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THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMELS BACK.

If you pile upon the Camel's back one straw at a time, you reach a point where one straw will prove too much. Certainly-- For there is a limit to all things. As applied to business there is a point where money ceases to have any value. An example of this may be had say in the purchase of a linen collar. The average costs 2 for 25 cents, but for 50 cents you can get better. If you laid down a two dollar bill and said, "Give me the best linen collar made," then the biggest part of the money would be absolutely valueless, for no collar made of linen could possibly cost so much. All of which shows that value has a limit. In our **BRANDEGEE, KINCAID & CO. CLOTHES** the limit of value has been reached. If you offered us a lot more money we could not possibly get better goods for you. As it is now, we supply the best dressed people with these clothes, which are made of the finest materials and by expert tailors. A good many clothes charge more, but every penny you pay over the price we ask is money expended without regard to corresponding values. — In **BRANDEGEE, KINCAID & CO. CLOTHES** you get the limit of value. We sell them—Come and see them.

F. G. ALEXANDER & SONS
THE BIG STORE

MEETING OF CAMP RAINS U. C. V.

Last Thursday morning the services at the Tabernacle was devoted to the old soldiers. Rev. Bass preached a splendid sermon, that was greatly enjoyed by all. After the services the old soldiers repaired to the Patterson Hotel where a splendid dinner was served.

The following were present and participated in a meeting held in the afternoon:

Name	Age	State
J. S. Post	71	Mississippi
G. J. Miller	70	Georgia
Isaac Howard	70	Arkansas
T. M. Harris		Texas
C. S. Barbee	69	N. Carolina
D. H. Hamilton	68	Texas
G. T. Glenn	66	Alabama
G. E. Ballew	68	Georgia
J. M. Parnell		Alabama
Jacob Hemphill	67	Texas
M. M. Roberts	86	Alabama
H. Patton	66	Tennessee
John Glenn		Texas
D. Mooneyham	74	Tennessee
S. L. Robertson	65	Alabama
W. J. Taff	70	Arkansas
C. J. Haley	66	Alabama
K. D. Webb	67	Arkansas
C. Stogner	68	Alabama
D. J. Mayfield	78	Georgia
N. H. C. Elliott	68	Tennessee
R. A. Lackey	71	Alabama
W. L. Qualls		Arkansas
P. G. Yoe	70	Texas Cav.
S. E. Kinnison	68	Texas
E. E. Craig		Alabama
J. F. Collier		Alabama

We regret to leave out the Company and Regiment of the old soldiers but didn't have the time to put them in.)

The following are the officers of Camp Raines:

- W. W. Fields, Captain.
- G. J. Miller, 1st. Lieutenant.
- S. E. Carothers, 2nd. Lieutenant.
- J. S. Post, Adjutant.
- C. J. Haley, Quartermaster.
- C. J. Haley, Chaplain.
- D. H. Hamilton, Treasure.

It was decided to hold memorial services and decorate graves on the 2nd. Sunday in October. Rev. O. W. Dean will deliver the memorial sermon. All the ministers are especially invited to assist in the service.

The camp will meet at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 1st. Saturday in October. The ladies are invited to be with us. The young people are especially requested to attend.

J. S. Post, Adjutant.

Attacks School Principal.

A severe attack on school principal, Chas. B. Allen, of Sylvania, Ga., is thus told by him. "For more than three years," he writes, "I suffered indescribable torture from rheumatism, liver and stomach trouble and diseased kidneys. All remedies failed till I used Electric Bitters, but four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me completely." Such results are common. Thousands bless them for curing stomach trouble, female complaints, kidney disorders, biliousness, and for new health and vigor. Try them. 50c at Corner Drug Store.

Mr. J. T. Hollys of Stephenville is visiting his relative, Mr. R. H. Davis of this city.

Kills A Murderer.

A merciless murderer is Appendicitis with many victims, but Dr. King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention. They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing Constipation, Headache, Biliousness, Chills, 25c at Corner Drug Store.

THE BIG MEETING

About 28 years ago, the first settlement of the white man was made in Haskell county. At that time, as the old settlers will remember, a small tribe of Indians, known as the Tonkawas still made the beautiful plains of Haskell county their hunting ground. Among the early pioneers, were men and women who saw the opportunity to make homes and lay the foundation of an ideal society. In this connection, we are impelled to mention some of the noble christian men and women, who, under the most trying conditions laid the foundation of our social stem. Among those whom we recall, are the Ballards who helped to organize the first Christian church, the Alexanders, who helped to organize the first Methodist church and our sainted mother, who helped to organize the first Baptist church. Do you know when I see a lot of modern society upstarts, who's stock in trade consist of many vices and a short period of temporary prosperity, trying to break down our noble christian ideals, it makes my blood boil with protest and resentment?

In those days there were other elements too, male and female who had sought the sparsely settled frontier, to live a wayward and lawless life. We have witnessed the men and women with noble christian ideals win in the struggle, and people they had a struggle too. You preachers and people who came here after the church and school houses were built and many of them paid for heave had a picnic. All you had to do was, crowd in to the schools churches and public offices and then write to your friends in Bell county telling them what a soft snap you had found.

We have seen Haskell develop spiritually morally and materially, and we have to day one of the finest civic structures, with a record of less vice and crime than almost any new community. We have often wished for the visit of some messenger from the older socially cultured and maturer east, who could portray to the young men and women of the west the beautiful ideals of life in the older communities. In Brother Bass we have the messenger. From the beginning of our social structure we have watched the influence of individuals as they came or went. We have seen human wrecks as they sported on the billows of vice, and seen them sink at last into its murky depths.

For the past two weeks we have had Brother J. M. Bass the evangelist and Brother Stapleton, both of Macon Georgia, with us in a cooperative meeting. These men have labored earnestly. Brother Bass has given his large audiences such reproof, with which the ancient prophets reproved their kings and people. He has in his series of sermons hit about every vice we have in Haskell. It seems to us he has forced every man and woman in his audience to stop and take stock of their lives. He held up to view the nakedness of sin in such vivid expose as to terrify some people and drive conviction to the heart. With withering rebuke and masterful logic, he crushed the false ideals some people would fasten on society. He has punctured the conceit and arrogance of craked brained vanity and pointed us to a simple christian life. He has taken the bible and applied its precepts and reproofs to men and women of today.

Through his preaching many truths, enunciated in the bible, have been applied to society of today. Rev. Bass displays a wonderful knowledge of humanity. He evinces the greatest faith in human love of justice and virtue. His theological conceptions are of the highest order. We believe he has done a great work here.

Have we reached an age of materialism? Has humanity changed, have we outgrown the passions and escaped the woes that have afflicted the race in all the ages past? Is this man's mission to us useless? If so, how soon shall we forget him, and his preaching. We must answer in the negative. Let us rather choose to give heed to that desire of the human heart that points to immortality.

A Fierce Night Alarm

is the hoarse, startling cough of a child, suddenly attacked by croup. Often it aroused Lewis Chamblin, of Manchester, O., [R. R. No. 2] for their four children were greatly subject to croup. "Sometimes in severe attacks," he wrote "we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup and for coughs, colds or throat or lung trouble." So do thousands of others. So may you. Asthma, Hay Fever, La Grippe, Whooping Cough, Hemorrhages fly before it. 50c and \$1.00. Trail bottle free. Sold by Corner Drug Store.

THE IRISH SONG THAT WON FIRST PRIZE

It has always been contended that the key to success in song writing is and always will be, originality. The public is always craving for something new—something away from the last popular thing—be it a play, novel, painting, melody or song.

It is an unusual thing to find a new song that is entirely original—especially if same is an Irish song. Jerome H. Remick & Co. have had a great demand for a new Irish song, and concluded to offer special inducements in the shape of a cash prize and extra large royalties to any team on their staff that would supply them with a new and original Irish song. The prize was awarded to Williams and Van Alstyne, two of the best writers in the country, and the song that won the prize is entitled "My Irish Girl." It has proved a gem in every particular.

Williams is an Irish-American while Van Alstyne is of Dutch parentage, but, as the famous John T. Kelly once remarked, "the Dutch and the Irish always go together, especially on St. Patrick's Day; and, indeed, you will always find the Dutch leading the parade, for where could ye get twenty Irishmen to play in one band and have any harmony?"

Be that as it may, these two clever song writers have turned out the best Irish song that has been published in years. The verses tell of a quarrel between the Irish lad and his colleen, and he plaintively says, "As frost nips the clover, love's dream is all over," leading up to the chorus, which contains a pathetic appeal to "come back." And the colleen does come back after she listens to the lad's request to—

Chorus
Come to me, my Irish girl.
You have set my heart a-whirl;

You to me will ever be precious pearl.

Tho' other girls may wear the clothes and look the part. It's me who knows, there never bloomed a fairer rose Than you, my Irish girl.

Pianos, Pianos, Pianos.

No use to take music lessons unless you have a piano to practice on. Nice assortment to select from, on one and two years time. 40 pianos among you, including the one in the Elks lodge. Some of them have been in use twelve years. We refer you to our old customers. 36tf Conley-Corbett Piano Co.

NEW SLEEPING CARS ON TEXAS CENTRAL.

New Modern Pulman Electric Lighted Sleeping Cars to be Operated on T.C.R.R.

Mr. H. B. Sperry, General Passenger Agent of the Texas Central R. R., announces his company will receive from the shops on or about September 18, 1911, new modern electric lighted latest pattern Pulman tourist sleeping cars which will be operated between Waco and Rotan on trains number three and four.

The new pattern electric lighted sleeping car is the best and most convenient accomodation yet devised for use of the traveling public and the Texas Central R.-R. people are to be commended for their thoughtfulness and enterprise in placing this service on their line.

This is merely another of the many innovations provided by the Texas Central R. R. in the interest of patrons.

Has Millions Of Friends.

How would you like to number your friends by millions as Bucklens Arnica Salve does? Its astounding cures in the past forty years made them. Its the best Salve in the world for sores, ulcers, eczema, burns, boils, scalds, cuts, corns, sore eyes, sprains, swellings, bruises, cold sores. Has no equal for piles. 25c at Corner Drug store.

Mesquite Hedges.

We have been advocating the planting of mesquite hedges around the farms. In many localities there is a good crop of the mesquite beans, and if the farmers would gather the seed and plant them along under the wire fences, in a few years the farms would be hedged with mesquite. The timber would furnish fuel and post.

MRS. GORDON MCGUIRE'S School of Music

(Piano, Vocal, Harmony and Musical History)

Will Open Monday, September 18th, 1911.

HOME STUDIO

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Advised September 11, 1911.

- 1 Arthur Bird.
 - 2 Bud Arnold.
 - 3 Lee Burnham.
 - 4 R. Y. Davis.
 - 5 E. R. Fletcher.
 - 6 I. M. Harris.
 - 7 W. E. McQueen.
 - 8 C. H. Redfield.
 - 9 W. F. Thornton.
 - 10 Mrs. Fannie Burrow.
 - 11 Mrs. J. M. Curren.
- Advised Sept. 18.
- 1 Doston Williams.
 - 2 Mr. J. R.

LOW RAILROAD RATES

For Dry Farming Congress at Abilene.

The railroads have made a round trip rate of one and one-third fares for the Dry Farming Congress at Abilene, as follows:

Texas & Pacific from Midland and Eastland and all intermediate stations. Tickets on sale Sept. 26 and 27, limited to Sept. 30.

Wichita Valley, from all stations, (including S. & N. W.) for all trains arriving at Abilene Sept. 27 and 28, return Sept. 29th.

Fort Worth & Denver, all stations from Amarillo to Henrietta. Same conditions as to sale and return as W. V. above.

Abilene & Southern, all stations, tickets to be sold 27th, limited to return 29th.

Gulf, Texas & Western, all stations Jacksboro to Seymour, connect W. V. Sale dated 26 and 27, limited to return Sept. 30th.

We have not heard definitely from the Frisco, the Orient and the Texas Central, but have no doubt that they will make the same rate. J. E. POOLE, Sec.

Digestion and Assimilation.

It is not the quality of food taken but the amount digested and assimilated that gives strength and vitality to the system. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach, liver and enable them to perform their functions naturally. For sale by West Side Pharmacy.

We have an other scholarship for the Tyler Business College.

...LENDING MONEY...

The average farmer who gets some money ahead and starts in to become a second Russell Sage by lending to his friends, usually accumulates a lot of expensive experience before anyone notices any resemblance between him and the late, but little lamented Russell. Lending money is a business. A well managed bank life the Farmers National Bank of this city, has sources of information and a degree of experience that enables it to lend money with practically no loss at all, but the individual who tries lending money finds that many people he supposed all right, are in reality heavily involved. The best plan for a man with a little money ahead is to put it in the Farmers National Bank, where it will be absolutely safe and where he can get it whenever he wants it.

The Farmers National Bank.

R. C. MONTGOMERY, Cashier.
The Farmers' Bank. Haskell, Texas.

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HISTORIC BUILDING IN DANGER.

It cannot be a pleasant thing to live next to a historic pile which threatens to tumble down. A few months ago there were fears that the wonderful leaning tower of Pisa was unsafe, but investigation resulted in reassurance. For some reason new apprehensions have arisen. The fact that Father Alfani, the world-renowned seismologist, has been engaged to look into the matter would indicate that what is dreaded is the effect of earth oscillations, which must be frequent in Italy, says the Milwaukee Wisconsin. But the pressure of the wind on the ancient edifice is the subject of scientific measurement, and Father Alfani has constructed an instrument by which the minutest influence can be ascertained. The Bank of England is a modern structure compared with Pisa's leaning tower, but the "Old Lady of Threadneedle street," as the bank is affectionately named by Londoners, was constructed upon wooden piles, and these have shrunk away, leaving a space of several inches between them. It was the rotting of the piling beneath it that caused the fall of the Campanile at Venice. The piles under the Bank of England are being removed and a six-foot raft of concrete is superceding them. The "Old Lady's" position was, no doubt, perilous, but it may be averred with no intention of slang that this ought to hold her for a while.

The Pribyloff islands, as wearers of sealskin will recall, are in Bering sea, well on the way to the Arctic circle. The Pribyloffs are remote and cold, but the scanty population has just shown itself gratifyingly human. These people have a new naval wireless station, thus enjoying close touch with the outside world for the first time. And what was the initial use to which they put this new apparatus? Did they want to know about the latest wrinkle in pelagic sealing? Did they ask for the particulars of the agreement just concluded between America, England, Russia and Japan for the better control of the fur trade? No; they wanted to hear about the baseball situation; what was the relative standing of the clubs in the National and American leagues? Thus does the national game spread to imperial dimensions. It follows the flag. Before such an interest one's mere scheme for getting a living goes by the board. The loyal fan ignores "shop"—save the shop of the diamond. The eager denizens of the Pribyloffs choked off impatiently all news of King George's coronation; they wanted "final results."

Texas has a new law which will stop elopements, as it requires the written consent of the parents of young men and women under the legal age to their marriage before a license can be obtained. Young and ardent lovers may lament over the hardships and tyranny of this law, but what is lost under it of present romantic bliss will be gained by future happiness, for the usual sequel to Gretchen Green is the divorce court.

A woman injured in a bargain-counter rush is not entitled to damages, according to a Minneapolis judge. A real bargain hunter scorns a trifling thing like a broken bone as long as she succeeds in getting the bargain.

A Chicago man is charged with having used a shotgun to stop a car. After a thorough study of the case we are led to believe that he really wanted the car to stop.

According to a German expert, American women do not know how to pose before a camera. Even at that they get some fine results.

Dr. Wiley tells us that smoking is on the decline, but he probably overlooks the fact that 26,455,584 corn cobs pipes were made in Missouri last year.

A minister in Philadelphia has been urging religion in the kitchen. But he apparently forgets that the kitchen is the place where dyspepsia comes from.

When one considers the records by motors on land and water and the aviation contests, the resolution of a young Gotham couple to make a walking tour is really remarkable.

A correspondent writes: "Many proprietors of restaurants fight hard every day in order to have all utensils clean." More power to their arms!

It can be said for man that in order to demonstrate a successful vacation he does not need to be sunburned over as much space as his sister.

Will the aviators please tell an anxious public if there is any hay fever at 7,000 feet?

SPAIN TREMBLES UNDER REVOLUTION

THE SITUATION MENACING AND MUCH COMPLICATED.

IT IS A NATIONAL CRISIS

Starting With Labor Trouble Government Is Threatened. Fatal Rioting and Royalists Feted.

Madrid, Spain, Sept. 20.—Spain is face to face with a crisis equal in gravity to that following the riots in Barcelona in 1909. The agitation and the power of the agitators on the masses have increased in proportion to the rigor of the repressive measures undertaken by the Government.

What, at its origin, was apparently purely a labor movement, has now developed into a revolutionary conflict, a commune having actually been proclaimed at two towns near Valencia. At these places the authorities were driven out of the districts.

The affiliated trades unions have decided to call a general strike throughout the length and breadth of Spain, and the Government, abandoning the tone of optimism heretofore maintained, has decided upon the drastic steps of "suspending the constitutional guarantees" throughout the country.

It was explained, that in so doing, the Government did not seek to persecute the trades unions, but it was made clear that any attempts to stir up a rebellion would be rigorously dealt with. All meetings have been forbidden. The military authorities, it is stated officially, will not assume control except in extreme cases.

King Alfonso has signed a decree suspending the constitutional guarantees throughout Spain and this is equivalent to declaring the country under martial law and will give the Government power to deal sharply with revolutionary agitation fermenting in many parts of Spain, especially in the cities and industrial districts where Republicans and revolutionary plans are furthered under cover of working men's strikes.

Strikes also have been declared at Bilbao, Saragossa, Cadix, Huelva, Seville, Gijon and other cities. In some of these places the movement has been but partially successful.

Premier Canalejas announces the Government has in its possession details of a revolutionary plot uncovered at Valencia and Barcelona. Part of this plot was to assassinate Gen. Weyler, Captain General of Catalonia. The Government claims to know the names of all the conspirators and the sources of their supplies.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAFFIC

St. Louis-New Orleans Boat Meets Obstacles Along Route.

New Orleans: Loaded to the guards and lying low in the water, the steamer Quincy, bringing 1,000 tons of miscellaneous freight and 75 passengers, arrived here Tuesday afternoon, the completion of her trip marking the resumption of the St. Louis-New Orleans river trade after an idleness of more than a dozen years.

The Quincy, which is the flagship of the Diamond Joe line, and considered one of the finest vessels on the Mississippi River, had a most successful trip. Her cargo loaded her to full capacity and passengers filled ever stateroom.

The big boat's progress down the stream was a continuous triumph. She was greeted with blasts of whistles, peals of bells and general glad acclaim at every settlement of importance. At no place was there welcome more cordial and earnest than it was here.

Judge Ramsey for Governor.

Austin: Judge Ramsey, that his friends may know where to place him, has issued the following:

"I will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, but will be a candidate for the nomination of the office of Governor of this State, and my name will be submitted for that office in the Democratic primaries next July. I will within the next few weeks, outline my views on some of the important issues and questions now in the public mind, and in due season will inaugurate a campaign which should and I believe will be successful."

Hampton Martin, 19 years of age, killed himself Monday evening at the McGregor ranch, seven miles from Wichita Falls. A rifle was the weapon. Deceased bore an excellent reputation.

Jones County Establishes Farm. Haskell: The Commissioners' Court of Haskell County, acting on the petition of the County Farmers' Institute and other citizens, has appropriated \$400 to be employed in conducting the farm co-operative demonstration work in this county under direction of agents of the United States Department of Agriculture, the latter to contribute a like sum. A demonstrator is to be put in charge of the work Oct. 1, in time to line up the farmers who will operate demonstration plots and to direct fall preparation to the land.

BREAD RIOTS AWAKE VIENNA

Parliament Must Act Quickly or Populace Will Be Driven to Hunger's Desperation.

Vienna: Sunday Riots resulting from demonstrations against the high prices of food resulted in many being killed and wounded when troops fired into the mob. The rioters took refuge behind hastily erected barricades in the streets and from these exchanged shots with the troops.

Fifty thousand people were present at the demonstration and fiery speeches were made demanding that the Government permit the importation of foreign meat and take other measures to remedy the conditions which have resulted from the prohibitory increase in the past of the price of food.

After the meeting a large procession marched to the Parliament building, cheering for revolution and Portugal. Revolvers were fired in the air and then the mob began throwing stones. The windows of many public and private buildings, restaurants and tram cars and street lamps were smashed.

Finally a squadron of dragoons and a detachment of infantry charged the rioters and dispersed them. The mobs reassembled, however, in the suburbs.

At one point the mob erected barricades and hurled missiles of various kinds on the soldiers from the upper windows of houses.

When the situation was worst troops were ordered to fire. At the first volley many rioters fell, either killed or wounded. Several also were injured and 100 more of those engaged in the conflict were arrested.

Passing of Ex-Senator Carter.

Washington: Former United States Senator Thomas Henry Carter of Montana, for many years a notable and picturesque character in National politics and once chairman of the Republican National Committee, died at his home Sunday from infarction of the lungs. He was 67 years old. Mr. Carter had been under the care of a physician for months. He was able to go about, however, and his ailment did not become acute until about a week ago.

Killed Man but Didn't Get Money

Pittsburg, Pa.: While driving to the mines of the Superior Coal Company, near here, with the semi-monthly pay for the miners, David Steen was shot and killed by a highwayman. His father, Wm. J. Steen, who was in the buggy with him, caught the body of his son as he toppled. The money, \$3,400 was saved. Quadrata Orrihelli, an Italian, was arrested and with difficulty troopers of the State constabulary prevented the elder Steen from throttling him.

Angelo Wool Clip Arriving.

San Angelo: Last week witnessed the arrival of the first of the fall wool in San Angelo. Owing to the unsettled conditions of the tariff on wool the clip this fall will be heavier than usual, as the sheepmen desire to get returns under present conditions rather than await the result of tariff tampering at the next Congress. It is estimated that the clip this fall will be 1,600,000 pounds, making the total production of the San Angelo section for 1911 4,500,000 pounds.

Katy Loses Depot at Alvarado. Alvarado: The Katy depot here was entirely destroyed by fire at noon Friday. A lunchroom just across the street also burned. The depot is on the very edge of town, being nearly a mile from a fire hydrant.

Stabbed to Death in Dallas.

Dallas: Sam Seltzer, a tailor, attempted to induce a man who was passing his house using foul and profane language to desist. The man stopped in front of Seltzer's gate, when Seltzer went out to make him move on. The man plunged a knife into Seltzer's breast, killing him in a few minutes. The murderer made his escape in the darkness.

M. O. & G. Survey to Dallas.

Plano: J. C. Harlan, chief engineer of the Memphis, Oklahoma & Gulf Railway, and his camping outfit, have arrived here from Henryetta, Okla., and will move their camp near Wylie. They are running a preliminary survey between Denison and Dallas, with a view of building into Dallas in the near future.

Williamson Co. Farm Fetches \$43,437. Georgetown: Wm. Wells and E. A. Camp sold to J. A. Thompson of Taylor last week 339½ acres of farm land on the San Gabriel River, in Williamson County, for \$43,437.51 over \$1235 per acre.

The postmaster general estimates that the transmission of bulk magazine publications by fast freight instead of by mail cars in the old way will save the government \$2,000,000 a year. This plan went into operation September 1.

A burglar broke into Edloff's cigar store in Dallas some time Wednesday night and lifted 153 one-dollar bills, which were sewn on two flags used in a window display.

THE MAINE ELECTION IS STILL UNCERTAIN

ANTI-PROHIBITION NOW LEADS BY 25 VOTES.

STILL 20 DAYS FOR RETURNS

One of the Closest State Contests Ever Fought in this County. Result Still in Doubt.

Augusta, Maine, Sept. 19.—Complete official returns from the special election last Monday, when Maine voted on the question of repeal of the constitutional prohibitory amendment, as canvassed by the Governor and council showed a majority of 25 votes in favor of repeal.

Various discrepancies were found in the official returns as compared with the tabulations compiled by the Secretary of State's office. The latter indicated a majority for repeal of 136.

Some doubt still remains as to the correctness of the returns and Gov. Plafsted announced that the City and Town Clerks would be given twenty days to check the results.

The total vote of the State as shown by the official figures tabulated is as follows: For repeal 60,487, against repeal 60,461; majority for repeal 26.

LOCAL OFFICIALS INDICTED

Grayson County Believes Laws Made for All Alike.

Sherman: J. Q. Adamson former county judge of Grayson County, was arrested here on two indictments returned Saturday night. One charges extortion by writing "not guilty" on his docket when the entry should have been "dismissed." The "not guilty" entry is alleged to have given Mr. Adamson power to collect fees. The other indictment charged a misdemeanor in application for a fee alleged to be unlawful, and not yet paid to the applicant.

J. S. Kone, a Denison attorney, was indicted, charged with extortion while acting as special judge in several Denison cases under appointment of the governor. O. S. Cartwright, a former mayor of Whitesboro, was indicted charged with embezzling city funds.

RUSSIA'S PREMIER DEAD.

Peter Stolypin After Heroic Struggle Succumbs to Wounds.

Kiev: The Russian Premier, Peter A. Stolypin, died Monday night from bullet wounds received at the hands of an assassin during a gala performance at the Municipal Theater Thursday evening. The official time of his death was announced as 10:12 p. m. (3:12 p. m. New York.)

Almost until the last the Premier was conscious and for half an hour during the early part of the evening his wife alone was at his bedside.

Toward the end Stolypin suffered greatly. He groaned incessantly and threw himself about on the couch on which he lay. Finally the heart action became weaker and as the body grew cold the Premier realized death was overtaking him.

Half an hour before his death Stolypin asked the doctors to turn him on his side. He died surrounded by several of his relatives and State officials.

Man Killed When Auto Went Dead.

Beaumont: Andrew Bernard, aged twenty-two, son of a wealthy rice farmer, was killed by an eastbound train on the Southern Pacific at China, fifteen miles west of here, Monday morning. Bernard had started to cross the tracks in an automobile and the machine stopped on the tracks. His two little sisters, aged nine and thirteen, who were riding with him, jumped out of the machine and escaped, but he attempted to back the automobile off the tracks and was struck by the train, dying here at 10 o'clock, two hours after the accident.

Levee Contract in Dallas County.

Dallas: The Trinity Valley Produce Company let contracts for the building of seven miles of levee around a farm of 2,265 acres between Elm and West Forks of Trinity River, making the land safe against all floods unless as bad as the one three years ago, which was the worst ever known on the Trinity. The work will cost about \$25,000. Formerly many crops have been ruined on the farm because of floods coming down either fork of the Trinity River. The levees will be of sufficient height and strength to guard against inundation of the land from any normal flood.

Lost a Mother, Found a Home.

Oklahoma City, Okla.: The conductor of a Rock Island train last night found a young baby boy wrapped in a bundle of baby clothes and lying in a seat as his train started out from Ringold. A young woman was seen to get aboard the train there having a small bundle, and although the woman cannot now be located, it is thought she left the baby. It had a good supply of malted milk when found. The baby was adopted by a man en route to Fort Worth, and it is believed it will be well cared for.

TAFT STANDS UP FOR DR. WILEY

The Turning Down of Wickersham's Recommendation Tacitly Means a Coming Shake-Up.

Beverly, Mass.: The mooted resignation of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry in the Department of Agriculture, and probably the best known food expert in the government service, will not be asked for by President Taft, despite recommendations that it be requested, made by the personnel board of the department and endorsed by Attorney General Wickersham.

The "condign punishment" for Dr. Wiley, which Mr. Wickersham held to be necessary, will not be meted out by the chief executive. The president's opinion, carrying no word of criticism for Dr. Wiley, was published here Friday. There was no indication in it that the president feels that he "turned down" Mr. Wickersham by not accepting his recommendations. He explains that the attorney general's findings in the case were made with less complete data than was before him when he took it up. In the opinion of the president admits what has been well known to many persons close to the administration—that there is trouble in the Department of Agriculture. Speaking of the Congressional inquiry into that department, unfinished at the last session, but to be taken up again next winter, Mr. Taft says:

"The broader issues raised by the investigation, which have much weightier relation than this one to the general efficiency of the department, may require much more radical action than the question I have considered and decided."

That this statement indicates a serious shake-up in the department next winter was freely predicted here.

A RACING AUTO KILLS NINE

Lee Oldfield Car Flings a Tire Leaves Track and Plunges Trough Fence Into Mass of People.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 18.—Nine people were killed and fourteen injured, some of them seriously, as the result of an accident during the closing miles of a fifty-mile automobile race at the State Fair track Saturday afternoon, when a Knox racing car driven by Lee Oldfield leaped from the track, crashed through the fences surrounding it and plunged into the throngs that lined the other side of the speedway.

The accident occurred in the forty-third mile. De Palma was leading by a lap with Oldfield trailing him as they entered the first quarter of that mile. The car, traveling at seventy-five miles an hour, were running side by side as they swung around the turn after passing the grand stand. As they took the turn there was a report. The car driven by Oldfield leaped in the air. Then it swerved to the outer side and crashed through the fence.

Oldfield, the driver, who is in a city hospital, though not seriously hurt, is being guarded by officers, and as soon as he recovers, it is said, he will be arrested.

REBELS SACK VILLAGES.

Unrest Still Keeps Things Going in the Cactus Land.

City of Mexico: Juan Andres Almazan, a former revolutionary officer, has joined his forces to those of Emiliano Zapata, the combined column of rebels marching toward Acatlan, in the State of Puebla. The united movement began at Huamuxtitlan, and two villages were sacked by the marauding army. Reports from Puebla are that a number of Spanish merchants of Acatlan and nearby places have fled to that city for protection after having hidden the greater part of their merchandise in houses of friends.

Harootian, an Armenian, who was one of Almazan's officers, has been captured and is being brought to the capital for trial.

Almazan is but 21 years old. His defection is ascribed to resentment against Madero because he was not made provisional Governor of either Guerrero or the State of Puebla.

SAFE BLOWERS GET \$315,000

Branch of a Montreal Bank is Blown for Big Money.

New Westminster, B. C.: Three robbers took \$315,000 early Friday from the Bank of Montreal's local branch, and thereby perpetrated the largest "successful" safe blowing record in America. Bank officials assert all bills taken by the bandits were new and mostly of large denomination and that their so-called numbers are recorded at the bank. The gold can not be traced so directly.

Besides timing the robbery to match the vacation of the night watchman, it developed that the trio selected a time when the bank's cash supply was far above normal for the financing of the salmon shipments of the canning season now closing.

Bunch of Negroes Escape Dallas Jail.

Dallas: Five negroes escaped from the county jail at 5:55 o'clock Friday evening through the back door on the ground floor. It is not known whether they found the back door unlocked, or succeeded in prizing it open. Friday is clean-up day at the jail, and it is stated that these men, and others, were engaged in sweeping and scrubbing about the place. The men were not missed until a negro prisoner, about 6 o'clock, reported their escape.

TAFT TAKES TRIP WORKS WAY WEST

CUTS POLITICS AND WILL TELL OF PEACE AND PLENTY.

STARTS ON 54TH BIRTHDAY

Defies Friday Superstition as He Does Many Other Old-Time Ideas, Customs and Practices.

Beverly, Mass.: President William Taft started Friday on his second "swing around the circle." In the opinion of many of his friends, the trip promises to be one of the most important ever undertaken by a Chief Executive. He has said he will indulge in but little political discussion, but it is admitted that opportunity for such discussion will not be merely offered, but probably will be thrust upon him. That he would accept the gauge of battle if some "heckler" in his audiences threw it on the platform is hardly doubted. That the President's political fortunes may depend to some extent on his journey is agreed by many men close to the administration.

Two years ago the President started from Beverly on his first cross-continent trip. He had been six months in office and the Payne-Adrich tariff law had been five weeks on the statute books. On that trip he delivered his famous address at Winona, Minn., a defense of that law on which most of the criticism of the administration's tariff policy has been based. On the list for the present journey the President has set down "The Tariff" and "The Tariff Board" as two subjects for set addresses.

POSTAL BANKS IN TEXAS.

Eighty-Two, Now in Operation Prove to Be Popular.

Washington: Eighty-two postal savings banks will be in operation in Texas by Sept. 23. Of this number, six, Dallas, Houston, El Paso, Austin and Sherman, are connected with postoffices of the first class. Two more, one at Waco and the other at Beaumont, will go into operation Oct. 8.

Texas has eleven postoffices of the first class, and eight of these are to have postal savings banks; seventy-nine offices of the second class, of which seventy-six are to have such banks. There are 287 third-class postoffices in the State, practically all of which are to have the postal bank feature before the close of the year.

American Wealth—Degeneracy.

San Francisco, Cal.: One hundred thousand dollars' worth of dogs—100 animals in all—in the custody of their mistresses, attended a canine funeral Wednesday that was marked by all pomp generally displayed in honor of an eminent human. The occasion was the funeral of Miss Jennie Crocker's prize-winning Boston terrier, Wonderland Duchess and Dick Dazler. The funeral cortege wended its way from the Crocker kennels to a little dog cemetery, where the two terriers were laid away in coffins of concrete fashioned on the Egyptian style.

Texas-Louisiana Rice Day.

Houston: September 30th has been designated as the date to do homage to the queen of cereals, rice. On that day every large hotel in the country and every dining car and railway eating station will serve rice in various ways, free to its patrons. Every family in Texas and Louisiana should serve rice as a staple food on this occasion and every family in other sections is urged to do the same.

Dallas Court Bill Signed.

Austin: The Governor Thursday signed the bill creating another criminal district court for Dallas County and appointed Phil Barry Miller to the Judgeship. The place had previously been offered to Mr. Miller, but it was declined. It is thought that he may now accept it. He is a well-known Dallas attorney and served in the Texas Senate.

ing with the mining law in every respect.

Family Can Pick Cotton.

Campbell, Hunt County: Lee Manly, son of Tom Manly, a farmer two miles east of town, in one day picked 904 pounds of cotton. His brother Watson, 18 years old, picked 704 pounds in one day. Mrs. Lee Manly picked 450 pounds of cotton. The three picked over five acres of cotton to get this amount. Two years ago Lee Manly picked in one day 687 pounds.

Red River Long Staple Cotton.

Clarksville: The first bale of long staple cotton to sell for 20c per pound in the Clarksville market this season was sold Thursday by J. K. P. Jamison to W. R. Moore. The highest price paid during the season previous to this sale was 19 1/2c. Local receipts at noon were 794 bales. Cotton men generally estimate that 20,000 or more bales, one-third of which will be of long staple varieties, will be received here.

COTTON MUST SELL FOR 15C OR OVER

MONTGOMERY CONVENTION DISCUSSES HOLDING PLAN.

MEET NEXT YEAR IN ATLANTA

Estimates Crop at 12,500,000 Bales Official Denies Union Statements.

Montgomery, Ala.: Over five hundred cotton growers, and as many bankers, Congressmen, United States Senators and business men, representing every cotton growing State in America, declared in convention that the farmer's cotton is worth 15c a pound and resolved that the farmer should hold his cotton for that price. The resolution followed a committee report that the crop in America would not exceed 12,500,000 bales.

Looking forward to plans for financing the crop for this year, a resolution was adopted that the farmer should deposit his cotton in a warehouse and use his receipt as collateral until he could sell his cotton at a fair price, not less than 15c. There was also a resolution that the several State Legislatures provide for a system of bonded warehouses.

Declaring that organization among the farmers and co-operation among them with the bankers and financiers was the solution of the problem, the convention resolved itself into a permanent organization, to be known as the Southern Cotton Congress, and adjourned to meet in Atlanta at the call of the president, E. J. Watson, Commissioner of Agriculture of South Carolina.

The meeting in Montgomery will be followed by a similar convention in every Southern State, to be called by the Commissioner of Agriculture in each State. By these conventions the action of the congress will be ratified and reinforced by further steps to secure a better price for cotton for this season first and then for years to come.

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PUT GOVERNOR ON GRIDIRON

Votes May Have to Run Gauntlet of Courts.

Austin: It is reported here that the old board of codifiers will insist that the Governor's veto of the act of the regular session of the Legislature appropriating \$25,000 for the annotation and indexing of the Revised Civil Code, etc. It is said that a firm of San Antonio lawyers have been engaged to bring the proceedings in the Supreme Court against the Secretary of State to compel him to publish as a law and not treat it as vetoed. The point will be that the Governor failed to veto the bill within the time allowed by the Constitution—twenty days. The Governor vetoed it after twenty consecutive days had passed, but before twenty days excluding Sundays. The Executive contends that he had twenty days exclusive of Sundays and the codifiers will insist that the Constitution includes Sundays, therefore the bill became a law without the Governor's signature.

The same point is involved in the Governor's veto of the eight-hour law.

TARRANT'S DEVELOPMENT.

Proposed Bond Issue of \$1,600,000 for Roads and Bridges.

Fort Worth: Citizens of Fort Worth, Arlington and other towns of Tarrant County have launched the movement for a bridge and road bond issue of \$600,000 and \$1,000,000, aggregating \$1,600,000, which will insure bridges of the best quality and boulevards or pikes throughout every section of the county.

Petitions for the election have already been signed and will be presented to the Commissioners next week. The election will be held about a month later.

The bond issues will be separate, as that for road bonds requires a two-thirds vote to carry, while that for bridges requires only a majority. The elections will, however, be held on the same day for both issues and both will receive equal advocacy from the same citizens.

McKinney Cotton Mill on Full Time. McKinney: The McKinney cotton mill is running on full time, employing one hundred and twenty-five hands. The pay roll is about \$500 per month. This mill has lately secured the contract to furnish all State institutions with denim and chevrons. It is the only mill west of the Mississippi that manufactures colored cloths.

State Senator Tom Perkins of Collier County is an announced candidate for Congress to succeed Congressman C. B. Randall.

Friends of Will H. Hayes, editor of the Brownwood Bulletin, have been urging him to enter the race for Lieutenant Governor, believing his favorable acquaintance throughout the State will insure his nomination.

A postal savings bank will be opened in Fort Worth October 14, according to statement of the postmaster.

NAVARRO COUNTY VOTES DRY

City of Corsicana Gives An Anti Majority of Only 21.

Corsicana: Complete unofficial returns in the election Saturday gave the anti twenty-one majority in town.

With three small boxes to hear from the pros have a majority of 504 in the county. The three boxes not reporting have a combined vote not exceeding 200 and can not change the result.

Throughout the day interested pros and anti visited the polls, particularly where the negro vote is heaviest, in order to satisfy themselves that every legal voter was privileged to vote listed on that score. While interest has been high a close observation has it appears that both sides are satisfied, the day passed without disturbance.

FRISCO FEELS GROWTH

Orders 2500 New Refrigerator Cars for Sawdust.

New Orleans, La.: One of the results of the meeting of the directors of the New Orleans, Texas & Mexico railroad here was the approval of a contract for the immediate building of 2500 refrigerator cars for use on the different line of the Frisco system. The first deliveries are expected in six ty days.

The cars are to be used to take care of the immense business in perishable goods, which the Frisco hopes to build up in Louisiana and Texas and the order for the very large consignment was planned when it was known that the arrangements with the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain, for the Frisco's use of the Iron Mountain tracks on the west bank of the Mississippi from Baton Rouge to a point in Arkansas, opposite Memphis, by which arrangement a new short line service from New Orleans to St. Louis would be affected.

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Drainage and Levee Surveys.

Austin: State Levee and Drainage Commissioner Stiles has just received from Washington the new reclamation maps of portions of the overflowed valleys of the Brazos, Trinity and Little Rivers, which have been made jointly by the Federal Government and the State Levee and Drainage Board. The total overflowed area of these sheets is about 125,000 acres of which 80 per cent will be reclaimed and permanently protected from overflows. The next surveys will probably be made along the Trinity in the Arlington and Dallas sections and as far below Dallas as possible. Requests for surveys in other districts over the State will be considered from time to time.

Third Transcontinental Flyer

New York: C. P. Rodgers, third aviator to start on the transcontinental flight for the Hearst prize, rose from the race track at Sheephead Bay Sunday afternoon, swept in a wide circle over the grounds and then headed northwest until his white-winged flyer merged into a bank of clouds over the Jersey meadows and disappeared.

He drove a Wright biplane and carried a message from Mayor Gaynor to the Mayor of San Francisco and from the commanders of the Eastern divisions of the army and navy to the commanders on the Pacific Coast. Before his start his machine was christened by Miss Amelia Swift of Memphis, Tenn.

Bailey "Closes the Event."

Washington: Senator Bailey arrived in Washington Sunday. He was sought out by several newspaper men, but declined to discuss his retirement from the senatorial race in Texas. To a reporter for a local paper he said: "I will not talk about my withdrawal either now or at any time. I have said all that I have to say, and that amounted to about four lines in a newspaper column. I shall practice law. That is about all."

Texas City Adopts Commission.

Galveston: The heaviest vote in the history of the support was cast on Saturday, when Texas City voted on the proposition to establish the commission form of government. The commission form of government was adopted and the following officers elected: Mayor, W. T. Tarpey; Commissioners, H. N. Coats and S. B. Davidson.

Dividend by Waxahachie Mill.

Waxahachie: At a meeting of the directors of the Waxahachie cotton mill an annual dividend of 10 per cent was ordered paid. The payment of this apportionment required the distribution of \$10,000. In addition to this, \$9,500 was added to the surplus fund. All the old directors and officers were re-elected.

Ft. Worth-Cleburne Grading Contract.

Fort Worth: The Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation has awarded the contract for the grading of the line of interurban between Fort Worth and Cleburne to the Texas Building Company. The work must begin within ten days from the signing of the contract and is to be completed within ninety days from the time of beginning. A penalty is fixed for failure to complete the work within a contract time.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Make the farm worth while. Co-operation is the life of profit. The roll of fat on the show hog covers a multitude of defects. "Listen, I'm telling you!" shouts the fool. "Tell me and I'll listen," says the wise man.

The man who really loves his wife does not forget at 75 how beautiful she was at 20.

It is all right to ask the Lord to air us in our work but all the same, he expects us to do our level best.

How we admire the man who never talks about anybody or anything except himself and his own doings!

The brain-using business man is the profit maker; since farming is a business, the more brains the more profit.

Some women are so unreasonable as to expect a man to stop pitching horse shoes just to saw wood for the kitchen stove.

There was never a woman whose heart has not been touched with jealousy. If there was no jealousy there would be no love in the world.

Farm machinery comes pretty high, we sometimes think, but there is one thing in its favor, it is not eating three meals a day when it is not working.

It's a losing game to buy staple supplies in little dribs. The reason so many city people are poor is because they buy groceries and coal in five and ten cent lots.

A harsh word spoken to the wife or children or a simple act of injustice is often the germ which grows into a monster which strangles affection and starves our hungry hearts.

If your neighbor comes along and offers to let you in on a ground floor gold mine or any other sure thing proposition "just because you are a good fellow," ask time to think it over and then refuse.

Swamps on the farm are like dark spots on the human character. They are neglected and misunderstood and may be redeemed to usefulness and beauty by proper cultivation.

POTATO GROWERS OF MAINE

Form Organization for Handling Crop and Putting it on Markets to Best Advantage.

I have several times mentioned the fact that the Aroostook potato growers of Maine were attempting to form an association to aid them in growing and handling their potatoes and in placing them upon the markets more advantageously. This association has now been formed with its plans definitely outlined, and is now ready for business, says a writer in the New England Homestead. Through its methods, the consumer may profit, as well as the grower.

This association is the result of the united efforts of the two Pomona granges in the county, through a joint committee which began its work early in April. The objects of the association are to adopt a more careful system of handling and grading, harvesting and shipping; to acquire new and better markets by having agents in different consuming, or shipping centers, so as to keep posted on conditions and requirements; to devise better and more economic methods of marketing, thus making a saving to the producer without increasing the cost to the consumer. There are several other lines of business the association expects to take up later, but there is a feeling among the promoters, that it is best to make haste slowly along these lines.

The association is capitalized for \$100,000, divided into 20,000 shares of five dollars each. As it is a grange movement the stock is to be sold only to members of the order, or to such granges as may elect to become stockholders. The plan is to establish a shipping station at every place in the county where 60 shares of stock are held, with not less than 20 members. At smaller stations and at sidings, shipments will be made through the general management.

All shipments are to be inspected by competent inspectors employed by the association, and none will be allowed to leave the county that are not fully up to the guarantee. It is expected that the handling of seed stock may form quite a part of the business of the association and an attempt will be made to so conduct this branch of the work as to insure to each purchaser absolute certainty that he receives the variety he desired and that the stock is good of the variety. In other words the association will "state what it sells and sell what it states." L. E. Little of Caribou is president and Guy Porter of Houlton is secretary of the association.

Select Good Seeds.

No work on the farm will pay as well for the time and expense as seed selection. A few days devoted to the selection of the best bolls from the best stalks of cotton and to the selection of the best ears of corn from the best all-round stalks of corn will very materially increase the yield of cotton and corn.

FIGHT TO MAINTAIN COTTON

President Barrett Makes First Official Expression on Attitude to Keep Staple on Proper Level.

National President Barrett of the Farmers' union, recently made his first official expression regarding the attitude of that big organization in the battle that is coming this fall to maintain the price of cotton at a proper level.

"The Farmers' union," says President Barrett, "issues an invitation to the entire south to co-operate with it in saving to this section many million dollars on the cotton crop of 1911-12. It is for the merchant, the business man, the banker, the smallest citizen, no less than the farmer, to figure the difference between eight or nine cent cotton and thirteen or fourteen cent cotton. The fight we are going to win is not alone in behalf of the farmer. It is waged in the interest of the southern business world as a whole. To that degree, it is not only the duty, but the individual profit, of every element in the southern states to join hands with the Farmers' union, to the end that the powerful machinery of this organization may be brought to bear with complete success upon the present situation.

"To the farmer, whether or not a member of the Farmers' union, my imperative advice is 'Hold your cotton!' It is worth infinitely more than the price now quoted. You should first go to your local banker, if you are in debt, and borrow sufficient money, with cotton as collateral, to enable you to hold. Your own banker knows you best, and it is to his interest to aid you in the fight. Should he fail you—and I don't think he will—you can depend upon us for assistance.

"The Farmers' union does not intend that a clique of bear gamblers or domestic and foreign speculators shall combine to dictate the price of our product, or to rob the section of a tremendous sum of money. It is for the south we are working. Now is the time for every southerner to prove his business insight, and it is not the time for hypocritical pretensions. It is a cold matter of dollars and cents. If the farmer suffers, the business man, every business interest, suffers along with him.

"It is no longer possible to produce cotton for eight or nine cents at a profit. If we would return to the old prices for mules, supplies, farm machinery, land itself, the proposition would be feasible. But as we cannot, the farmer must insist upon the price of his product being maintained upon a level with that of every other product.

"The south ought to be abundantly able to finance and hold its own principal product. The accomplishment should be a matter of pride, as well as of common sense. Practical men realize that the cotton crop of the opening season will not be nearly so large as it has been reported. We, who have investigated, know that there will be a demand at a fair price, for every pound of the staple produced. The main thing is for the farmer, large of small, organized and unorganized, to get together and resolve that he will not be cheated out of the result of his toil.

"Every solitary southerner is interested in the same result. And to each one, in whatever calling, I extend a cordial invitation to work with us for his own monetary interest, no less than that of the farmer. As for the latter—another season or two of fair prices mean absolute emancipation from debt. That thought could be sufficient to nerve him for the battle—especially when he is assured assistance in its winning."

"Capt. Reuben F. Kolb, commissioner of Agriculture of Alabama, has called a meeting of the commissioners of Agriculture of the southern states, and of all interested parties, barring none, to devise means for maintaining the price of cotton. This conference will follow the Farmers' union convention, to be held at Shawnee, Okla., September 5, and the convention will be liberally, if not as a body, represented at the conference. I urge all southerners who realize the importance of the occasion to meet with the commissioners and with members of the Farmers' union in this conference. Let all come, not to discuss the farmers' 'greatness,' which may be taken for granted, nor any other subject, but the securing of a proper price for cotton. That is a big enough job for a gathering composed of the south's best brains, and it should not be interfered with by 'hot air' or discussions admirable in their way but without any bearing on the paramount issue.

"Prompt action taken by this joint conference, following the policies outlined at the Farmers' union convention, will bring triumph in a campaign which no southerner, however humble, can afford in self-interest and patriotism, to ignore."

CHARLES S. BARRETT.

Texas Ranks First.

Judging by the value of agricultural products, Texas ranks first of all the states. She has 10,000,000 acres in cotton and her farm crops aggregated in 1910 \$364,110,000. Till then Illinois held the leading place. The value of wealth produced on the farms of the United States in 1910 was \$8,926,000,000, an increase of \$104,000,000 over 1909.

Poor "Packing" Animals.

Nearly 50 per cent of the hogs received at the packing houses are graded as "packing." This means they are of the poor quality such as old sows and light hogs.

A TRAIN LOAD OF TOBACCO.

Twenty-four Carloads Purchased for Lewis' Single Binder Cigar Factory.

What is probably the biggest lot of all fancy grade tobacco held by any factory in the United States has just been purchased by Frank P. Lewis, of Peoria, for the manufacture of Lewis' Single Binder Cigars. The lot will make twenty-four carloads, and is selected from what is considered by experts to be the finest crop raised in many years. The purchase of tobacco is sufficient to last the factory more than two years. An extra price was paid for the selection. Smokers of Lewis' Single Binder Cigars will appreciate this tobacco.

—Peoria Star, January 16, 1909.

The Hero's Lament.

Achilles lamented his vulnerable heel. "It means my wife will always make me wipe my shoes off when I come in the house," he cried.

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An Unsleeping Youth.

"What business do you think your son will adopt?" "Can't say," replied Farmer Corn-tassel, "but judging by the hours Josh keeps, I should say he was naturally cut out to be a milkman."

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COLT DISTEMPER

Colt distemper is a disease which attacks the lungs and throat of horses, and is caused by a germ which is found in the air. It is most common in the winter months, and is especially dangerous to young colts. The symptoms are coughing, sneezing, and difficulty in breathing. The disease can be prevented by keeping the horse in a well-ventilated stable, and by giving him a course of medicine when he is first attacked.

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Local notes, 5c per line.
Locals in black face type
10 cents per line
Obituaries and Cards of Thanks
5 cents per line
Special rates for page ads.
Special rates on legal advertiser's.

R. R. Time Schedule
EAST BOUND
No. 2 Due at 7:50 a. m.
No. 6 Due at 10:00 p. m.
WEST BOUND
No. 1 Due at 6:50 p. m.
No. 5 Due at 5:17 a. m.

THE FARMS of the country are the source from which nine tenths of the wealth of the country comes. As the productive power of the farms is increased and the certainty of crop yields is enhanced just in that proportion not alone does the farmer prosper, but every other man and line of business. From this incontestable fact it is apparent that the business men of the country should attend such meetings as the Central West Texas Dry Farming Congress, to be held at Abilene, Sept. 27-28, get in touch with the movement and give it their aid and encouragement.

AN IMPORTANT FARMERS' MEETING

What Some Leaders in Texas Development Think of it.

Below we give extracts from letters written to the secretary of the Dry Farming Congress to be held at Abilene on Sept. 27 and 28. When well known and progressive men like these give unqualified endorsement to a movement intended to promote the prosperity and development of West Texas, it is certain that it possesses more than ordinary merit:

President Peter Radford, of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of Texas, says:

"I desire to see the farmers educated scientifically on every line wherein their interests lie, for it is by education and intelligent co-operation that I expect to see the farmers come into their own and, through them, every honest person receive his part for the service they render for the country's good. So I wish you much success in your undertaking."

We all know that Homer D. Wade has been a strong factor in development work for West Texas; he says:

"I will take pleasure in calling attention to this meeting, as I am sure its object is a matter of intense interest in the agricultural development of our country."

A man who has given much study to the problem of improving the farming methods of West Texas is Seth B. Holman, secretary Chamber of Commerce, Comanche, Texas, says: "I will most certainly be at the Dry Farming Congress at Abilene Sept. 27-28, if the Lord is willing, for if there is one particular thing I am interested in it is better farming. In fact most of my time is devoted to that subject. I will try to bring some of our representative farmers with me."

Still another such man is Judge Fred Cockroft of Abilene, who says:

"It is the best movement started in West Texas in twenty years."

Will L. Sargent, industrial agent of the T. & P. Ry. Co., saw the call for the meeting

published in the Dallas News and wrote:

"I desire to say to you that the Bureau which I represent, as well as the old reliable and never failing T. & P. Ry., will be glad to co-operate with you in making this meeting a great success."

"Personally, I feel that such meetings are absolutely in demand and essential to agricultural progress and that the people who are undertaking to farm must adopt some system along the line proposed by such a congress of practical farmers and scientific experts in agriculture. The sooner this stage of co-operation and progress is reached the greater and sooner will come the settlement and development of the great Middle West of Texas, bringing in its train prosperity, contentment and stability."

We desire to add our editorial endorsement to this movement, as it is one which appeals to reason and judgment, and we hope that many of both the farmers and business men of our country will go to Abilene and get in touch with it.

WANTED! WANTED!! WANTED!!!

We want to get all the Farms, Ranches and Residences which are for sale or exchange, on our list. Come and list your property with us as early as possible, as we are about ready to have our large booklet and new advertising material printed, which will be ready to distribute and send to our many co-operative agents in the Northern and Eastern states.

We are now better prepared to exchange your property for irrigated farms in the FAMOUS PECOS VALLEY, NEW MEXICO, or for CENTRAL TEXAS BLACK LAND FARMS, as well as the COAST COUNTRY FARM LAND. Come and ask for our new exchange list and let us get better acquainted.

J. J. STEIN & CO.
Haskell, Texas.

Buffalo Items.

Good morning Mr. Editor and chats. As I have been absent for some time I will come this pleasant morning and try to give you a few dots.

Health in the community is very good.

Several in the community are busy picking cotton.

Mrs. Calm Sears visited Mrs. Cunningham and daughter, Miss Effie Saturday evening.

Mrs. L. A. Posey and son of Vontress, spent several days with their son and brother, Mr. Jim Posey of Haskell.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steffiemire returned to her home at Leuders after spending several days with her aunt, Mrs. John Culp.

Mrs. L. A. Posey and son of Vontress spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Webb.

C. B. Webb, Hugh Webb, Jess Strain and Mr. Barnett attended church at Haskell Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers and daughter spent Sunday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Calm Sears and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett and children of Powell Chapel, visited Mrs. Barret's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halley Patton and family, Sunday.

Mrs. K. D. Webb was the guest of Mrs. Calm Sears Tuesday.

Miss Elsie Patton was on the sick list the past week, but we are glad to report that she is

better at this writing.

Misses Virgie Smithee, Myrtle Patton, Flossie Smithee, Ocie Smithee, Iola Hollice and Messrs. Ed Patton, Luther Horn, Harve Smithee and Clyde Gordon attended the concert at Kirkdale Saturday night, and all report a nice time.

Miss Callie Webb was the guest of Misses Myrtle and Julia Patton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Haley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Haley's sister, Mrs. W. A. Strain.

Little Vicie May Sears has been quite sick but is better today.

R. M. Strain was up from Vontress one day this week.

Ed Patton and Misses Myrtle Patton, Julia Patton and Callie Webb were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. McCarty Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvel and family of Rose visited Mr. John Culp and family Sunday.

R. M. Strain and son spent Wednesday night with W. A. Strain and family.

With best wishes to all I will be going. Brown Eyes.

Glad to have you back again. Your communication was received late for publication last week.—Ed.

The Recreative Value Of the County Fair.

Southwestern Farmer is an ardent advocate of the county fair—if for no other reason than that it furnishes an easily available method for the hard-working farmer and his family to secure a well-earned breathing spell.

These fairs come at a season when the bulk of the harvest work is over or well in hand. We believe there is no farmer in the state of Texas who is so busy that he could not, by a little extra effort, take at least one day to attend.

The annual vacation is admitted to be an economic necessity to the city worker. It is doubly so to the man who wrests a living from the soil. All year he has been toiling, early and late, in season and out of season, in good weather and bad. He has earned a change of scene and rest of at least a few days. No one would even attempt to deny it.

Perhaps one of the greatest of the many benefits to be derived from the county fair is the social feature of such gathering. Man is a gregarious creature. Too much living in a state of semi-seclusion is not good for him. Rubbing elbows with your neighbors as afforded at these county fairs will go a long way toward relieving the lonesomeness of farming business.

Talk the matter over with the family now, while it's fresh in your mind. When the day comes, pack the lunch basket running over with fried chicken, bread-and-butter, fruit, doughnuts and cookies, or anything else that strikes the fancy of the little woman and the youngsters; shut down the farm; hitch up the team and drive over to the county seat and forget all about work for one long day. Southwestern Farmer will be with you, in spirit at least, on your outing.—Ex.

WANTED—Vendors lien notes, Quick inspection and prompt payment. See me at once.

J. L. Robertson,
State Bank.

It was Miss Lela instead of Miss Mamie as we announced it in last week's Free Press, who is attending the T. C. U. at Fort Worth.

NOTICE—I have charge of what is known as the Fitzgerald lease east of town and parties having stock running on same are requested to remove them at once or I will expect to be paid pasturage. R. E. Barton. 1tp

Miss Maxine Bullock has returned from a visit to relatives at McKinney.

Mrs. Ida McClure visited at Weinert Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Williams of Weinert attended the meeting here Sunday night.

Manor Thomas made a trip to Borden county last week and returned with a "Wily" six auto he traded for while there.

The West Side Pharmacy has just received a fresh line of King's chocolate candy.

Mr. O. S. Maggart, manager of McNeill & Smith Hardware at Weinert, was in Haskell Tuesday.

Judge Kelley of Rule, was in Haskell Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Hill has accepted a position with Hancock & Company.

Hancock & Co. are putting in a stock of dry goods.

Mrs. F. E. Covin and children of Longview, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill, the parents of Mrs. Covin.

Mrs. J. A. Couch left last week for a sanitarium at Temple, where she will undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Ella Day has returned from a visit to her brother, A. H. Day, who lives in central Texas.

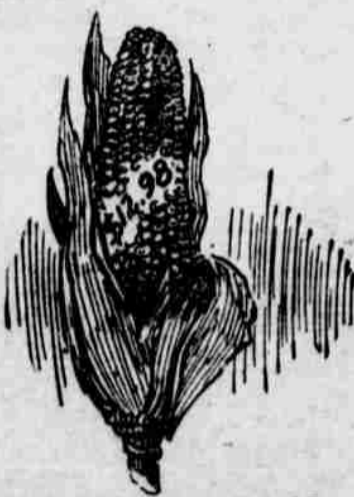
Married on Sept. 16th, Will Cloer to Miss Florence Rose. The ceremony occurred at the court house, Squire Post officiated.

Married on the 18th inst. at the Choate hotel, Frank Johnson to Miss Alice Reed, Squire J. S. Post officiated.

The Moler Barber College of Dallas, Texas, wants men to learn barber trade. They offer splendid inducements and a short term completes. They mail free a beautiful catalogue and ask all our readers to send for it. 38-2p

Texas Corn

Texas is a world's force in agriculture. Withdraw our farm products from the market and the people of two hemispheres will go hungry and shiver with cold. Out of the soil and from the air our farmers take annually nearly a billion dollars of wealth. In plowing the land the Texas farmers walk 830,000 miles per annum, which is equal to traveling around the globe 13,200 times.



1910 VALUE PER ACRE

The chief products of Texas in order of their value, as estimated by the Federal agricultural department for 1910, are cotton, corn, wheat, oats, hay, rice, potatoes, etc. Cotton is the leading product is far ahead of its rivals. Corn occupies second place without challenge. Wheat and oats have been disputing for third place, but the separation this year is so pronounced that there can be no longer any controversy over their respective positions. An examination of our cereal products dispels the idea that Texas is a one-crop state. In 1910 we harvested 223,000,000 bushels of grain. Although a bushel of oats weighs less than a bushel of any other grain, yet there is some significance in the total quantity of all cereals produced. Our cereal belt is following closely behind the plow as it turns the virgin soil, and we have so far found no geographical limitation placed upon it by nature.

Our corn acreage in 1910 was 5,900,000 and production 181,250,000 bushels, and it had a farm value of \$114,206,000. This corn was raised in 120 days, making an average production of approximately \$1,000,000 per day. We raised 20.6 bushels per acre at a farm value of \$12.95 per acre. The corn crop of 1909 and 1910 will purchase the railroads of Texas using the railroad commission's valuation on railroad property. This giant industry has scarcely begun its development in Texas and the possibilities of extending the corn area and increasing the yield per acre present a wide field for enterprising farmers and there are millions of acres of idle land in the corn belt.

FINE AND FLEET HORSES AT FAIR

Many of the Best Are Listed to Be on Hand.

PURSES TRULY TEMPTING

Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars Offered Both for Thoroughbreds and Harness Horses, and Amount Provided for Exhibition Studs.

It has been an axiom from time immemorial that the trite saying "no foot no horse" can have been no more truthful statement than to now say "no horse no fair," for in the years gone by had there been no racing at the Great State Fair of Texas, there would not have been many horses bred or raised. You might say that the Great State Fair of Texas, at Dallas has been God-mother to all breeders of high-class stock and more especially the race horse, whether it has been raced or kept for driving purposes, at home or abroad, it can be said without the possibility of refutation that the Great State Fair has been built on and around the performances of that great animal "The Horse."

Robert Ingersoll has been quoted as having said that "much that is good in man is the dog that is in him." In this we differ with him to some extent, and although the dog is an ever source of pleasure and comfort to man, still it is our firm belief that had we to do without one or the other, man could have best survived the total elimination of the dog, than that of the horse. And though many of us are too young to recall the fact, it is a matter of history that when railroads were first put into operation, it was most generally predicted that the total disuse of the horse would follow. How fallacious this statement proved to be we all now well know. Again when with a rub that carried the rich, the poor, in fact all the masses a wheel from the very first introduction of the old-time bicycle, again was that ever ready prediction often made, the horse must go, and yet another era, one which does not take an octogenarian to recall, was the incoming of the automobile, then indeed was our old friend and erstwhile companion, the ever patient and forbearing horse, to get the way of the ancient Eolippus, again we ask, did he?

If you wish to try an unusual experiment, just tie you forth into the markets of the East, or if you wish elsewhere, and see what a good ordinary everyday horse can be, first found and next, purchased for. To further illustrate, we might say that not a great time past a combination auto was held in a large city of the East, noted the world over for its millionaires, and in that sale, seven hundred and fifty horses were sold; can you imagine for one minute that this great number of horses could be gathered from the four corners of the earth and have them all perfect, is it not more likely to have been the case that some of them were young for immediate use, and that others too old, and in the seed and yellow leaf as it were, and again might not many of them been afflicted with some of the many ills that horse flesh is heir to, or blighted in drivers and sundry ways, or can you for a moment claim that it is possible to gather that number from the many breeders all over the United States and have each one of them a perfect and technically sound horse. At any rate, the average price of this sale was four hundred and fifty-four dollars each, and yet, there are those who would have us believe that the horse days on earth are numbered. And you ever thought of the farmer who has raised a fine colt, like any other crop raised by the farmers of this great country that it takes just six years to replenish our stock of horses? If our country was suffering from a shortage of corn, our barley, rye or cotton, one year would be sufficient to do away with that shortage not so however, with our livestock for from baby beef to horses, it takes from three to six years, to have them ready for market.

A few years ago it was possible to find many of our young men mounted on a horse that the trappings were of more value than the horse and the former would most likely be represented by about twenty-five dollars as a cash outlay, this is far from being the case today. An elegant combination horse will command the attention of not only along the streets on which he may be driven or ridden, but will also sell on the open market for from five hundred to one thousand dollars. Then we ask our farmers do better than to raise one or more such colts each year and feed to them their surplus grain and hay to the end that someone more able to own them than their breeders may purchase and fit them for the market, as breeding and raising them belongs to one class and the educating and fitting of them to another.

Can it not be said that each breeder's success at our annual State Fair when the finished product is shown will be an additional incentive to all outlookers and visitors at the fair meeting, at least try and raise something that can be shown in competition with his neighbor and are we not all ambitious to excel? In conclusion it can be asked—is not the Great State Fair, held at Dallas, in all its colossal proportions, its various products of the states many farms, its mineral resources, lumber and mining interests built upon and intermeshed with the horse. Would any one of the many enumerated industries have been the proven success that they have been without the aid of the horse, then we proclaim, all hail to the greatest of all the lower animals given by a great and beneficent God, to man, the horse. Again can we say that no other than the Great State Fair of Texas has done more, nor have other interests been able to do as much for the breeders of livestock in the Southwest as have they.

At their annual meeting, October 14-29, 1911, twenty-eight thousand dollars will be given in purses to both thoroughbred and harness horses, and in addition to this there will also be given for exhibition horses fifty-eight hundred dollars, for cattle eighty-six hundred dollars, and still further for premiums on swine, sheep, goats, dairy, farm and mill products, cotton, corn, county exhibits, poultry, etc., etc. will be given a grand total of twenty-seven thousand, three hundred and five dollars.

There will be expended in the fall of 1911, in Dallas, by the State Fair of Texas, in premiums, purses, permanent improvements and operations, a grand total of two hundred and five thousand, three hundred and five dollars.

AMUSEMENT FEATURES.

Thaviu and His Russian Band Among Them.

By long experience, the management of the State Fair of Texas, keenly appreciates that equally as important as the exhibition and display of every modern educational feature, is that of amusement and entertainment for its visitors as well. With this in view the directors of the Fair association have this year appropriated alone for the department the sum of \$20,000, and contracts are already closed for attractions costing slightly in excess of that amount.



EDWIN J. KIEST, President State Fair of Texas.

COLISEUM.

In this monster coliseum, constructed in 1910, at a cost of \$108,000, will be seen Professor A.-F. Thaviu, the famous Russian Band Master, and his international band and Grand Opera company, as well as a troupe of fifteen European ballet dancers, twelve lady specialty artists in Russian, Spanish, Hungarian and Characteristic dances and songs. There will also be four vocal soloists of international reputation, and one of the latest European Novelty casting acts.

Professor Thaviu's management last season was such a success that contract was given him this year to furnish the entire program for the Coliseum and all to be under his direction. There will be performances morning, afternoon and evening by the entire band and company, consisting of 75 artists.

As a finale to each evening performance there will be given one of the standard operas in condensed form by the entire company with the entire band in the orchestra. In the repertoire are such operas as Aida, Pagliacci, Gioconda, Madame Butterfly, The Trovatore, Rigoletto, Lucia, etc., assuring a complete change of program daily. This will be a musical carnival never before heard in the south and of a size never attempted by any other Fair Association in the country.

President E. J. Kiest has always said there was nothing too good for visitors to the State Fair at Dallas and in this, his fourth year of service as president, he is endeavoring to eclipse any of his former great achievements.

The performances morning and afternoon are absolutely free and only a nominal charge of twenty-five cents is made in the evening. This will certainly be a treat.

MAMMOTH COASTER.

In addition to the many new and varied educational features that will be seen at the Great State Fair of Texas, Dallas, October 14th to 29th, President E. J. Kiest is equally alive to the amusement features as well, and had just announced that contract has been closed for the construction of a mammoth racing coaster by an Eastern syndicate at a cost of \$30,000. Material and engineers are now in transit and the coaster will be ready for all amusement lovers on the opening day, Saturday, October 14th.

The mammoth racing coaster is the very latest amusement riding device before the public today, and to ride on same is the next thing to flying. The syndicate operating these coasters has decided to place only two of them in this country and selected Dallas as the only place in the United States, and Toronto, Canada, as the location of the other. This is another endorsement of the State Fair of Texas, being the greatest and largest institution of its kind in the world and of which every citizen of Texas is justly proud.

DAILY FLIGHTS.

As one of the special attractions of the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, October 14-29, President E. J. Kiest, announces that contract has just been closed with the McCurdy-Willard Aeroplane company of New York, for daily flights by J. D. McCurdy, whose recent flight from Key West to Havana is still fresh in the minds of every one and whose reputation is world wide; Charles F. Willard whose numerous flights have thrilled thousands in all parts of the country, or "Jimmie" Ward, who, while one of the youngest aviators in the business, started the thousands who saw him in Dallas during the spring flitting with the gods, soaring to an altitude that made him almost invisible and then descending in long spiral glides, and performing every daring feat known to aviation.

Flights will be made daily from the infield of the race track in front of the grand stand between 1 p. m. and 8 p. m. and in between the races.

The hangar will be situated so as to be easily accessible to all visitors and where the machines can be seen at close range. Lectures will also be given, on aeroplanes and every detail of aviation, which will be instructive and highly interesting.

MIDWAY.

The Midway attractions will be in the capable hands of Herbert A. Kilne, with his great aggregation of new and novel shows, furnishing all kinds of attractions and amusements for the young and old. Every show will be of the highest moral character and under no circumstances will any freak or immoral show be allowed on the grounds. Among the permanent amusement features are, the Mammoth Racing Coaster, entirely new, novel, highly exciting and being erected at a cost of \$50,000, the Scenic Railway, the Chute the Chutes, Figure Eight Carousel, Double Wheel, Signature Railway, the Pickin Old Mill and Frolic, besides many other transient devices.

AGENTS CRAZY MINERAL WATER

SPENCER & RICHARDSON
Prescription Pharmacist

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COLD DRINKS - CIGARS

RECALL REMEDIES

NYAL'S FAMILY REMEDIES

Wanted—A few music pupils. Have had training in Virginia College, Baylor University and private lessons from Wilbur McDonald who's a pupil direct from Leschetizky. Mrs. Chas. Irby.

Mr. Marshal Pierson was over from Rule Tuesday.

McKelvain will trade for any old thing. Always keeps a little silver on hand. 37tf

Rev. J. G. Putman, the presiding elder of this district was in the city Tuesday.

FOR SALE—100 acres improved land at \$25.00. One half cash, balance on time to suit purchaser at 6 per cent interest. Tyler Ewell, McConnell, Texas. 34-tf

MONEY TO LOAN on farms and ranch. Plenty of it while it lasts. Better see me at once if you need a loan. Remember last season when money could not be had.—Begin now and get a loan while things look good. J. L. ROBERTSON, Office in State Bank.

West Side Pharmacy
J. R. Walton, Prop.

Careful Attention iven Prescription Work

Ice Cream and Cold Drinks

Fine Cigars

TOILET ARTICLES

KODAK SUPPLIES

Locals and Personals.

As usually treated, a sprained ankle will disable a man for three or four weeks, but by applying Chamberlain's Liniment freely as soon as the injury is received, and observing the directions with each bottle, a cure can be effected in from two to four days. For sale by West Side Pharmacy.

Mrs. J. R. Rich of Jacksboro has leased the Nolen ranch in the north east part of the county, for a term of seven years. He also purchased the blooded cattle on the ranch. Mr. Rich is a relative of J. G. Walden of this city.

McKelvain has cement well curbing for sale or trade. 37tf

Mr. Jno. M. Graham of Sheridan, Wyoming, spent a few days this week visiting his brother G. J. Graham of this city.

Real Estate is on the move. Prospectors are coming. We have recently made a splendid sale. We are going to push the land business; so list your land with us. We will find a buyer if one can be found. See us in our new office up stairs, Pierson building. Sanders & Wilson.

Mr. L. W. Mayfield of the west side reports fine feed crops in his vicinity.

I have an opening in the post office for a young lady or young man over the age of 15 who would like to learn the work and is willing to work on a small salary. Apply in writing. Jno. B. Baker.

Miss Kathleen Davis of Waco, has accepted a position as stenographer with the Haskell State Bank and J. J. Stein & Co. Miss Davis secured this position thru our former citizens, Sid Post and Dr. Gebhard, who now reside in Waco.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED a big car of furniture with the latest styles, and we have some excellent values. Come and let us show you our new goods. We can make you the best prices. Gambill Bros.

Messrs. A. D. Aschelman and Martin Arend of the north-east side were in the city Tuesday.

I have a stray black mare mule, unbranded, at my place. Has a chain on left front foot. Owner come and get her and pay charges for this notice and pasturage. J. A. J. Hooten, 38-4t 4 miles south of Haskell.

Messrs. C. D. Long, J. E. Davis and Mayor H. S. Wilson have returned from a trip to New Mexico.

FOR TRADE FOR HASKELL COUNTY LAND—20 section ranch in Loving County, Texas. 7 mile river front, one of best ranches in west Texas. 50 per cent agricultural land, fine grass and plenty of water. Party wants unencumbered land. Address, C. B. Haley, Sagerton, Texas.

Miss Letha Smith of Wichita Falls is visiting the family of Dr. J. D. Smith of this city.

The Mothers Club will meet the last Friday in September at the north ward school house at 2 o'clock p. m.

\$1.00 buys a \$1,000 accident insurance policy in a good company. Get one from C. W. Ramey. 34tf

Mrs. Lowery of Seymour is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Draper of this city.

There is a stray horse in my pasture, branded RS on left shoulder, wire cut on right front foot. Owner call and get horse and pay for this notice. 37-4 E. A. Thomas.

Mrs. Lee Pierson and children came in on Wednesday's train from an extended visit to friends in the east.

QUICK LOAN—Application sent company, Aug. 11th and money paid to borrower on the 16th. We never let any one beat us on closing loans promptly. See us if you want money **QUICK**. J. L. Robertson, at State Bank, Haskell Texas.

Dr. Bevins of Adams, is visiting his father and mother of Weinert The elder Mr. Bevins has been quite sick.

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

Mrs. Jno. A. Thomason of Trinidad, Colorado, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barlow of this city.

Wanted—A girl of 12 or 13 years to care for baby and do light house work. Will give good home and music lessons. 37tf Mrs. Chas. Irby.

Mrs. F. G. Alexander was bruised up slightly last Wednesday by her horse starting up as she was getting in her surrey. She was thrown and the buggy wheel passed over her. We are hopeful she will soon recover from her bruises.

Northcutt and Ashcraft are the people to do your hauling. Our drays are always easy to find. Services prompt and reasonable charges. Phone, No. 45. tf

County Commissioner Whitmire has returned from an extended trip to the north west part of the county. He reports that he saw many fine feed crops and cotton would make more than it was thought it would make.

Diarrhoea is always more or less prevalent during September. Be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effectual. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by West Side Pharmacy.

The M. E. Home Mission society will meet at 4 o'clock p. m. Monday. All members are urged to be present.

NOTICE—Mrs. H. R. Jones will begin her fall term teaching music Sept. 18, 1911. Will be at Mrs. Tysons on the north side and at Mrs. Sims on south side. I have always tried to give satisfaction, and will appreciate your patronage. Terms, \$4.00 per month. Two pupils in a family \$7.00 per month. Mrs. H. R. Jones 34tf

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Langford of Oklahoma, are visiting their son, Mr. G. E. Langford, cashier of the Haskell National Bank of this city.

W. M. Ferguson of New Mexico, was here Tuesday and has traded for property here. He was at one time the editor of the Rockdale Messenger.

It is pleasant to deal with Conley-Corbett Piano Company. They sell the best grade of pianos and have never foreclosed or taken up an instrument sold by them. 36tf

"I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success," writes Mrs. M. I. Basford, Poolesville, Md. For sale by West Side Pharmacy.

Lytle Jackson will be with the I. P. Carr Dry Goods Co. after October 1st.

We have now arranged to loan the money to build new houses or any improvements, such as papering and painting, to make additions, to your homestead or other building within the city limits of Haskell. See me at once, C. D. Long 4t. At Haskell Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Boothe of the south side were in the city Wednesday.

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

Mr. L. P. Carr and family spent the week at Mineral Wells.

Lost—Between Rule and Haskell, a coat. Finder return to C. M. Hunt, Haskell, Texas.

S. W. Holder of Lake Arthur, N. M., is in the city.

For bowel complaints in children always give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil. It is certain to effect a cure and when reduced with water and sweetened is pleasant to take. No physician can prescribe a better remedy. For sale by West Side Pharmacy.

Mr. E. E. Craig of Ennis, is visiting his son, R. M. Craig, of this city.

HELP WANTED—Man and wife wanted to work on farm and ranch. R. W. Herren, Haskell, Texas. 34-tf.

Messrs. Boothe and Albert English made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE—Best ever written—Texas Company. See Jno. L. Robertson, at State Bank. tf

Jeff Greer of the west side is visiting his brother, Jas. A. Greer, editor of the Herald.

The Free Press wants to do your job work.

Elder Ranald McDonald and family have returned from an extended vacation in Colorado.

We have an unlimited amount of money to loan on Haskell and adjacent counties lands. We buy and extend Vendors Lien notes. Roberts & Leflar, 37tf In Sherrill building.

Mr. Norman Hancock and sister, Miss Harlan, visited Weinert Wednesday.

We have an up-to-now line of visiting cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Glenn of Fort Worth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pinkerton.

8 PER CENT MONEY—We are again ready to make desirable farm loans and extend vendor's lien notes at above rate. Scott & Key, Attorneys and Abstractors.

Mr. J. D. Jackson, now with I. P. Carr Dry Goods Co. will go on the road October 1st for the nouse heretofore represented by Mr. Marvin Hancock.

If it is monumental work you want, I am prepared to serve you. Satisfaction guaranteed. 37tf P. P. Roberts, Agent Haskell, Texas.

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BANKS

Official Statement of the Financial conditions of the Continental State Bank

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RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	personal or collateral	\$22,053.70
Loans, real estate		3,152.89
Overdrafts		572.58
Real Estate (banking houses)		4,475.15
Furniture and Fixtures		1,024.30
Due from Approved Reserve		
Agents, net		\$214.68
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net		508.20
Cash Items		\$29.25
Currency		1,568.09
Specie		711.85
Interest on Depositors Guaranty Fund		233.88
Other Resources as follows:		
Bill of Exchange		300.90
Total		\$35,858.20

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid up	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus Fund	500.00
Undivided Profits, net	361.08
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	77.00
Individual Deposits, subject to check	15,060.65
Time Certificates of Deposit	800.00
Cashier's Checks	1,059.44
Bill Payable and Redemptions	10,000.00
Total	\$35,858.20

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Haskell: We, J. G. Wilkinson as president, and M. R. Smith as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. G. Wilkinson, President
M. R. Smith, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me by M. R. Smith, this 11th day of September, A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
W. P. Canfield,
Notary Public Haskell county, Texas.

Sworn and subscribed to before me by J. G. Wilkinson, this 11th day of September, A. D. 1911.
M. G. Denison,
Notary Public Tarrant County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
F. Franke
J. E. Willis } Directors

MORE NEW GOODS

Every day brings more new goods to The Big Store. Our new dress goods are something any one should be proud to look at, and our trimmings top off all that has ever been shown in Haskell—They are good to look at and you can find trimmings here that will be suitable to trim any kind of dress, from the simple gingham dress to the most elaborate evening gown.

Petticoats

Another thing that will interest all well dressed ladies is our petticoats. New ones here at all prices. One at an extremely low price.—An all pure silk petticoat at \$2.50.

THE HAT QUESTION SOLVED

If its new The Big Store has it. If its a **Gage** its new. This week we received another shipment of **Gage** pattern hats. **Gage** hats as every lady knows are the leading pattern hats of America. You will expect to pay a high price for them, but you will be agreeably surprised if you will come and see them—

Will You Come?

F. G. ALEXANDER & SONS

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Elder Ranald McDonald and family have returned from an extended vacation in Colorado.

We have an unlimited amount of money to loan on Haskell and adjacent counties lands. We buy and extend Vendors Lien notes. Roberts & Leflar, 37tf In Sherrill building.

Mr. Norman Hancock and sister, Miss Harlan, visited Weinert Wednesday.

We have an up-to-now line of visiting cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Glenn of Fort Worth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pinkerton.

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Mr. M. A. Lackey called at our office Saturday and had us send the Free Press to Mrs. Julia Craig at Landersville Ala.,

Plant mesquite beans around your farm and grow a hedge that will also furnish fence post and fuel.

Mr. J. E. Wilfong sold a shropshire lamb to Mr. Virgil Hudson the other day that weighed 17 1/2 lbs and that dressed out 11 1/2 lbs. It brought \$10.62. Mr. Wilfong says he lets his flock of sheep run in his growing crops and that they do no damage as the shep at the weeds in stead of the crops except as to leguma.

Plant wheat and oats. Next season will probably be a fine grain season.

There is enough waste land in the fence rows to grow plenty of fuel and post for your farm if you will sow mesquite beans.

Mrs. Langford has returned from Temple where she lately underwent an operation for appendicitis.

A two or three line local in the Free Press will find your lost article.

Mrs. T. L. McCarty, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Langford of this city, has returned to her home in Oklahoma.

Mr. E. C. McCullough made a business trip to Abilene this week.

Mother Wood of the north east side is spending the week with the family of her son, Mr. S. A. Hughes of this city.

THE BRONZE BELL

BY LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE
AUTHOR OF "THE BRASS BOWL" ETC.
ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAY WALTERS

SYNOPSIS.

David Amber, starting for a duck-shooting visit with his friend, Quain, comes upon a young lady equestrian who has been dismounted by her horse becoming frightened at the sudden appearance in the road of a burly Hindu. He declares he is Bahari Lal Chatterji. The appointed mysterious of the Bell, addresses Amber as a man of high rank and pressing a mysterious little bronze box—"The Token," into his hand, disappears in the wood. The girl calls Amber by name. His in turn addresses her as Miss Sophie Farrell, daughter of Col. Farrell of the British diplomatic service in India and visiting the Quains. Several nights later the Quain home is burglarized and the bronze box stolen. Amber and Quain go hunting on an island and become lost and Amber is left marooned. He wanders about, finally reaches a cabin and recognizes as its occupant an old friend named Rutton, whom he last met in England, and who appears to be in hiding. When Miss Farrell is mentioned Amber is strangely excited. Chatterji appears and summons Rutton to a meeting of a mysterious body. Rutton seizes a revolver and dashes after Chatterji. He returns wildly excited, says he has killed the Hindu, takes poison, and when dying asks Amber to go to India on a mysterious errand. Amber decides to leave at once for India. On the way he sends a letter to Mr. Labertouche, a scientific friend in Calcutta, by a quicker route. Upon arriving he finds a note awaiting him. It directs Amber to meet his friend at a certain place. The latter tells him he knows his mission is to get Miss Farrell out of the country. Amber attempts to dispose of the Token to a money-lender, is mistaken for Rutton and barely escapes being mobbed. A message from Labertouche causes him to start for Bangalore, and on the way he meets Miss Farrell.

CHAPTER XIII.

The Photograph.

That same night Amber dined at the Residency, on the invitation of Raikes, the local representative of government, seconded by the insistence of Colonel Farrell. It developed that Sophia's telegram had somehow been lost in transit, and Farrell's surprise and pleasure at sight of her were tempered only by his keen appreciation of Amber's adventitious services, slight though they had been. He was urged to stay the evening out, before proceeding to his designated quarters, and the reluctance with which he acceded to this arrangement which worked so happily with his desires, may be imagined.

Ease of anxiety was more than food and drink to Amber; his feeling of relief, to have convoyed Sophia to the company and protection of Anglo-Saxons like himself, was intense. Yet he swallowed his preliminary brandy-peg in a distinctly uncomfortable frame of mind, strangely troubled by the reflection that round that lone white table was gathered together the known white population of the state; a census of which accounted for just five souls.

Amber was relieved when at length the meal was over, and Miss Farrell having withdrawn in conformance with inviolable custom, the cloth was deftly whisked away and cigars, cigarettes, liquors, whisky and soda were served.

Amber took unto himself a cigar and utilized an observation of the Political's as a lever to swing the conversation to a plane more likely to inform him. Farrell had grumbled about the exactions of his position as particularly instanced by the necessity of his attending tedious and tiresome native ceremonies in connection with the tamasha.

"What's, precisely, the nature of this tamasha, Colonel Farrell?"

"Why, my dear young man, I thought you knew. Isn't it what you came to see?"

"No," Amber admitted cautiously; "I merely heard a rumor that there was something uncommon afoot. Is it really anything worth while?"

"Rather," Raikes interjected drily, "the present ruler's abdicating in favor of his son, a child of twelve. That puts the business in a class by itself."

"But why should a prince hand over the reins of government to a child of twelve? There must be some reason for it. Isn't it known?" asked Amber.

"Who can fathom a Hindu's mind?" grunted Farrell. "I daresay there's some scandalous native intrigue at the bottom of it. Eh, Raikes?"

The Resident shook his head. "Don't come to this shop for information about what goes on in Khandawar. I doubt if there's another Resident in India who knows as little of the underhand devilment in his state as I do. His majesty the Rana loves me as a chetah loves his trainer. He's an intractable rascal."

"There have been a number of deaths from cholera in the Palace lately, the grand vizier's amongst them."

"White arsenic cholera?"

"That and the hemp poison kind."

"Refractory vizier?" questioned Farrell.

"The kind that wants to retrench and institute reforms—railways and metalled roads and so forth."

"No; he was quite suited to his master. But the bazar says Naraini took a dislike to him for one reason or another."

"Naraini?" queried Amber.

"The genius of the place." Raikes nodded toward the Raj Mahal, shining like a pearl through the darkness on the hillside over against the Residency. "She's Salig's head queen. At least that's about as near to her status as one can get. She's not actually his queen, but some sort of a heritage from the Rutton dynasty—I hardly know what or why. Salig never

married her, but she lives in the Palace, and for several years—ever since she first began to be talked about—she's ruled from behind the screen with a high hand and an outstretched arm. So the bazar says."

They arose and left the table to the servants, the Resident with Amber following Farrell and young Clarkson.

"Old women we are, forever talking scandal," said Raikes, with a chuckle. "Oh, well! It's shop with us, you know."

"Of course. . . . Then I understand that the tamasha is the reason for the encampment beyond the walls?"

"Yes; they've been coming in for a week. By tomorrow night, I daresay, every rajah, prince, thakur, baron, fief, and lord in Rajputana, each with his 'tail,' horse and foot, will be camped down before the walls of Kuttarpur. You've chosen an interesting time for your visit. It'll be a sight worth seeing, when they begin to make a show. My troubles begin with a state banquet tomorrow that I'd give much to miss; however, I'll have Farrell for company."

"I'm glad to be here," said Amber thoughtfully. "Could it be possible that the proposed abdication of Salig Singh in favor of his son were merely a cloak to a conspiracy to restore to power the house of Rutton? Or had the tamasha been arranged in order to gather together all the rulers in Rajputana without exciting suspicion, that they might agree upon a concerted plan of mutiny against the Sirkar? The state affair of surpassing importance had been arranged for the last day of grace allotted the Prince of the house of Rutton. What had it to do with the Gateway of Swords, the Voice, the Mind, the Eye, the Body, the Bell?"

"By the way, Mr. Raikes," said the Virginian suddenly, "what do they call the gate by which we entered the city—the southern gate?"

"The Gateway of Swords, I believe."

Farrell, on the point of entering the house, overheard and turned. "Is that so? Why, I thought that gateway was in Kathlapur."

"I've heard of a Gateway of Swords in Kathlapur," Raikes admitted. "Never been there, myself."

"Kathlapur?"

"A dead city, Mr. Amber, not far away—originally the capital of Khandawar. It's over there in the hills to the north, somewhere. Old Rao Rutton, founder of the old dynasty, got tired of the place and caused it to be depopulated, building Kuttarpur in its stead—I believe, to commemorate some victory or other. That sort of thing used to be quite the fashion in India, before we came." Raikes fell back, giving Amber precedence as they entered the Residency. "By the way, remind me, if you think of it, Colonel Farrell, to get after the telegraph clerk tomorrow. There's a new man in charge—a Bengali babu—and I presume he's about as worthless as the run of his kind."

Amber made a careful note of this information; he was curious about that babu.

In the drawing room Raikes and Farrell impressed Clarkson for three-handed bridge. Sophia did not care to play and Amber was ignorant of the game—a defect in his social education which he found no cause to regret, since it left him in undisputed attendance upon the girl.

She had seated herself at a warped and discouraged piano, for which Raikes had already apologized; it was, he said, a legacy from a former Resident. For years its yellow keys had not known a woman's touch such as that to which they now responded with thin, cracked voices; the girl's fine, slender fingers wrung from them a plaintive, pathetic parody of melody.

Amber stood over her with his arms folded on the top of the instrument, comfortably unconscious that his pose was copied from any number of sentimental photographs and "art photographs." His temper was sentimental enough, for that matter; the woman was very sweet and beautiful in his eyes as she sat with her white, round arms flashing over the keyboard, her head bowed and her face a little averted, the long lashes low upon her cheeks and tremulous with a fathomless emotion. It was his thought that his time was momentarily becoming shorter, and that just now, more than ever, she was very distant from her arms, something inaccessible, too rare and delicate and fine for the rude possession of him who sighed for his own unworthiness.

Abruptly she brought both hands down upon the keys, edging a jangled, startled crash from the tortured wires, and swinging round, glanced up at Amber with quaint mirth trembling behind the veil of moisture in her misty eyes.

"India!" she cried, with a broken laugh; "India epitomized: a homesick, exiled woman trying to drag a song of Home from the broken heart of a crippled piano! That is an Englishwoman's India: it's our life, ever to strive and struggle and contrive to piece together out of makeshift odds and ends the atmosphere of Home! . . . It's suffocating in here. Come!"

She rose with a quick shrug of impatience, and led the way back to the gardens.

Pensive, the girl trained her long skirts headlessly over the dew-drenched grasses, Amber at her side, himself speechless with an intangible, ineluctable, unreasoning sense of expectancy. Never, he told himself, had a lover's hour been more auspiciously timed or staged; and this was his hour, altogether his! . . . If only he might find the words of wooing to which his lips were strange! He dared not delay; tomorrow it might be too late; in the womb of the morrow a world of chances stirred—contingencies that might in a breath set them a world apart.

They found seats in the shadow of a peepul.

"Are you in the habit of indulging in protracted silences?" she rallied him gently. "Between friends of old standing they're permissible, I believe, but—"

"A day's journey by tonga matures acquaintanceship wonderfully," he observed abruptly.

"Indeed?" She laughed.

"At least, I hope so."

He felt that he must be making progress; thus far he had been no less than an average lover of the stage or fiction. And he wondered: was she laughing at him, softly, there in the shadows?

"You see," she said, amused at his relapse into reverie, "you're incurable and ungrateful. I'm trying my best to be attractive and interesting, and you won't pay me any attention whatever. There must be something on your mind. Is it this mysterious errand that brings you so unexpectedly to India—to Kuttarpur, Mr. Amber?"

"Yes," he answered truthfully. "And you won't tell me?"

"I think I must," he said, bending forward.

There sounded a stealthy rustling in the shrubbery. The girl drew away and rose with a startled exclamation. With a bound, a man in native dress sped from the shadows and paused before them, panting.

Amber jumped up, overturning his chair, and instinctively feeling for the

pistol that was with his traveling things, upstairs in the Residency.

The native, reassured him with a swift, obsequious gesture. "Pardon, sahib, and yours, sahiba, if I have alarmed you, but I am come on an errand of haste, seeking him who is known as the Sahib David Amber."

"I am he. What do you want with me?"

"It is only this, that I have been commissioned to bear to you, sahib."

The man fumbled hurriedly in the folds of his surtout, darting quick glances of apprehension round the garden. Amber looked him over as closely as he could in the dim light, but found him wholly a stranger—merely a low-caste Hindu, counterpart of a million others to be encountered daily in the highways and bazars of India. The Virginian's rising hope that he might prove to be Labertouche faded for want of encouragement; the intruder was of a stature the Englishman could by no means have counterfeited.

"From whom come you?" he demanded in the vernacular.

"Nay, a name that is unspoken harms none, sahib." The native produced a small, thin, flat package and thrust it into Amber's hands. "With permission, I go, sahib; it were unwise to linger."

"There is no answer?"

"None, sahib." The man saluted and strode away, seeming to melt soundlessly into the foliage.

For a minute Amber remained astare. The girl's voice alone roused him.

"I think you are a very interesting person, Mr. Amber," she said, resuming her chair.

"Well! . . . I begin to think this a most uncommonly interesting country." He laughed uncertainly, turning the package over and over. "Upon my word—I haven't the least notion what this can be!"

"Why not bring it to the light, and find out?"

He assented meekly, having been perfectly candid in his assertion that he had no suspicion of what the packet might contain, and a moment later they stood beneath the window of Residency, from which a broad shaft of light streamed out like vaporized gold.

Amber held the packet to the light; it was oblong, thin, stiff, covered with common paper, guiltless of superscription, and sealed with mullage. He tore the covering, withdrew the enclosure, and heard the girl gasp with surprise. For himself, he was transfixed with consternation. His look wavered in dismay between the girl and the photograph in his hand—her photograph, which had been stolen from him aboard the Poonah.

She extended her hand imperiously. "Give that to me, please, Mr. Amber," she insisted. He surrendered it without a word. "Mr. Amber!" she cried in a voice that quivered with wonder and resentment.

He faced her with a hang-dog air, feeling that now indeed had his case been made hopeless by this contretemps. "Confound Labertouche!" he cried in his ungrateful heart. "Confound his meddling mystery-mongering and hokus-pokus!"

"Well?" inquired the girl sharply.

"Yes, Miss Farrell." He could invent nothing else to say.

"You—you are going to explain, I presume."

He shook his head in despair. "No . . ."

"What?"

"I've no explanation whatever to make—that'd be adequate, I mean."

He saw that she was shaken by impatience. "I think," said she evenly—"I think you will find it best to let me judge of that. This is my photograph. How do you come to have it? What right have you to it?"

"I . . . ah . . ." He stammered and paused, acutely conscious of the voices of the Englishmen, Farrell, Raikes, and young Clarkson, drifting out through the open window of the drawing room. "If you'll be kind enough to return to our chairs," he said, "I'll try to make a satisfac-

"Some time, yes. But now, I may not." A dear friend of mine owned the photograph. He gave it to me at my request. I came to India, and on the steamer I met it; in spite of my offer of a reward, I was obliged to leave the boat without it, when we got to Calcutta. My friend here knew how highly I valued it—"

"Why?"

"Because I'd told him."

"I don't mean that. Why do you value it so highly?"

"Because of its original." He took heart of despair and plunged boldly.

She looked him over calmly. "Do you mean me to understand that you told this friend you had followed me to India because you were in love with me?"

"Precisely. . . . Thank you."

She laughed a little, mockingly. "Are you, Mr. Amber?"

"In love with you? . . . Yes."

"And how soon will you be free to tell me the whole truth?"

"Only after . . . we're married."

She laughed adorably. "Mr. Amber," she protested, "you are dangerous—you are delightful! Do you really believe I shall ever marry you?"

"I hope so. I came to India to ask you—to use every means in my power to make you marry me. You see, I love you."

"And . . . and when is this to happen, please—in the name of impudence?"

"As soon as I can persuade you—to-night, if you will."

"Oh!"

He was obliged to laugh with her at the absurdity of the suggestion. "Or to-morrow morning, at the very latest," he amended seriously. "I don't think we dare wait longer."

"Why is that?"

"Delays are perilous. There might be another chap."

"How can you be sure there isn't already?"

He felt sober enough at this. "But there isn't, is there, really?"

She delayed her reply provokingly. At length, "I don't see why I should tell you—no, there isn't—yet." And as she spoke, Farrell called "Sophia!" from the window of the drawing room. She stood up, answering clearly with the assurance that she was coming, and began deliberately to move toward the house.

Amber followed, deeply anxious. "I've not offended you?"

"No," she told him gravely, "but you have both puzzled and mystified me. I shall have to sleep on this before I can make up my mind whether or not to be offended."

"And . . . will you marry me?"

"Oh, dear! How do I know?" she laughed.

"You won't give me a hint as to the complexion of my chances?"

She paused, turning. "The chances, Mr. Amber," she said without affectation or coquetry, "are all in your favor . . . if you can prove your case. I do like you very much, and you have been successful in rousing my interest in you to an astonishing degree. . . . But I shall have to think it over; you must allow me at least 12 hours' grace."

"You'll let me know tomorrow morning?"

"Yes."

"Early?"

"You've already been bidden to breakfast by Mr. Raikes."

"Meanwhile, may I have my photograph?"

"Mine, if you please! . . . I think not; if my decision is favorable, you shall have it back—after breakfast."

"Thank you," he said meekly. And as they were entering the Residency he hung back. "I'm going now," he said; "it's good night. Will you remember you've not refused me the privilege of hoping?"

"I've told you I like you, Mr. Amber." Impulsively she extended her hand. "Good night."

He bowed and put his lips to it; and she did not resist.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Sure, He Did the Right Thing!

"I hope it will be a long time before I have such another test applied to my honesty," a down-town merchant remarked as he returned from waiting on a customer, relates the St. Paul Dispatch. "What was the trouble?" asked his partner. "These near-wool suits. An old fellow came in just now and asked me the price of one. 'Seven dollars,' I told him. 'Speak louder!' he said, holding his hand behind his ear. So I yelled, 'Seven dollars!' 'Eleven dollars! Too much! I'll give you nine!' he replied." His partner looked at the speaker in alarm. "You—of course, did the right thing?" "I guess you can depend on me to do the right thing," was the haughty retort. Then he paused. "You'd better get some dollar bills when you go to the bank," he remarked. "I just gave an old fellow our last one for change."

Army and Navy Inventors.

There are numerous examples of officers of the army and navy inventing machinery and devices which are used by the service without any compensation from the government. Generally speaking, they are guided by the code of honor that as they were educated at the expense of the government and enlisted in its service it has the right to the use of their inventions without payment of royalty or other money. There have been many who have not considered themselves so bound, and have claimed compensation for use of their inventions.—The Bookman.

Another Phase of the Problem.

"Doubtless the servant girl problem is very annoying to you."

"Very," responded the housewife. "I have a really desperate time getting made my clothes won't fit."

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Order of Independents.

Larry O'Neil had no love of discipline save as he administered it. When he decided to "fine the grade," he breathed defiance with every order issued by the military leader.

"Here, you! Look out for yer feet!" muttered the man next him. Keep shtep, can't you?"

"Get along wid yer shteps," said Larry, turning on him. "I've a shtep o' me own, an' I'll take it or lave the grade to get on widout me."—Youth's Companion.

LOT WAS IMPROVED.



Fred—I love you a whole lot. Tess—Frank told me yesterday that he loved me a whole house and lot.

A HIT

What She Gained by Trying Again.

A failure at first makes us esteem final success.

A family in Minnesota that now enjoys Postum would never have known how good it is if the mother had been discouraged by the failure of her first attempt to prepare it. Her son tells the story:

"We had never used Postum till last spring when father brought home a package one evening just to try it. We had heard from our neighbors, and in fact every one who used it, how well they liked it.

"Well, the next morning Mother brewed it about five minutes, just as she had been in the habit of doing with coffee without paying special attention to the directions printed on the package. It looked weak and didn't have a very promising color, but nevertheless father raised his cup with an air of expectancy. It certainly did give him a great surprise, but I'm afraid it wasn't a very pleasant one, for he put down his cup with a look of disgust.

Mother wasn't discouraged though, and next morning gave it another try, letting it stand on the stove till boiling began and then letting it boil for fifteen or twenty minutes, and this time we were all so pleased with it that we have used it ever since.

"Father was a confirmed dyspeptic and a cup of coffee was to him like poison. So he never drinks it any more, but drinks Postum regularly. He isn't troubled with dyspepsia now and is actually growing fat, and I'm sure Postum is the cause of it. All the children are allowed to drink it and they are perfect pictures of health." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRACY.

Grace I. Phillips

In last week's articles I mentioned the registration law or Oregon. I am reminded of a device used in New Zealand, where as each voter enters the election booth, he is given a gummed stamp which he attaches to his ballot. As stamps are issued only to voters—one to each registered elector, it is not possible for a vote to be repeated. I have never seen or heard a complaint against the initiative and referendum in New Zealand, and I regret that with the material available, I am unable at the present time to write fully concerning it.

One of the bills, initiated and passed by the people of Oregon is the corrupt practices act. This is so essential to clean campaigning that it may almost be said that good government is not entirely possible without it. The Oregon law provides that no candidate for office shall spend in his campaign more than 15 per cent of one year's salary of the office for which he is a candidate, but excludes from this limitation the publication of a publicity pamphlet prior to the primary, issued by the Secretary of State, in which each candidate may use from one to four pages at \$100 per page for the more important positions to \$10 for the minor offices. On these pages, the candidate is allowed to make such argument or statement as he desires. Any person not a candidate may use space in opposition to a candidate at regular rates, but all articles are required to be published over signature. In addition to this pamphlet, a booklet containing general statements, arguments, cuts, etc., compiled by parties or independent candidates is sent out by the secretary of state not later than the 10th day before election. Each party is limited to a certain space, and each candidate is limited to 10 per cent of one year's compensation of the office to which he aspires. Excessive use of money incident to campaigns in other states is almost eliminated by the terms of a section of the act, which prohibits: Campaign contributions from corporations most commonly affected by legislation;

Promises of appointment in return for support; Publication or distribution of anonymous campaign matter; Betting on elections; Electioneering on election day; Treating, or the use of carriages to convey voters to the polls; Contributions of funds except in donor's name.

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I do not deem it necessary to include in this discussion Oregon's direct primary system, or popular election of senators both of which are similar to those in force in Texas.

In 1908, Oregon adopted the recall amendment which completes the sovereignty of the people.

It does not necessarily follow that the people having power in their hands shall use it incessantly. It will rarely be used, as Senator Owen remarks, because it will rarely happen that an American traction company will buy franchisees worth millions for \$87 when both parties to the transaction realize that a referendum in Oregon to determine whether certain corporations then untaxed should be forced to pay a state tax, it was observed that a certain corporation attorney, usually very active, was absolutely quiescent in the matter of influencing votes. When asked concerning this, he merely shrugged his shoulders and replied, "O, what's the use?"

In 1908, 19 measures were submitted at an average cost of \$851 each. Our recent referendum in Texas has probably cost not less than \$3,000,000. So much, by the way of passing, for a corrupt practice act, and limited publicity pamphlets.

The most common argument of those opposing direct legislation is that it removes all responsibility from the legislature. If it develop the electorate at the expense of the legislature, Texas would be the gainer by about 3,000,000. In truth, it does not remove responsibility from the legislator but adds it thereto. The legislator is just as responsible to his constituents for the vote he casts as before, and much more liable to have his acts reviewed than under the present system where a law passed becomes a closed incident.

It has given stability to government here as it does in Europe. In some of the cantons of Switzerland, the referendum is obligatory, in some optional, in a few it is applicable only to financial affairs, and there is both a cantonal and a Federal Referendum law. From the early Landsgemeinde, to the present stage of development, the movement in Switzerland has been steadily toward extension of the people's powers—toward an obligatory referendum in all cantons. Mr. McCrackan in the Arena says:

The popular vote does not point to selfishness, locally. Especially was this shown in the vote on the St. Gothard subsidy. The appropriation besides putting a strain on national resources threatened the interest of several mountain cantons. But on a stormy day in midwinter, half a million voters went to the polls, and two-thirds of them wanted the tunnel, the affirmative vote in the imperilled cantons being quite up to the average.

It is only the profoundly solid fools that are opposed to all new things; it is true that most new things are false, but it is equally true that the best things we have ever once new.

Just as facts are skeletons of truths, so words are single bones and the dictionary is a vast ossuary.



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PHYSICIAN SAID ECZEMA CAME FROM TEETHING

"When my little girl was about eight months old, she was taken with a very irritating breaking out, which came on her face, neck and back. When she first came down with it, it came in little watery-like festers under her eyes, and on her chin, then after a few days it would dry down in scaly, white scabs. In the daytime she was quite worrisome and would dig and scratch her face nearly all the time.

"I consulted our physician and found she was suffering from eczema, which he said came from her teething. I used the ointment he gave me and without any relief at all. Then I wrote for a book on Cuticura, and purchased some Cuticura Soap and Ointment at the drug store. I did as I found directions in the Cuticura Booklet, and when she was one year old, she was entirely cured. Now she is three years and four months, and she has never been troubled with eczema since she was cured by the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. (Signed) Mrs. Freeman Craver, 311 Lewis St., Syracuse, N. Y., May 6, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 2 K, Boston.

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The speaker, a Chicago art dealer, had just returned from Europe. He continued:

"I dined one evening with Abbey in his house in Chelsea, and after dinner we walked in the blue twilight on the Chelsea embankment."

"As we passed Old Swan House and Clock House, and the other superb residences that front the river, I reproached Abbey for his extravagance."

"Why," I said, pointing toward Clock House, "if you had saved your money, you might be living in a palace like that today."

"But Abbey, with a laugh, rather got the better of me. He rattled off this epigram—and it's an epigram I'll always remember when I'm tempted to be parsimonious:

"Some folks," he said, "are so busy putting something by for a rainy day that they get little or no good out of pleasant weather."

A Matter of Creed. "Two men were disputing over their respective churches," says the Slater News in reviving an old story which is still good. "One was a Baptist and the other a Presbyterian. Finally one of them called a neighbor who was passing and asked his opinion as to which was the better church in which to be saved. 'Well, neighbor,' he said, 'son and I have been hauling wheat for nearly forty years. There are two roads that lead to the mill. One is the valley road and the other leads over the hill, and never yet has the miller asked me which road I came, but he always asks, 'Is the wheat good?'—Kansas City Times.

HAVE YOU SUSPECTED YOUR KIDNEYS?

Thousands suffer from backache, headache, dizziness and weariness without suspecting their kidneys.

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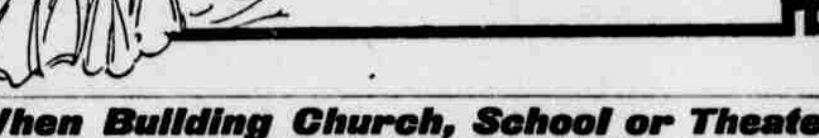
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ROSE ITEMS

There was a large attendance at Sunday School last Sunday. Every body is invited to come and take part.

There will be church at Rose next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Miss Maggie Arnold spent from Thursday afternoon until Friday night with Mrs. May Ballew.

Claud Thomas of Ballew spent Saturday night with Claude Gordon.

Mr. Howard and Mr. Long of the Howard community have moved to Mr. Emmett Barton's place. Mr. Smith of Douglas, has moved to C. G. Wheeler's place. We are glad to welcome these families to our community.

Mrs. Lola Moore has returned to her home in Bell county after visiting her father and mother at this place.

A large crowd attended the cream supper at Mr. Ballew's last Friday night. All report a nice time.

Misses Ella and Dora Ballew and Messrs. Lee and Lonnie Ballew of Rochester, spent from Friday till Sunday with John Ballew and family.

Dadie's Darling.

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The Demagogue

The passing of the demagogue has marked an important epoch in the progress of Texas. Like the desperado and the cowboy he has had a thrilling and exciting career and like them he has been compelled to give away to the trend of civilization.

He was the product of the times and the harder the times the more perfect the product. A Prince Albert coat, a slouch hat and a strong pair of lungs and he was ready for the hustings to warn the people against the approach of capital. He thrived best upon strife and discussion and his principal occupation was in shrewdly arraying class against class and then leading the stronger against the weaker force. With star defying audacity he would publicly attack the character of a prosperous industry and argue its destruction with all the logic and sincerity of a Pilgrim father pleading for the burning of a witch. He was a mixture of ignorance and genius, and would hunt out prosperous corporations and make their success a spring-board on which he could bound into the spotlight by denouncing capital as sapping the life blood of the people and then proceed to argue hypothetically the cause of the down-trodden masses with the earnestness of a starving lawyer pleading his first case. He was a patriot for applause and a politician for revenue and he sought the goal of his desire with the intuition of a gifted criminal and he would track his prey with the instinct of a hungry beast. But he is gone and may his shadow never again darken the threshold of Texas.

Good Roads

A farm with bad roads is worse off than a farm with bad water. It is hard to understand how a farmer, otherwise enterprising, should be backward in building roads. Travel through some of our rural districts and you will find farmers with blooded stock, land highly cultivated and premises well kept and with public highways that hog up an empty wagon six months in the year. Build roads and keep up with the procession.

Back to the Soil

There is too much money going for the luxuries of city life and not enough for country improvements.

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Judge F. A. Arnold and family of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Kolb this week. Judge Arnold is a brother of Mrs. Kolb.

OLD TESTAMENT TIMES

BROOKLYN TABERNACLE
BIBLE STUDIES

IN A DEN OF LIONS
Daniel vi—Sept. 24

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.—Psalm xxxiii, 7.

At the time of this study Daniel had been long in service, wise and faithful in his administration of the government entrusted to him. He had seen the Babylonian Dynasty perish. In its place came the empire of the Medes and Persians. By these also Daniel's grand character was recognized—his loyalty to principle, his faithfulness, as a public servant, his obedience to God and the principles of righteousness.

That which will specially mark Messiah's Kingdom will be that it will not only have perfect ideals in respect to human government, but that it will be backed by Divine Power, before which, eventually, "Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess."—Philippians 2, 10, 11.

A man like *Prayed Three Times a Day*. Daniel, in so important a place as that which he occupied as one of the three supervisors of a great Empire, was sure to be in the way of grafters—a hinderer of their schemes. And for this reason his fellows in office were desirous of getting rid of him. Realizing that he could not be deposed, the endeavor was to secure his removal; but the man's integrity and uprightness gave no hope in this direction. Finally, however, the scheme was concerted.

The conspirators approached the king with a project which they assured him would help to make strong and united the various parts of his empire. It was this: The king should be recognized for a month as the only channel of mediation or access between his subjects and their gods. King Darius felt flattered and agreed to the arrangement and issued an order to that effect—never thinking of what might be the result in the case of Daniel, and never suspecting that his counselors were seeking to entrap him and to accomplish the death of his most trusted officer.

Prayed Three Times Daily

Daniel heard of the decree but altered not his custom of praying three times daily before a window of his house which looked out toward Jerusalem. Morning, noon and night he remembered his God and his vows of faithfulness to Him and called to mind the gracious promises respecting the Holy Land, that it would yet be the center of the whole earth and of God's holy people; that eventually, through these, Divine blessings would be extended to every nation, people and tongue.

Unquestionably the best men and women in the world are those who pray, and pray regularly, who bow the knee, as did Daniel. Unquestionably it is impossible to live a consecrated life in neglect of prayer. What would Daniel have been without his praying time! How would his loyalty to principle have maintained itself in the midst of corruption had it not been for his communion with his Maker? To the Christian this privilege is still further enhanced by a realization that "We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous."

Jehovah Sent His Angel

The conspirators were on the lookout. They had witnesses ready to testify, not that they had seen Daniel do anything wrong, but that he had violated the edict which the king had been entrapped into making and signing. The matter was laid before the king. King Darius felt himself bound hand and foot and ensnared—trapped. All day he sought means whereby he could avert the consequences of his royal mandate, but found none. He assured Daniel that he believed his God was able to deliver him. What a beautiful testimony to the uprightness of Daniel's life!

Daniel was cast into the lion's den. That night, we are told, was one of great distress to the king. He could think only of his faithful officer, the noble man so unrighteously treated. He was abroad early in the morning, to call to Daniel, to learn whether or not he were still alive. His joy of heart was great when he learned that he was still safe, that his God had sent His angel to stop the lions' mouths. Daniel was soon lifted from the pit. The king now made another decree—that those counselors who had thus sought the life of a faithful man should themselves be cast into the den of lions; and this, in their case, meant destruction, as the result proved. Oh, that every Christian would live as high above the world's standards as Daniel did, so that their enemies might see that they have no ground for charges except those to their credit; and so that their superiors in the walks of life might discern that their God whom they serve is indeed the true God, the living God, the God of all Truth.

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The lecture deals with the mulch in its relation to soil moisture; when to mulch, how to mulch, and explains the scientific reason for it, by a man who is fully competent to tell them.

"Forage Crops and Legumes for Dry Regions," by Prof. A. B. Connor, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"Dry Land Cropping Systems for West Texas," by Prof. B. Youngblood, now on the staff of the Texas A. & M. College and formerly for a number of years one of the most practical and successful farm demonstrators for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"Diversification and Crop Rotation in Dry Farming," by Hon. Ed R. Kone, State Commissioner of Agriculture.

"Methods of Dry Farming, and what the System has Accomplished in Semi-Arid countries," by Prof. H. M. Bainer, agricultural demonstrator for the Santa Fe system in New Mexico

and the Panhandle and formerly on the staff of the Agricultural College of Colorado.

"Seed Selection and Development of Drouth Resisting Varieties," by J. W. Neill, director of Farmers' Institutes.

"Growing Cotton in Semi-Arid Regions," by Prof. J. L. Quicksall of the U. S. Department of agriculture farm demonstration work for the western district of Texas.

"Good Roads, How to Build, and their Importance," by Judge T. A. Bledsoe, of Abilene.

Short talks on pertinent local questions by farmers. Also a free opening for questions and discussions following each lecture.

We had hoped to give the program complete at this time, but find that we can not, as negotiations are pending with two or three dry farming experts whom we may yet secure to deliver lectures.
R. E. Sherrill, Pres.
J. E. Poole, Sec.

Mr. Lee Pierson is a man who always helps a man with a burden. A few days ago he found us carrying a chase full of type and he kindly came to our assist with his horse and buggy.

Miss Lucile Hughes has returned from a visit to her grandmother, Mrs. Wood of the north east side.

Mr. Jas A. Hankerson left Sunday for Snyder to attend the court as Stenographer.