses or Salome dances in it.

French scientists say that the earth's crust is hardening, and amateur gardeners who will begin their spring digging soon will no doubt agree with them.

Only about 50 per cent. of the people who die in New York die natural deaths, which is not astonishing, considering that only about one per cent. of them live naturally.

In 1907 Great Britain furnished 30,000 bicycles to Japan, and in addition \$70,000 worth of parts, while the United States furnished 3,218 bicycles and \$178,000 worth of parts.

Because of the fight and resultant damage attending the last University of Pennsylvania underclass dinner the freshmen have found it almost impossible to get a hotel to supply their dinner.

It is said that women and children are braver than men in an earthquake. Possibly the weaker members of the family are used to having father come home and tear the house down over their heads.

Our thoughtful and benevolent congressmen, says the Chicago Daily News, are now engaged in the great work of distributing garden seeds among such of their fellow citizens as have either gardens or votes.

The Michiganian, the college annual at the University of Michigan, has asked students with cameras to chase up the members of the senior classes to get photographs of the 1909 folks without their knowing they are being taken.

Apparently the milk producers have not become discouraged in their efforts to change the milk standard, even though the agitation of the subject had an effect to reduce the consumption of milk by several millions of gallons last year. Looking at it from a purely financial standpoint does it pay?

The spoils system impels men to make all they can within a limited time. The merit system admonishes them to play fair and so hold their jobs without reference to political interference. One tempts a man to graft while he has the chance. The other prompts him to so conduct himself as to retain a good thing. This waives moral considerations—but so do many politicians.

Speaking by the card, Mr. Rockefeller's latest gift of a million to Chicago university brings the total of his contributions to the funds of that institution up to \$24,875,365. Gifts from other sources foot up \$7,128,484, making a total of \$31,503,849. Of this amount about \$5,000,000 have been used for current expenses, leaving a balance of \$26,503,849 as its present productive endowment. A handsome showing, remarks the Boston Herald, for a university less than 20 years old.

"A man's a fool if he believes everything his wife tells him," says the Philosopher of Polly, "but he's a bigger fool if he doesn't pretend he does."

Little Rollis, four years old, came to the table, where he had tomato soup, of which he is very fond. Being very hungry, he could not wait for it to cool, but hastily ate two or three spoonfuls; then, laying down his spoon, he exclaimed: "My goodness! that soup is so hot it makes sparks all down me."—Delineator.

TOWN DESTROYED BY TORNADO AND FIRE

AFTER FIERCE STORM CAUSES DEATH OF EIGHT, FIAMES TAKE CONTROL.

EIGHT ARE REPORTED DEAD

Arkansas in Grip of Terrific Tornado, One Killed Near Little Rock, Wires Down.

Memphis, Tenn., March 9.—It is reported that eight persons were killed, several others seriously injured and an entire town—Brinkley, Ark.—destroyed by a tornado and subsequent fire Monday night. The last advices were that the conflagration was beyond control and that the entire town will probably be destroyed.

Vague reports show enormous damage from tornado in Arkansas. The storm's path is a mystery because all wires into Southern, Southeastern and Southwestern Arkansas are down. Hot Springs, Pine Bluff and such cities can not be reached at all. Reports from this county alone show one dead, a number injured and great property loss. A Cotton Belt passenger train is reported to have been swept from the tracks near Baumcum. Railroad officials here are unable to get a word along the line, as every wire is down. Train reported destroyed is hours late. Tornado crossed Arkansas river within five miles of Little Rock, raising water about 200 feet high.

Railroads Win Victory.

Kansas City: A notable decision in favor of the railroads was handed down Monday by Judge McPherson of the United States district court, in the 2 cent fare and maximum freight rate cases, involving eighteen Missouri lines. The railroads contended that the rates fixed by the statutes of the state were not remunerative, but confiscatory, and that the enforcement of the statutes be enjoined. The state brought proceedings to have them enforced.

Falling Off of Exports.

Washington: In January last there was a falling off of about \$50,000,000 in the total value of the country's exports as compared with those of January, 1908, while for seven months ending with January last the total exports amounted to \$1,051,719,944 against \$1,189,090,551 in the corresponding seven months of the previous fiscal year, a fall of \$157,000,000 in the seven months.

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Storm at Texarkana.

Texarkana: A terrific wind and rain storm struck the city at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, lasting for nearly three-quarters of an hour. The wind did considerable damage and several people were injured.

Woodmen at Houston.

Houston: Houston was Monday captured by the Woodmen of the World, here for the convention of the district composed of all lodges in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. Four thousand delegates will be here.

Thirty Thousand Acres Sold.

San Angelo: The Fayette-Tankersley ranch of thirty thousand acres in Iron county has been sold to Knoxville, Tenn., parties for a cash consideration of \$150,000. This is understood to be the basis of a colonization scheme, much of the big tract being fine agricultural land. The ranch is sixty miles southwest of San Angelo.

Negroes Fear "Hants."

Galveston: Fear that the ghost of the negro condemned to be hanged would haunt them is the reason given by colored dray drivers for refusing to deliver lumber at the county jail. The lumber is wanted to construct the scaffold on which Edmund Shelton is to die April 1.

Buys Smith County Land.

Tyler: The Missouri Development company of St. Louis and Kansas City has purchased 1,500 acres of land in this county, near Winona. The company will plant the land in pecan and peach trees.

Snow Beyond Big Springs.

Dallas: Texas and Pacific officials reported rain Monday both east and west of Dallas, but the most startling news was the statement that snow had fallen at certain points beyond Big Springs. The fall was not heavy, according to the reports.

Santa Fe Surveyors at Lubbock.

Lubbock: The Santa Fe surveyors are in Lubbock locating depot grounds, sidings, etc. It now seems certain the road will pass through the town.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The total estimated income of Ft Worth for 1909 is placed at \$633,000.

An average of about fifty bales of cotton are marketed on the streets of Brady daily.

A regular fifteen-minute street car service was put on at Mineral Wells Sunday by the Mineral Wells and Lakewood Park Street railway.

After sixty-one years' residence in Dallas County, Mrs. Irene Perry died Tuesday at her home in Cedar Hill, twenty-four miles from Dallas.

On account of low price of onions, which prevailed last season, the acreage for that crop in Collin county will be cut down fully 75 per cent this year.

There are being erected in Tyler many substantial homes and on the South Side in particular a half dozen handsome residences are under construction.

The receipts at the Sherman post office for the month of February, 1909, compared with the receipts in same month in 1908 show a net increase in excess of \$200.

Under the new city charter of Ft. Worth, which will be presented to the Legislature, it is made possible for women to become members of the School Board.

Miss Mabel Eddy of Simmons College, Abilene, Texas, formerly of Carroll College, Waukesha, has been appointed to the chair of French at Lawrence College of Milwaukee.

The City Council of Weatherford has ordered a city election to determine whether bonds amounting to \$12,000 shall be issued for the construction of a new central school building.

A school bond election was held in Abilene to decide whether or not \$40,000 worth of school bonds should be issued and those favoring the issuing of the bonds won by a vote of 138 to 4.

That natural gas may be piped to various cities in Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas from the fields in Caddo parish, whose supply is said to be practically inexhaustible, now seems probable.

The sale of a number of the big ranches in the western and southern parts of Texas within the past few weeks have announced, more forcibly than words, the passing of the old-time cattleman.

The Texas Knights of Pythias Widows and Orphans' home at Weatherford was opened for the reception of inmates Monday. There were but four orphans received, the Winkler children, from Amarillo.

John Pettit and Pat Corrigan were run over and killed at Eagle Lake Sunday by a west bound Sunset passenger train. Pieces of the bodies were scattered along the track for a distance of almost half a mile.

It is reported that beginning with Monday the International and Great Northern shops at Palestine will again resume the nine-hour day. For some time they have been working eight hours, and this change will be welcomed.

A 100-mile flight by homing pigeons of Dallas is set for April 11. Pigeon enthusiasts arranged for this flight at a meeting held Thursday night, and decided that there should, beginning with next Sunday, be preliminary races. The first race will probably be from Arlington or Fort Worth. The 100-mile flight in April will be from Strawn.

President D. J. Neill of the Texas Farmers' union has just returned from New York and Washington, where he went in behalf of the union in support of the anti-bucket shop bill, presented by Congressman Henry.

Cotton shipments to date amount to 14,000 bales at San Angelo, and it is estimated that from 500 to 600 more will be received before the season is entirely closed. This is slightly below estimates made early in the season.

George Banzaff, of Cameron, who has been in the employment of the Government some time in establishing experimental farms, reports that he has secured about 100 young men who have agreed to make a test of corn planting and work under directions of the Government expert. Other farms will be established.

While laborers were blasting rock at San Antonio they found six skeletons, believed to have been Indians. Arrow heads, war paint and other weapons were found near by. They will be given to a scientific society.

The matter of erecting a steel bridge across Sulphur River at Green Haw Ferry is now under consideration by Naples business men, who hope to have this bridge erected with the assistance of Red River and Bowie Counties. Estimated bridge will cost \$1000.

The seventieth annual convention of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Texas convened Monday morning in Galveston. The total attendance is at least 2,500, although not more than 1,500 attended the opening exercises.

Friends of Gov. Bell, of Oklahoma, Wednesday presented him with a purse of \$705 to be used in his defense in the Muskogee, own lot cases, the presentation being made by Lieut. Gov. George Bellan. The sum was made up of subscriptions ranging from \$10 to \$100.

GOOD ITEMS OF NEWS

ENTIRE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS THAT ARE WORTH PASSING NOTICE.

WHOLE WORLD THE FIELD

Current Domestic and Foreign News Boiled Down to Readable and Small Space.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Taft Administration took its first stride Friday. The new President named his Cabinet, the Senate confirmed his selections and its members took oath of office Saturday morning, with the exception of George W.ickersham, who was sworn in as Attorney General Friday.

Charging that the members of the board of consulting engineers of which accompany President-elect Taft to examine the Panama Canal were chosen because they favored the lock canal, Senator Teller of Colorado Tuesday reopened the old Senate controversy over the lock or sea-level type.

President-Elect Taft Tuesday received from his tailor his inaugural trousers, the wool for which were furnished by "Togo," a 3-year-old Angora goat, bred and owned by Frank Landrum of Montell, Uvalde County, Texas.

After two sessions for over five hours each, the conferees on the rivers and harbors bill reached an agreement Tuesday. The House accepted about twenty amendments for surveys which will cost about \$100,000.

President Roosevelt Monday gave a farewell luncheon at the white house to the members of the famous "tennis cabinet" and others who have been closely associated with him during the last seven years.

Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, Senator Keane of New Jersey, Senator Clark of Wyoming and other Republican leaders who have been working heroically to save the president from censure because of his part in the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States Steel corporation, have won.

The Sixtieth congress came to an end Thursday, and it glided into the Sixty-first so unceremoniously that the change was scarcely noticeable. The final act, so far as the house was concerned, took place in the senate chamber, where both houses witnessed the incoming of the new administration.

In appreciation of his efforts in behalf of the discharged Brownsville battalion, the negro citizens of Washington will present to Senator Foraker on Friday next a massive solid silver loving cup.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

William Loeb Jr., who was named by President Taft as collector of the port of New York, left Washington Sunday.

Eleven horses and mules and twelve head of cattle perished when a large barn west of Durant, Okla., burned at an early hour Friday.

The 2-year-old daughter of W. D. Hoover, who resides north of Dublin on rural route No. 9, was drowned in a well Friday.

The school board in Fort Worth at its session Monday decided to hold public exercises at the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$50,000 school house in district 11, which is about to be built.

Numerous well-known cattlemen and live stock commission merchants are of the opinion that America is facing a meat famine because of the breaking up into farms of the great cattle ranges of the west.

Preliminary organization of a corporation was formed in Big Springs Thursday, composed of prominent citizens of Big Springs and several resident capitalists, for the purpose of building a railroad north from Big Springs through the new town of Soash in Howard county and through either Lamesa or Tahoka.

A terrific hail and rainstorm struck Lorena Sunday evening. The storm came from the west and there is not a pane of glass in the west windows of any house in town, except those that were protected by shutters.

The new city tax rate fixed by the City Council of San Antonio is \$1.06 and the school tax 39c, making a total of \$1.45, as against a total for last year of \$1.60.

Members of Congress from the Gulf of Mexico section can not yet see cause for elation over the constitution of the National Waterways Commission. The personnel of this body consists of Senators of New Hampshire, Washington, Michigan, North Carolina and Arkansas, Representatives of Ohio, New York, Illinois, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Florida and Tennessee.

United States District Attorney Keating at Indianapolis has resigned rather than participate in the efforts of the Department of Justice to bring Delavan Smith and Joseph Pulitzer to Washington to stand trial for criminal libel in connection with publications regarding the Panama Canal and the railroads.

At a meeting of the city commission held Monday in Fort Worth it was decided to order a referendum election to pass upon the proposed improvements and extensions of the municipal electric light plant.

The record of casualties incident to the inaugural ceremonies in Washington Thursday was three deaths, three probably fatally injured and more than seventy-five persons slightly injured.

The Nebraska House Friday by the necessary three-fifths vote of 62 to 34 passed the Howard bill, submitting a constitutional amendment permitting women to vote in all elections.

The execution of seven negroes in Louisiana Friday follows the conviction of six of them for murder and one for criminal assault upon a member of his own race.

One man was killed and Fireman Felix Williams was seriously injured in a wreck of a Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio freight train east of El Paso Thursday.

The postoffice at Rector, Denton county, is to be discontinued after March 31 and the patrons of the office served by a rural route out of Lewisville.

Adjutant General J. O. Newton Thursday issued an order calling for the inspection of the Texas National Guard by officers of the United States army, beginning March 15.

Hood County's annual stock show was held in Granbury, greater interest being shown than at any previous exhibition. The horse class was in great majority, numbering over a hundred.

Twelve Senators and seventy-seven Representatives who are members of the present Congress will be absent when the Sixty-First Congress assembles in special session on March 31.

A small part of the United States navy is to be stationed on West End Lake at San Antonio. It will go overland on flat cars and will consist of five man-of-war cutters, with equipment.

Mrs. Elizabeth Scriven Potter, widow of Bishop Henry C. Potter, died Friday at her home in New York, after an illness extending over several days. She survived Bishop Potter only eight months.

President Zelaya of Nicaragua in a cable to Consul Aluschul at New Orleans, denies positively that preparations are being made in his country for a war with either Costa Rica or Salvador.

The road bridge across the Brazos River, on the road from Glen Rose to Cleburne is completed and was turned over to the county last week, accepted and paid for by the Commissioners' Court. This bridge cost \$15,000.

Georgia Steadman, a white woman, 35 years of age, took a deep draft of carbolic acid from a bottle while walking along one of the principal streets in Fort Worth Monday, and within ten minutes she was dead.

Fire broke out early Wednesday morning in the four-story tenements in New York. Six persons have been removed from the burning buildings and taken to hospitals suffering from burns and other injuries.

Further evidence that former President Roosevelt is leading the simple life in every respect was furnished Sunday when Mr. Roosevelt and his wife came through the slush and snow on foot to church at Oyster Bay.

A string of thirty-five diamonds and an illuminated and embossed friendship book were presented Tuesday to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt as a token of esteem from thirty-eight of her friends, prominent society women of Washington.

The Governor of Arizona vetoed the educational qualification bill providing that voters shall be able to read a paragraph of the Constitution of the United States, selected at random. The bill then passed over the Governor's veto.

William H. Bishop, aged 64 years, well known in theatrical circles as manager or owner of such old-time stage successes as "The Black Crook," "What Happened to Jones" and "The County Fair," died in New York Sunday.

Rear Admiral C. S. Sperry, commander in chief of the Atlantic battleship fleet, soon will make application to be retired from the command of the fleet.

L. C. Griscom, Ambassador at Rome, has sent his resignation to the State Department at Washington. He intends to devote himself to business after reaching the United States.

Ralph M. Shaw, attorney for the Chicago and Alton railway, paid \$60,000 to the clerk of the United States district court Monday as the fines of the railroad he represents.

Four men were killed in the Diamond mine Wednesday, in Butte, Mont., through the premature discharge of a blast.

One mass meeting has been held for that purpose, and another will be held to adopt measures to defeat the proposed amendments to the city charter of Waco, which, if enacted, will give to the commissioners the right to appoint the city attorney, the city recorder, the tax collector and other municipal officers, instead of filling such places by election, as is now and has been the rule.

Senator Hale stated Friday that the rivers and harbors bill which was reported to the house will not pass this session of congress.

Three men robbed six stores in Alvarado Tuesday morning, getting the sum of \$117.45.

President Roosevelt has signed the bill by Representative Cooper, giving permission to the citizens of Jefferson and Orange Counties to improve the channels in the Sabine and Neches Rivers and to deepen and widen the canal from the mouth of these rivers to the mouth of Taylor's Bayou.

April 20 set they recently at paratory to p the market.

HER PHYSICIAN ADVISED

Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Columbus, Ohio.—"I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound during change of life. My doctor told me it was good, and since taking it I feel so much better that I can do all my work again. I think Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a fine remedy for all women's troubles, and I never forget to tell my friends what it has done for me."—Mrs. E. HANSON, 304 East Long St., Columbus, Ohio.

Another Woman Helped. Graniteville, Vt.—"I was passing through the Change of Life and suffered from nervousness and other annoying symptoms. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health and strength, and proved worth mountains of gold to me. For the sake of other suffering women I am willing you should publish my letter."—Mrs. CHARLES BARCLAY, R. F. D., Graniteville, Vt.

Women who are passing through this critical period or who are suffering from any of those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should not lose sight of the fact that for thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which is made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills. In almost every community you will find women who have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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SYNOPSIS.

Gerard Chambers, son of a wealthy importer and a student at an eastern college, was awarded a membership in the Cluster of the Gemini, a secret organization, founded by Rodney Graves. The society was exclusive, only seven being admitted. The members were known as Persons. A meeting was held and each member was awarded the "call of destiny." Chambers was told to make a period as a sailor and not set foot in North America for a year. Then he was to be assigned to another year's exile. He must make his own living unassisted, and keep everything a secret. Jerry obtained a berth as apprentice on an ocean freighter bound for Uruguay, South America, loaded with guns for enemies of that government. Chambers was captured and thrown into a dungeon. Marina Bostos, adopted daughter of Gen. Bostos, ministered to his wounds. Each made a strong impression on the other. Jerry was sentenced to die. Upon promise of Marina's love, Capt. Pilaro freed Chambers. All three united with Gen. Barado's rebels, Chambers being made a captain. Capt. Pilaro died of fever. Marina accompanied his body to burial. In a fierce battle Barado defeated Bostos. Jerry frustrated an attempt to assassinate Gen. Barado. Marina's funeral party was attacked and she was reported missing. Fandangos, capital of Uruguay, was captured and a confederacy established. Chambers was made much of. Marina was given up as dead. He then sailed for Havana. He recognized Marina Bostos, a passenger of a yacht. By a ruse he gained the deck. He discovered that Marina was being held a prisoner. The American engineer promised aid. The plotters took Marina into Vera Cruz secretly. Jerry followed. Suddenly remembering he must hurry to Mexico City within a few hours he left the engineer to resume the chase. Jerry reached Mexico City in time to receive letter of instructions. Young Chambers received the secret society's orders to proceed to Escalón, Mexico, for further instructions. He again left Mike O'Connor, the engineer, in charge of the shadowing. Mike trailed the fugitives. Jerry, using various ruses. At Escalón Jerry received orders to search for a lost gold mine. He accidentally met Mike. They happened upon one of the plotters, who then threw them off the trail. The pair camped in the mountains. They discovered an old hermit calling himself Jose. After aiding him when he seemed near death, Jose promised to tell them a secret. Jose gave them a partial knowledge of the location of the lost mine. Their efforts were unsuccessful, however. Mike was sent to the village for provisions. While he was away and Jerry was exploring, Yaqui Indians burned the camp. Jerry was stricken with fever. Mike returned, searching for Chambers.

CHAPTER XXVI—Continued.

"Tommy! Tommy!" cried Mike, almost incoherently, dashing out of the bushes and running up the stream. "Where are you, Tommy, lad? For God's sake, where are you?"

Behind a great boulder he found Jerry bending over so that his face was only a few inches above the water.

"Tommy! Thank God I've found you at last! Where?"

Jerry looked up, but the expression in his eyes and the absolute lack of recognition checked Mike.

"One more drop of water," said Jerry, his voice weak and trembling and very strange, "and I'll go—"

"My God, he's crazy!" gasped Mike. He lifted the wasted body of the young man to a sitting position and felt his brow. "The fever is burnin' him up, sappin' his very life!" he went on. He carried him back to where the provisions were stored, and a few minutes later the feverish, delirious head was on a pillow made of a coat and his body lay on a blanket. Then he constructed a shelter of leaves and twigs.

Mike administered large doses of whiskey and quinine and remained at his side until he began to show signs of normal mentality. It was plain to be seen that Jerry was almost starved and that the great quantities of water he had drunk had made his condition very precarious.

Mike had laid in provisions enough to last two hungry men for two weeks, but he made them last five full weeks, at the end of which time he had nursed Jerry back to health. The Seventh Person of the Gemini was not the strong, husky fellow he had been before the fever seized him and sent him wandering in the wilderness delirious, but he felt strong enough to continue the search for the lost gold mine. Mike brought his strongest argument against continuing the search, but Jerry was obstinate, and finally the engineer submitted to his way of thinking.

"But we'll not be apart after this, lad," said Mike. "Where one goes to hunt, the other goes, and when more provisions are needed we'll both go for them. There'll be no more meetin' Indians single handed."

They both went back to Ojito and laid in a further stock of supplies, enough to last them for a long time, and re-established another camp, this one nearer the brooklet and at a spot wholly screened from view from all sides. They explored far up the side of the mountain, remaining away from the base of operations days at a time, but they found no trace of "14." They followed the trail farther than the red stone designated by the old man of the adobe, and found that it skirted the mountain. They went over it for five or six miles, until they reached a wider pathway leading up the mountain side.

"This," said Jerry, "must be the way to one of the holes the old man said led the wrong way. It might be a good idea to follow it, anyway."

The sun was sinking and the trail was through a dense wilderness, and

they decided to wait until the next morning before starting over it. After they had gone about three miles back over the old trail Mike suddenly checked his burro and whispered excitedly:

"Did you see it, Tommy—a light on the trail? Or have I got 'em?"

Before Jerry could answer he saw a light bobbing up and down far down the path.

"What in thunder can it be, Mike?" he exclaimed.

"A goblin or somebody comin' this way." The next moment the burros were led into a thicket at the side of the trail, far enough away so that they could not be heard, and the two men secreted themselves within a few feet of the pathway. The light came nearer and nearer, until a man on burro-back could be seen. The light came from a lantern fastened to the saddle, and was brilliant enough to make the features of the rider distinguishable. Ten yards from where Mike and Jerry lay the rider got off his burro and began to tighten the girth. The animal was hard to manage, and the man cursed it roundly.

At his first word Mike clutched Jerry's arm excitedly.

"Riaz!" he whispered, faintly.

The man soon remounted and proceeded on his way. The light showed the smooth face of a young man. After he had passed them about 50 feet they crawled to the edge of the trail and watched him out of sight.

"Riaz!" exclaimed Jerry. "How do you know?"

"It's the voice I heard from the 'old man' that night in Vera Cruz, I'll swear. Tommy, the voice I heard that night was an unusual one, and the voice we just heard was the same. What shall we do?"

"We must find where he goes, by all means," said Jerry, his blood running fast and hot. "A thousand to one he's headed for where they are, and if he is we shall find her!"

They set out afoot to follow the man with the lantern. It was not long before they had picked their way to within 100 feet of the rider. They retraced those miles and were surprised to see the man turn up the new-found pathway, which they had decided to go over on the following day.

He had not gone up the mountain side very far when he dismounted and sat down at the side of the trail. Mike and Jerry crept up 50 feet nearer, and then lay back in the bushes to await his further proceeding. Presently they saw another light come suddenly into view about 100 yards farther up, at a place in the open.

"There's a cave up there," whispered Jerry, "and that's where this fellow is bound for."

The new light came nearer, and in ten minutes it was near enough to show the outline of the man carrying it.

"The burro was ready to drop in his tracks," said the man Jerry and Mike had followed, "and I had to give him a rest." The other man came up and snapped:

"It has taken you a long time to go and come. And now you rest!" He sat down beside him.

"Andre!" whispered Mike, again clutching Jerry's arm.

"What did you find out?" asked Andre.

"He is at Parral, and he is almost ready to scour the country with government troops. The whole town knows of his presence there and of his mission, and every man seems willing to run us down and risk his life to rescue her. On many sides I heard the belief expressed that we were on this trail, and one man even went so far as to say that we were hidden near the red-topped mountain. There are those who know every cavern on this trail, and our situation, however careful we may be, is dangerous."

"When will they start out?"

"Forerunners will leave, heavily armed, on fast horses, in the morning."

"Riaz, we must get away from here to-night!" said Andre, now on his feet and moving about nervously.

"Three of us would be mighty weak if they should come upon us," said Riaz, who, too, was visibly excited.

"Only three o' thim," whispered Mike, and he gripped his revolver. "We can skin 'em!"

Without saying a word Jerry started to crawl toward the two men. Mike following at his heels. When they had gone to within a dozen feet of them Mike's knee came down hard on a piece of dead wood which broke in two and brought the gaze of Andre quickly in their direction. With their hearts in their mouths and fearing that they were about to be discovered, they stopped still.

"What was that noise?" Andre asked.

"Only an animal, I guess," answered Riaz.

They continued to move forward, but had not gone more than five feet when Mike's hand came down on an



"Only Three o' Thim," Whispered Mike. "We Can Skin 'Em!"

upturned thorn and he uttered a faint expression of pain.

"It is somebody!" exclaimed Andre.

"It was a human voice!"

The next moment Jerry and Mike were in the trail, their revolvers leveled at the heads of the two men.

"One move, one sound, and you will be shot!" commanded Jerry, with deadly calmness.

Andre made an attempt to reach for his revolver, but before he could touch the butt of it Jerry's weapon crashed against his forehead and he sank to the ground with a groan. Riaz's neck was in the terrible grasp of Mike's big hands, and after a minute's struggle, he, too, was on the ground helpless.

The two were dragged into the bushes, and a few minutes later their clothing, torn into strips, bound their hands and legs and gagged their mouths.

"Just to make sure," said Mike.

"Now for the other one!" said Jerry, starting up the trail.

"Cautious, cautious, Tommy, lad," warned Mike. "We can get there just as easy by bein' careful."

With the lanterns they picked their way through the brush to the spot where they had seen Andre's light as it came suddenly into view. They walked almost into the mouth of a cavern, and it is probable that Jerry would have gone in if Mike had not grabbed him by the arm and pulled him behind a ledge at the side of the fissure. Mike whispered into Jerry's ear, and the next moment, imitating Andre's voice as best he could, the younger man called out:

"Felipe, come here."

A minute later Felipe came out of the cavern, and before he could raise a hand Mike's fingers were at his throat and Jerry's hands at his neck. Mike pressed so hard into his neck that he soon was lying on the ground as one dead. Jerry pulled the body behind the ledge and Mike bound the legs and arms and gagged his prisoner.

"Now for Marina!" cried Jerry, in a loud whisper, stepping towards the opening.

"Wait!" exclaimed Mike, in a whisper, catching his arms. "Do you hear?" The sound of rustling skirts reached Jerry's ears, and he moved back behind the ledge again.

Carrying a lantern, the strange woman stepped out of the opening and called for Andre. Jerry and Mike jumped for the opening, the former reaching it just in time to prevent her from closing an iron door. He grabbed her, but before he could get her in his power he felt a tinge of pain in his arm. The woman had tried to kill

him with a dagger. It was not long before she was overpowered. Her hysterical screaming brought forth sounds of rapping on an iron door farther back in the dimly-lighted cavern.

"It is she!" Jerry cried, running down the narrow corridor. "Where are you, Marina, where are you?"

"Go down the steps to your left," was the faint response.

Jerry ran along until he reached an avenue to his left, down which he went for 10 or 12 feet, when he came to two or three steps.

"Are you here?" he cried, hammering on an iron door.

"Yes," was the answer. "One of the others has the key."

Jerry called to Mike, who dragged the strange woman to where he was waiting.

"Bind her securely, Mike," said Jerry, "and both of us will try to break the door down." After the woman had been rendered absolutely helpless the two men threw their shoulders against the door many times before the lock finally gave way.

Standing before them, in the dim light of a candle, stood the frail, emaciated Marina Bostos.

"Thank God!" cried Jerry, and the next instant she was in his embrace, her arms around his neck.

CHAPTER XXVII.
The Lone Searcher.

"What did little Mikey tell you, Tommy?" said the big Mike, in a tone of triumph. "I knew you'd get her some time."

The shock had been too much for Marina, and she fainted in Jerry's arms. He carried her out into the open air, Mike following with the bound woman, whom he set down at the side of the squirming Felipe.

He then ran down where Andre and Riaz lay. Andre still was unconscious, but Riaz's eyes were open and he was trying to release himself. "You fellows must be lonesome down here. You're invited to join a little party up farther," and the next moment he was dragging the men after him, a coat collar in each strong hand. He placed the three men and the woman side by side and, standing off a few feet surveying them, he laughed as only a great, big-lunged Irishman can laugh.

Mike's whisky bottle was brought into service, and it was not long before Marina's eyes were open. Jerry gently lifted her head to his knee and impressed a kiss to her lips.

"Go on, Tommy; I won't look," snickered Mike. "I've got somethin' pretty good to look at, myself." Felipe's face gave evidence of great

fear, and Mike determined to try him out. He took the gag from his mouth and said:

"See here, you yellow devil, we've got you and got you good. Tell me what you know—everything you know, and it might go easier with you. What's in that cave?"

For a moment Felipe was silent, but the fierce flashing eyes of the big captor cowed him completely.

"What will you do for me?" he asked.

"You tell me and I'll tell you what I'll do, and if you don't tell me, you'll soon see what I'll do. Now, come on—quick!"

"A counterfeiting plant."

"Is that all?"

"Yes."

"You're a yellow devil of a Har!" Mike did not know why he said this.

"There are three skeletons."

"Where?"

"In one of the smaller rooms."

"Which room?"

"Where she was found," indicating Marina.

"You heartless devil!" cried Jerry, his hands clenching and his eyes blazing viciously. He started to rise, but Mike told him to sit still.

"And this is the way you treat a woman, eh?" said Mike.

Felipe dropped his eyes.

"Now, what would you say if I was to chock you back in that room and turn out all the lights and lock the door?"

Felipe trembled. By this time Andre was squirming, and Mike went on: "Ah, ha; another county heard from! Felipe, you're a devil, but 'Andy' here's six: devils in one. He actually made an effort to resist us down the trail. Isn't he the fearless lad, though? But," and his voice was stern and ominous, "he'll get all that's comin' to him, with interest. Let General Bostos lay hands on him!"

"But you are not going to turn me over to Bostos?" cried Felipe.

"Where were you to have received the ransom from him?" Mike asked.

"That had not been settled on definitely."

"How much did you demand?"

"Two hundred thousand dollars."

"Whee! You didn't want much! Now, what are you willin' to pay us to be a little merciful?"

"Anything—everything! I'll pay you—"

"You miserable puppy, you'll pay what General Bostos demands," roared Mike. "The soldiers will shoot you down like the dog you are, and that would be too easy for you. They ought to take you and 'Andy' and that once-up-a-time 'whiskers' here and string you up by the thumbs till you're dead. Tell me who you are."

"Felipe Brazal, so help me God!"

"And pretty 'Willie' over there," pointing to Andre, "what's his name?"

"Andre Callara."

"What!" exclaimed Mike. "Is he the devil that's stirred up all Europe with his counterfeiting games?"

Felipe nodded his head and quailed under the vicious glare from Andre's eyes.

"Every country in Europe, Tommy," said Mike, "offers an immense reward for the capture of this fellow 'Andy.' Damned if this ain't the biggest catch o' the season."

Riaz faithful burro had wandered up to the cave with the heavy load of provisions, and Mike immediately relieved it of the burden. He lost no time in opening the sacks, which contained wines and many delicacies.

"Why, Tommy," he said, "we can sort o' celebrate the occasion fittinly; and won't it be nice for thim to look on?"

"What shall we do now, Mike?" Jerry asked.

"We must keep a lookout for the 'cops,' and it's just as well that we stay right around here till it's light enough to travel safely."

Mike relieved the men of their revolvers and took the dagger from the woman and then removed the gags. The first thing Andre did was to subject Felipe to a withering fire of oaths and swear that he would have his life.

"Now, here, 'Andy,' old boy," said Mike, "there's at least one lady present, and you've got to cut out all that nasty talk. If you say another word on goes the muzzie again." Andre knew that he meant what he said, and he was sullenly quiet thereafter.

When daylight came Marina was much stronger, and after drinking some of the high-grade coffee procured by Riaz in Ojito the day before, Jerry and she walked to a spot a little way down the mountain side, where they sat down.

"Marina, that note told all," said Jerry, drawing her head close to his, "and that kiss you impressed on my hand through the porthole was your confession."

There was another kiss—a kiss that sealed a compact.

After he had told her how he had come to find her she related her experiences from the time she left the

ranchman's home in charge of the dead body of Capt. Pilaro.

"The government's men at first started to take us back to their own ranks," she said, "but one of them suggested that we be taken to Barceidola, and that I be held until a ransom was paid for my restoration. It was in Barceidola that my captors met Andre and Felipe, who gave them a big sum of money to turn me over to them. A story came out that I had been spirited to Barceidola, and at one time the police were very close upon us. They kept me in seclusion, however, for weeks, when they decided to take me to Havana, there to make their demand. On the Pardacina they figured that it would be dangerous to be seen with me in Havana, for my picture had been printed in the newspapers there. Felipe's fear was responsible for the hurried passage to Vera Cruz, thence to this place, where I have been for weeks."

"Riaz operated with Andre in great counterfeiting schemes in Madrid and Paris, and it was in Madrid that the police almost succeeded in capturing Felipe, who had joined Andre only a short time before. They were forced to leave Spain, and they came to Havana, from where Riaz, a Mexican by birth, came to these mountains and began to counterfeit gold coins. The plan of Andre was to circulate the spurious money in the northern part of the country and to keep me captive until they were ready to sail for Japan. Felipe, however, insisted that my father be asked for the ransom without delay, and Andre communicated with him to the effect that I would be turned over to him at a point near Paloma, which is not difficult to reach from here, the Florida river, flowing near the village, rising only 15 or 20 miles from here. Father came as soon as he could to Mexico, and another day or so would have found me back in his care, and—"

"Your father had decided to have the authorities search for you," said Jerry; "and if we had not met Riaz in the trail last night and followed him here they would in all probability have succeeded in getting away. You might have been lost to me forever."

"They had planned to kill me before they would turn me over without receiving the ransom," she shuddered.

Late that afternoon five or six rurales came down the trail on horses. Mike met them at the intersection of the trails and led them to where the four captives lay on the ground. The cave was searched, and a complete counterfeiting outfit and much of the spurious coin was found. The leader of the rurales charged the kidnapers with murder after he had discovered the skeletons in the room in which Jerry found Marina, but the men swore that the bones were there when they first reached the cave, and that they must have been the remains of prospectors who had been slain by the Yaqui Indians.

The prisoners were taken back to Ojito, Marina, Jerry and Mike bringing up the rear of the little procession. At the mining village an engine and a coach were immediately pressed into service, and a short time later Marina was in the arms of Gen. Bostos at the station in Parral. She was taken to a hospital to regain her strength before proceeding to San Diego, Cal., where the general intended that she should remain until the following spring.

"And the brave men who rescued you," said the general, in the presence of Jerry and Mike, "shall be rewarded. They shall go to the Pacific coast, too, and remain until they are ready to leave. This is not the first time that Capt. Chambers has shown his bravery, and—"

"Capt. Chambers?" said Mike, in a bewildered way, looking at Jerry. "And your name ain't Tommy Flannery?"

"I am, Jerry Chambers," smiled the son of Gemini.

"Well, what do you think o' that!" It was decided to keep Marina in the Parral hospital for a day before proceeding to El Paso, where a train would be taken for the coast town.

"Well, this is better than huntin' for the end o' the rainbow down there where they burn camps and scatter skeletons around," said Mike, when he and Jerry were alone in the hotel that night.

"But we're not going to give up the hunt, Mike!" said Jerry, who quailed under remembrance of the instructions from the Gemini.

"Good hivin', Tommy—I mean Jerry, you don't think for the little end of a minute that you're goin' back there again, do you?"

"That I am, Michael O'Connor, even if I have to go alone."

"Well, you're both the doctor and the patient in this case, lad. I said I'd stick till we got the girl, and I've kept my word like a little man; but I didn't say I'd stick till we found the end of a rainbow. I am not going back to that mountain."

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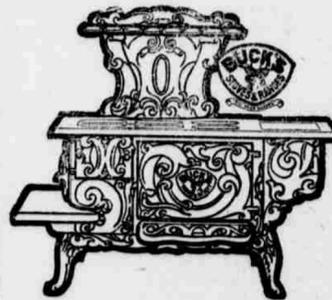
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Courteous treatment to the child as well as the older ones at the Racket Store.

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If we don't have what you want we will get it for you. **SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS.**

Locals and Personals.

Miss Iva Guest who has been visiting at Abilene has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Lightfoot left for Wichita Falls Sunday night.

Wanted: a position as stenographer, can give best reference. Address Jerome Bissell, 1113 So. 5th. St. Waco, Texas.

Finest and largest line of jewelry in the city at the Racket Store.

Let me quote you prices on marble and granite monuments. C. F. Crane. At Haskell Cemetery.

Born the seventh instant to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Murchison a son.

Have your machines cleaned and repaired, J. L. Tippit will do the work. 4-t

R. G. French who has had thirty years experience, will fill your prescriptions at Cogdill's.

We have in stock rural route envelopes for sale.

Lost—\$35.00 in greenback bills between Hill's Restaurant and Dellis Bros Store. Will pay \$2.50 to the finder, notify me at the Farmer's National Bank. J. E. Mapes.

New goods daily at the Racket Store.

All the household remedies at Cogdill's.

Garden seed of best quality in bulk and packet at Racket Store Special Sale on Coal at Chambers.

Messrs Tim Barlow and Chas. McFatter left Sunday for Tyler to attend the Bryan Business College. Both of these young men are qualified to make a good record and they are going to one of the best commercial and short hand schools in the South.

Excursion rates on Lard at the North Side Meat Market.

For plain or fancy sewing, see Mesdames Linville & Short at the Masonic Building. Prices reasonable. 4t

Be sure and see Buster Brown and Tige March 16th.

This is probably your first and last chance to see Buster Brown and Tige. They will be here next Tuesday, March 16th at 2:30 p. m.

Lard what am lard at the North Side Market.

Many bargains in notions and fancy goods just now at the Racket Store.

Been a brick mason for twenty-six years, will guarantee flues, chimneys and cisterns. Phone no. 60. Chas. Jansky.

The Free Press now have in stock, plenty of Vendorse Lein notes, transfers of Vendors Lein and a good form Crop-Chattel Mortgage.

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

Wanted—A family to boll cotton, will furnish house, about eight bales to pull.

(Miss) Kate Snyder, Haskell, Texas.

Take your prescriptions to Cogdill's where they will be filled by an experienced pharmacist.

J. L. Tippit will supply you with any kind of sewing machine needle you desire. 4-t

The price as well as quality makes Chambers' Coal sell. t-f

Call by and get a bucket of that open kettle rendered lard at the North Side Meat Market.

Ladies! Ladies!! We have the best line of ladies purses and hand bags to show you at the Racket Store.

The doctors prescription will be filled just as written at Cogdill's.

T. J. Sims has corn chops at \$1.25 per 100lbs delivered anywhere in town.

Take your prescription to Cogdell's where it will be filled just as the doctor wrote it.

The cotton burrs make good stove fuel. Come to my gin and get a load.

W. T. McDaniel.

Mrs. T. E. Bowman and children left Wednesday morning for an extended visit to Loraine, Big Springs and Garden City.

Mrs. B. M. Whiteker spent this week visiting her parents Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Nicholson.

Mr. J. B. Rush of Rule called at our office a few days ago and renewed his subscription to the Free Press.

Go to Lewis' for fine celery.

Colorado coal—our specialty. Good coal and quick delivery. Phone 157. E. A. Chambers.

E. A. Chambers has the coal that will make a hit with his customers. Phone 157.

Call at the Free Press office and buy some of those rural route envelopes.

Buy lard that is pure and wholesome at the North Side Market.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Alexander have returned from a visit to Mrs. Geo. Rushing of Olney. Mrs. Rushing is a sister of Mrs. Alexander.

Mrs. Mayne Howard of St. Louis has charge of the millinery department at C. M. Hunt & Co's.

We want your eggs, chickens and turkeys, will pay highest market price for them.

Marsh, Williams & Co.

Fine candies at Lewis'. 10-4t

Many Novelties selling at a mazingly low prices at the Racket Store.

Miss Alice Poole is visiting relatives in Eldorado.

Judge Kinnard has returned from Mineral Wells much improved, he having gone there a short time ago to recuperate from a long term of over work.

Mr. C. E. Bowers of Midland has purchased the dry goods business of E. E. King of this city.

Ice Cream at Lewis'. 10-4t

Bread and Bakery stuffs at Lewis'. 10-4t

Have you ordered your Easter suit? If not call at The Model Tailoring Co's and make your selection. They have all the newest fabrics.

Piano contest closes in another week ending March 15th 2.30 p. m. Mr. Wyman would request that all tickets properly signed be presented at the Racket Store on or before that time.

When Mr. Chas McGregor landed at Bremen Germany Thursday, he met the sad news that while he was on the Atlantic bound for his home in Germany his little son Walter, 9 months old and daughter Anna Portia had died, the sad news of which was Cabled to his brother of this City, Mr. A. W. McGregor tried to reach his brother by wireless but the ship on which he sailed had no apparatus.

Eiler's Rip Van Winkle Company carries a crack band, a Concert Orchestra, and presents the old drama in a manner that would be a credit to a metropolitan company.

We want to run our subscription list up to the 2000 mark by Jan. 1st.

Easter comes April 11th, you should place your order for a spring suit with The Model Tailoring Co. today.

The Free Press subscription list keeps on growing.

Oranges, apples, nuts at Lewis.

If you think the Free Press worth your endorsement please mention it to some one who does not take it.

AT REST

Mrs. W. F. Rupe, who has been in bad health for several years died at her home in this city Thursday the 10th of March 1909.

She leaves her husband, and son, Hugh Rogers of Fort Worth and two daughters, Mesdames C. D. Long and W. K. Whitman of this city.

She has filled the greatest mission of a woman and given to the world the highest type of christian wife and motherhood, and though her body be consigned to the grave, let the living honor her memory.

DIED

Calvin Venice Carney, six month old son of Mrs. Debbie Carney, died Sunday evening at 4:30 p. m. Was buried Monday at 2 p. m. at Haskell cemetery. Rev. Meador pastor of the M. E. Church conducted the funeral services.

Willie Hubbard, who has been down with typhoid fever for the past five months, died Tuesday, the 9th instant and was buried in the Haskell cemetery.

In honor of Miss Mable Wyman who is so soon to become a bride was the "Handkerchief Shower" given by Mrs. Marshall Pierson on Wednesday afternoon March 10th.

To the strains of Sobengrin Miss Wyman walked in and was surrounded by twelve of Haskell's young ladies who greeted her with good wishes.

At the request of the hostess each young lady gave a vivid description of her ideal, after which Miss Minnie Dell Davis in her own charming way presented the shower of dainty bits of linen to Miss Wyman.

At 5 o'clock refreshments were served to Misses Wyman, Annis Fields, Lillian Pace, Pearl Grissom, Erna Dean, Louise Lamar, Minnie Dell Davis, Vera Neathery, Florence Couch, Sibyl Collins, Miss Kinnard and Arny Houston. The favors for the afternoon were dainty little cards bearing pictures of lovers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ballew celebrated their birthday the 4th instant, both having been born on the 4th of March. They gave an elegant dinner at their home where they entertained a large party of friends and relatives. We wish this venerable couple many happy returns of March 4th.

Signs of Spring

There are a great many indications that herald the coming of Spring, but the surest sign is to notice the Ladies Selecting New Millinery.

ON NEXT MONDAY

we will be prepared to show the ladies a most elaborate line of Correct Millinery. This department has always received our most careful attention and this season we are pleased to say that we have a Millinery Artist at the head of the department.

MISS JANSSEN

comes from the City where most of the styles originate and will be able to please the most fastidious customers.

Our stock will contain all the Extreme Styles as well as the more conservative ones, and we feel sure that a visit to this department will be a pleasure to you.

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Band Concert at noon and 7 p. m. Performance at Night only.

The Eiler Show is absolutely the largest and best Dramatic Company showing under tent.

DON'T MISS IT.

Remember the Date
Haskell, March 16.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS:

The State Sunday School Convention will meet at Fort Worth, Texas on March 25-26-27-28 and 29th, and you will have the opportunity of attending the greatest convention we have ever had in Texas. There will be such noted men as Marion Lawrence, Prof. E. O. Excell and a great number of other National workers, as well as the very best talent of our own State workers there and it will certainly be of great benefit to you to go and hear these great mental giants and enjoy a great spiritual feast with the worlds greatest Sunday School workers.

The rates will be one and one-fifth fare for the round trip. I want to hear from every Sunday School Superintendent in Haskell and adjoining counties, and urge you to take up the matter at your Sunday Schools on next Sunday and I hope that each school will be represented by one or more delegates. This convention will be composed of all the Sunday Schools of the State without regard to Church or denominational relations. If you want your Sunday School to "get interested," send delegates to this Convention. Further information will be gladly furnished. J. L. Robertson, President, Haskell County Sunday School Association.

Mr. John Russell and Miss Pearl Grissom surprised their friends by quietly getting married Wednesday night. Miss Grissom belongs to one of our best families and Mr. Russell is a promising young business man. We extend congratulations and best wishes to the young couple.

Buster Brown and Tige give a free reception Tuesday, March 16th, you should surely see them.



Interesting Facts

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New Home Sewing Machines

They have never been equaled. We have them from \$20 UP. Also carry in stock full line of needles and shuttlers for all machines.

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Easter! Easter! Easter! April 11th, you will need a spring suit. The Model Tailoring Co. is the place to make your selection.

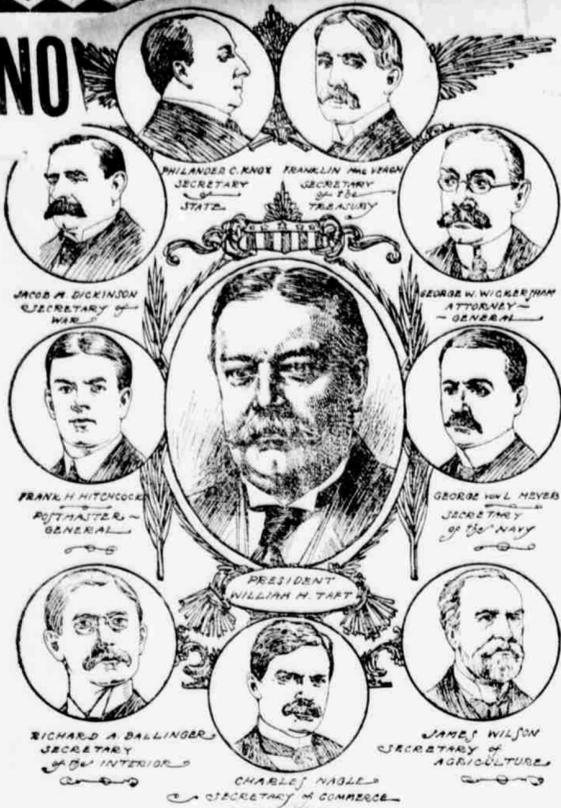
Z. M. Marcy who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. D. W. Fields, was in the city Tuesday.

D. W. Fields of the Marcy community was in the city Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins the 11th instant, a son.

"Do as I did", writes Mrs. A. J. Smith, Wis., "and take that good medicine, Cardui troubles."
"Before I commenced to take Cardui, and discouraged I thought I would not care if I didn't. I suffered and had displacement medicine before I could feel better than I do now. The female all that I do all my morning, and was

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PRESIDENT TAFT'S OFFICIAL FAMILY

SKETCHES OF THE NINE EMINENT MEN FORMING HIS CABINET.

P. C. KNOX HEADS THE GROUP

Pennsylvanian Is Secretary of State—Franklin MacVeagh, Chicago Merchant, Holds the Treasury Portfolio—Jacob M. Dickinson, Tennessee Democrat, to Manage the Army—Affairs of the Agricultural Department—James Wilson's Hands.

Philander Chase Knox of Pennsylvania, secretary of state in the cabinet of President Taft, was born at Brownsville, Pa., in 1853. He was graduated from Mount Union college, Ohio, in 1872. He was admitted to the bar in 1874. During the years 1874-1875 he acted as an assistant United States attorney for the western district of Pennsylvania. In the following year he formed a law partnership with James H. Reed which still exists and which has represented many large corporations, including the Carnegie Company. Mr. Knox entered President McKinley's cabinet as attorney general in April, 1901, serving until 1904, when he was elected United States senator from Pennsylvania. The latter position he resigned to become the head of President Taft's cabinet.

Wilson Retains His Place. Only one member of the Roosevelt cabinet retains his portfolio under Mr. Taft. That is James Wilson of Iowa, secretary of agriculture. So excellent had been his work in that position that there was no serious talk of making a change. Born in Scotland in 1835, Mr. Wilson came to the United States in 1852 and three years later settled in Iowa. In 1861 he engaged in farming in Tama county. He was a member of the Iowa assembly for three sessions and speaker of the house for one session, and also was a member of the Iowa state railway commission. In 1873 he was elected to congress, serving two terms, and was sent to the national legislature again for one term in 1882. He was regent of the State university of Iowa in 1879-84, and in 1890 was made director of the agricultural experiment station and professor of agriculture at the Iowa Agricultural college, Ames, Ia. In 1897 he became secretary of agriculture.

MacVeagh for the Treasury. Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, was born on a farm in Chester county, Pennsylvania, graduated from Yale in 1882 and from Columbia law school in 1884. He began the practice of law in New York city but ill-health forced him to abandon it and in 1895 he went to Chicago and engaged in the wholesale grocery business. In this and other commercial pursuits he has amassed a large fortune. Before entering the cabinet he disposed of his holdings in the big grocery firm and resigned as director of the Commercial National bank of Chicago. Mr. MacVeagh has always been interested in movements for the public welfare, locally and nationally.

Dickinson Is War Secretary. Jacob M. Dickinson of Tennessee and Chicago, the new secretary of war, was born in 1851 at Columbus, Miss. He graduated from the University of Nashville in 1872 and afterward studied law at Columbia college,

at the University of Leipzig and in Paris. He served several times by special commission on the supreme bench of Tennessee and was assistant attorney general of the United States in 1895-97.

Postmaster General Hitchcock. The first cabinet officer selected by Mr. Taft after his election was Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts, who gave up his place as first assistant postmaster general to manage successfully the Taft presidential campaign. He has been given the office of postmaster general in the new cabinet. Mr. Hitchcock was born at Amherst, O., in 1867, and graduated from Harvard in 1891 and from Columbia law school in 1894. Since 1891 he has been a government official.

Nagel Has Commerce Portfolio. Missouri has been rewarded for its switch to the Republican column by the appointment of Charles Nagel as secretary of commerce and labor. Mr. Nagel is a leading lawyer of St. Louis and the west. He was born in Texas in 1849, moved to St. Louis when a child and graduated from the St. Louis law school in 1873. He has been senior member of the law firm of Nagel & Kirby, professor in the St. Louis law school and a trustee of Washington university. In 1881-83 he was a member of the Missouri house of representatives, and in 1893-97 was president of the St. Louis city council. He is a member of the Republican national committee and for years has been an intimate friend of Mr. Taft. He was one of Mr. Roosevelt's most enthusiastic supporters. As an attorney Mr. Nagel was identified with several important cases dealing with the numerous complications in the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes in the then Indian territory.

Navy Under Meyer's Charge. President Taft's secretary of the navy, George Von L. Meyer of Massachusetts, has had wide experience as a business man, legislator, diplomat and cabinet officer. He was born in Boston in 1855 and graduated from Harvard in 1879. He then entered business and has been prominently connected with a number of financial and mercantile concerns. His career as a public official began in 1889, when he was elected to the Boston common council. He then served on the board of aldermen, and in 1892-96 he was a member of the Massachusetts legislature, the last two years being speaker of the house. In 1900 Mr. Meyer was sent to Italy as American ambassador, and in 1905 was transferred to Russia. In January, 1907, President Roosevelt called him home to enter his cabinet as postmaster general. This portfolio he has relinquished for that of the navy. Mr. Meyer's home is Hamilton, Mass.

Ballinger Secretary of Interior. After about one year's service as commissioner of the general land office, Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle, Wash., has entered the cabinet as secretary of the interior. He is a native of Iowa having been born in Boone-shoro in 1858. After attending the University of Kansas and Washburn college at Topeka, he went to Williams college, graduating in 1884 and afterward studying law and removing to Washington. He was United States court commissioner in 1890-92 and later was judge of the supreme court in Jefferson county, Wash.

Attorney General Wickersham. George W. Wickersham, who becomes President Taft's attorney general, has had the reputation of being one of the ablest lawyers in New York city. Born in Pittsburg in 1858, he studied civil engineering in Lehigh university and in 1880 graduated from the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. For two years he practiced law in Philadelphia. In 1884 he became associated with the law firm of Strong & Cadwalladare, to which Henry W. Taft, brother of the president, belongs.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE

WITH BUT FEW DAYS LEFT THE SENATE IS DETERMINED TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING.

APPROPRIATION BILL READY

Governor Is Authorized to Investigate \$184,000 Due From Uncle Sam.

Austin: The senate is determined to accomplish as much work as possible during the remainder of the session. In accordance with this determination, Senator Murray had adopted a resolution Monday that the chair recognize each senator in turn, beginning on the left of the senate chamber, and unless there are objections, such senator will have the right to call up for passage any bill he may have. A resolution was also adopted to hold night sessions every night this week to consider local bills.

With but a few days left of the regular session of the Thirty-first legislature, it is expected there will be some exciting times in the house and senate, principally in the house. The senate is in a stubborn mood, at least it was last week, and probably most of the general measures will be relegated to the rear, should it be decided to take up the general appropriation bill.

Austin: At 1:08 o'clock Saturday morning the State Senate adopted the House resolution to adjourn sine die on March 13. This makes it certain that there is to be a called session, and the question is, "Who has the button?" It seems quite clear that Gov. Campbell did not want the Legislature to adjourn so soon. Representative Fuller, who originated the sine die adjournment resolution in the House Friday, attempted to get the House to recall the resolution, but a point of order sustained by the Speaker prevented him from getting a vote upon the recall. Mr. Fuller is the author of the 2c fare bill.

Recovery of School Lands.

The Administration measures providing for the recovery of school lands that are alleged to have been taken fraudulently from the State were acted upon by the House Committee on Reforms in Civil and Criminal Procedure, following some sensational charges against wealthy land owners by J. J. Terrell, former Land Commissioner of Texas, employed by the Governor to assist the Attorney General's department in this undertaking, and the refutation of some of these charges as "slandorous and violent," by Representative Lee of Tom Green County.

Award Medals of Gold.

The most impressive ceremony, in the way of patriotic endeavor, that has taken place before the Texas Legislature in many years was the awarding of gold medals to Alfonso Steele, only living actual participant in the battle of San Jacinto, and W. P. Zuber, another survivor, who was detailed with the sick during the memorable fight, a ceremony which was conducted in the Thirty-first House of Representatives this afternoon. Representative Louis J. Wortham made the presentation, chosen by his colleagues to thus represent the people of the entire State of Texas.

To Rewrite Texas Constitution.

Although vigorously opposed by Representatives Standifer, Lawson, Munson and Porter, the House Committee on Constitutional Amendments Thursday made a favorable report on the joint resolution by Jenkins, Mobley and some twenty-five others providing for a convention to rewrite the Constitution of Texas.

Visit Fort Worth.

Followed by loud cheers, the House accepted an invitation to visit Fort Worth. Mr. Standifer in the chair, Messrs. Wortham and Fitzhugh sent up the resolution. The chair placed the question on its adoption at once, and following the viva voce vote it was declared adopted.

Waller County Freight Rates.

The Railroad Commission Friday set for hearing, Tuesday, April 13, the petition of citizens of Hempstead and farmers and truck growers of Waller County, asking for a reduction of the freight rate applicable on shipments of cotton transported in bales by the Houston and Texas Central from Hempstead to Houston.

State Buys Lands.

Gov. Campbell Friday received the report of the purchase of fifteen additional acres adjoining the San Jacinto battlefield, the price paid for the same being \$1531.

New House Bills.

By Mr. Flournoy: Transferring Bee County from the Twenty-fourth to the Thirty-sixth Judicial District.
By Mr. Reid: Amending the code of criminal procedure and providing for the payment of costs by the defendant in a case where a plea of guilty is entered, and no arrest made by Messrs. Goodman, Boswell and O'Brien: Providing for the erection of a monument to the Texas-Mexican war veterans, to be placed on the Capitol grounds, and appropriating \$10,000 therefor.
By Mr. Crockett or Mitchell: Providing that any city of more than 10,000 population may adopt the commission form of government at any time by a vote of the people.

Revenue and Taxation.

House Committee on Revenue and Taxation reported favorably the bills by Mr. Mason, which provide for the return of tax rolls to Assessors by the State Board one month earlier than at present, and for the automatic tax board to announce the rate earlier.

House Bills Reported.

House Committee on Reforms in Civil and Criminal Procedure reported the following bills:
Unfavorably—Senate bill by Mr. Stokes, providing that in cases of citation by publication such cases may be disposed of at the first term of court.
Favorably—Bill by Mr. Adams, requiring the printing and publishing of the written opinions in the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals and Court of Civil Appeals, as soon as the opinions become final.
Unfavorably—Mr. Brownlee's bill, requiring execution of appearance bond in cases of appeal in criminal cases.
Favorably—Mr. Hudspeth's Senate bill, regulating the fees of District Attorneys.

IN THE SENATE

Appropriation Bills Ready. Senator Willacy, chairman of the senate finance committee announced Monday that the senate and house general appropriation bills are ready, except a few minor items, but no effort will be made at the regular session to pass this bill.

New Bills Offered.

Senator Kellie introduced a bill authorizing the governor to investigate the claim of \$184,000 said to be due the state by the federal government for the protection of frontier Indian depredations. Mr. Willacy introduced a bill amending the corporation laws so as to permit a corporation to have twenty-one directors.

Thomas Investigation Matter.

Senator Sturgeon, chairman of the Thomas investigation committee, said Monday the committee has not yet completed its report on charges of violation of the anti-lobby laws. The stenographers are now working on it. The report may not be ready until Tuesday morning.

Regulating Barbering.

Senate Judiciary Committee reported favorably Senator Peeler's bill regulating the practice of barbering. Also House bill preventing the delivery of liquors to minors without the written consent of the parent or guardian.

Towns and Cities.

Senate Committee on Towns and City Corporations reported favorably House bill amending the city charter of the city of Dallas so as to provide for the election for the issuance of bonds for sewerage disposal.

Bill Effecting Druggists.

Senate bill No. 267, by Messrs. Sturgeon and Hayter, seems to have been misunderstood in some sections. In an interview with Dr. B. T. Van Zant, president and general manager of the Paris Wholesale Drug Company of Paris, Texas, he explains that the bill does not in any way affect the prohibition druggists doing business in prohibition territory to supply alcohol along with other items in the drug line to their retail druggist customers.

Bills Passed by Senate.

The Senate Thursday night passed the following local bills:
Senate bills validating title in United States to land on which Fort Bliss stands; incorporating Lubbock and Wichita Falls independent school districts; altering jurisdiction of County Courts of Concho, Crockett and Edwards Counties, and exempting Maverick County from hunting law.

By Mr. Crawford: Providing for a special election for the issuance of bonds by the city of Dallas for the purpose of creating a sanitary sewage disposition for that city.

House bills restoring civil and criminal jurisdiction to County Courts of San Augustine and Henderson Counties; providing road systems for Polk, Karnes, Jack, Kaufman and Coryell Counties, and fixing time for holding court in Forty-sixth District.

By Mr. Wortham et al: Providing traveling expenses for the Attorney General.
By Mr. Crisp: Creating a State Oil Inspector.

By Mr. Stamps (joint resolution): Providing for the submission to a vote of the people of a constitutional amendment creating a State printing plant, for the printing of all State documents and the publishing of all text books used in the State.

By Mr. Terrell of McLennan: Providing that the jury wheel method of selecting jurors shall apply in counties with a city of over 40,000 inhabitants, it now being 20,000 inhabitants, the idea being to exempt McLennan county.

By Mr. Real: Correcting errors in a bill passed at this session exempting a number of Southwest Texas counties from the hide and animal inspection law.

By Mr. Veale: Correcting errors in the bill passed at this session creating the Sixty-Ninth judicial district in the Panhandle.

New Senate Bills.

By Mr. Bryan: Giving the local option feature to the office of cattle inspector. Giving the counties by election the right to appoint and elect a local cattle inspector.
By Mr. Ward: Changing the time of holding court in the Fortieth Judicial District, and giving Ellis County a longer term of court.

Trials of Winter

Do not permit yourself to be a victim to a cold or cough. They lead to pneumonia, consumption and elsewhere. Be wise: use Simmon's Cough Syrup. It cures coughs, heals lungs and will keep you right here to enjoy the beauties of spring.

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Model Tailoring Company

NOTICE Piano Contest

Anyone holding tickets on the Piano to be given away by Mr. W. H. Wyman, will please present them at the Racket Store not later than 2:30 p. m. March 15th, as the contest will close at that time. He would request that your tickets be signed according to the following rules, as these rulings will be strictly adhered to.
 1st. All tickets must have the holders name written plainly across the back.
 2nd. Tickets having been given by one party to another must have original owners name as well as the presenter thereof also written across back.
 3rd. Any one donating their tickets to church, club or lodge must so write it as well as name of party presenting same.
 Any tickets not signed accord-

ing to these rules will be thrown out. So please be careful in preparing them that you may not be disappointed in the final issue.
 The party or society presenting tickets representing the largest amount of purchases at the Racket Store will be awarded the piano as a free gift by said W. H. Wyman.
 If the award shall be made to any church, lodge or club it will be required of said church or association to appoint three of their members to receive the piano and hold the same sacred to the use for which it has been given. Respectfully,
W. H. WYMAN.
YES, we are still in the loan business and can make you loans on good lands, and can also handle good vendors lien notes. See us before your notes come due.
West Texas Loan Co.,
J. L. Robertson, Manager.

TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon M. W. Johnson by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court in and for Precinct No. one of Haskell County, Texas, before G. W. Lamkin, Justice of the Peace of said precinct, at the Court house of Haskell County, Texas, on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1909, then and there to answer the suit of R. B. Spencer & Company, a firm composed of R. B. Spencer, T. C. Spencer, Jno. A. Couch and H. S. Abbott against M. W. Johnson for the sum of Ninety six and 60-100 Dollars filed on the 17th day of February, 1909, and numbered on the Docket No. 748.

The nature of plaintiff's demand is in substance as follows: Suit upon promissory note for sum of \$71.09, of date Apr. 7th, 1908, due sixty days after date, providing for interest at rate of 10 per cent per annum from date and ten per cent attorney fees, payable to the order of R. B. Spencer & Co. at Haskell, Texas, and signed and executed by M. W. Johnson; also for the sum of \$10.70 due by defendant to plaintiff upon an open account filed herein—that the total amount due and unpaid on said note and account including interest and attorney fees is the sum of \$96.60 for which sum plaintiff ask judgement against the defendant, M. W. Johnson.

Herein fail not, but have before me at said court on the said 15th day of March, 1909, same being the first day of the said March term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing now you have executed the same.

Given under my hand officially, this the 17th day of February, A. D. 1909.

G. W. Lamkin,
 Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. One, Haskell County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Constable of Haskell County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon M. W. Johnson by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court in and for Precinct No. One of Haskell County, at the Court house in the town of Haskell on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1909, at ten o'clock A. M., then and there to answer the suit of Cason-Cox & Co. a partnership firm composed of W. L. Cason, B. Cox, J. F. Jones and T. Russell, plaintiffs, against M. W. Johnson said suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 479.

The nature of plaintiff's demand is a suit upon an itemized account on file in this case in the sum of \$91.30 with interest thereon from the 1st day of June 1908, at 6 per cent per annum. The items of said account consisting of goods, wares and merchandise sold to defendant by plaintiffs and for which defendant promised and become bound to pay plaintiffs the said amount said account.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court on the said first day or the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand officially this the 18th day of February, A. D. 1909.

G. W. Lamkin,
 Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. One, Haskell County, Texas.

For Sale. Good milk cows with young calves.
 J. B. Tomkins,
 Haskell, Tex. U

CITATION.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon Joseph Kopman whose residence is unknown, and the heirs of Joseph Kopman deceased, whose names and residences are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of District Court of Haskell County, to be held at the courthouse thereof, in the city of Haskell, on the 24th day of May A. D. 1909, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 23rd day of February A. D. 1909, in a cause numbered 579 wherein T. W. Johnson is plaintiff and Joseph Kopman, and the unknown heirs of Joseph Kopman are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Plaintiff represents to the court that on or about January 1st A. D. 1909, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises, situated in Haskell County Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: The west one-third of Edward W. Taylor 1280 acre survey of land, Abstract No. 393, Certificate No. 9172 and Survey No. 54 and patented to Joseph Kopman assignee of said Edward W. Taylor on December 5th 1857 by patent No. 403, Vol. 8, said west one-third of said survey described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the original S. W. Cor. of said Edward W. Taylor survey. Thence north with W. B. Line of same 2'000 varas to its N. W. Cor. Thence East 963 1-3 varas to stake for N. E. Cor. Thence South 2500 varas to a stake in S. B. Line of original survey for S. E. Cor. Thence West 963 1-3 varas to the place of beginning and containing 426 2-3 acres of land.

That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withholds from him the possession thereof, to his damage \$15000.00, that the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is \$1500.00.

Plaintiff further show to the court that he is claiming said land and premises under a General Warranty Deed executed by Benjamin F. Preston, Harvey M. Smith and wife Martha P. Smith to T. E. McReynolds, dated December 5th 1900, duly and legally acknowledged by said Preston and Smith and wife on 29th and 27th days of December 1900, before D. C. Latourette Notary Public Clackamas County Oregon, and duly recorded in Vol. 16, Page 405, Deed Records of Haskell County Texas conveying the land in suit.

Also under a general warranty deed executed by T. E. McReynolds and wife Ida McReynolds to H. M. Carson and T. W. Johnson, dated July 17th 1906, duly and legally acknowledged by said Reynolds and wife on same day before A. C. Foster Notary Public, Haskell County, Texas, and duly recorded in Vol. 31, Page, 583, deed records of Haskell County Texas, conveying by proper description the land in suit.

Also under a deed executed by H. M. Carson and wife Cassie Carson to the plaintiff, J. W. Johnson, dated October 6th 1908 duly and legally acknowledged on October 22nd and 23rd 1908, before Wylie Smith Notary Public Denton County Texas, and duly recorded in Vol. 43, Page 169, deed records of Haskell County Texas, conveying by proper description the land in suit.

Plaintiff further show to the court that he, and those under whom he claims said land are claiming the same under deeds duly registered, and that he and they have had peaceable and adverse possession of said land and premises hereinbefore described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying

all taxes due thereon, for a period of more than five years prior to the first day of January A. D. 1909, and before the commencement of this suit, this he is ready to verify.

The plaintiff further show to the court that he is unable to set out the claim or the pretended claim of the several defendants, for the reason that their several claims or pretended claims are to the plaintiff unknown, unless said defendants are claiming as the heirs of the patentee of the land, but the extent and sufficiency of their said several claims plaintiff is unable to set out in this pleading, wherefore plaintiff prays that the several pretended claims of the defendants be cancelled, and this plaintiff be quieted in his title and possession of said land.

Wherefore Plaintiff prays judgment of the Court that defendants be cited in the terms of the law to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of the above described land and premises, and for rents, damages and cost of suit, and for such other and further relief special and general in law and in equity that he may be justly entitled to and he will ever pray etc., etc.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. W. Meadors Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the city of Haskell Texas, this the 23rd day of February A. D. 1909.

(SEAL) J. W. Meadors,
 Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County Texas.

Issued this the 23rd day of February A. D. 1909.

J. W. Meadors,
 Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County Texas.

WACO NURSERY

As agent of the Waco Nursery I have located in Haskell, and will take your orders for trees, shrubbery and shade trees. We sell on a guarantee and I will be on the ground to deliver the stock. See me before you give your orders to others.
 C. W. RAMEY,
 Residence Agent, Haskell, Tex.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Haskell.
 By virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Haskell County, on the 6th day of March 1909, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Chester B. Dorchester, Receiver versus Haskell Light, Ice and Water Co. No. 220, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in April 1909, at the Court House door of said Haskell County, in the town of Haskell the following described property, to-wit: Lots No. 5 and 6 in block No. 2 of the Brown and Roberts Addition to the town of Haskell in Haskell County, Texas, being a part of the Leadore Ramos Survey, Abst. No. 351, Cert. No. 605, Survey No. 100 levied on as the property of Haskell Light, Ice and Water Company a private corporation to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$249.80 in favor of C. B. Dorchester Receiver and costs of suit.
 Given under my hand, this 11th day of March 1909.

M. E. Park, Sheriff, Haskell County, Texas.
 W. D. Falkner, Deputy

DO YOU WANT THE BEST RANCH

In the west today? We have the ranch you are looking for in Coke County; 6720 acres with fully one-third of it strictly first-class farm lands, and balance in good grazing land with plenty timber and fine grass. Two good houses, wells and windmills and tanks, good fences. The best bargain offered anywhere. Price only \$4.00 per acre; one-third cash.

J. L. Robertson, Manager
 West Texas Loan Co.,
 Haskell, Texas.

Chambers is moving Coal. t-f

STAMFORD & NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

NOTICE OF SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of Stamford & Northwestern Railway Company has been called by the Board of Directors of said Company to be held at the principal office of the Company in Stamford, Jones County, Texas, on Saturday, the 10 day of April, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m.

(a) to consider and determine whether the stockholders will consent to, approve and authorize the creation and issue of first mortgage gold bonds of said Company, to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and to be secured by a mortgage and deed of trust upon and of all the property and franchises of said Company now owned by it, or which may hereafter be used as the basis of the issue of any of said first mortgage bonds;

(b) in case of such consent, approval and authorization, to approve and authorize the form and terms of such mortgage and deed of trust and of the bonds to be issued thereunder;

(c) to ratify and confirm such action taken or authorized by the Board of Directors of said Company in contemplation of such consent, approval and authorization as may be submitted to the meeting;

(d) to transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.
 Dated, Stamford, Texas, January 13, 1909.

L. M. Buie, President.
 L. B. Peyton, Secretary.
 (SEAL)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Haskell County, on the 17th day of February A. D. 1909 in the case of Hobson Electric Company versus Haskell Light, Ice and Water Company, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 9th day A. D. 1909, and will, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday in April A. D. 1909, at the Court House door of said Haskell County, in the town of Haskell, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right and interest which Haskell Light, Ice and Water Co. had on the 9th day of March A. D. 1909, at any time thereafter, or in and to the following described property, to-wit: Lots 5 and 6 in Block No. 2 of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the town of Haskell Texas, same being part of the Leadore Ramos League & L. Abstract No. 351, Cert. No. 605, Survey No. 100, in Haskell County Texas, said property being levied on as the property of Haskell Light, Ice & Water Company to satisfy judgment amounting to \$200.02, in favor of Hobson Electric Company and costs of said judgment.
 Given under my hand this 9th day of March A. D. 1909.

M. E. Park,
 Sheriff Haskell County,

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S S.

The State of Texas, County of Haskell.
 By virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Haskell County, on the 17th day of February 1909, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Farmer's National Bank versus M. W. Johnson and J. H. Jones, No. 465, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in April 1909, at the Court House door of said Haskell County, in the town of Haskell the following described property, to-wit: Lot No. nine (9) and half of lot No. six (6) in Block No. 1 of the Addition to town of Haskell levied on property of M. W. Johnson to satisfy judgment amounting to \$127.40 in favor of the National Bank and costs of suit.
 Given under my hand, this 15th day of February 1909.

M. E. Park,
 Sheriff, Haskell County, Tex.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S S.

The State of Texas, County of Haskell.
 By virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Haskell County, on the 10th day of March 1909, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Higgins and Co. versus G. B. Green, No. 220, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in April 1909, at the Court House door of said Haskell County, in the town of Haskell the following described property, to-wit: Lot No. 1 in of Haskell, Abst. No. 140, said Allen survey as shown on the map of said town of Haskell in the office of Haskell County, in the town of Haskell, in Haskell County, Texas, being the property of Higgins and Co. and costs of judgment amounting to \$127.40 in favor of Higgins and Co.
 Given under my hand, this 10th day of March 1909.

M. E. Park,
 Sheriff, Haskell County, Tex.

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