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Collier's Drug Store Always in the LEAD.

SOCIAL MENTION AND CLUBBING GOSSIP

On Saturday evening, Feb. 27th, at the home of Mrs. A. W. McGregor, a most unique and delightful Mexican supper was given by Mrs. McGregor and Miss Army Houston in honor of Miss Dimple McLemore of Abilene.

Covers were laid for fourteen guests and during the hours spent at the festive board many interesting remarks were uttered in the language of the land of Manana.

Those invited were: Misses Dimple McLemore, Jessie Wright Julia Winn, Bess Lemmon, Annis Fields, Frankie Terrell, Mrs. Henry Alexander and Messrs Lewis Sherrill, Frank Robertson, Werther Long, Jack Bullock, Dr. Roasberry, R. M. Craig and Louis Fields.

The Chafing Dish party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cogdell was quite a pleasant affair. It was in honor of Mrs. Cogdell's sister, who arrived in Haskell on Monday of last week.

Mrs. R. E. Sherrill's guest, Miss Dimple McLemore, returned to her home in Abilene on Sunday.

The Magazine Club met with Mrs. G. J. Graham on the afternoon of February 27th. The subject of the lesson was Oliver Goldsmith, with Mrs. S. R. Rike as teacher. The roll call was quotations from "The Deserted Village" and a story, "The Vicar of Wakefield" was related by Mrs. S. W. Scott. A very interesting paper, "Rise of the English Novel" was read by Mrs. Lou Ellis. For March 6th Miss Houston is hostess, and the following is the program:

Subject—English Art.
Roll Call—The Artist's Note Book.
Paper—Life and Paintings of Landseer.
Character Sketch—Thomas Gainsborough.

An interesting article about the Haskell Magazine Club was published in the recent issue of "The Club Woman's Argosy."

A prominent club woman went to the broom factory the other day and bought a broom with a handle ten feet long. We sure do feel sorry for her husband.

The following Haskellites attended the box supper at Roberts Chapel last Friday night; Mr. Munsey Cogdell and Miss. Pace, PROF. Alvy Couch and Miss Kinnard, Robert Steadman and mother, Messrs Ernest Jackson, Nixon Hallmark, Jim Free, Joe Massie and B. Taylor. They report a fine time and \$30.30, raised for Charts etc. for the school there.

A BARGAIN.

160 acres 2 miles south of Weibert, unimproved but every acre is as fine as the County affords, plenty of fine timber, price \$24. per acre. \$1600. cash, and balance 5 years at 8 per cent.

West Texas Loan Co.
Haskell.

Commercial Clubs Meet.

The twentieth monthly meeting of the Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs will be held in Stamford on Monday March 15th. The session will be held in the chapel of the Stamford Collegiate Institute and a most cordial welcome will be extended to all visitors by the Stamford people. It is the hope of the association to have representatives from every town in Central West Texas, whether or not the town is affiliated with the organization. Reduced rates will be given by all railroads and the accessibility of Stamford will give a good opportunity to attend.

Among the prominent speakers will be Dr. S. P. Brooks, President of Baylor University, Hon. Clarence Ousley, Editor of the Ft. Worth Record, Capt. B. B. Paddock, Secretary of the Ft. Worth Board of Trade and a representative of the department of Agriculture.

The program will be divided into hours as follows: Business mens hour, club womens hour, secretaries hour, farmers hour and one hour for general business.

Leading speakers will address the meeting for a short time during each hour and in addition there will be short addresses by various members of the organization.

The feature of the day will be the luncheon tendered at one o'clock at the girls dormitory of the Collegiate Institute at which the visitors will be the guests of the college and citizens.

Everything possible will be there to make the occasion not only a pleasant one but one of intense benefit to this entire section.

Stamford, through her Commercial Club, her womens clubs, Real Estate Exchange and Collegiate Institute, joins in extending a most cordial invitation to the people of Central West Texas to attend this meeting. The farmers are especially urged to attend this meeting which will be of much interest to them.

L. M. Buie, President.
C. P. Thomas, Secretary.
Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs.

Farmers Union Department.

Last week I promised to give those who were interested some further account of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union.

Now my dear reader come with me and let us make an investigation into the objects and purposes of the Farmers Union. You know some people say it will never amount to anything and persistently shut their eyes to its short but already eventful past. While some others perhaps equally patriotic, honest and misinformed, look upon every labor organization, the Farmers Union among the number, as a thing to be feared and consequently should be crushed as soon as possible.

Like other organizations we publish a little book called, Constitutions and Bylaws of the F. E. & C. U. These books are printed and sent out for the meagre sum of five cents per copy and any man may buy and read who has the price.

On page 6 of that little book you will find the following declaration of purposes: (1) "This institution is based upon the principals of equity, justice and the Golden Rule. The following are among its declared purposes."

(2) To discourage the mortgage and credit systems.

(3) To assist members in buying and selling.

(4) To educate the agricultural classes in the science of agriculture.

(5) To strive constantly for harmony and good will among all mankind and to especially cultivate fraternity and brotherly love among the members of the Union.

(6) To demand a rigid enforcement of law for the suppression of vice and immorality.

(7) To advance our membership in a correct knowledge of political economy, without in any sense permitting the discussion of partisan politics or partyism.

Now let us take these statements up by sections and see what we find they stand for.

Sec. 1st. This institution is based upon the principals of equity, justice and the Golden Rule. Do you find anything wrong in this section? Mr. Webster defines equity thus: In practice equity is the impartial distribution of justice or the doing that to another which is the law of God and man, and of reason, give him a right to claim.

Justice, Mr. Webster defines as, "The virtue which consists in giving to every one what is his due; practically conformity to the laws and principals of Rectitude, in the dealings of men with each other; honesty and integrity in commerce and mutual intercourse."

The Golden Rule I suppose does not need to be defined in this land of churches and Sunday Schools.

If any man should find any thing objectionable in this section, I am obliged to say I would have to doubt his honesty. Show me, if you can, an organization, business, social or fraternal based on better principles.

Sec. 2. To discourage the mortgage and credit system. Now who has any objection to

this section, that would require argument to overcome? In all my life I do not remember of ever hearing any one defend the mortgage and credit system of business further than a necessary makeshift.

Horace Greely, the great Editor-Statesman, has this to say about debt, "For my own part, and I speak from experience, I would rather be a convict in a states prison, a slave in a rice swamp, than to pass through life under the harrow of debt. Hunger, cold, rags, hard work, contempt, suspicion, unjust reproach, are disagreeable, but debt is implicitly worse than them all. Never run into debt. Avoid pecuniary obligations as you would the pestilence or famine. If you have but fifty cents and can get no more for a week, buy a peck of corn, parch it and live on it rather than owe any man a dollar."

Sec. 3. To assist the members in buying and selling. Bah! this is the section that rules with our commercial friends. This is the one section that is the less understood and is responsible for more trouble than all the rest. When some farmers read this section the first thing they think of is a co-operative store, and when some merchants read it the first thing that pops into their minds is the pesky mail order houses, and I will wager one of them is as far wrong as the other.

First, the Farmers Union was not organized to put the farmers to merchandising, not by any means, for the bylaws say that merchants are not eligible to membership, and if a farmer goes into merchandising and does not ask for a withdrawal card, he is promptly turned out. That is the law and the practice.

On the other hand, so far as has come under my observation there is less business done by farmers with the mail order houses than formerly. Why? There is not as great a margin of saving shown by their catalogues on general merchandise as there used to be. Now there is just a few special lines that show a saving to the farmer by patronizing the mail order houses. I take it that the home merchant that honestly tries to live up to the Golden Rule with his customers has absolutely nothing to fear in the mail order house; and the rascally swindlers and shylocks should be eliminated from the trade any way in the interest of public morals in business. As to the proposition of you tickle me and I will tickle you—you buy my goods and I will help you build your church—every body knows that if it not a bid for graft, it is at least rot. A merchant like a farmer is in business for profits and if one house offers him more or better goods for his money he promptly gives it his trade; and as for the plea of keeping your money at home by spending it next door for goods bought in New York or London. I have but one feeling and that is disgust. Every body knows the only part of the money that stays at home is the profits and if I keep the profits I can use them just as much to the general advancement of society as the other fellow. You see we are all made of the same kind of stuff

THE COMING SCIENCE

For Healing all Hopeless and Abandon Cases by the Mighty Power of the Unseen forces in Haskell, Texas.



Justice demands a Sanatorium of Suggestive Therapeutics in West Texas for suffering humanity.

Prof. M. P. Betts of the Weltmer School of Healing understands the law by which the mighty power, the unseen forces can be utilized for healing all manner of diseases, of old age and the destructive forces are not too far advanced. This is the only method of healing in the world that is meeting the demand of justice for suffering humanity (got the evidence) and is the only method of healing that is legalized by highest court in the land (got the evidence) by the unseen forces. Dr. Betts takes his patient by the hand and locates their trouble without asking any questions, and by the unseen forces he removes all their afflictions under proper conditions and suggestions. (got the evidence) Call at my office and get it or write and you will be supplied by mail. Which speaks volumes for this unailing source of relief for the afflicted, skepticism can't stand in the light of demonstrated truth. Any person that scoffs at the idea of such treatment commits a sin for they are trying to turn suffering humanity from a sure source of relief, no humbug for afflicted people (if you please) but health and happiness by the Great Law of Being whose agent is the sub-conscious mind. (soul mind) By mail Dr. Betts was called to Haskell to treat some old chronic complicated diseases and will remain here until I am called some where else. Office at present in the East room of Mr. W. Kings residence 1/2 mile E of Public Square
Prof. M. P. Betts, S. T.

and our private opinions depend on whose ox is being gored.

Now for the selling side of this section. The farmers of the South principally sell cotton, but of course the proposition applies to other things as well. A man who has made no investigation along this line has no idea how the system so long in vogue, of handling cotton from farm to spinner, has become honey-combed with corrupt practices and rotten speculation. The Farmers Union has undertaken to unearth their eyes and remedy them. There has grown up in the business so many unnecessary middle men from farmer to spinner who demand and get a profit on his spot cotton, to say nothing of the rascally gamblers, that it has come to pass that the farmers, though their raw cotton is an absolute necessity to the commercial world, finds the bands of the system growing tighter every year. It has come to pass that every body who handles cotton has more money to spend than the farmer.

The farmers Union is attempting, with good show of success, to inaugurate a common-sense system of selling and transporting the farmers cotton direct to the spinners.

Press Correspondent.
(Continued next week)

CLEARING SALE.

E. A. Chambers is offering some real inducements to his Coal Customers. The mild winter and over stocked bins has caused him to reduce the price.

It is my intention to put in a plant thoroughly equipped to handle kaffir corn and milo maize in the most economical manner possible, so as to thresh and pay the best cash price for all brought to me in a marketable condition. Ground on R. R. right of way, material, machinery and finances have mostly been arranged already. This makes a market for a crop naturally adapted to this country, and one that nobody has handled, I agree to take and pay cash for it. Farmers may depend on it and plant.

R. E. Sherrill.

W. H. M. NOTES

The devotional meeting of the W. H. M. Society was held last Friday afternoon. A large number of Ladies were present and enjoyed the program which consisted of a Bible lesson and topics of current interest in mission circles.

Next Sunday morning the officers of the W. H. M. and F. M. Society will be installed.

Bro. Meadow will address his sermon to the ladies of the two societies.

Press Reporter.

FOR SALE.

Twelve good work mules in good flesh, will sell for cash or secured notes, terms to suit purchaser.

J. L. Baldwin.

Wm. Wells now has in stock a complete line of stoves and ranges, direct from the factory. Come in and look at them and get prices.

OSCAR MARTIN, Publisher

HASKELL, TEXAS

Dr. Wiley also will become an editor. All our statesmen are moving up.

Having passed his semi-centennial, Germany's kaiser should now temper his energy with greater wisdom.

The town of Amherst, Nova Scotia, is supplied with light and power from the waste products of a near-by coal mine.

A Tennessee man wants tobacco smoking prohibited. The fiend evidently wants to drive us all to cigarettes.

The fur seal has been officially classified by the government as a fish. Well, what did the government previously suppose it was?

This country spent \$14,000,000 for peanuts last year—which may account for a lot of the politics from which we have been suffering.

Oregon legislature is attempting to regulate the styles of women's clothes, thus setting for itself a task that higher powers long ago gave up in despair.

A Wisconsin professor says that all children are liars. And yet, "Except ye become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom of Heaven."

A western university is to establish a course of refined wit and humor. To teach students by a regular course to be funny is about the funniest thing which has yet happened in American humor.

New Jersey is proud and happy, for it holds the most unique record yet made. A town there boasts of a woman whose hand went into her husband's pocket to put a large sum of money there. The case is regarded as without precedent.

No one these days, whether historian or thief, seems to have any respect for the honored names of history. A burglar invaded the monument of George Washington, and not content with his sacrilege, stole some of the clothes of Andrew Jackson, the keeper.

Panics in burning halls are becoming less frequent, thanks not to fewer fires, but to excellent co-operation on all hands. Twelve hundred people walked out of a blazing theater in New York recently. No one was hurt, and but one girl fainted. The orchestra aided the exit by playing until the place was emptied.

Pianos, which were first manufactured about 200 years ago, seem a creation of yesterday as compared with the bagpipes and the banjo, which are represented on the Hittite sculptures, 4,000 years old, recently found in Asia Minor. In the words of Napoleon, "forty centuries look down upon" these instruments. So, perhaps, do musicians.

The difference in the status of the drama here and in England is aptly pointed out by the production of "An Englishman's Home" in England. Imagine the success of a play which would have in this country whose purpose was to point out to the administration that if Japan should attack us we would be licked to a frazzle in the matter of militia, and then rescued by the regulars!

Mary Anderson, who, when she married several years ago, retired from the stage, was asked the other day, on her arrival in New York, for her views of the comparison between life on and off the stage. She replied that "on the stage you only play love and romance, while in real life you have them always, and that is the life that is best." This is a complete and satisfying explanation of why she left the stage.

An English inventor has devised a process by which it is possible to purify rock salt direct, and on a basis which is not commercially prohibitive, declares Popular Mechanics. Hitherto, in preparing white table salt from rock salt it has been necessary to depend upon the evaporation of brine. The new process consists of melting the rock salt and then driving compressed air through the molten mass. Impurities are separated and deposited, and the salt is left white and pure.

The judge in a most important criminal trial in New York—a case involving the life or death of two men—permitted the jury to separate and go to their homes, unguarded, every night during the trial. He said he saw no reason why a juryman should be more likely to be improperly influenced than a judge. If his point of view can be established it may serve to raise the standard of intelligence of juries. The ablest man, says Youth's Companion, fight hard against a duty which makes them close prisoners for weeks.

Binns, the now-famous wireless operator, says this business of being a hero makes him tired. The real heroes are generally the ones who are too busy with the work to be done to take any time off to think about their own heroism.

A Chicago broker, on the sunny side of 40, who has made two millions and married a pretty wife, has decided to quit business and enjoy life. Is this a sign that a reaction is coming in the feverish American way of quitting the enjoyment of life to live business?

UNUSUAL INCIDENT IN CARMACK CASE—DEFENSE PAYS THE BILL.

HAGGLE OVER FEE OF EXPERT

State Employee Dr. Glasgow; Demands Pay If Defense Calls Witness.

Nashville, Tenn., March 2.—The spectacle of counsel on one side not only selling a witness to the opposition, but haggling over the terms, was one of the extraordinary incidents Monday in the trial of Col. D. B. and Robin Cooper and John D. Sharp for the slaying of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack. The subject of the commercial transaction was Dr. McPheeters Glasgow, one of the most eminent surgeons of the state, who had been employed by the prosecution to go to Columbia and perform an autopsy on Senator Carmack's body. He did so and was subpoenaed by the state, but was not used. The defense learned of the autopsy and summoned the doctor. Dr. Glasgow told counsel for the defense that his services as an expert had been retained by the state and that he would not discuss the case except with the attorney general. The defense asked the court this morning to instruct the doctor to talk to its counsel. The court complied partially by telling the doctor that it would be proper for him to talk with the defendant's attorneys if he had any information that would throw light on the killing. The state objected and the doctor stood firm. Unless the state which employed him ordered him to be declined to talk. The state suggested that the defense swear the doctor and put him on the stand. The defense resented the suggestion and declared it would put no witness on the stand without knowing to what he would testify.

PRESIDENT NEILL RETURNS.

First Time Real Farmers Appear Before Committee.

Fort Worth: President D. J. Neill of the State 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. Mr. Neill said: "We went on to Washington and appeared before the agricultural committee and laid the complaint of the south at the door of congress. Never since the day of Cooxey's army has so many farmers appeared in a body in Washington. In fact, it was the first time in the history of congress that a lot of real farmers appeared before the committee upon business in the interest of the farmer."

Patrick Appears in Court.

New York: Albert T. Patrick, serving a life sentence for the alleged murder of William Marsh Rice, the aged millionaire, left Sing Sing prison Monday and appeared before the appellate division of the supreme court of Brooklyn on a writ of habeas corpus. Patrick hoped to argue his own case, contending he either deserved death in the electric chair or freedom, because his commutation to life imprisonment was illegal.

Pays \$60,000 Fine.

Chicago: 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 and its two officials who were found guilty in the rebate case which was decided about a month ago by the United States supreme court.

Weatherford Pythian Home.

Weatherford: The Texas Knights of Pythias Widows and Orphans' home here was opened for the reception of inmates Monday. There were but four orphans received, the Winkler children, from Amarillo. Others are expected, however, and the home will be formally dedicated some time in the future.

Muskogee Town Lot Cases.

Guthrie: The date of pleading in the Muskogee town lot cases has not been determined, according to attorneys returning from Muskogee Monday. As soon as District Attorney Gregg returns from Washington he and attorneys for the defense will confer and then name a date.

Sperry to Soon Retire.

Washington: 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. No change, however, will be made until after March 4, when Rear Admiral Schroeder will take command.

Brakeman Gets \$5,000.

Washington: The supreme court Monday affirmed judgment of the district court at El Paso in the suit for personal injury brought by George A. Sower against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. Judgment was for \$5,000.

Fire Loss \$15,000.

Fort Worth: The factory and ex-cisior buildings of Harishorn Bros., upholstering establishment Monday were destroyed by fire, with a loss of about \$15,000, only the office building being saved.

The egg industry is getting to be an important one in the state.

A solid carload has been shipped from Stamford and another is being made up. The petrified skull of a buffalo was taken from a pit by W. K. Beaty Tuesday near San Angelo.

Messrs. Kells and Smith Friday let the contract for rails, wires and electrical material for Wichita Falls street railway system.

A Hopkins county fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, and Oct. 1 and 2, under the auspices of the Sulphur Springs Commercial Club.

Everett Smith, a youth 17 years of age, was discovered drowned in a well at the home of his father, James Smith, near Weston Tuesday morning.

Members of the Seventh District Bankers' Association at its annual session in Fort Worth Monday selected Wichita Falls as the next place of meeting.

Over 10,000 visitors in the number of visitors now summoned up by the railroad who attended the Red Men's celebration of Washington's birthday in the city of Laredo.

William Jennings Bryan, as the author of a political novel, then dramatizer for its presentation upon the American stage—this is now the maturing plan of the Nebraskan.

John McCommas, one of the oldest settlers in the county, and a Mexican and Civil War veteran, died Friday at his home on the Greenville road, four miles north of Dallas, aged 95 years.

It is believed in San Antonio that President Taft will visit Texas soon after his inauguration for a short rest, despite the announcement in the northern press that he had probably abandoned the trip.

The large wholesale and retail store, hotel and lumber yard, all owned by Manuel Samano at McAllen, were completely destroyed by fire Tuesday. Thirty thousand dollars is the estimated loss.

Will A. Holford, editor of the Garland News, was a visitor in Dallas Monday and brought with him assurances that the citizens of Garland, to a man, are determined upon securing an interurban line to Dallas.

Former Governor Alva Adams of Pueblo, Colo., stated Wednesday that William J. Bryan told him recently that he had lately purchased a fruit ranch near Brownsville, Tex., where he intends to spend his winters.

The Texas company purchased Grigsby island, nearly 1000 acres, two miles south of Shreveport, supposedly to establish a skimming plant or refinery to prepare oil for shipment by large on Red river to New Orleans.

The corner stone of the new civil engineering building at College Station was laid Wednesday morning with impressive ceremonies in the presence of a large number of distinguished people, including President Charles W. Elliot of Harvard, Mr. Joseph Warren, his secretary; the members of the board of directors of the A. & M. college of Texas. This new building is badly needed. Indications are that it will be ready for occupancy when the next session begins.

The Supreme Court of the United States Tuesday decided the case of the Cumberland Telephone Company vs. the Railroad Commission of Louisiana, involving the right of the commission to reduce the company's long distance rates, favorable to the State.

Work on the new Methodist Church building in Kaufman, which began fifteen days ago, is progressing nicely. The foundations for the building will be completed in about a week. The building will cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

At the town of Leuders, sixteen miles below Stamford, there was a pitched battle between some negroes and Mexicans Monday night, as a result of which one Mexican was killed and one Mexican and a negro wounded.

Arthur Day, 23 years of age, died Tuesday from being scalded in a vat of boiling water at the Armour packing plant in Fort Worth.

The contract for the enlargement of the federal building at San Antonio was let Wednesday, the contract price being \$133,217.

A death certificate was filed in the office of the secretary of the board of health on Monday at Crowley, in which it is alleged that Hester Williams, colored, who died here last Saturday, was 120 years of age.

The farmers and truck growers of Titus county are preparing to engage in the fruit and truck business on an extensive scale this year. The truck growers of Green Hill community alone will plant at least 500 or 1,000 acres in Spanish peanuts and Irish potatoes this year, compared with 100 acres last year.

There are fifteen autos owned in McGregor, and ten more machines have been ordered. This auto craze has awakened a new interest in good roads and bridges, and it is predicted more work will be done in this line this year than ever before.

President Elliot of Harvard college, Mrs. Elliot and Mr. Warren, private secretary to President Elliot, left Agricultural and Mechanical college at noon Wednesday for Austin. From Austin they will go to San Antonio, Houston and Galveston successively, visiting Galveston about March 2.

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

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

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

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Inaugural week was ushered in Sunday with Washington ready with gayly bedecked buildings, newly erected stands and clean-swept streets for the reception of thousands of American patriots who will come here to witness the induction into office of President Taft next Thursday.

The House Saturday, under suspension of the rules, passed the general deficiency appropriation bill. The bill, which carried appropriations amounting \$70,000,000, was reported to the House by the Committee on Appropriations. Five million dollars for the Panama Canal is the largest item.

President Roosevelt has appointed more Federal Judges than any other President. Of the nine Judges of the United States Supreme Court he has appointed three; of the twenty-nine Circuit Judges he has appointed twelve; of the eighty-four District Judges he has appointed fifty-one.

Representatives Carter and Ferris of Oklahoma Friday made four attempts to amend the sundry bill by modifying the provision appropriating \$50,000 for the Attorney General to continue the \$250,000 land suits.

A bill providing for the transfer of Dawson county from the Fort Worth division of the United States to the Abilene division was introduced Wednesday, in the senate, by Representative Smith.

The bill which provides for the reinstatement of the negro officers and soldiers discharged as a result of the shooting affray at Brownsville, Tex., will be favorably reported by the house committee in Washington on military affairs.

The story that President Roosevelt would be subpoenaed to appear at trials in the Muskogee town lot cases is denied by attorneys for Gov. Haskell as far as his side of the case is concerned.

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

The policy of fixing official standards of grades for both cotton and grain suffered a serious set-back Tuesday, in the Senate, while the agricultural appropriation was under consideration in the Senate. Three successive attacks were made and they were led by Senators Aldrich, Kean and Bailey.

The house committee on agriculture Wednesday began its hearing on the bills referred to it seeking to suppress dealing in futures in agricultural products. Owing to important measures pending in the house, the committee held only a short session and did not hear the gentlemen who have come to Washington in the interest of the southern farmers.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

A storm passed over the Bloomdale section about seven miles northwest of McKinney Monday afternoon, doing considerable damage.

The Eight Democratic Senators who Friday broke the quorum in the Tennessee Legislature and fled to Kentucky to prevent their arrest, abandoned their intention to return to Nashville Monday, and say they will remain in Hopkinsville until the General Assembly adjourns.

Fire in a hay barn in Sherman, owned by W. A. Huggins, caused a loss of \$2000.

In the presence of a few friends, Sylvia Green, daughter of Mrs. Hetty Green, richest woman in the world, Tuesday became the bride of Matthew Astor Wilks, her 65-year-old suitor, in New York.

Taylorville, on Salt river, forty miles from Louisville, Ky., is water bound, the water being seven feet deep in the principal street. There is a shortage of food and no trains can be gotten within ten miles of the place.

Two lives are known to have been lost and a vast amount of property damage done by a terrific storm of wind, rain and hail that swept over southern Illinois Tuesday.

Fire in a supposedly fire-proof six-story structure in St. Louis Wednesday caused a loss estimated at \$100,000.

A \$50,000 pearl necklace, belonging to Miss Jennie Crocker of San Francisco was stolen during the Mardi Gras ball given by Mrs. Charles O. Alexander at the San Francisco hotel Wednesday night.

The oil mill at Kyle burned Tuesday morning shortly after 7 o'clock. The loss was about \$75,000.

Fire started by two tramps Wednesday morning destroyed the Ohio livery stable in Tulsa, Ok., and ten valuable horses were cremated.

By an overwhelming vote and without party distinction the house of representatives Thursday sustained the committee on appropriations in again reporting a provision in the sundry bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the operations of the secret service of the treasury department.

Miss Sylvia Green, daughter of Mrs. Hetty Green, and Matthews Astor Wilks, whose engagement was recently reported, were married in New York Tuesday morning.

Robert W. Goelst, director of the Illinois Central, millionaire and one of the Harriman party in San Antonio, was arrested Monday on a charge of speeding his automobile.

R. L. Collins and associates have purchased what is known as the university lands in Cottle county, consisting of 11,000 acres, consideration \$185,000.

Tommy Scarborough, aged 3 years son of W. C. Scarborough of Rosenthal, McLennan County, died Friday from drinking a solution of concentrated lye.

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.

This has been an exceptionally dry winter in Lampasas county, and with the few freezes the grain crop is practically a total loss. Less than one inch of rain has fallen in 1909 and in December one inch fell.

A severe storm is raging throughout the eastern and central portion of Colorado and while railroad traffic is not blocked, it has been especially severe on cattle and sheep and stock raisers will suffer a heavy loss.

The state department at Washington is considering the question of dispatching an American war vessel to Liberia, where alarm is felt for the safety of British and French citizens employed in the customs service of the republic.

The Arkansas Cotton Oil Company's plant, located south of the Union Depot and near the business center of Texarkana, burned Friday night. The loss is roughly estimated at \$150,000.

"We are getting ready to give New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges a vacation without pay," said President Barret of Atlanta, Ga., of the National Farmers' union Wednesday as he departed for Washington.

From Judge Landis' fine of \$29,240, 000 to a possible maximum of \$720,000 is a far cry, but that is admitted to be the meaning of a ruling made by Judge Anderson in the retrial of the Standard Oil company of Indiana for alleged rebating Thursday.

The President is authorized to appoint a court of inquiry to determine the qualifications for re-enlistment of discharged negro soldiers of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry who were accused of shooting up Brownsville, Tex., on the nights of Aug. 13 and 14, 1906.

At a special meeting of the City Council of Paris Friday night a petition with 500 signatures appended was presented by Hon. H. D. McDonald asking the council to submit to the qualified voters of the city at a special election the question whether the city shall own and operate ice, gas, electric light and power plants.

In order that certain lands contiguous to the Rio Grande, where the river is the boundary line between this country and Mexico, may be irrigated from the waters of the Rio Grande Representative Slayden of Texas Friday introduced a concurrent resolution in the Senate directing the Secretary of State to begin negotiations for a treaty with Mexico. The purpose of such treaty would be to permit the construction of dams or other works on the Rio Grande for irrigating purposes.

City Engineer Davis and Consulting Engineer Henney of the reclamation service left Washington Saturday for Porto Rico under instructions from the Secretary of the Interior to examine the plans and specifications and to investigate the site of an extensive irrigation system for the island. The expenses of the investigation are to be borne by Porto Rico.

Gov. Campbell Thursday announced that he would appoint C. T. Prewett Judge of the recently created county court at law for Tarrant county.

Thursday at 1 o'clock the young negro who murdered W. P. Green, an old fisherman, about a year ago, was hanged in Bastrop.

There is a fairly well authenticated rumor that the Texas company will build another pipe line across the state and that the line in contemplation will run through both Sherman and Denison instead of three miles out, as the first line was built.

The special committee of the Abilene 25,000 club, recently appointed to raise \$5,000 for the benefit of the Christian college of this city, reported to the club Thursday that it had raised the amount and had collected all but \$250.

Beginning in Lonoke county and ranging northeast through Lonoke Prairie, Woodruff and Polsett counties, a tornado raged Tuesday in East Arkansas and according to the best information obtainable thirteen persons were killed and at least eleven seriously hurt.

Carrying forty-five passengers and a large cargo of freight, the United States Fruit Company's steamer Here dia has gone ashore at Cape Garcia bend, fourteen miles from the mainland of Nicaragua.

A. E. d Ricgles, general manager of the American Live Stock and Loan Company of Denver, Colo., is in Port Worth to meet a number of Texas cattlemen, with a view to purchasing during the coming season about 22,000 head of cattle, which will mean approximately \$440,000 coming to the State from this source.



Isaac Brock, 120 Years of Age. Mr. Isaac Brock, of McLennan county, Tex., is an ardent friend to Peruna and speaks of it in the following terms: "Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peruna, I have found to be the best, if not the only reliable remedy for COUGHS, COLDS, CATARRH and diarrhoea. Peruna has been my stand-by for many years and I attribute my good health and my extreme age to this remedy. It exactly meets all my requirements. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine. I believe it to be especially valuable to old people." Isaac Brock.

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The SEVENTH PERSON

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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 Club 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 pass 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 supercargo on an ocean freighter bound for Urania, South America, and a confederate ally of enemies of that government. Chambers was captured and thrown into a dungeon. Marina Bostons, adopted daughter of Gen. Bostons, ministered to his wounds. Each made a strong impression on the other. Jerry was sentenced to die. Upon promise of Marina's love, Capt. Pizarro freed Chambers. All three united with Gen. Barado's rebels, Chambers being made a captain. Capt. Pizarro died of fever. Marina accompanied his body to burial. In a fierce battle Barado defeated Bostons. Jerry frustrated an attempt to assassinate Gen. Barado. Marina's funeral party was attacked and she was reported missing. Pandaro, capital of Urania, 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 Bostons, 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 following. 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 Escalon, Mexico, for further instructions. He again left Mike O'Connor, the engineer, in charge of the shadowing. Mike trailed the fugitives to Jimenez using various ruses. At Escalon 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.

CHAPTER XXIV.—Continued.

After partaking of some coffee, bacon and bread they stretched themselves out and fell asleep. The earliest sign of day found them awake and much refreshed. The first thing Mike said was:

"I had a devil of a dream, Tommy. I dreamed I saw a man gully down the other side o' the stream with a lantern in his hand, and he had a dog with him. The dog barked and the man—I think he was old, from the sound o' his voice—talked to him just like he was a man, to. Then the old codger turned into the bushes and disappeared. The dog kept barkin' and barkin' till it sounded like it was miles away. I think I woke up, but I'm not sure about it."

"What's the old saying about dreamin' the first night in a new bed?" laughed Jerry.

"It's a sign the dream comes true," answered Mike; "but I don't want this one to come true. That dog was a big devil, and the man looked all in a hump. I don't remember what kind of a face he had, but it must 'a' been a dandy to wake me up."

After breakfast they started out on a tour of investigation, Jerry going down the stream in the boat and Mike picking his way up along the bank. On his return to the camp Jerry kept on the other side of the river. He was nearing the camp when he noticed an opening in the underbrush. He grounded the skiff and went up to it. He was surprised to find fresh footprints in the soggy soil. Going into the bushes he found a well-worn path. He did not venture far, but hastened back to the camp, which Mike had reached a few minutes before. His excited manner brought Mike to immediate attention.

"Mike O'Connor," said Jerry, "I'll bet you didn't have a dream last night."

Mike simply stared.

"You did see a man and a dog. I'll stake my life on it."

"How do you know, Tommy?"

"Where was it the man disappeared?"

"Right over there," answered Mike, pointing in the direction of the opening in the bushes.

"Then, that's where you saw a real man and a real dog go. I found an opening and a path right there, and in the path were fresh prints of a man's bare feet and a dog's feet. There is somebody else around this locality, Mr. Michael Aloysius O'Connor. But who in thunder can it be? Who could be going around bare-footed with a dog? Surely, not Andre or Felipe, and I don't think it could be Riaz. There are too many burrs and rocks along the bank for anybody with the price of a pair of shoes to be going bare-footed."

"Shall we investigate?" asked Mike.

"Of course, but we must be mighty careful. It may be that one of those gangs the copper was telling us about has its headquarters around here, and if we ever stumbled on to it, it would all be off with two fellows I'm acquainted with. What have you to suggest?"

"Well, afore we follow up that path," said Mike, "we might climb up the cliffs and see if we can locate any tents or shacks from a distance. We might be able to get a line that way. Then, if we can't see anything up there, we'll simply have to take a chance and pick our way along that path till it brings us somewhere or another. And we might as well start right away."

Half an hour later Jerry and Mike were climbing the cliffs on the other side of the stream, but, although they got a good view of the land, they

saw no sign of habitation. They had almost reached the base of the cliff when the faint barking of a dog reached their ears.

"Did you hear it, Tommy?" asked Mike.

"It was that same dream dog of yours, Mike."

"Then, by golly, it wasn't a dream after all, was it? It sounds just like it sounded last night." The barking of the dog sounded nearer and nearer, and the two secluded themselves.

"It's lucky we hid the boat in the grass," said Jerry.

"Oh, an Athloner man thinks of a thing or two," whispered Mike.

Presently they saw a big dog run up the bank, barking as though in play, and then plunged into the water. As it swam back to the bank an old man, bent with age, moving slowly, appeared in view.

"That's the old devil," whispered Mike, "and now I can get a look at his face. By golly, he must be 1,000 years old, and I'll bet he don't weigh 16 pounds. Did you ever see such a skinny old cuss?"

A few minutes later the old man reached a spot within 20 feet of where the boat was hidden, and sat down laboriously. In faint, trembling Spanish he talked to the dog.

"Yes, you shall have food," said he, his arms around the dripping dog's neck, "and you shall have sport. But what are you going to do when old Jose is gone, faithful brother? Who will play with you then? Who will get you fish and game? Who will help you—? Here he brought his hands to his eyes and shook with sobs. With great labor he got to his feet and started to retrace his steps. Jerry and Mike picked their way after him, going through dense underbrush, and, to their surprise, they soon reached a pathway. They no longer heard the barking of the dog.

"Let us follow this path," suggested Jerry, and a moment later he was leading Mike through the brush alongside the crooked pathway. After half an hour they came to an open space, and the path was lost.

"Now, where do you suppose the old devil went?" said Mike, scratching his head. "There's nothin' afore us now but the mountains, and we don't know which way to go."

They decided to lie in wait another time for the old man and to station themselves near the opening in the underbrush. When they returned to the camp they tried to figure out who the man could be and what he was doing in this part of the country, far away from any habitation and, judging from the words they had heard him speak, with only his dog for a companion.

For three days, from the first sign of dawn to the fall of night, one or the other was stationed at a spot immediately across the river from the beginning of the pathway in the bushes. But not once did the old man or his dog appear.

"I guess we'll have to go out and hunt him ourselves," said Mike. "He don't seem to be comin' our way himself."

Early in the morning of the fourth day Jerry and Mike, armed with revolvers, started out to find the old man. They had walked about 100 yards when they came to two paths, one turning abruptly into much heavier undergrowth.

"This is a new one," said Mike, "and the chances are he didn't follow the other at all when we saw him."

They followed the new-found way for several hundred yards, finally coming to another open spot. Again the path was lost.

"Now, what do you think o' that?" said Mike, clearly nonplused. "If he had gone to the mountains he'd 'a' left some prints in the sand, but there ain't a sign of a foot."

"The chances are, Mike," said Jerry, "that he turned off the path somewhere back in the bushes. Let's go back that way and keep our eyes open wider."

They retraced their steps about 100 feet when Jerry suddenly stopped and clutched Mike's arm.

"Hear?" he whispered.

"It's a groan," answered Mike. "It's to our right, Hear? There it goes again. It's the old devil! What shall we do?"

"Let's find out," said Jerry, and it must be confessed that his fingers were very nervous when he gripped his revolver tighter. They picked their way through the bushes, the moaning of the man becoming louder and more distinct. Presently they emerged to find themselves within 20 feet of a thatched-roofed adobe.

"Hello, there!" Jerry sang out.

The only answer was a moan.

"Who's there? What's the matter?" cried out Mike.

"Again a moan for an answer."

"Something's the matter with him," said Jerry, and he went up to the door of the adobe. Stretched out on the ground lay the old man, his face bearing expressions of great pain and suffering. Beside him lay the dog—dead.

"Dying—dying," whispered the old man. "I have sent my dog first; I could not bear to think of his being alone."

"Have you no medicine?" asked Mike.

The old man merely shook his head. "We'll get you some whisky," said Jerry, and a few minutes later Mike was on his way back to the camp.

"You are going to help me?" feebly asked the old man.

"We'll do all we can for you," answered Jerry.

A smile of appreciation lighted the old man's wrinkled face, and he tried to lift a hand.

"You are good," he went on; "you are the first who has ever been good to poor old Jose." He looked Jerry full in the face for a minute before he added: "Why should you not know what I know? You are going to help me and I can help you." His voice fell to a very weak whisper and Jerry was unable to distinguish the words that he tried to speak. He thought he was dying.

When Mike returned with whisky and some quinine and a small box of food the old man seemed to regain part of his feeble strength, and he again could speak to be understood. The whisky revived him very noticeably and he ate freely of the bread and cold meat.

"Some time, some time," began the old man, "I am going to tell you, but not now, not now." He seemed to be much agitated when he went on: "Go now, and come to-morrow; come and bury my faithful brother. Then I shall tell you. Go, go, now!"

CHAPTER XXV.

The Red-Topped Mountain.

"It's dead certain the old codger's got somethin' important to tell," said Mike that night at the camp, as he and Jerry lay on the ground and smoked their pipes. "He flattered all to pieces when he told us to go. I thought he was goin' to get up and chase us away. Good thing that dog wasn't alive."

"It's a cinch," said Jerry, "that he either has a big secret on his mind or is crazy. Anybody that would live down here must have space to rent in his noddle. I suppose we'll have to bury that dog."

Shortly after daybreak they arrived at the old adobe and found the aged man mumbling to himself, as though slightly delirious. Jerry gave him some whisky and presently his eyes spoke recognition. It was evident that he was much weaker than when they left him the day before.

"We have come at your bidding," said Jerry, "and we shall give your dog a burial."

"I knew you would care for my faithful brother," whispered the aged man with great effort. "The end is near—near—near, and I am going to tell you all—all that it has taken me more than 60 years to find out—find out at the last moment." Jerry's ear was close to his mouth now, for the voice was very low. "There is no open trail," the old man went on, "and you must seek, seek, seek as I have sought. There are holes, many of them, but they all lead away from it, and—"

Here his eyelids drooped and the shadow of death fell upon his drawn features. Jerry gently shook him and touched the whisky bottle to his lips again. "I had planned to go myself, but it is too late—too late," he went on with greater effort. "Go to Ojito, from whose church steps you will see towering above all other peaks a mountain that is red in the light of the setting sun. It is the only peak that is red. Follow the trail that leads from Ojito until the base of the mountain is reached. Leave it where a red sandstone lies in the path and go through the trees to the north and then turn—turn— Here he stopped and his eyes rolled a little.

"Go on, go on!" excitedly whispered Jerry.

"Turn—turn—turn and look for 14—"

"What is it?"

"The San D—" The lips of the old man of the adobe were closed, never to open again. Mike pressed his ear to the unclothed breast and listened intently for a minute.

"He is dead," he solemnly whispered.

"Mike," began Jerry in low tones, "he has given us a lead to the lost San Dimas gold mine! He has told us almost all that it took him more than 60 years to find out! Poor soul," he went on, looking into the dead man's face. "Sixty years of searching, with success coming too late. That's a part of life, I guess, Mike."

"And see," said Mike, pointing to a corner of the little room, "he had everything packed ready to go there." He examined the few effects of the old man and discovered a pick and shovel at the bottom of the heap. "He'll get as good a burial as we can give him, anyway, and so will the dog," he went on, going outside. After burying the old man and his dog side by side within a few feet of the entrance to the mud house, they made a careful search of the premises, but found nothing that indicated success in locating a vast hidden treasure.

It was decided to lose no time in trying to find the red-topped mountain to which the old man of the adobe referred, and a few hours later they were going down the river with their camping outfit and remaining provisions. Jerry's map convinced them that it would be easy for them to go down

the stream to Jimenez, from which place they could travel by train to the village of Ojito, which nestled in the mountains about 30 miles southwest of Parral.

"There undoubtedly is something in the old man's story," said Jerry, who was at the oars, "but we may be going right away from where they are with Marina. Mike, this business is nearly driving me daft. Where is she? What have they done to her? What may they do to her? And what can we do to reach her, save her?"

"Lad, you've often heard that the really good things in this world of ours are hard to get," said Mike, "and that perseverance generally brings things to a head. I feel from the crown of my head to the tip of my big toe that we're goin' to find that little girl and that she will be safe and sound."

Mike's optimism was beautiful to Jerry's mind, but it could not dispel the gloom that darkened his hope of ever finding Marina Bostons.

They arrived at Jimenez early the next morning, where they had to wait only an hour before they could proceed to Parral. They took their tent and provisions with them, but gave the boat to a small boy. On the outskirts of Parral they caught a train which made the short run between that city and Ojito, the terminus of the line.

It was late in the afternoon when they reached Ojito, and they immediately went to the steps of the village church. The light of the sinking sun made red the peak of only one mountain, which proved to be fully 50 miles away. They waited until morning before starting for the mountain on burros with their outfit. They had not been out of the village long before they were in a dense wilderness, the trail winding around hills and along dangerously steep cliffs. The stars were out when they arrived at the red sandstone in the trail. Here they rested until daylight, when they tried to locate a path to the mountain.

"Tommy," said Mike, "he died before he could tell us which way to turn, and all we can do is to take the shortest cut to the mountain." The suggestion carried, and it was not long before the tent was up, on a level spot a short way up the mountain side.

For a solid week they searched for "No. 14," but failed to find a trace of it. One going one way and the other another, they explored with reasonable thoroughness every place within a radius of a mile that could be reached. One morning Jerry found an opening in the mountain, and his hopes ran high, for it appeared to have been artificially made. He explored it as far as he could go, at times being compelled to crawl on hands and knees. The light of his lantern was brought to play on every ledge, his eyes forever on the lookout for "14." Mike, big about the girth, also struck what he regarded as a possible lead one afternoon, at a place within a few yards of the camp. He tried to squeeze his way under a hanging rock a few feet from the opening, but became lodged so that he could not move one way or the other. Fortunately for him, his voice was strong enough to be heard by Jerry, who at the moment happened to be at the camp, and his rescue was effected through the efforts of his young companion.

On the night of the seventh day at the camp there was undisguised despair in the hearts of both men.

"Lad, we've hunted high and low, thin and deep," said Mike, "but we haven't any more to show than clay-soaked clothes and blistered hands. I've got a bump on my knee as big as a belle-fleur, besides. What are we going to do? This pile o' dirt's only about a million feet high and about seventeen thousand miles around, you know. We couldn't get over a little bit of it if we lived to be a thousand times as old as the old codger up the river."

"I can't think of anything, Mike," gloomily spoke Jerry. "I haven't seen anything that resembles '14' any more than I look like this red-headed mountain. Why couldn't he have lived long enough to tell us which way to turn and where to stop?"

"He simply aggravated us, that's all, lad—told us just enough to make us feel that we owned the earth and had a mortgage on the moon. I feel seven days ago; every joint's as sore as a gum-bull. What's more, our provisions won't last two days longer. One of us has to drift up to Ojito and restock, if we're goin' to hang 'round here any longer."

The flipping of a coin decided that Mike should start for the mining village the next morning and lay in a new supply of provisions.

"And, Mike," said Jerry at daybreak, as the gray-haired O'Connor got on his burro, "keep an eye peered for that fellow Riaz, too, or any of the others. If you get a line on any of them, learn something worth while. But you'll never go to heaven, Mike, if you don't come back at all."

"If the goblins or the yellow devils don't get me, Tommy, I'll be back with both feet and the big bump on my knee." The next moment they were waving farewell.



"You Are Going to Help Me and I Can Help You."

The thought of being alone in that wilderness, particularly at night, caused Jerry to shudder, and more than once that day, while he continued his exploring, he forced himself to sing and whistle to keep down his gloom. That night, although he was thoroughly tired, he slept but little.

All that day he explored, but with no success. He had calculated that Mike would be back that night, but he was doomed to disappointment and to another night of misery. He remained at the camp until noon, and was beginning to worry over the non-appearance of his companion. He left a note on a box and resumed his hunt for the hidden treasure. He went far up the mountain side and became so interested in his work that he did not start back to the camp until after dusk.

When he emerged from a dense clump of trees into an open space about 100 feet from the camp he was startled into a cold shiver by seeing a bright light through the trees before him. For a moment his legs seemed to be paralyzed and his mind blank.

It must be Mike giving me some signal," he finally decided, and he cautiously picked his way towards the camp. When he was within 40 feet of it, well hidden from view in the tangled underbrush, his heart almost ceased beating and his eyes almost popped from his head. The tent and all the provisions were in flames, around which a dozen or more Indians, clad only as savages are clad, were on their hands and knees, their faces to the ground as though in worship.

"The Yaquis!" flashed through his mind, and he sank to the ground.

An instant later a wild, concerted whooping pierced his ears and chilled him to the marrow. The Indians danced around the fire, frantically waving guns and acting more like mad men with each succeeding minute. Jerry thought of his revolver, but if he had been compelled to bring it into action it is doubtful if he would have possessed the strength to handle it. The marauders remained at the camp until the flames died down, and then, with horrible yelling, they ran down the mountain side.

Jerry, his brain afire, did not—could not—move for minutes. After his wits had been restored sufficiently to permit of reasonably rational thinking his first impulse was to flee to the trail and pick his way back towards Ojito, hoping to meet Mike on the way. He picked his way down to the trail, but had not gone far when his strength left him and he sank to the ground. Not far from the red stone in the pathway he fell asleep, and while he slept a thunder shower came up and the rain fell in torrents. He thought nothing of shelter, but lay there, a target for the elements.

When the first faint tint of morning came he was almost mad for water. Fever was burning him up, and he was so weak that he scarcely could keep his feet. But he worked his way back to the brooklet, his mind awhirl. After he had drunk a great quantity of water he staggered aimlessly back towards the trail.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Marina.

Early in the evening Mike O'Connor led his well-laden burro up the mountain side towards the camp. He was singing a lively Irish song, occasionally breaking the refrain with shouts to Jerry. The terror that seized him when he came to the site of the camp, littered with ashes, could well be

imagined. Then, all the time shouting for his companion, he made a search. Lying near the edge of the clump of bushes he found the note that Jerry had written before he went up the mountain at noon the day before. The note was the only thing he found that had not been touched by the flames.

Without a moment's delay, after quartering his burro, he started for the place designated in the note, and for hours he searched and shouted for him. The thought that perhaps the camp had been wiped out by fire through accident quickly was banished, for if it had caught fire in Jerry's absence Jerry certainly would be there now to explain. With greatly increased fear and a heart that beat so rapidly he scarcely could breathe, he plunged into the thicket in further search of his friend. Where Jerry lay when he saw the Indians at the camp Mike found his hat, and a few feet away was his pick.

"He's been murdered!" groaned Mike. "They've killed him and carried his body away!"

A more courageous man than Mike O'Connor could not be found; but the thought of being alone there, with the murderers of Jerry Chambers perhaps near by, made his heart quake. His first impulse was to hasten to the fresh burro and start immediately back to Ojito, where he could notify the authorities of Jerry's disappearance.

"No," he finally decided, his face still white; "he may not be dead, and if he's alive it's my place to find him. Tommy would have stuck it out for me until the last spark of hope was gone, and I'll stick it out for him until I know something definite one way or another."

He hid the provisions in some bushes and turned his burro loose. Then, with a revolver ready for each hand, and an eye that spoke fearlessness, he started out to hunt for Jerry. For three days he searched, scouring far down the trail and far up the side of the mountain, but he found no trace of his companion. His voice became weak from shouting and his sturdy body was almost worn out. Still he went on and on, the little hope in his breast becoming fainter the longer he hunted. On the morning of the fourth day he decided to abandon the search and return to Ojito, where he could enlist the aid of the authorities. He planned to leave immediately after breakfast. After building a fire he went to the brooklet to get water for his coffee. He was in the act of dipping his pail into the stream when he heard a faint but hideous laugh beyond him. He dropped the pail and whipped out his revolvers, beads of perspiration coming to his brow. Then he stepped into the bushes and waited until he heard another sound.

"Let me have just another drop of water, and I'll go—go," reached his ears.

It was Jerry Chambers' voice.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Military Logic.

But experience teaches that there is no stopping the flow of military logic. From its own point of view it is quite reasonable. The security of one range of hills requires the occupation of the next; and the retention of that second range requires the conquest of a third. So it goes on. As Lord Salisbury once said to Lord Cromer: "If you listened to all that soldiers want, you would be asked to consent to the fortification of the moon against a possible attack on the earth from Mars."—London Spectator.

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Mr. W. Sumners, representing the Texas delegation of farmers before a committee of Congress having under consideration a measure to prevent gambling in farm products, made the following statement at a hearing before the committee a few days ago:

"I am very much pleased by the reception given us by the committee and by the general interest manifested by the members of congress in the effort being made to abolish gambling in the price of farm products.

"In my judgment this appearance of farmers before a congressional committee marks the beginning of a somewhat new era in the relation of the farming classes toward the national government and political affairs generally. Agriculture is beginning to demand recognition as a business itself. Last year its products were worth \$7,778,000,000, of which amount \$1,017,000,000 worth was exported.

"In the one item of agriculture the balance of trade in favor of this country was \$448,000,000, while the total balance in all other items was only \$178,000,000. Of these export items, cotton was the largest, amounting to more than \$400,000,000."

"In asking congress to suppress gambling on the price of these products," continued Mr. Sumners, "The farmer is asking no special legislation as a favor. He is perfectly willing to give what is fair and just to all those who have to do with his products at any time between their leaving his farm and their delivery to the consumer. However, he does not recognize the right of a body of men to a part of that which he has produced, who loan him no money to finance his business, who do not aid him in cultivating or harvesting his crops, who do not help transmit or manufacture them or help with their final distribution to the consumer.

"Nor does he think it right that this body of men whose hands nor money have ever touched his crop, should be permitted to gamble upon the fluctuations in its price and by manipulation destroy the reliability and the natural stability of the market in which he must dispose of his products.

"The losses and expenses incident to such transaction should not be deducted from the profits of the farmer or added to the expenses of the consumer."

"That the farmers are not opposed to legitimate sales upon exchanges or sales upon exchanges or even contracts for future delivery, where the delivery is bona fide, is a point which Mr. Sumners desired to be stressed."

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No man can read the daily papers telling of the legislative proceedings going on at Austin and retain the least respect for the ability and statesmanship of its members as a whole. It is certainly discouraging that a great state like Texas will fill its legislative halls with Novices and failures. We hope to see the day come when our legislature will be cut down to a body of four representatives and a president of the body from four districts elected at large on a yearly salary of \$20,000 apiece. The Galveston plan should be applied to the state, and maybe extended to the nation.

The cities with their commission plan, may yet destroy the last vestige of the European parliamentary system in this country.

If you are getting the Free Press and going to leave the country you ought to notify us of your intended change of residence. It does not cost but a cent to get a postal card for the purpose. If you do not do this but leave it to the post master to notify us you are gone, we are made to feel like we had been neglected or duped and have many other unpleasant thoughts. The editors have been so submissive and forbearing that they have become to be imposed on. They indulge subscribers until many of them have a real contempt for the editor. As far as we are concerned we want to act straight and demand the same kind of treatment from all subscribers. When we send you the paper we expect the pay, and if you don't want to pay for it we don't want your name on our book.

We want to say to our subscribers that we expect them to deal fairly, squarely, openly candidly and look us in the face. It is no uncommon thing to have the postal authorities to return two or three papers addressed to a delinquent subscriber marked gone. One day this week three copies of the Free Press were returned so marked. It looked to us like if this particular subscriber wanted to be honest and do the square thing he would have dropped us a card and at least tell us he was going away and could not pay up, even if he did not want to pay up he could have said so and we would have thought no less of him in fact would have thought more of him than for him to play sneak and let us find out his intentions the best way we could.

VENDORS LIEN NOTES.

We are still in the market for Good Vendors Lien Notes, but must be first lien and well worth the money. See us at once.
West Texas Loan Co.
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NOTICE TO THE FARMERS UNION OF HASKELL COUNTY.

Each local Union in Haskell County is request to send a full delegation to a call meeting at the farmers Union ware house in Haskell, Wed. March 10 at 10 a. m. come without fail important business.

Geo E. Courtney,
County Pres.

To the Trade:

We are now offering a full line of the celebrated John Deere Implements including the **Stag Sulky** Deere Planters, both single and double row. Deere Cultivators both single and double row. Deere walking plows, Stalk Cutters. We also have a large stock of the Celebrated Star Wind Mills. There is none better.

Our furniture department is also complete. Let us figure with you.

CASON, COX & CO.

Little girl--call at Cason, Cox & Co. and see what you can get FREE.



Absolutely FREE

This Beautiful to some little girl under 14 years of age. Please call and register and receive further information.



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INCIDENT FROM JUVENILE COURT.

Occurrence There Illustrates How Influence Is Secured Over Refractory Boys

People who have cause frequent courts soon become hardened to features and incidents that seem pathetic to others, but those in the Juvenile Court often witness scenes that touch the hearts of those most accustomed to pathetic incidents.

One of these occurred during a preliminary investigation in the office of the probation officer yesterday afternoon, that caused the hearts of all present to go out to those interested in the problem of saving the boy, as well as the young offender. It also found an answer to the question people have asked:

"How does the Juvenile Court get its influence over the young ones?"

"I like you," were the first words the probation officer said to the boy. "Do you know why?"

"No, sir," was the answer. "Because you look me straight in the eye," said the probation officer. "You're not a bad boy, and we are going to be friends, you and I."

Mr. Leeman then brought out the fact that he had sent for the boy because he would not go to school.

"Why don't you go to school?" said Mr. Leeman.

"Because I have to stay home and take care of my little brother and sister and cook supper for my father," said the boy.

"Is your mother sick?" he asked.

The little fellow gulped once, and then in a husky voice, almost whispering, "she is dead."

"So's mine," said Leeman.

"It's tough, isn't it?" said Mr. Leeman after a pause. The little fellow nodded, blinking hard to keep the tears down.

In talking to the boys father, who was present, Mr. Leeman said: "Don't you whip that boy any more and I will make arrangements to send him to school. He is not the kind of a boy you can do anything with by licking?"

"He only gets whipped when he tells lies," urged the father.

"Whipping doesn't stop lying," declared Mr. Leeman emphatically. "It makes them liars."

When the little fellow left the probation office it was with the feeling he had a new friend and that he had a different life before him. He promised he would go to school, and he will, said Leeman.

I have equipped my shop with a gasoline engine and power hammer. Have four forges and the most expert smiths. Bring your plow points to be sharpened and horses to be shod. We do your work "now."
J. B. Lamkin

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

WILL CURE

Your Cold. Try It

The uniform success that has attended the use of this remedy in the cure of bad colds has made it one of the most popular medicines in use. It can always be depended upon to effect a quick cure and is pleasant to take.

It contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. Price 25 cents. Large size 50 cents.

For Sale by Collier's Drug Store, Haskell, Texas.

CALL ON
Spencer & Gillam
FOR ANY THING IN THE LINE OF
DRUGS AND MEDICINES

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

Locals and Personals.

R. E. Sherrill is absent from the city on business.

Mr. S. W. Scott took the north bound train Tuesday night for northern points.

D. H. McCosh made a business trip to Cleburn this week.

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.

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.

Mrs. A. B. Mason who has been visiting in the city has returned to her home at Abilene.

H. G. McConnell left Tuesday for eastern points on a business mission.

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

Mr. A. H. Day and family left Tuesday for Bruceville Tex. where they will make their future home. In the loss of Mr. Day Haskell loses one of her most active real estate men. The Free Press joins their many friends in wishing them prosperity in their new home.

Mr. J. L. Robertson made a trip to Goree Tuesday in the interest of his loan business.

Special Sale on Coal at Chambers.

Chambers is moving Coal. t-f

Imperial Pekin ducks a pair will weigh 22 lbs Eleven Eggs for \$1.50.

9-t-p T. A. Park, Knox City.

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

Brighten up. Finishes for every thing in your home from floor to ceiling. Normans'

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

Bring your eggs to Marsh-Williams & Co for the highest market price in cash.

Cards are out announcing the coming wedding of Mr. Ira Ellis and Miss Mable Wyman of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Klose of the east side were in town Thursday.

We have just learned of the death of Mrs. J. A. Newson who died at the home of her parents a few days ago. Mrs. Newson was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whitmire of the South side, and came from New Mexico for her health a short time ago. The Free Press extends condolence to the bereaved family.

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

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

We are informed that Messrs E. Sutherland and N. T. Smith have purchased a business lot on the north side of the square from Judge H. R. Jones, and are going to put up a brick building right away. A part of the building will be used as a market and a part will be used by Mr. Leonard Mauldin as a tonsorial parlor.

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

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

At the Methodist Church next Sunday at 11 a. m. the Womans Home Mission Society will have installation of officers. Every body invited.

C. B. Meador, Pastor: If your church, your lodge, or club could get that piano at the Racket Store would'nt you be proud? Then just hustle a little yourself.

Paints! Paints!! Paints!!! Normans Paint Store.

County Attorney Bruce W. Bryant was operated upon for appendicitis at Abilene last week and is now convalescent. His mother, Mrs. Bryant of this city visited him at the hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. F. L. Meadow of Stamford visited friends here the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoard of Sweetwater are visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. McNeill of this city. Mr. McNeill is the father of Mrs. Hoard.

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

We have in stock rural route envelopes for sale.

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

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

New stock wall paper at Normans.

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.

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 Lefn and a good form Crop-Chatte! Mortgage.

The Colorado coal has no cinkers. Marsh-Williams & Co.

E. G. Stein made a business trip to Stamford Tuesday.

A. F. Buehring visited Stamford the early part of the week.

Mr. Lewis Fields visited friends at Stamford Sunday.

Artists material of all kinds at Normans Paint Store.

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.

W. F. M. Society meets at 2 p. Friday Mar. 12th, Mehtodits Porgram:

Hymn. Prayer. Scripture Lesson—Eph. II.

Roll call; Ans.—giving names of woman Missionary in Forign field having enlisted in Tex. There are 15. 7 of whom went out from "Own Northwest Tex. Conference Society." All under "Wom-an's Board."

Minutes. Officers reports.

"Spirit of Missons."—Mrs. A. J. Combs, Jr.

Song, "Here am I, Send Me. "Miss Ruby Davis. Poem."

Taking and giving Mrs. Hester. Romance of Missions. Mrs. Fred Sanders.

Bulletin. Need of Missons. Mrs. Wells. Prayer.

Our special sale has been a great success. We flatter ourselves that our cutomers have reached a verdict of approval of our efforts to give them the greatest and most popular sale ever pulled off in Haskell. We are still making the same low prices and will continue for several days yet, so come right along and supply your wants for the next six months and you will vote us thanks for saving you good money. Hereafter you will find my store the cheapest place for the values to be found in all this county. Always endeavoring to please our customers we invite them to come and see us. S. L. Robertson.

The Philosopher of Folly. "A hero," says the Philosopher of Folly, "is a man who does something on the spur of the moment that he wouldn't do if he had time to sit down and think it over."

Illustrious Angler. "I'm not much of a fisherman myself," Mr. Wipedunks was remarking, "but I have always been interested in reading the quaint sayings of that grand old angler, Sir Izaak Walpole."

Formosa's Sugar Exports. Formosa, with its population of 3,000,000, is running the Philippines neck and neck in the export of sugar. Each exported a value of \$4,000,000 in 1907.

An Everlasting Trait. Woman may some time win the right to vote, but she will never cease to hide things under the bed tick.

Bellews Long Known. It is proved by ancient carvings unearthed in Egypt that the bellews were in use for forcing fires in the fifteenth century B. C.

Taught First Aid to Injured. More than 25,000 employees of the Pennsylvania railroad have been instructed in first aid to the injured at the company's expense.

Healthy European Cities. The cities of Europe having the lowest death rate are Stockholm, Christiania, Berlin and London.

Dealing with Troubles. Take your troubles as they come, but don't have a passion for preserving them.

Soon Shattered. A man who is continually breaking his promises soon goes to pieces.

Coal in Four-Foot Seam. A four-foot coal seam yields 6,000 tons an acre.

Cause and Effect. What is in store for you is what you have stored up for yourself. Member that.

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

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

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

Spring is Coming
and so are our
Spring GOODS

We are showing a swell line of Oxford Shoes, Spring Samples and in fact in a few days our stock will be complete.

We want to sell you Your Spring Outfit

We can sell you the complete outfit for a very small sum. Remember when you buy goods from us you get up-to-date merchandise.

In connection to our New Goods which we are showing, we have a few

Pat Leather Shoes

that we are going to sell at bargain prices. They are worth \$4.50 and \$5.00, you can buy them for **\$3.85**. Remember this price will only last a few days, so don't wait. Yours to please,

THE HUB

FURNISHERS TO MEN

Haskell, - - - Texas.

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

Mr. C. S. Barbee of Rochester called at our office Monday, cashed up his subscription and renewed for another year.

Ice Cream at Lewis'. 10-4t

Messrs. Lee Pierson of this city and Sam Pierson of Aspermont have returned from a visit to their father, Capt. M. S. Pierson, who is at his winter home with his family in San Antonio.

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

C. H. Stonesifer called at our office this week and renewed his subscription to the Free Press.

Miss Kate Snyder of the south east side was in the city Thursday and subscribed for the Free Press.

Oranges, apples, nuts at Lewis.

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

(Miss) Kate Snyder, Haskell, Texas.

Go to Lewis' for fine celery.

Marshall Pierson made a business trip to Dallas the early part of the week.

Fine candies at Lewis'. 10-4t

LANDS.

We have the best ranch proposition in the West today, and if you want something good at low rates it will pay you to see or write us at once, as this ranch will not be on market long at \$4.00 per acre.

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

Attention Lutherans

I shall conduct German Lutheran services in this city Sunday the 7th inst. at 3 p. m. at Mr. J. J. Stein's residence.

You are specially invited to attend. F. A. Bracher, Lutheran Pastor.

Plymouth Rock Chickens.

I have one pen of five choice Plymouth Rocks for sale at only \$5.00 for the lot, come quick if you want a bargain.

J. L. Robertson, "The Loan Man."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Next Sunday at the Presbyterian Church the regular services will be held. The preaching services both morning and evening will be devoted largely to a report of Laymon's Missionary Convention recently held at Birmingham Alabama. Let every body who can be present at these services and come praying that God will bless our efforts to advance his kingdom. L. O. Cunningham

We can handle good loan business now at 9 to 10 per cent and make good payments and terms. It will pay you to see us before you make a deal.

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

I must insist on those owing me paying me now. I shall expect you to call and settle, please don't wait for me to go to see you which I must do right away. I need what you owe me. S. L. Robertson

THE NOVICE IN LEGISLATURE.

The state might get some good out of its legislators by giving them a years education. It seems that the cities are trying to give these novices from the forks of the creeks a few excursions for their enlightenment. Speaker Kennedy thinks it a good idea to let them travel and we think so too. But after these statesmen have begun to get wise, they quit their job for something that pays better. The legislative halls seem to be used to finish off these novices and fit them for the more important battles of life.

It is a great picnic for some ambitious poor young man to go to Austin. The five dollars a day and other pickings bring him the greatest prosperity he ever enjoyed before in all his life. Then too people begin to treat him so nice, cities give him free excursions, in fact for about 90 days scores of novices and amateurs just have the time of their life. They return home in love with the whole nice world of good people and feel like they have won the race in life, and learned to place the proper estimate on their own personal qualities.

But all this is but a dream, when they pass out of office, the lobbyist is gone, invitations to bars, poker games, cities and local functions have ceased and the ninety days dream is over. Senatorial courtesy that never sees ones vices is no more, the erstwhile statesman finds when he gets back home he has exposed his every incapacity.

What can a state or nation expect of a system that fills the legislative halls with novices. Why not have a few well paid statesmen to enact our laws? Thus increase personal responsibility then wipe out every vestige of indirect Taxation, except when used to controll the liquor traffic or other vices. A direct system of taxation being the best safe guard against graft and extravagance.

MARKET REPORT

Corn per bu.	55c
Wheat " "	\$1.15
Oats " "	60c
Maize " "	45c
Spring chickens \$2.00 to \$2.25 per dozen, hens \$3.00 per dozen.	
Old Roosters 10c each	
Turkeys 8c to 9c per lb.	
Eggs per doz.	12½c
Butter	15c per lb.
Hides Green 3½c to 4c per lb.	
Hides dry 6 and 6½c per lb.	
Changed weekly by Marsh-Williams & Co.	

Jno. E. Robertson, general merchant of Weinert has put on a big sale and the Free Press printed four thousand immense circulars to advertise same. We may be pardoned for saying there are few printing plants outside of the cities that are equipped to do work like this.

Picture framing is our hobby. Normans Paint Store.

Rev's. Jerome Duncan, Pres. Stamford Collegiate Institute and J. T. Griswold P. E. passed through Haskell Wednesday en route to Rule and other points.

Rev. C. B. Meador and F. G. Alexander have been notified by Rev. Hotchkiss Sec. of Board of Missions of north-west Texas Conference, that they have been appointed members of that Board, which holds its next annual meeting at Cleburne, March 22nd and 23rd.

Mr. A. H. Alexander made a trip to the plains country this week.

Mr. J. R. Johnson of the west side was in town Monday and handed us a dollar on subscription and reported that on Friday the 26th instant the seventh son was born to him and Mrs. Johnson.

THE MARRYING SQUIRE.

Justice George E. Law Has Broken All Records.

George E. Law, Justice of the Peace, 13 1/2 Franklin St., Brazil, Ind., is known far and wide as the "Marrying Squire" from the fact that he has married more couples than any other official in Indiana. Judge Law wrote a letter in 1906, recommending Doan's Kidney Pills, which he said had made a bad back well, enabled him to sleep better nights and feel more fit for work. The treatment also cleared up the urine. On January 5, 1909, Judge Law confirmed his previous testimony. "I have recommended this remedy to many people since I first used it," said he.

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

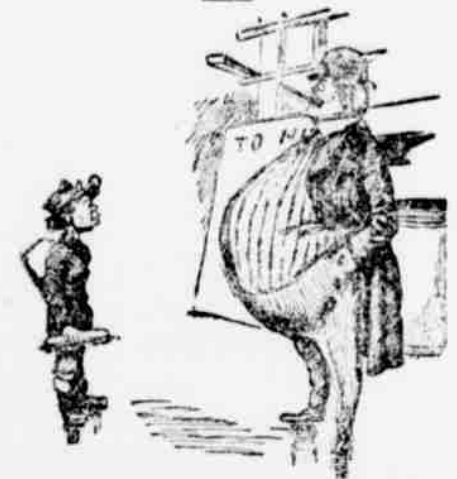
CLASS THAT HUBBY WAS IN.

Possibly Wife Did Not Mean It Just That Way, But There It Was.

A husband and wife ran a freak show in a certain provincial town, but unfortunately they quarreled, and the exhibits were equally divided between them. The wife decided to continue business as an exhibitor at the old address, but the husband went on tour. After some years' wandering the prodigal returned, and a reconciliation took place, as the result of which they became business partners once more. A few mornings afterward the people of the neighborhood were sent into fits of laughter on reading the following notice in the papers:

"By the return of my husband, my stock of freaks has been permanently increased."

ON FAITH.



Fat Man—Did you polish 'em up yet?
Boy—Yep, look for yourself.
Fat Man—I'll take your word for it.

Freddie's Impression.

This little boy attending Sunday school for the first time was greatly impressed by the teacher and the larger boys of the class. On returning home his mother questioned him in regard to what was said and what he must learn for his next lesson. The child in a frank way, replied: "Oh, mamma, it was all about God and love and a lady named Eve, and how she gave an apple to a man called Adam, who never gave her a bite." The mother, to lead him on, said: "Who was Eve?" "Why, mamma, she was Mrs. Eve Adam, a friend of God's, who kept house in a garden."

Argument That Won.

Susie had been promised a pair of new slippers for Sunday. Anxious to have them at once she had tried in every way to persuade her mother to buy them for her and let her wear them to a children's party that was to be given on Wednesday, but without success. Finally when both she and her mother had become tired of the tugging the little girl said: "Well, mamma, you needn't get them now; but maybe I'll be dead by Sunday and if I am you'll be sorry for disappointing me." Susie wore the slippers Wednesday.

NEW IDEA Helped Wis. Couple.

It doesn't pay to stick too closely to old notions of things. New ideas often lead to better health, success and happiness.

A Wis. couple examined an idea new to them and stepped up several rounds on the health ladder. The husband writes:

"Several years ago we suffered from coffee drinking, were sleepless, nervous, sallow, weak and irritable. My wife and I both loved coffee and thought it was a bracer" (delusion).

"Finally, after years of suffering, we read of Postum and the harmfulness of coffee, and believing that to grow we should give some attention to new ideas, we decided to test Postum."

"When we made it right we liked it and were relieved of ills caused by coffee. Our friends noticed the change—fresher skin, steadier nerves, better temper, etc."

"These changes were not sudden, but relief increased as we continued to drink and enjoy Postum, and we lost the desire for coffee."

"Many of our friends did not like Postum at first, because they did not make it right. But when they boiled Postum according to directions on pkg., until it was dark and rich, they liked it better than coffee and were benefited by the change." "There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville" in pkg.

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

THE STATE LEGISLATURE

ROBERTSON INSURANCE BILL, MOST IMPORTANT OF SESSION, PASSES.

LAWMAKERS VISIT DALLAS

Matter of Establishing Home for Lepers in Texas is Also Considered.

Austin: Probably the most important piece of work done by the Thirty-First legislature was consummated Thursday when it passed upon second reading and finally the new Robertson insurance investment bill, under the terms of which, if it becomes a law, both sides believe many of the big insurance companies which left Texas will return and that many millions of dollars will be invested in this state. The most important change from the existing law was made Thursday, when the house adopted Mr. Wortham's amendment, as agreed upon between himself and Judge Robertson, providing for a graduated tax upon the gross premium receipts of life insurance companies.

Concerning the proposition that the use of the pari-mutuel machine be permitted in counties whose people shall at an election authorize the same, it was stated at a meeting of senate judiciary committee No. 2 Thursday afternoon that the attorney general had given an informal opinion to the effect that the legislature might, while prohibiting bookmaking, declare the use of the pari-mutuel machine not to be gambling, which would permit of its use. It seems, however, that this opinion does not sustain the local option proposition, but if the idea should be enacted into law the machine could be used anywhere.

Regarding Topographical Survey. Representative Buchanan said Friday that advice had been received through a telegram that Arthur Stiles of the United States geological survey would leave Washington that day and reach Austin Saturday, for the purpose of explaining matters in connection with the proposed topographical survey of the watersheds of Texas streams, to be paid for jointly by the federal and Texas state governments, as a preliminary to the creation of works to prevent overflow.

Regulating Damage Suit Settlements.

The bill to prohibit railroads, interurbans and street car companies from settling claims for personal injuries within ninety days after injury is received, except in the presence of three disinterested witnesses, still is under consideration before senate judiciary committee No. 1. In the meantime it is being discussed quite a bit among members of the legislature, and the chances are that if it is reported by the committee efforts will be made to amend it in many important particulars.

Bills Signed By Governor.

Governor Campbell signed the following bills:
Levying an occupation tax of \$2,000 on dealers of nonintoxicating malt liquors.
Levying an occupation tax of \$4,000 on agents who sell intoxicants by soliciting orders in prohibition territory.
Establishing the court of criminal appeals at Austin.
The Bexar county road law.
Amending the charter of Denison, Fannin county district court law.

New House Bills.

Austin: In order to suitably reward nineteen men, most of them Confederate veterans, who on the night of June 11, 1865, rescued the treasury of the state of Texas from an organized band of thieves and plunderers, and thereby saved to the state government approximately \$300,000, Representative Porter introduced in the house Friday a joint resolution, providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment to authorize the remuneration. No specific reward is suggested in the resolution. This proposed constitutional amendment recalls a deed that for forty-four years has been scarcely thought of. The handful of treasury guards were unable to cope with the robbers alone, and called for voluntary assistance. Those responding were Confederate soldiers, who, together with the guards, succeeded in driving the attacking party away.

Other bills introduced in the house were as follows:

By Mr. Bowman: To protect stockmen against wolves and other wild animals.

By Mr. Ray: Prohibiting the giving of evidence in court which contradicts that given by witness before grand jury.

By Mr. Schofield: Authorizing secretary of state to require incorporators, directors and officers of corporations to furnish certain information.

By Mr. Schluter: Declaring that no property upon which a valid lien exists may be set aside to widow of children as homestead or exempt property or part of same until lien has been discharged.

By Mr. Roach: Amending the law as to appointment of election officers in minor particulars.

By Mr. Schofield: Adding to the purposes for which corporations may be formed.

By Mr. Jenkins: Making it an offense to keep liquor in storage for sale in local option territory.

IN THE SENATE

Lepers' Home in Texas.

Senator Masterson's bill establishing a home for the lepers of Texas was Thursday reported favorably by the senate committee on public health. This measure provides for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the establishment of such a home on 100 acres of land at least five miles from any town and one mile from any house. Not a dissenting voice was heard when the bill was brought up. Senator Kellie feared that the state would have trouble in getting superintendents for the leper home, and also announced that he would never consent to going on an investigation committee to such a home. Thus dreading the disease, the senators feel that it should be restrained and controlled in the best possible manner. The measure as it now stands will very probably not go before the senate or be passed upon by them. There are several defects in the measure, and they will be remedied by a substitute bill drawn by Senator Masterson and Senator Murray. In the substitute, the salary of the superintendent will probably be reduced from \$2,500 to \$3,000. The appropriation may also be cut down to \$30,000, and the sum of \$2,500 now appropriated to buy the land will be increased somewhat.

Thomas' Lobbying Charges.

The senate committee appointed to investigate the lobbying charges held no meeting Thursday. No reasons for the failure were assigned, nor is it disclosed whether or not specific charges have yet been filed.

Telegraph and Telephone Regulation.

Austin: Senate judiciary No. 2 Friday afternoon considered for a short time the bill by Senators Terrell of Bowie and Meachum, placing telephone and telegraph companies under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission and authorizing the commission to regulate them in every way, as to rates particularly.

Friday Was Fluid Day.

The house established a new record Friday. Instead of killing bills, it revived one and passed none. It was what might be termed a fluid day, for oratory flowed freely, and the subjects discussed were health and happiness, disease, medicine, drugs, soft drinks, their effects upon the human system, and navigation. Most of the talking was done by outsiders who had been invited to address the house.

New Senate Bills.

Austin: Bills were introduced in the senate Thursday as follows:
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 29,000 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.

By Mr. Hayter: Providing from two to five years' confinement in the penitentiary for giving false and contradictory evidence before the grand jury, and the same punishment for giving contradictory evidence in two different trials.

By Mr. Masterson, by request: Appropriating \$100,000 to reimburse Kate Chambers Sturgis and Stella J. McGreggor, children of Thomas J. Chambers, deceased, for 5,995 acres taken by the republic of Texas, act of Jan. 14, 1839, to be used as a site for the capital of Texas, now the city of Austin.

Bills introduced in the senate Friday:
By Mr. Kellie, by request: Incorporating and fostering a state correspondence school at Austin, known as the Cosmopolitan Correspondence college.

By Mr. Veale: Amending the local option statute, regulating the manner in which liquors may be sold under prescription.

By Mr. Veale: To validate surveys made in Swisher county which were surveyed by the county surveyor, to fix locations of certain boundary lines and blocks and to validate boundary lines as they now exist under such surveys.

By Mr. Peeler: Leasing to the Woman's Confederate home at Austin certain state properties in this city.

By Mr. Reinert: Appropriating \$5,000 to erect a monument on the square at Gonzales as the birth place of Texas independence.

By Mr. Meachum: Joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution prescribing an education test for voters, providing that they must be able to read intelligently a chapter from the United States constitution before being permitted to vote.

By Messrs. Senter and Hudspeth: An act defining and regulating fraternal beneficiary associations.

By Mr. Alexander: An act to obtain service from any foreign or non-resident corporation doing business in this state by making them subject to be sued in the proper courts of this state. The act applies directly to non-resident railway corporations.

By Mr. Peeler: Authorizing surety companies doing business in Texas to form an association for exchanging views relative to rates, etc., and be authorized to fix rates.

By Mr. Peeler: A measure regulating the practice of barbering and creating a board of barber examiners.

Greatest Sunrise of Ages

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



As the sun rises everything in the world adjusts itself to the great event. The birds of the day awake and begin to sing. The birds and beasts of the night hie away to their dens and hollow trees. Workmen rise from their sleep and start for their places of toil. Farmers hear their call and go about their work. Business men may sleep later, but the rising sun soon drives them to their banks, stores and factories. Moon and stars which have made the night glorious are now out of commission. Grass, flower, shrub and tree feel the touch of the warm rays and revive. Every sunrise is truly a great event in the history of the world, though our familiarity with it may cause us to overlook its importance. It regulates the movements of kings in their palaces, generals at the head of armies, parliaments and legislatures. "There is nothing hid from the heat thereof." Every kind of life, animate and inanimate, welcomes its genial warmth and rejoices in its quickening power.

The birth of Jesus was a sunrise upon the world and all worlds adjusted themselves to it. It is interesting to trace the rise of this Sun of righteousness in prophecy. The promise that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head is the first gleam of light in the east. The promise to Abraham that in his seed all the families of the earth should be blessed is a brightening of the eastern sky; and as we trace the Messianic idea through the Old Testament, the light grows brighter till in the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah we are in the morning twilight. John the Baptist, though a burning and shining light, is only the morning star proclaiming that the sunrise is near.

The birth of Jesus wakes up Herod, that wild beast of darkness, who represents the pagan world powers. Herod seeks to kill him, but his efforts are like shooting arrows at the rising sun. Children are slain and parents suffer, but the sun shines on. World powers down the ages have conspired to blot this sun out of the heavens. But these world powers have passed away like mist before the sun, which shines all the more brightly.

Learning and Wealth. The coming of the wise men from the east suggests the proper relation of learning and wealth to Christ. They have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him. Though bewildered on their arrival in Jerusalem, they persist in their search until they find the Child, before whom they bow with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. There is a yearning in the human heart which nothing but God can satisfy. Neither the study of the stars nor the speculations of philosophy will satisfy it. The knowledge of the greatest things God has made is no substitute for the knowledge of God. Indeed, every star would lead us back to its creator, and the more we know of the works of God the more we desire to know God, whose wisdom, power and love they display. Ignorance is not the mother of devotion, but of superstition.

All Should Lead to God. Every one who has tried to write poetry with God climinated has been a failure, and the explanation is easy. The true poet interprets things as they are, and any system of poetry or philosophy which ignores God is unnatural, shallow and artificial. Astronomy, botany, physiology, history, and philosophy join with religion in leading us to God; and when, like the wise orientals, we become earnest and persistent in our search for God, we will wind our way with them to the manger in Bethlehem and see there the mystery of the ages—God incarnate in a babe, born of a virgin mother, and our reason will join with our sense of soul need in prompting us to fall before him in worship, for it is reasonable that God, if he wishes to lift man from sin to purity, should become himself a pure man among men.

It was also fitting that these wise men should lay their wealth at the feet of Jesus. As God incarnate, he owns all we have by right of creation; he owns us by right of redemption. We are his stewards. We do business on his capital. The proper place for us and our possessions is at his feet.

These wise men brought frankincense and myrrh with their gold. Frankincense was an aromatic resin, which filled the air with its perfume and symbolized praise. Myrrh was a bitter substance, which is a good symbol of repentance. Gold is acceptable to Christ only when we bring it with repentance and praise.

The Real White Slave.

"The real white slave is the wife of the poor drunkard," declared Judge McKenzie Cleland before the Evanston Men's club in a recent address. "The blackest page in American history will be the page telling of our treatment of the drunkard, that unfortunate who is not a criminal, but whom we make one by locking him up. The criminal courts are at least 1,000 years behind the times."

GAVE HER DADDY AWAY.

Little One's Innocent Remark That Left the Deacon Gasping.

Every Sunday some one threw a button into the contribution box of the little church. The annoyed pastor confided to his wife that he suspected "the button thrower to be stingy old Deacon G., who had so strongly opposed his "call" to the pastorate, but that he dare not accuse him of it for lack of evidence.

At a church "sociable" that week some one suggested the playing of games. Deacon G. had just partaken of oyster soup at some one else's expense and felt warmed and expansive. "Why not play 'Button, button—who's got the button?" he inquired of waiting children.

"Oh, yes!" exclaimed his youngest daughter with enthusiasm. "And you lend us the button, papa!" Then she drew back, timorously. "Unless you want to save it for next Sunday's contribution," she added, considerately.

BURBANKED.



Cecilia City—What are you doing?
Cyrus Cornsoggie—I'm pruning this apple tree.

Cecilia City—What will science do next? Going to grow prunes on an apple tree!

Meant the Other Way.

Rear Admiral Sperry, commander-in-chief of the fleet returned from its triumphant sail around the world, sometimes has serious spells of absent mindedness. Several years ago he was talking with a group of fellow officers at the Naval War college at Newport, when one of them remarked that he had been ordered for duty on the Albatross station.

"Are you going to take your wife with you?" Admiral Sperry inquired.

"No," the officer replied.

"I think you are making a serious mistake," the admiral continued in positive terms. "I was out there in 1876 when an epidemic of cholera broke out, and hundreds of people died."—Sunday Magazine.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any name of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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WALLING, KINMAN & MALVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Too Risky.

"Do you approve of the plan of teaching pupils to box?"

"Not unconditionally," replied the country pedagogue, remembering his husky 19-year-olds. "Might be all right, though, if you'd authorize the teachers to carry guns."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.



For Lame Back

An aching back is instantly relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. This liniment takes the place of massage and is better than sticky plasters. It penetrates—without rubbing—through the skin and muscular tissue right to the bone, quickens the blood, relieves congestion, and gives permanent as well as temporary relief.

Sloan's Liniment

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

Price 25c., 50c., and \$1.00. Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Boston, Mass., U. S. A. Sloan's book on horses, cattle, sheep and poultry sent free.

Sorry He Spoke. "My dear," said a thin little man to his wife, "this paper says that there is a woman who goes out and chops wood with her husband."

"Well, what of it? I think she could easily do it if he is as thin as you are. I have often thought of using you to peel potatoes with."—Stray Stories.

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

Even in fishing for husbands it is generally the big ones that get away.

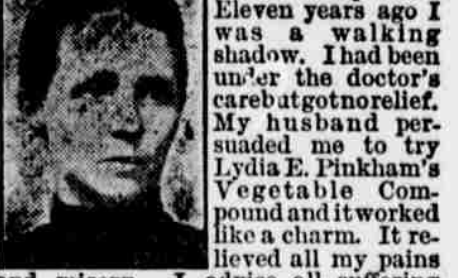
More enjoyment chewing than eating—if you chew WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT.

Tell a married man he doesn't look it and he will be terribly flattered.

OWES HER LIFE TO

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Vienna, W. Va.—"I feel that I owe the last ten years of my life to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Eleven years ago I was a walking shadow. I had been under the doctor's care but got no relief. My husband persuaded me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it worked like a charm. It relieved all my pains and misery. I advised all suffering women to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. EMMA WHEATON, Vienna, W. Va.



Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, contains no narcotics or harmful drugs, and to-day holds the record for the largest number of actual cures of female diseases of any similar medicine in the country, and thousands of voluntary testimonials are on file in the Pinkham laboratory at Lynn, Mass., from women who have been cured from almost every form of female complaints, inflammation, ulceration, displacements, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, indigestion and nervous prostration. Every such suffering woman owes it to herself to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial.

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WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT

THE FAVORITE

Farmers Educational —AND— Co-Operative Union Of America

If farmers knew when they were well off they would raise more turkeys; good turkeys, either the Bronze or the White Holland. The latter is not quite so large as the Bronze, but is a rapid grower. In any section of our farming community where the raising of turkeys once gets a foothold they do not let the industry lag, but on the contrary, it is ever on the increase. In many sections of our country they are raised by the hundreds for market and still the demand is so great that the price is higher than it was fifteen years ago. It is no hardship to raise \$200 worth of good turkeys on the average farm.

Farmers May Pool Crops.

Frankfort, Ky.—The Court of Appeals has decided that farmers can still pool their crops, but trust and combines can not unite to enhance the price of any article above its real value, nor depreciate the price below its real value. It was also decided that the anti-trust act of 1890 is not in conflict with the act of 1906, which empowered the farmers to pool their crops to obtain better prices.

Judge O'Rear delivered the opinion and Judges Barker, Lassing and Hobson dissented. The case was the Commonwealth against the International Harvester Company from Hardin county.

The Ideal Ear of Corn.

Authorities have decided that the best form for an ideal ear should be as near a cylinder as possible. It should be about ten inches long and about seven inches in circumference or at least this ratio should be maintained. The rows of grains should be as near parallel as possible and the grains should grow well over the tip and butt. The grains should be wedge shaped and their length should be at least twice their width. The cob should be small, from 84 to 90 per cent of an ear of corn should be grain. In yellow corn the cob should be red and in white corn it should be white. If one desires his corn to have a high protein content, the germ or heat should be large. If meal is to be made the white or starchy end should be large. The grains should be firm on the cob and the ear should be firm, solid and heavy. The grains of the "dent" varieties will be more or less wrinkled on the outer tip, otherwise the surface of the ear should be smooth and glossy. A dead color usually indicates low vitality.—S. W. Black.

Birds Save the Forests.

Those who are trying to stop the ruthless destruction of birds should be strongly seconded by foresters. According to a recent government report insects cause an annual loss to trees of the country of over \$100,000,000. This would be many times greater if it were not for the birds which seek and destroy them. There are 400 species of insects which prey upon the oak. The willow has 186 species which threaten its destruction, the pine 165, the hickory 170, the birch 108, and the elm 80. The careful analysis of the stomachs of woodpeckers, titmice, kinglets, wrens, flycatchers, swallows and others show that these birds are busily engaged in consuming numbers of these very insects. Many birds are fond of the destructive vegetable growths that are found upon trees. Mice and other small animals that gnaw the bark are eagerly watched and devoured by birds, by scattering seed, are active agents in reforestation.

Buying Cattle.

An experienced breeder gives this advice to the beginner in buying cattle: A lot of young feeding cattle are changing hands, and a few hints may be appreciated by those who are buying feeders for the first time. Buying locally is a good practice for the beginner. Then he can see the animal before buying and can examine the herd from which it comes. A little care in buying is generally just as important as the feed. As a rule, promising young cattle are retained at home, and the scrubs of the herd are sent to market. One is very likely to get the "three-year-old yearling" in almost any bunch, and often a good many such. We have sent off a few such cattle several months after buying and have found the weights no heavier and occasionally lighter. My advice to the cautious beginner is not to be rash or in a hurry. See the goods yourself. Be on watch for bargains the first time—that is, something good one at a price that makes one comparatively safe.

Irish potatoes are mostly starch and should not be used as an exclusive food for chickens. Where one has an abundance of small unsalable potatoes they can be cooked in a large kettle until soft and the water poured off. To this add just enough wheat bran to thicken to a dry crumbly mash when stirred up. This, with the addition of a little salt, makes a splendid feed for a lot of hens or large young chicks. Turnips can be added, cooked and mixed in the same mash with good results.

Will Substitute Cotton for Jute.

Memphis, Tenn.—A movement on the part of the planters of the South towards making "King Cotton" the most used product in the world was discussed at a meeting of the presidents of the thirteen cotton states, held in this city. The meeting was called primarily for the purpose of appointing a committee to place the statistics of the union in the hands of its members. J. E. Montgomery, national vice president; G. L. Leo, Georgia; H. Q. Alexander, North Carolina, and J. A. Taylor will compose the committee, which will draw up the article for the use of the state presidents in gathering and disseminating reliable crop information.

D. J. Neill, state president of Texas; R. D. Bowman, chairman North-western district of Texas, and National Committeeman Loudermilk left Memphis for Washington, where the national committee will meet for the purpose of influencing legislation in behalf of the cotton growers of the South, especially in having cotton substituted for jute, which is now used for bagging, twine and other forms of outside wrapping.

The farmers argue that the use of cotton, which is a home product, would greatly aid in strengthening the financial condition of this country, while the use of jute, which is a foreign product, annually takes millions of dollars away from this country. Cotton, they claim, is far better, as cheap and will stand harder wear than the material which has been used for the past several years.

Letters written to statesmen have been answered with great encouragement. The union has secured the cooperation of President Roosevelt, President-elect Taft, Secretary of War Luke E. Wright and the commissary and quartermaster generals at Washington. The last two have already put their promises into actions, and have advertised that no bids for sacking, cording and other contracts of like nature, can be submitted unless the same be of cotton manufacture. The packing companies are in favor of the movement, and one has adopted cotton materials for bagging exclusively. The largest salt company in the world will in future put up their product in cotton sacks.

The Farmers' Union, it is understood from authentic sources, will endeavor to have this question taken up in all the government departments, and circulars have already been sent to the large packing and manufacturing houses all over the country. In order to make this plan a success, instructions will be sent out from national headquarters to the effect that every member of the union insist on having cotton materials, wherever the same could be used to advantage. In this manner they hope to create a demand which would soon lead to more acreage and better prices.

President Neill of Texas, through an error in the letter notifying him of the meeting in Memphis, arrived here a day late, but was greatly gratified with the work, and expressed himself as being well pleased with the reports submitted.

Dairying in the South.

Under a special appropriation by Congress a systematic effort, in cooperation with state authorities, has been to introduce dairying into the South where it has not existed before. It has been demonstrated beyond doubt that dairying can be carried on profitably in the South, and not only have Southern farmers been enthusiastically engaged in the work, but some of the states have made appropriations for its extension.

Supplementary to the inspection of creameries performed by state dairy officers, this department has initiated a system of market inspection of butter followed by reports back to the creameries in which it is made, the object being to provide the butter maker with information concerning defects. Through the efforts of the department there has been a general awakening on the part of creamery owners and managers to the immense loss annually sustained by reason of incompetent business management, and the publicity given to this work has caused three great dairy schools to offer this winter for the first time special courses in creamery management.

Twelve years in behalf of improved dairy conditions has caused, through private means, the organization of a national dairy show association, which holds an annual show at Chicago. It brings together everything in dairying from the breeding and feeding of dairy stock to the finished dairy products in the form of butter, cheese and milk. It is the center of a great annual gathering of dairymen in the broadest sense of that term and is becoming a great factor in dairy education and advancement.

Open sheds facing the south furnish the best roosting quarters for turkeys. You cannot raise turkeys successfully in confinement. They must have a wide range of field.

The farmer who looks after the little things on the farm is the man who does not let his profits get away from him. The little sources of income make up the living of the small farmer. There is no reason why the owner of twenty-five acres of good land with in reasonable distance of market, who will take advantage of the income to be derived from poultry, eggs, small fruits and a variety of crops, may not make as much clear money as the average 100-acre farmer. Many of them are doing it, too.

LIVE AND LEARN.



Farmer Meddergrass—Waal, by clover! I knew them Chinese lived on 't'other side o' th' airth but hang me if I knew they had a through route!

HAD AWFUL WEeping ECZEMA.

Face and Neck Were Raw—Terrible Itching, Inflammation and Soreness—All Treatments Failed.

Cuticura Proved a Great Success.

"Eczema began over the top of my ear. It cracked and then began to spread. I had three different doctors and tried several things, but they did me no good. At last one side of my face and my neck were raw. The water ran out of it so that I had to wear medicated cotton, and it was so inflamed and sore that I had to put a piece of cloth over my pillow to keep the water from it, and it would stain the cloth a sort of yellow. The eczema latched so that it seemed as though I could tear my face all to pieces. Then I began to use the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and it was not more than three months before it was all healed up. Miss Ann Pearsons, Northfield, Vt., Dec. 19, 1907."

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Down the Old Road.

The big autumn moon rolled up above the frosty pines. "You like to go out driving?" he said after a long silence.

"Yes," she answered, nestling closer to him.

"And you always like to go with a young man who knows how to handle the ribbons?"

"Well, er—sometimes I like to go with a young man who knows how to drop them."

And after that the old horse jugged along unguided.

A Billionaire's Motto.

"Forgive and forget is my motto," said Mr. Dustin Stax.

"But you don't forgive your business rivals."

"No. We expect the public to do the forgiving and we'll do the forgetting."

The Human Eye.

A marvelously constructed instrument, delicate in the extreme, responding to the slightest influence. What a crime against nature to drug the eye. Everyday eye troubles are speedily cured by applying externally Dr. Mitchell's pure, harmless, soothing Eye Salve. 25 cents. Ask the druggist.

Seems But Yesterday.

"I heard a girl say today that the Tribly craze was before her time. She was grown, too."

"What's the answer?"

"We are growing old, my boy. We are growing old."

Important to Mothers.

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

An Illusion.

Alonzo—Tell me, old man, isn't that fair creature over there beckoning to you?

Alphonzo—No—no—that's only a marcel wave.

Every Woman Will Be Interested.

If you have pain in the back, Urinary, Bladder or Kidney trouble, and want a certain, pleasant herb cure for woman's ills, try Mother Gray's AUSTRALIAN LEAF. It is a safe and never-failing regulator. At All Druggists or by mail 50 cts. Sample package FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

Deserves Censure.

A Boston woman is charged with throwing a pie in her husband's face. That's a fine way to waste pie!

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine.

Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Erects immediately, 10, 25 and 50¢ at Drug Stores.

Many a fellow who tells a girl he would lay down his life for her is afraid to take a chance by breaking the news to her father.

Red, Weak, Watery, Watery Eyes.

Relieved by Murine Eye Remedy. Compounded by Experience! Physicians. Murine Doesn't Smart! Soothes Eye Pain. Write Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago, for Illustrated Eye Book. At Druggists.

There is no earthly hope for a young man who sits around and waits for an engraved invitation to kiss a pretty girl.

If it's Your Eye Use Pettit's Eye Salve, for inflammation, styes, itching lids, eye aches, defects of vision and sensitivity to strong lights. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

Life does not make us, we make life.—Kavanagh.

LEWIS' "SINGLE BINDER."

A hand-made cigar fresh from the table, wrapped in foil, thus keeping fresh until smoked. A fresh cigar made of good tobacco is the ideal smoke. The old, well cured tobaccos used are so rich in quality that many who formerly smoked 10¢ cigars now smoke Lewis' Single Binder Straight 5¢. Lewis' Single Binder costs the dealer some more than other 5¢ cigars, but the higher price enables this factory to use extra quality tobacco. There are many imitations; don't be fooled. There is no substitute! Tell the dealer you want a Lewis "Single Binder."

Added a Saving Clause.

A good old deacon in Connecticut was very pious and very fond of clams. When once upon a time he attended a Rhode Island clam-bake he overtaxed his capacity and was sorely distressed. But his faith in prayer was unabated. Leaving the party and going down on his knees behind a tree, he was heard to supplicate: "Forgive me, O Lord, this great sin of gluttony. Restore my health, and I will never eat any more clams." Then after a judicious pause: "Very few, if any. Amen."

The Present Fashions.

Stella—Isn't it all you can do to dance in your new gown?

Belle—Yes, but it's too tight to sit down in.

Look at the Carfare You Save!

It's like visiting the country to chew delicious, fragrant, WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT.

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"He's as honest as the day is long." "Especially in the winter time."

Try the Natural laxative, Garfield Tea! It overcomes constipation and regulates liver and kidneys. Samples sent upon request. Garfield Tea Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Happiness is measured not by the enlargement of the possessions, but of the heart.—Ruskin.

Now—then—everybody! Chew WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT. It's fine for breath—finer for digestion.

A woman wouldn't mind being poor so much if all her acquaintances were just a little poorer.

For relieving Coughs, Asthma and Bronchitis. "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are effective. 25 cents a box. Samples free. John I. Brown & Son, Boston, Mass.

A man without thought for the future must soon have present sorrow.—Confucius.

ONCE there was a man who didn't like WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT. But not twice. He likes it now.

If thou speakest what thou wilt, thou shalt hear what thou wouldst not.—Bias.

PILES CURED IN 4 TO 11 DAYS. PAZO OINTMENT guaranteed to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles in 4 to 11 days or money refunded. 50¢.

It never did yet hurt to lay down likelihoods and forms of hope.—Shakespeare.

No mistake about it! Your breath is fresh and pure if you chew WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT.

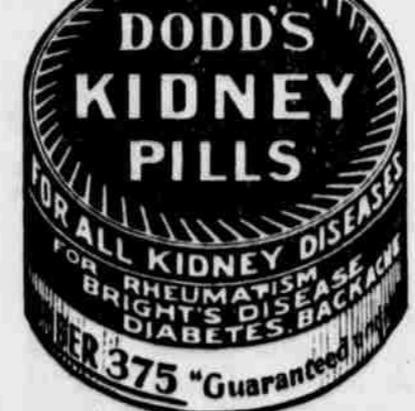
About the easiest thing in the world for some people to make is a break.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures wind colic. 25¢ a bottle.

Silence isn't always golden. Sometimes it is an admission of guilt.

If Your Feet Ache or Burn get a 25¢ package of Allen's Foot-Powder. It gives quick relief. Two million packages sold yearly.

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B.B.B. Cures Through the Blood

Kisses and Matrimony. The first stage of matrimony is when a woman kisses her husband to find out if he has been drinking. In the second stage if she does any kissing it is preliminary to asking him for money.—New York Telegram.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE." That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25¢.

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This famous medicine grows more popular every year, and when you have tried it, you will understand why its sales are constantly increasing.

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It Will Help You

Cardui is a good medicine—for women. It does the work. It is pleasant and harmless to take and seems to go to the sick spot and coax it back to health.

Headache, backache, sideache,—hundreds of other symptoms of female trouble—have all been driven away by the use of Cardui. Try it.

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drunkenness, Headache, Toothache, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

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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 how you have executed the same.

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

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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 2500 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 of 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 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,
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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

Plano Contest

Ayone 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 according 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.

We clip the following items from the Fort Worth Star:

San Antonio, Texas, March 3—J. C. Vinson of Haskell, Texas was found beside the Southern Pacific tracks this morning, his foot cut off and calmly smoking a cigarette. He fell under the wheels en route to Mexico to seek employment.

Rev. Vinson of this place left Wednesday night for San Antonio to attend his injured son. We regret very much to hear of the young mans misfortune.