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HASKELL, HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 12, 1910.

WHOLE No. 1255

Collier's Drug Store Always in the LEAD. Magazines & Periodicals.

NEW - SPRING - ARRIVALS

Among the many new things just received is a nice lot of Queen Quality Oxfords and Pumps, Ladies Cloth Tailored Suits, Linen Coat Suits, Skirts, & Etc.

Boys Knickerbocker Suits and Knickerbocker Pants. Many new things in Draperies White Goods, Hair Goods, Bags, Combs, Barretts, & Etc. In fact we have on hand a handsome and complete assortment of New, desirable Spring Merchandise, and it will be our pleasure to show you the New things even though you are not ready to buy.

SPRING MILLINERY

We have made unusual preparations to secure the handsomest lot of Spring Millinery it has ever been our pleasure to show.

Our Milliner is Now in the Market and in due time we will have for your inspection Millinery brim full of snap, style and Newness, Characteristic of best ideas for Spring.

C. D. Grissom & Son

The Store With the Goods.

"The Pride of Virginia."

Oprra House on Friday night, Feb. 25 th, 1910, for the benefit of the Haskell Band. The Anson Band will assist the boys here in making music. The play consist of Home talent and there will be 10 Characters in the play. Every body come out and help the boys in this cause.

We are authorized to announce Hon. Jno. D. Hopson as a candidate for the office of District Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Mr. Hopson is a man with a clean moral record; and is serving his second term as district attorney. He has been faithful and diligent in the discharge of the duties of his office, and is qualified to fill the office to which he aspires. His service has brought him in contact with all classes of society, and he is one of the best known lawyers in the 39th judicial district. He is a citizen of the young county of Kent, organized a few years ago, and he is a pioneer in the work of bringing his section un-

der the wholesome influence of law and order. We feel it our duty to bespeak for him a careful consideration of his official record.

An examination for census enumerators for Haskell county was held in this city February 5th by Postmaster John B. Baker. There were fourteen applicants, from different parts of the county. The examination was written and the papers were sent to John B. Littler of Big Springs, district supervisor. Mr. Littler will grade the papers and make appointment of the enumerators.

NOTICE.

Renters for two good houses, 100 acres second years land to each house, wells of good water each place, 17 miles northeast Haskell 8 miles east Weinert, steam gin, six hundred yards field. Phone me via Weinert. Men only who have good teams and expect to cultivate land need apply. No rough riders wanted. J. D. ROBERTS.

Choate Items.

We had a little drizzle of rain last Monday.

Mr. Jackson moved to his farm from Haskell. He has improved it very much.

Mr. Wagner has moved from Haskell to his farm in the Douglas community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Choate returned from McKinney and Fort Worth last Monday where they have been visiting relatives and friends.

Misses Dora and Ellen Ballew visited Mrs. John Ballew last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Day was in Haskell Friday and Saturday.

The dance was well attended at Joe Leoman's last Friday night.

John Ballew moved to the Vinson place last Thursday.

Mr. Edmens moved to the J. C. Choate place.

J. C. Choate and wife moved to Haskell Tuesday.

Happy Jack.

Horse Shoeing and Blacksmithing done right and promptly.

Hughes, Starr & Co.

Board of Trade Meeting.

Citizens met Wednesday in response to a call for the purpose of reorganizing the Board of Trade in order to widen the scope of its work and secure larger means for carrying out its plans.

The meeting was called to order by Judge McConnell.

S. W. Scott was made temporary chairman and J. E. Poole temporary secretary.

More than sixty enrolled as members.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On constitution and by-laws—W. H. Murchison, H. G. McConnell, P. D. Sanders.

On membership—G. T. McCulloh, J. S. Rives, E. A. Chambers.

On permanent organization—M. H. Gilliam, A. H. Alexander, H. S. Wilson and S. W. Scott.

Committees were instructed to report back to a meeting Friday morning.

Adjourned.

The meeting reconvened Friday morning with S. W. Scott presiding and J. E. Poole as secretary.

Committee on by-laws and constitution recommended the adoption of the old Board of Trade by-laws and constitution, which was done.

Committee on permanent organization recommended that S. W. Scott be made permanent chairman and that an executive committee of 25 be elected and that said committee elect its own chairman and a treasurer and secretary. Report adopted.

A resolution was offered by W. H. Murchison that it is the desire of the Board of Trade that the W. V. railway erect its new depot just north of the present depot, as such place was most convenient to the business, etc., of the town. Adopted.

On motion J. E. Poole was continued as secretary until a permanent secretary is elected.

A motion by Judge H. G. McConnell that the amount of dues to be contributed by each member be a sum equal to his city tax, same to be paid in monthly installments, provided the minimum shall be 50 cents per month.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

This is to notify the public that J. T. Lawley has bought out the Haskell Tailoring Company and that the Haskell Tailoring Company and Model Tailoring Company have been consolidated under the name of the Model Tailoring Company. The best lines of clothing fabrics will be carried. Repair work, cleaning and pressing, will have the promptest attention.

We solicit the patronage formerly given the Haskell Tailoring Company to continue with us. With our combined strength we are able to give the public a service long desired in Haskell. Come to see us at new quarters. Place of business under Dellis Bros. The Model Tailoring Co.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Study 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m., 7 p. m.
Song Practice, 3 p. m.

Special songs and music at "His Old Sweethearts," Saturday, Feb. 19th.

Sulphur Springs, Tex.,
Jan. 25, 1910.

Editor Haskell Free Press, Haskell, Texas.

My Dear Sir: I would appreciate your active support in my race for lieutenant-governor. Perhaps few men in Texas have been accorded such hearty receptions as those given to me in different parts of the state last summer, which is enough to prove that the people are with me in my fight for clean politics and purity in government. This fact, together with the hearty endorsement I have received at the hands of my people, is enough to forever silence those newspapers in Texas that abuse and slander me. I expect to carry every county in which I spoke last summer. I will visit your county in the near future and address your people on the subject: "The evils of the lobby, graft and corruption at Austin and why I was expelled from the senate." Will you kindly make this announcement in your paper and send me a copy of the same. I ask, at least, a square deal from the newspapers of the state and surely I am entitled to this. If you do not think kindly of my action in the senate I ask that you suspend judgment un-

til you have heard me.

Thanking you for any kindness shown me in my campaign, I am yours cordially.

H. Bascom Thomas.

Haskell, Tex., Feb. 4, 1910.
Hon. H. Bascom Thomas, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Dear Sir: Your favor of Jan. 25th came duly to hand, and in reply I take this opportunity to pledge you my support for lieutenant-governor. I think you have made a splendid fight against the lobbyist and lobbyes out and in the legislature against great odds. The lobbyes in the senate thought they would squelch you in disgrace, but your people rebuked them—now it will be a fitting crown with which to adorn you to place upon you the honors of the presiding officer of the senate. You have set an example unprecedented. May you live long and prosper, and may your tribe increase.

Very truly yours,

Oscar Martin.

P. S. If this letter can be of any service to you use it as you see fit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bolles of Gilmer moved to Haskell last week to make this their future home.

SULKY PLOWS.

We are now offering the celebrated light runing "STAG SULKY" as the most plow for the money on the market. It's better than ever, easily converted into a perfect middle buster.

LET US SHOW YOU

Cason, Cox & Co.

Basket Ball Game!

HASKELL GIRLS

vs
STAMFORD GIRLS

Benefit Mother's Club February 28th.

Own Your Home and stop paying rent.

We will loan you money to build a home, or to pay off indebtedness on a home either country or city property. Will loan money on lots, farms or any kind of real estate at 5 per cent.

All Kinds of Farm and City property sold and exchanged.

RAMEY & FRENCH First Door West of Herald Office.

HASKELL FREE-PRESS

OSCAR MARTIN, Publisher

HASKELL - TEXAS

Get ready for a spring real estate boom.

Is there really such a thing as "slippery weather?"

Aeroplane never get stalled in snowdrifts, anyway.

Thuggery has become a hazardous occupation in Chicago.

The inventor of the pay-as-you-enter car could not have been a smoker.

Uncle Sam's warships do no honor to the navy when they spend all night on shoals or mud banks.

That January thaw did not bring the hens to a melting mood. Eggs continue just as high as ever.

The best proof of high or low prices is found by the average man in his cash balance at the month's end.

The man who invented that phantom airship is a genius either for inventing or for weaving fairy tales.

If Halley's comet must strike the earth somewhere, we hope it will show a sense of discrimination and land in Nicaragua.

A whole village in Italy is sliding down the hill on which it was built. The coasting must be unusually fine in that locality.

It has just been discovered that the earth has existed only 60,000,000 years. And this country is just beginning to realize its full possibilities.

Pay as you enter and pay as you go are good rules to follow whether applied to street cars or any other service or want in the way of living.

The fact that eggs refused to countenance a further increase in price probably is due to the fact that age has lent them at least some modesty.

The latest cure for tuberculosis is rattlesnake venom. There does not seem to be the average individual much choice between the remedy and the disease.

While it is all right for a farmer to buy a motor car if he can afford it, he should not mortgage his farm in order to do so. It takes a fast motor to outrun a mortgage.

Unprecedented things are happening the world over. But do not get alarmed. Some things are just as before. For instance, a revolution is going on in Santo Domingo.

A man in New Jersey came near drowning in a tank in midair. Its citizens cannot even shuffle off this mortal coil in a conventional and usual way in that spectacular state.

When an aviator has his aeroplane pointed upward we see no reason why he should not keep on going. It would not be much worse to fall a mile than to fall half that distance.

From the way that war between Chinese Tones in New York and elsewhere is raging it looks like a case of hammer and tongs. Cannot some one take a poker to the combatants?

China now wants railroads. The great wall between that empire and the civilized world is down at last. On the new railroads occidental ideas and institutions will be the principal part of the freight they will carry.

If, at the initiative of the United States, the world forms a general peace court, at which its differences can be arbitrated and arranged, it will be the greatest work a nation could ever perform. But its realization sounds too much like the establishment of an international millennium. It will require so many concessions from human nature to international politics.

The old story of the piteer that goes too often to the well is told again in the case of that New York farmer killed a few days ago by an explosion of dynamite. He had been blowing out stumps, and left dynamite caps in his pocket. While he was pitching some hay into his barn, the fork hit his pocket and he was blown up. A correspondent says: "He was an expert at blasting, and had become careless from constant use of dynamite."

The police claim to have arrested the "Spanish prisoner" in New York. But it will make little difference as far as saving victims is concerned. Fools in this world are so eager to be parted from their money that almost any kind of easy trick will do it. The length of time which the "Spanish prisoner" swindle has existed and flourished, in spite of repeated exposures, shows this. Other Spanish prisoners will arise, and after all, it makes no real difference to the dupes who gets their money.

All criticisms of the weather man for presenting the country with such a mild winter have been recalled. There was nothing the matter with his style of winter weather; he had plenty of it, but simply concentrated.

Enterprise does not tag in New Jersey. A grave-digger there was recently fined for selling liquor in the cemetery to mourners at funerals. This unique method of offering consolation to the grief-stricken, with profits to the consoler, was promptly nipped in the bud.

EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Here Found.

WASHINGTON NEWS

The Lake to the Gulf deep waterway scheme will receive a hard jolt when the rivers and harbors bill is reported from the house committee the week after next in Washington.

The president has issued a proclamation in which he declares German goods imported into the United States are entitled to the minimum rates of duty.

After several conferences Wade Ellis resigned his position as assistant to the United States Attorney General in the Department of Justice to accept the chairmanship of the Republican Executive Committee of Ohio.

The friends of former Congressman S. B. Cooper of Beaumont, have already begun a movement to obtain Mr. Cooper's appointment to the Federal bench as a successor to the late Judge Bryant, whose death occurred recently.

Another shake up in the Texas items of the river and harbor bill is in contemplation. This time the \$200,000 which Representative Burgess expects to get for the five-foot channel for the intercostal canal link between the mouth of the Brazos River and Matagorda Bay is in jeopardy.

Unavailing criticism of the Bureau of Forestry, led by Representatives Mondell of Wyoming and Taylor of Colorado was the chief feature of the proceedings of the House Tuesday. The agricultural appropriation bill continues before the House and consideration will be resumed soon.

The House passed the agricultural appropriation bill, carrying appropriations aggregating nearly \$13,500,000, being a net increase of \$100,000 over the appropriation for last year. This increase was chiefly for the forest service and was made necessary by the addition to the National forests, of 26,548,439 acres.

The proposition of the United States for the neutralization of the railroads in Manchuria, came as a surprise in Japan, and the publication of the details of the note of Secretary Knox, which was handed to the Japanese Government Dec. 18, by the American Ambassador, aroused an immediate chorus of disapproval.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS

High School building at Groesbeck has been totally destroyed by fire. A piano, a large number of new seats, wearing apparel and books were also burned. Loss is about \$15,000.

Machinist Simmons, who is in charge of the Wright aeroplane, which is to be tested at San Antonio, has arrived at Fort Sam Houston, and reported for duty. He was accompanied by a detail of five members of the Signal Corps.

The steamer Eldorado, of the Morgan line, arrived at Galveston late after a troublous voyage from New York, the vessel damaged to some extent by a shifting of a portion of her cargo during a violent wind storm and another portion of the cargo on fire.

Messages received in Sherman from St. Louis announced the death of Judge David E. Bryant. Judge Bryant was United States Judge of the Eastern District of Texas, to which office he was appointed in 1890 by President Harrison. He became suddenly ill about two weeks ago during a session of his court and was sent to St. Louis for treatment.

A report was received in Seguin that postoffice at Kingsburg was entered and robbed of \$250 to \$375 in stamps, also a small amount of cash.

Attorney General Lightfoot will advise the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking that National and private banks may take advantage of the bond provisions of the bank guaranty law at any time. Only State banks are permitted to participate in the assessment plan of guaranty, though national and private banks are allowed to avail themselves of the bond plan of guaranty and several have done so, but accomplished it before Jan. 1.

A block of \$129,000 worth worth Harris County (Texas) and another of \$118,000 worth Ellis County (Texas) bonds offered on the Boston market by N. W. Harris & Co., the Boston bankers, are meeting with a ready sale to investors.

The retail price of diamonds is to be raised from \$5 to \$10 a carat because of an advance of twelve and one-fourth per cent in wages which has just been granted by the Maiden Lane diamond merchants of New York, to the members of the American Diamond Cutters' Protective Association.

Meat is still on the rise in the New York market. Retailers in many sections of the city, especially in the poorer quarters, reported a falling off of one-third to one-half in their sales.

Members of the Order of Railway Conductors in El Paso gave out Wednesday night that 99 1/2 per cent of the American engineers and train dispatchers in the employ of the National Line of Mexico have voted to resign in a body, or in other words, to strike because of the policy of the National lines to substitute as rapidly as possible Mexicans for Americans employed in their capacities named.

Eleven men killed and seven injured in an explosion in mine No. 2 of the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal and Iron company at Ernest, five miles from Indiana, Pa.

The report of another victory is regarded in official circles in Washington as foreshadowing the speedy downfall of President Madriz, of Nicaragua, who succeeded Zelaya.

Will Gardner, aged seventeen, confessed in the United States Commissioners' Court in Tulsa, Okla., to robbing the postoffice at Sapulpa. He was bound over to the Federal Grand Jury.

Oklahoma has a fighting chance to save its 2c passenger fare law and the Corporation Commission's freight rate orders, against which Federal Judge Hook announced he would grant temporary injunctions.

Contracts have been let and work commenced on the building to be erected at Frederick, Okla., by the Dixie Motor Car Co. for use in manufacturing a new motor car to be known as the Dixie Flyer.

Seven men were killed when a motor car on the private railroad of the Bay Copper Company was blown up by dynamite between the mine at Phoenix, Ariz., and Kelvin station.

What is known as the J. Mercer Carter franchise, or the franchise of the Dallas Interurban Electric Railway Company, has been sold to Dr. Robert C. Buckner, president of Buckner Orphan's Home, for \$4,700.

Representative Butler Ames, of Massachusetts has constructed an aeroplane, the details of which he is keeping secret. It is said to be a vast improvement, providing for an automatic balance. He has made several successful trial trips.

Edward F. Morris of Chicago, president of the Nelson Morris Packing Company, has bought the million and a quarter acre ranch in Old Mexico owned by Dr. W. S. Woods. The consideration was \$1,000,000.

State Mine Inspector Taylor reported to the department of labor at Austin a number of violations of the mining laws in mines over the state. He found several points where children under the legal age were working in mines.

Judge Palafox, Guadajura, Mexico, says he will carry out the recommendations of the Prosecuting Attorney and sentence James A. Cook of Texas, the American conductor, to two years and ten months. The Prosecuting Attorney claims Cook is guilty of criminal negligence.

W. T. Loundermilk, president of the Farmers' Union, is in Austin to appear before the Railroad Commission in support of a petition for a reduction in cotton rates. He will insist upon a reduction, though a number of the local unions have sent petitions to the commission protesting against any reduction in the rates at this time, claiming it would result in the railroads raising the interstate rates on cotton seed, which would mean a heavy loss to the farmers, against a small gain in a reduction in the cotton rates within the state.

A score of delegates called by Gov. Donaghey to attend the Arkansas drainage convention, which meets in Little Rock this month, urged President Taft to use his influence to the project of issuing \$30,000,000 of bonds for drainage of swamp lands in Arkansas.

The motion for a new trial for Col. D. B. and Robin Cooper, of Nashville, Tenn., convicted and sentenced to prison for twenty years for the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack, has been called before the Supreme Court. It is known as case No. 2 and bids fair to become the most voluminous one ever filed. The transcript of testimony covers 3,670 typewritten pages. The brief filed by the defense covers 447 printed pages, while the arguments of counsel will require probably a thousand more typewritten pages.

The season's record for price of West Texas steers was broken in San Angelo when H. B. Opp, a prominent Fort McKavett ranchman, sold to W. S. Thompson of Coleman a bunch of fours at \$40 per head.

A good rain fell at Lampasas, which was needed, and will result in great benefit to small grain. More rain is needed to insure a cotton crop.

Commander Peary made a proposition to the National Geographic Society, which, if accepted, would mean an American expedition on the way to discover the unconquered South Pole next fall.

President A. D. Allen of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association has called the annual convention of that association to be held in Little Rock, Ark., May 24, 25 and 26. About 500 delegates from all parts of the country are expected.

Seventy bodies have been taken from the Palau mine, in Mexico. This represents the total list of the dead. However, some of the twenty injured who are now in the hospital may die. The gas is all out of the mine and the exploration has been thorough. Not an American was hurt.

Legislator Huckaby of Vivian, in the northern part of Caddo Parish, La., announces that the capacity of the Sun Company's oil well, which has been considered a light producer, unexpectedly changed to a flow of 5,000 barrels Wednesday, following displacement of rocks in the well.

Postmaster Kinsloe of Corsicana is in receipt of orders from the Postal Department to notify the rural route carriers that after Feb. 15 they will not be allowed to take loose coins placed in mail boxes for stamps. The coins must be wrapped or in an envelope and not left loose in the boxes, as now.

RIVER SEINE AGAIN THREATENS CITY

PARISIANS FEAR RISING WATER CREATES RENEWED FEARS IN MINDS OF PARISIANS.

TRIBUTARIES FLOW GREATER

Government Reports Are Affluent Carry Increased Flow—Waters Invade North Rhone Valley.

Paris, Feb. 9.—Almost continual rain and constantly mounting temperature have again raised fears in the minds of Parisians. The Seine, which had fallen below the level of the sewer mouths, today is rising with a rapidity which threatens to reflood the cellars and may, unless there is a decided change in the weather, cause a repetition of the recent disaster.

Reports of the Hydrographic Service state that the affluents of the Seine, the Marne and the Yonne are carrying a continually increased flow, all of which must eventually reach Paris and its environs. Already at Alfortville, Charenton, Autea and other suburban towns, which were nearly free of the original rise, the water is creeping up.

Not only is the situation about Paris becoming more alarming, but the country districts are also being overwhelmed. The northern section of the Rhone Valley is invaded by water, while messages from L'Isle-Sur-Doubs state that the river is rising twenty centimeters an hour and neighboring flat lands are inundated. A hot south wind is blowing its accompaniment of rain, melting large deposits of snow.

Besancon reports that the Doubs at that point is five meters above the summer level and that the flood is already assuming greater proportions than the one just passed.

THREE KILLED IN TENNESSEE

Forty White Men Repel Attack 24 Hours.

Chattanooga, Tenn.: In a pitched battle between whites and negroes at Hale's Bar, three negroes were shot to death. Forty determined, though unarmed white men, repelled the attack of 200 negroes all Monday night until reinforcements and munitions of war could reach them, and with the first dawn of day, led by Capt. Will Burke of the Police Department, an advance was made on the negroes.

Since the hostile armies of the sixties pelted each other with hot shot has such a scene been enacted in the Tennessee River valley.

PEARY CONTRIBUTES \$10,000

Offers Present to Aid South Pole Expedition.

New York: Before an audience of more than 4,000 persons in the Metropolitan Opera House, Commander Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, was presented with a check on behalf of the citizens of New York, but instead of retaining it, the commander announced immediately that he would contribute it toward the South Pole expedition as planned by the National Geographic Society. The check was presented to the Commander by Gov. Hughes of New York, at this, the first National testimonial in the explorer's favor.

MANY PRESBYTERIANS MEET

Will Discuss Forthcoming Editions of Bible.

Chicago: Prominent Presbyterians, representing all sections of the United States and Canada, are assembled here to discuss important questions of world-wide interest. Those in attendance are members of the Western section of the executive committee of the Presbyterian Alliance, representing the church of the world. One of the most interesting matters to be brought before the commission is the forthcoming tercentenary edition of the King James' Bible of 1611, which will be published in 1911. This new edition of the Bible will not contain any revision arising from recent original research.

Santa Fe Surveyors Out. Marshall: It was stated in a dispatch from this city several days ago that the Santa Fe Railroad Company was soon to put a corps of surveyors in the field to run a line from a point about one mile north of Carthage straight north, through Marshall, and on into the iron ore fields of Cass and Marion counties. It was learned on good authority from a prominent man living at Carthage that the surveyors are now in the field, at work on the line. Just how far they have gone could not be learned.

National Reception for Roosevelt. Washington: A National reception awaits the return of Theodore Roosevelt about June 15, according to the plans which are now under consideration, and which will be further worked out at a conference at the White House between President Taft and John A. Stewart, president of the League of Republican Clubs of New York, where Mr. Roosevelt will land. The reception, it is given out, will take the character of a National expression of appreciation.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The Fort Worth schools will have a health supervisor, to be elected Feb. 21, on a salary of \$2,400 per annum.

Safe crackers made an unsuccessful attempt to loot the bank at Cross Plains, Texas, after having robbed the joint postoffice and a store.

A deal involving more than a million dollars was consummated at Denison when T. L. Clark and E. C. Sturgis of Denison purchased 72,000 acres of land lying in Duval, McMullen and LaSalle Counties.

Senator Bailey stated that he would accept the invitation of the South Carolina Legislature to make an address before that body on the income tax. The date for the speech has not yet been set.

A new station has been established on the Santa Fe, four miles south of Fort Worth, with the name of Seminole Hill, so named by reason of that being the site of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The eighth church to be organized in Jacksonville and a building constructed at an early date. The Catholics have purchased the building formerly occupied by the Presbyterians and will remodel and enlarge same.

Official records of the City Engineer's department of Fort Worth, show an increase of 600 per cent in building permits issued during January, 1910, over the corresponding month of 1909.

Chairman Gilmore of the State penitentiary investigation committee has issued a call for the committee to meet in Huntsville this month. They will receive there the report of the auditing committee and likely make up their final report to the Governor.

Governor Campbell has authorized the statement that he has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the slayer of W. V. Bailey, who was shot down by a negro on a street car in Dallas.

H. C. Hughes, a well-known attorney of Sweetwater, says the Santa Fe has graded the Texico-Coleman cut-off from Coleman to Sweetwater, a distance of eighty miles, and has laid about fifteen miles of steel.

Contracts were closed for an aviation meet at San Antonio April 21, 22, 23 and 24. Glen Curtiss, Charles K. Hamilton, Clive H. Willard, operators of aeroplanes; J. C. Mars, pilot of a spherical balloon, and Arthur J. Beard, pilot of a dirigible balloon, will be the participants.

It is announced that the maneuvers of the regular troops and the National Guard of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana will be held at Leon Springs, near San Antonio, in August. Three thousand regulars and 5,000 National Guardsmen will participate.

Burglars in looting the store of W. M. Herring at Adell, twenty miles north of Weatherford, late Saturday night, daringly rolled the safe out of doors, across the street to a blacksmith shop, where with hammers and chisels they tried vainly to open the vault.

The steamship Frankfurt from Bremen has arrived in Galveston, bringing 230 passengers and a large cargo. Most all of the passengers were immigrants and home-seekers. Many of the immigrants are destined to Texas and Colorado points.

Gov. Campbell of Texas writes that he will be on hand to make the welcoming address at the National Feeders and Breeders Show at Fort Worth March 14. That is Democratic Day at the show. Gov. Shallenberger of Nebraska is the orator of the day, and will respond to Gov. Campbell, on behalf of the other Democratic governors present. Invitations have been sent to every Democratic governor in the Union, and it is expected that most of them will attend.

Work has begun on the new Lone Star Cotton Mill, \$200,000 capital, the ground being broken for the foundation.

The first party of a colony of farmers from Kentucky arrived in Ft. Worth with George Edmondson of Muhlenberg County, as the promoter of the move. Mr. Edmondson said that there will be a number of families from Muhlenberg, Butler, Ohio, and McClean Counties, who will come to Texas prepared to buy small farms and become actual settlers. He states that there is evidence of a considerable move from the Blue Grass State to Texas.

"The Wright aeroplane has been shipped by express from Chicago to San Antonio. The machine should be at Fort Sam Houston by this time," said Lieut. Fulois of the Signal Corps.

That there are 284,000 Catholics in the State of Texas is the total of the three dioceses and the vicariate of Brownsville is shown by the American Wiltzius, official Catholic directory issued in Milwaukee. The directory shows that there are about 22,000,000 Catholics in the American possessions, of which number 14,000,000 are in the United States proper.

The Stamford Commercial Club has laid out for a campaign this year to put in several manufacturing enterprises of mutual interest to the farmers and town people. The first of these is a creamery and ice-cream factory.

Some fifty or sixty bales of cotton were ginned in West last Saturday. One ginner states that he thinks it will be the last day he will run, as so far as he can learn there is no more cotton to pick in the territory. In the cross timbers territory, some six miles west of this place, there remains still in the fields a considerable amount of cotton.

For Sprains

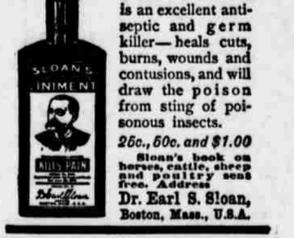


Sloan's Liniment is the best remedy for sprains and bruises. It quiets the pain at once, and can be applied to the tenderest part without hurting because it doesn't need to be rubbed—all you have to do is to lay it on lightly. It is a powerful preparation and penetrates instantly—relieves any inflammation and congestion, and reduces the swelling.

Here's the Proof. Mr. L. ROLAND, Bishop of Scranton, Pa. says:—"On the 7th of this present month, as I was leaving the building at noon for lunch, I slipped and fell, spraining my wrist. I returned in the afternoon, and at four o'clock I could not hold a pencil in my hand. I returned home later and purchased a bottle of Sloan's Liniment."

Sloan's Liniment

and used it five or six times before I went to bed, and the next day I was able to go to work and use my hand as usual."



Sloan's Liniment is an excellent anti-septic and germ killer—heals cuts, burns, wounds and contusions, and will draw the poison from sting of poisonous insects. 25c., 50c. and \$1.00.

Sloan's book on horses, cattle, sheep and poultry sent free. Address: Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

A ROYAL SPENDER



Uncle (to Marjorie, who has married a millionaire)—I really think you'd be happier if you had married a man who had less money. Marjorie—He will have less after a few years with me.

Money Needed for Good Work.

Twelve years ago, Massachusetts made the first appropriation for a state sanitarium. Since that time, over \$10,000,000 has been appropriated by state legislatures for the prevention of tuberculosis, and about an equal sum by municipal and county authorities. The federal government has over \$1,000,000 invested in tuberculosis hospitals, and spends annually about \$500,000 in their maintenance. Every year the percentage of appropriations made from public funds for tuberculosis work has increased.

While private societies have led the way in the tuberculosis campaign, every effort has been made to have states, cities and counties do their share. A bulletin of the national association states that the final success of the anti-tuberculosis crusade depends on every city and state providing funds to treat and prevent consumption.

GET POWER.

The Supply Comes From Food.

If we get power from food, why not strive to get all the power we can. That is only possible by use of skillfully selected food that exactly fits the requirements of the body. Poor fuel makes a poor fire, and a poor fire is not a good steam producer. "From not knowing how to select the right food to fit my needs, I suffered grievously for a long time from stomach troubles," writes a lady from a little town in Missouri.

"It seemed as if I would never be able to find out the sort of food that was best for me. Hardly anything that I could eat would stay on my stomach. Every attempt gave me heartburn and filled my stomach with gas. I got thinner and thinner until I literally became a living skeleton and in time was compelled to keep to my bed. A few months ago I was persuaded to try Grape-Nuts food, and it had such good effect from the very beginning that I have kept up its use ever since. I was surprised at the ease with which I digested it. It proved to be just what I needed.

"All my unpleasant symptoms, the heart-burn, the inflated feeling which gave me such pain disappeared. My weight gradually increased from 95 to 116 lbs., my figure rounded out, my strength came back, and I am now able to do all my housework and enjoy it. Grape-Nuts did it."

A ten days' trial will show anyone some facts about food. Look in pkgs. for the little book, "The Road to Wellville." "There's a Reason."

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

COMIC VALENTINES

PAST and PRESENT

by WALDON FAWCETT



LITHOGRAPHER PREPARING THE DESIGNS OF COMIC VALENTINES



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With the decreasing cost of the comic valentines—the small boy can now buy as many as ten for a cent—there use has grown and our public men and celebrities, from the president, all down the ladder, are now likely to be deluged each February with more or less pertinent reminders of the jokers' day. Germany and Japan have manufactured many valentines, but American lithographic houses are gradually capturing most of the business and there are now several men in the United States who devote practically their entire time to preparing designs for comic valentines.

DANGERS IN DANCING.

Dancing has been extolled as a healthful recreation; as a means of physical culture it favors the development of the muscular system and promotes health and cheerfulness.



ANALYZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE VALENTINES

and fashionably gowned woman. However, the pulling of a string changed the whole aspect of the picture in that the head of the woman was suddenly replaced by that of a parrot. Later the manufacturers of comic valentines struck what might be termed the standard form of grotesque, highly colored caricatures which has endured to this day with only such changes as have been dictated from time to time by the edicts of fashion in dress, etc.

Young girls appear to experience no fatigue after it. They will not miss a single waltz, polka or square dance, but if the pulse of one of these indefatigable devotees is felt after the dance is finished it will be found in the majority of cases that the number of pulsations is far in excess of the normal, and from this it may be inferred that the condition of the heart must react prejudicially upon the entire organism, and it justifies an apprehension of danger to delicate girls.

Robin Redbreast's Valentine

A girl and a boy wandered forth into a fair, pleasant garden that looked like fairyland, although it was wintry weather.

Suddenly the girl spoke.

"I wish St. Valentine had had the snowdrop instead of the crocus dedicated to him."

And as she spoke she knelt down and, raising one of the white, drooping flowers, she gazed lovingly at its pure white petals and at the delicate green tracery of the leaves of its inner cup.

"Ah!" said she, "what have you been waiting for so long?"

"Under the snow, under the snow, With your ivory heads all bending low, How many secrets you must know!"

The boy looked at her wonderingly.

"How can the flowers know anything?" he asked.

"Everything knows something," returned Lella, dreamily; "but the flowers are dumb and cannot tell one their thoughts—only their beauty speaks, and their fragrance breathes sweet thoughts into one's heart that one tries to put into words. But that is almost impossible."

"Of course it is," answered her companion. "Now, it is quite different with the birds; they can make themselves understood. They sing songs of thanksgiving and their note of joy or mourning is easy to tell. They scold and chatter as the jackdaw and rook, or screech like the owl, or sing a serenade as the nightingale. And one of them speaks even more clearly, for when he cries 'cuckoo, cuckoo,' we know that the summer is coming. No wonder St. Valentine cared for the birds, and you see that they are all fluttering out and singing a joyful song in honor of his birthday."

"Yes," said Lella, softly—

The birds in spring Sweet chorus sing To good St. Valentine.

"See, there are two sitting on a bough whispering to each other of the spring and summer days and all that is going to happen; where they shall live and how they shall build their nests. And there are two more flying toward them and two more—always in pairs. Ah! that is because

on Valentine's day each bird chooses its mate."

"Of course," answered the boy.

"And the snowdrops are nodding their heads, as if they were keeping time to the birds' song," continued Lella. "Doubtless they have been waiting to do honor to St. Valentine. They have been lying patiently under the snow and now that the warmer day has come they are saying, 'We belong to the wreath that the flowers weave for Valentine's day.'"

WHY WE GIVE VALENTINES.

Long ago there lived a priest named Valentine. This good man was noted in all the country round for his kindness. He nursed the sick, comforted the sorrowing and was always ready to give help to anyone who was in need. Valentine dearly loved the children and those who went to him for food or clothes were never turned away. After this kind priest became too old to go among his people he was very sad because he thought he could no longer be of any help to them. Then he remembered that he could write loving messages to the sick and sorrowing. Soon his friends began to watch for the kind words that were sure to come whenever sorrow or joy entered their homes. Even little children would say, when they were sick, "I think Father Valentine will send me a letter to-day."

But after a time no more letters were received and soon the news went abroad that good old Valentine was dead. Then every one said that such a man was good enough to be called a saint and since then he has been known as St. Valentine. It was not long until people celebrated his birthday by sending loving messages to their friends. The notes and letters containing these messages were called valentines. This all happened years ago, but good St. Valentine is still remembered on the fourteenth of each February.

SAYS DAD.

"I notice you ordered lots of ice cream during the holidays."

"Yes, I like to order ice cream sent home."

"Why?"

"Because it is about the only thing mother will eat her share of, and not try to save until next day for one of the children."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Spring-sown alfalfa is a paying crop in the southwest.

Another way to discourage the book agent—show him your big library.

The man who is anxious to see us often must of course be a smart man.

The man who finds his pleasures in another's discomfitures is to be pitied.

It is of vital importance that the farmer bring his farm to a cash paying basis as soon as possible.

When poverty comes in at the door it is time for the man to leap out of the window and begin to hustle.

The government has declared guessing contests illegal, but the weather forecaster is still doing business at the old stand.

It is hard to make a man believe that he owns poor stock, but as to what his neighbors own is a horse of another color.

Not a few of us miss a great deal by not seeing more of our neighbors and friends. Social intercourse is broadening and necessary.

Are you living in as good a home as your means justify? It is a part of every man's duty to the community to live as comfortably as possible.

The bulk of the real work of this country is done by the plain citizen. If you are really smart you will attract attention without adding any frills.

Flower gardens are as valuable in their way as vegetable gardens. They render returns by the beauty and fragrance which add to the pleasure of living.

Praise the farmer; he has done much. He has almost performed miracles under unfavorable circumstances. What can be accomplished when the shrewd business man with banks full of money gets behind him?

The business man who longs to get out on the farm where he can take life easy and rest will be up against the surprise of his life when he tries it. The farmer makes money, but he doesn't make it by "resting."

It is wonderful the ability some men have for doing things next year. Planning for the future is necessary for great successes, but for keeping the ladder full one ounce of to-day is more efficient than a ton of the uncertain future.

Every up-to-date farmer who keeps a farm account is able to give a correct statement of his profits or losses at the end of the year. He begins the new year with valuable data, which will enable him to profit by the knowledge gained in conducting his farming operations. I cannot conceive it possible for a farmer to succeed in his business unless there is a correct record kept of the money received and disbursed, writes Aaron Coffee in *Stockman and Farmer*. It is true that there are too many so-called farmers who never use any systematic rules in the management of their business who do occasionally prosper when favorable crop years occur, but in such unfavorable ones as the past old one, failure is the natural result.

Having for many years felt the value of keeping a record of my farming operations, I could not or would not pursue any other course. And in the beginning of the new year I feel well equipped to conduct them on the safest procedure. Why do I say so? Because I can tell what each small farm worked by a white tenant and family on the share system has made of cotton, corn, oats, hay and alfalfa per acre and prices received, giving the gross and net income. Besides, the record kept of the proceeds of each field of cotton, corn or grain, planted in the very best of three different kinds of cotton and corn seed, can tell which variety to plant the incoming year that will give the greatest profit. For instance, one of my tenants made 49 bushels of corn per acre and three-fourths of a bale of cotton per acre, while others who cultivated equally as well only made one-half bale of cotton and 30 bushels of corn per acre, owing to a general prevailing drought. And yet the prices paid for a light crop of cotton, 12½ cents, compared to 7½ cents in 1908, on a larger yield, was more remunerative. To sum up the whole matter, keeping a farm account is essential to successful farming.

Feeding Sheep.

A good rack for feeding sheep can be made by almost any sensible farmer. About all that is needed is a support for the hay, so that it shall not fall to the ground and be wasted, and also be handy for the sheep to get at.

Selling Corn Crops.

Some farmers sell their corn shelled and others dispose of it in the ear, but western farmers find it profitable to sell it in the hog.

POOR NAME, BUT GOOD JOKE

Editor-to-Be Could Not Accept the One, Although He Appreciated the Other.

The hero of this sketch was about starting a paper in a long-felt-want neighborhood. He was a real hero, too, for only those of heroic mold ever undertake a thing like that. He had everything in pretty fair shape, except the name, and that he took home with him to his wife. They had had experience in naming several lappuls of babies, and he thought she might render valuable assistance on this occasion. After supper was over and the things cleared away, they got at it, and in a very few minutes she came up with what she thought was just the thing in newspaper nomenclature. "I've got it," she exclaimed, enthusiastically.

"What is it?" he inquired.

"The Item," she told him, with conscious pride in her effort. "That's the very thing."

"Pshaw," said he, "that isn't any kind of a name."

"What's the matter with it?" she pouted.

"Well, to begin with, it is not general enough. It is too narrow, in other words."

She resented the criticism.

"Oh, she sniffed at him, "you are so stuck on editorial traditions that 'The Item' strikes you as narrow, does it? What do you want to call it? 'The Western,' I suppose?"

But he didn't, and not only complimented her upon her brilliance in repartee, but offered to give her a quarter for it as a joke for his funny column.

A Girl and Her Money.

The fact that a young woman, five feet and one inch in height, was able to frustrate and almost knock out a six-foot robber, by hitting him over the head with a purse containing her week's salary, is an interesting illustration of the large improvement that has taken place in recent years, both in the force of woman's muscle and in the size of woman's salary.

It may also, to the wary, seem a warning that some good things may be carried too far. A woman with money has been one of the legitimate pursuits of aspiring but impetuous youth since the beginning of time, and it will be sad evidence of the passing of some of the customs of good old days, should the combination, once so attractive, become in the new civilization a thing to be avoided like the hind leg of a mule.

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"You told me," she sadly said, "when you persuaded me to elope with you that you would never permit anything to come between us—that you would cherish my love all your days and that I should never have cause to regret for a moment that I had placed my happiness in your keeping."

"Oh, well, confound it," he replied, "what's the use of harping on that now? If you hadn't kept a lot of your faults hidden from me I'd never have fallen in love with you or wanted you to elope, so you have only yourself to blame."

No Assistance Needed.

Lucinda stood in the presence of two famous surgeons who had just assured her that her present condition demanded an operation and that unless it was performed within a short time she would in all probability die.

Lucinda listened respectfully.

"I'm jes as much obliged to you gen'mans as I can be," she assured them, "but ef de dear Lord has done made up his min' to call me home, I thinks he kin translate me widout no assistance."—Life.

Must Have Accessories.

"I hear you picked up an abandoned farm."

"yep."

"Genuine farmer now, are you?"

"My smart friends won't believe it until I have picked up some abandoned dialect."

Modern Office Requirements.

The five largest office buildings in New York contain 2,300 miles of telephone wire and almost 10,000 telephones.

THE rather misty historical chronicles on the subject would seem to indicate that comic valentines did not make their appearance quite as early as the beautiful and sentimental varieties, but it is evident that these sarcastic souvenirs were not far behind the poetic confections of flowers and lace paper in finding popular favor. From the outset the whole principle of the exchange or distribution of comic valentines has been different in one important essential from the dispatch of the "pretty kind." In the case of the artistic and sentimental tokens of St. Valentine the sender is usually willing, nay anxious that the recipient shall suspect his identity. In the case of the comics, on the other hand, every precaution is usually taken to keep the origin of the barbed shaft a profound secret.

In the case of both classes of valentines the sentimental and the comic, the earliest manufactured valentines—those of more than a century ago—were preceded by home-made valentines which had vogue during a considerable era. So general was the exchange of these home-made valentines that aids in the form of "Valentine Writers" or books of appropriate verses were regularly published for the inspiration of young people who desired to prepare such epistles, just as volumes of ready-prepared letters yet find some sale among foveolom youths of little imagination who desire to appear to the best advantage as sentimental correspondents. Most of the "valentine writers" were designed for the sentimental section of the public, but there were some prepared especially for the scribblers with a sense of humor.

For instance, there was published about the last of the eighteenth century "The Quizzical or Satirical Valentine Writer," the character of which may well be surmised from the title. This, alike to most others of its kind, became an annual publication and was looked forward to each year just as the appearance of the almanac for the new year was anticipated with keen interest. Another of these forerunners of our present-day comic valentines was published in London during the same period and bore the highly significant title: "Hymen's Revenge Against Old Maids, Old Bachelors, and Impertinent Coxcombs; or a New Valentine Writer, Being a Collection of Valentines Humorous and Satirical, chiefly original, written expressly for this work."

Some idea of the caustic ammunition provided by these helpers of the composers of valentines may be formed from the following specimen verse addressed "To a Lady Who Squints:"

Thy charming peepers must delight; They yield a most convenient sight; Convenient, I do not deride, For you can see on either side.

One of the most novel features of the beginnings of the comic valentine craze was the appearance of tradespeople's valentine writers containing all sorts of verse especially designed to apply to devotees of the various vocations and lines of mercantile trade. Such a reference work made a good-sized volume, for, in order to be complete, it had to embody verses for every imaginable trade and occupation. There were some sentimental tributes included in each volume of this character, but for the most part the contents consisted of more or less humorous references.

The system was certainly a convenient one, for not only were gibes and appeals provided, but there was also appended favorable and unfavorable replies for each such advance, so that the recipient of one of the valentines thus derived had only to consult the book in order to ascertain the proper reply. For instance, a grocer could address his lady love as follows:

Your breath is all-spice I declare, And you're so neat and handy, That you're as sweet, I think, my fair, As plums or sugar candy. Be favorable, I implore, These verses kindly weigh; And if you will my heart restore, I'll treat you to some tea.

However, the foveolom grocer was liable to reply to this effect:

Your letter I've weighed, Am truly afraid Many pounds you're deficient in weight; An so Mr. Grocer, I'd have you know, Sir, As care not a fig for your treat.

With the introduction of manufactured valentines the comics kept pace with the sentimental variety. Among the earliest and most interesting of the humorous products of the early valentine manufacturers were transformation pictures, which conveyed hidden or double meanings. A notable example was the design which presented at first glance the figure of an situa-

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BACK BONE.

In this age with the accumulated wisdom of sages and philosophers for centuries, the ideals of the twentieth century man or woman should be most lofty, but to live with constant devotion to one's ideal involves a struggle, opposition, pit-falls and temptation. The best men and women incur the hatred, the fear and the jealousies of the low, the groveling and the "muck-rakes in a community." This low element never let an opportunity slip to slander or traduce a good man or woman. They are eternally vigilant to down a preacher, statesman, or an honest, successful business man. Many people realize this early in life and in various ways undertake to stand in with, connive at and on occasion consort and pretend to sympathize with a bad or criminal element for some mercenary end. The man or woman who does this becomes a moral degenerate, a hypocrite. He or she first lose self-respect; then they lose the respect and incur the contempt of the lowest element they sought to gain. The better class finally arrive at a proper estimate of this duplicitous individual and he or she goes down a disgraced failure. To be men or women we must have "back bone;" the moral courage to stand for the right on all occasions. We must reprove error with love, sympathy and kindness. Let this reproof be administered to the sinner, the

social faddest and coarse rich people as well. The old prophets spared not even David the king. In this biblical lesson we are impressed with the great power of truth, and the great influence of a prophet with a "back bone." It was the prophets that kept alive the conscience of Israel, and if they failed to do so their influence waned and they were stoned. There is a city of Texas with a priest in league with liquor. He has lost his power as a seer; crime in his city is rampant. The past week one business man in broad daylight and two women have been sandbagged and robbed. One of the victims died. If this priest should undertake to interfere even by prophecy with the criminal element in his city, this element he had failed to reprove for so long, would in resentment "stone him."

To be a man have a "back-bone." Use it and see the statue of your influence grow to your most ambitious desire. Among the men who came down to us through the ages, whose fame was sung by the generations that followed them, are the men who stood for principle. Men with "back bone; men who had the courage to face death and even die for their convictions. Good men still have to suffer for the right, but conscience approves, God consoles and peace brings sweet repose.

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The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 20th day of January 1910.
SEAL J. W. Meadors,
Clerk, County Court, Haskell Co.

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Resources.	Dollars.
Loans and discounts	\$148,801 03
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	37,367 04
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	25,000 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	181 90
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	8,600 00
Other real estate owned	200 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	18,431 46
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks	2,706 06
Due from approved reserve agents	5,418 09
Checks and other cash items	44 65
Exchange	735 00
Notes of other National Banks	4,434 00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nichels and Cents	4 30
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank Via Specie	\$4,631 27
Legal tender notes	4,500 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250 00
Total	\$292,497 40
Liabilities.	Dollars.
Capital stock paid in	50,000 00
Surplus fund	12,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes	12,173 30
National bank notes outstanding	25,000 00
Due to state and private banks and bankers	2 51
Individual deposits subject to check	146,264 35
Time certificates of deposit	3,085 00
Current checks	156 65
Cashier's checks outstanding	2,617 19
Total	\$292,497 40

I, G. E. LANGFORD, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. E. LANGFORD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of February, 1910.

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Lee Pierson Haskell, Texas.
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Public Library Notes.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The public library of Haskell is open on Tuesday and Thursday of each week from 2 to 6 o'clock p. m. A small fee of 5 cents is charged for the use of a book for eight days.

In order to stimulate interest in the public library, an institution in which all the citizens of the town should feel a pride, it has been decided to print each month a list of late fiction and other books that are accessible for use.

LATE FICTION.

"Rebecca of Sunny-Brook Farm," by Kate Douglas Wiggin, a poetic and idealistic love story. This is not only one of the most popular but also one of the best books of recent years.

"The Doctor," by Ralph Connor. In this the main plot centers on the love story, but some very interesting scenes are laid among the mining camps in the Rocky Mountains.

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"The Weavers," is a problematic novel by Parker Gilbert. It deals with the labor questions.

STANDARD FICTION.

There are many books in the library by the standard writers of merit such as Dickens, George Eliot, Thackeray, Hugo, Irving, Hawthorne and many others.

DIED

Margra Bell the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Clifton died the third instant at their home in this city, of pneumonia. The bereaved family have our sympathy.

Clever comedians that are really funny, dancers that surely dance, singers that are real ones will be at Haskell Opera House Feb. 17th, where you will hear all the new jokes and the very latest song hits. Everything bright and new and right up-to-date. Not one dull movement. The show that was built for laughing purposes only.

Hear W. M. Gross, America's foremost tenor, sing "What's The Use of Dreaming" and "Clover Blossoms."

CLUB NOTES.

Literary and civic meet with Mrs. Murchison Feb. 9. Had a very interesting lesson. Mrs. McGuire as teacher. The club decided to observe clean up day which is March 10th. The club earnestly asks that all the premises be looked after, and a whole hearted co-operation is sincerely asked of all the clubs in town. cleanliness next to godliness. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. Keister Feb. 23. The hostess served a delightful course lunch.

Under a ruling that the offices of sheriff and tax collector will not be severed the coming election. Mr. A. H. Norris authorizes us to change his announcement to that of sheriff and tax collector.

Clubbing Proposition

Mr. Bryan has purchased the established farm journal, "THE AMERICAN HOMESTEAD," and we have accepted his proposition to club the HOMESTEAD and THE COMMONER with the FREE PRESS. We can furnish the three papers all for the low price of \$1.65 for one year.

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Mr. Drusedow met us the other day and handed us a dollar and told us to keep the Free Press coming. Mr. Drusedow said he had four or five bales of boll cotton to gather, and that all his neighbors were getting ready for the new crop.

Mr. J. W. Tarbet of Rule authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. Mr. Tarbet, as will be remembered, was a deputy tax assessor under S. E. Carothers, and is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office. He ran for the office the last election and was only defeated seventeen votes. From a personal acquaintance with Mr. Tarbet we can recommend him as being honest, competent and a good citizen. He moved to Haskell county in 1890 and has been one of those who helped to develop and prove this country habitable. We commend his candidacy to the consideration of the voters.

At the Haskell Opera House Feb. 17th, you will see real dancing, hear real singing, where all the latest song hits are heard in this comedy, such as "The Tropical Moon," "The Teddy Bear," "The Automobile Girls," with the big beauty chorus in all members gorgeously gowned, and those funny fellows Russell O'Neil and gross, the premier comedians, make this truly the all fun show of the season.

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Mr. Paul Zahn has become a subscriber to the Free Press.

Mr. J. E. Thompson has ordered the Free Press sent to his address.

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Cleveland Pierson of Aspermont spent the week with his kinsmen in this city.

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Preaching at the Methodist church Sunday by the pastor. Everybody invited. C. B. Meador, Pastor.

Mrs. T. E. Cearly was shopping in the city Wednesday and paid the Free Press a pleasant visit.

Mr. R. C. Montgomery has returned from a visit to Mineral Wells.

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Miss Agnes White, who has been with the real estate firm of J. J. Stein & Bro., has accepted a position as stenographer with a real estate firm in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Kimbrough of Seminole, Ok., are visiting Dr. Kimbrough's family of this city.

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See "His Old Sweethearts" at the opera house Saturday night Feb. 19th.

Mr. W. P. Whitford of the northeast side, was in town Tuesday, and renewed his subscription to the Free Press.

Mrs. Alva Butler and Miss Emma Crunk of Waco are with their sister, Mrs. John Carothers for a few days. Mrs. Carothers has been quite sick but is improving rapidly, and will return to Waco with her sisters.

Mr. D. M. Cogdell has returned from a visit to Mineral Wells, Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mrs. Bennett of Seymour was in Haskell this week conducting the organization of a Rebecca lodge. Mrs. J. W. Meadors is entertaining Mrs. Bennett while she is in the city.

A good work mule for sale. Cason, Fox & Co.

B. A. Wilson of Fort Worth, traveling representative of the Star-Telegram, was in the city this week. Mr. Wilson attended a meeting of the Commercial Club and got in some good words for his paper. He also sent in a neat write-up of the town.

S. G. Dean, Jr., of Bettie, Texas, and A. A. Dean of Nowata and family spent several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Dean of this city last week. A. A. Dean had not seen his parents in thirteen years, and Mrs. A. A. Dean had never before met her husband's parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dean left here for San Antonio.

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Capt. Wm. Wood of the northeast side was in the city Monday. The streets were crowded last first Monday.

W. L. Curd of the northeast side was in town Monday.

Mr. J. F. Armstrong, an old-timer of the southwest side, was in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Reynolds, who have been visiting their son, Mr. Robert Reynolds of Roswell, N. M., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. H. S. Wilson of this city.

Russell O'Neil and Gross the headliners with the Matinee girl Company, which will be at the Haskell Opera House Feb. 17th. This is one of season's big successes. Press and public are unanimous in their praise, for this is one show that is new, clean and up-to-date in every respect. In fact just a little ahead of the calendar. There are fifteen different changes in this comedy of the newest musical members with big beauty chorus.

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SYNOPSIS.

Miss Patricia Holbrook and Miss Helen Holbrook, her niece, were entrusted to the care of Laurence Donovan, a writer, summering near Port Annandale. Miss Patricia confided to Donovan that she feared her brother Henry, who, ruined by a bank failure, had constantly threatened her for money from his father's will, of which Miss Patricia was guardian. They came to Port Annandale to escape Henry.

CHAPTER I.—Continued.

"If a strange knight in quest of a lady comes riding through the wood, how shall I know him? What valorous words are written on his shield, and does he carry a lance or a suit-case?"

"He is the Knight of the Sorrowful Countenance," said Miss Holbrook in my own key, as she rose. "You would know him anywhere by his clothes and the remarkable language he uses. He is not to be taken very seriously—that's the trouble with him! But I have been afraid that he and my brother might join hands in the pursuit of us."

"But the Sorrowful Knight would not advance his interests by that—he could only injure his cause!" I exclaimed.

"Oh, he has no subtlety; he's a very foolish person; he blunders at windmills with quixotic ardor."

"Won't you please say good-night to Miss Holbrook for me?" I said, my hand on the door.

And then an odd thing happened. I was about to take my departure through the front hall when I remembered a short cut to the Glenarm gate from the rear of the school. I walked the length of the parlor to a door that would, I knew, give ready exit to the open. I bowed to Miss Pat, who stood erect, serene, adorable, in the room that was now touched with the first shadows of waning day, and her slight figure was so eloquent of pathos, her smile so brave, that I bowed again, with a reverence I already felt for her.

Then as I flung the door open and stepped into the hall I heard the soft swish of skirts, a light furtive step, and caught a glimpse—or could have sworn I did—of white. There was only one sister in the house, and a few servants; it seemed incredible that they could be eavesdropping upon this guest of the house. I crossed a narrow hall, found the rear door, and passed out into the park. Something prompted me to turn when I had taken a dozen steps toward the Glenarm gate. The vines on the gray stone buildings were cool to the eye with their green that hung like a tapestry from eaves to earth. And suddenly, as though she came out of the ivied wall itself, Helen Holbrook appeared on the little balcony opening from one of the first-floor rooms, rested the tips of her fingers on the green vine-climbed rail, and, seeing me, bowed and smiled.

She was gowned in white, with a scarlet ribbon at her throat, and the green wall vividly accented and heightened her outline. I stood, staring like a fool for what seemed a century of heart-beats as she flashed forth there, out of what seemed a sheer depth of masonry; then she turned her head slightly, as though in disdain of me, and looked off toward the lake. I had uncovered at sight of her, and found, when I gained the broad hall at Glenarm House, that I still carried my hat.

An hour later, as I dined in solitary state, that white figure was still present before me; and I could not help wondering, though the thought angered me, whether that graceful head had not been bent against the closed door of the parlor at St. Agatha's, and (if such were the fact) why Helen Holbrook, who clearly enjoyed the full confidence of her aunt, should have stooped to such a trick to learn what Miss Patricia said to me.

CHAPTER II.

Confidences.

Miss Patricia received me the following afternoon on the lawn at St. Agatha's where, in a cool angle of the building, a maid was laying the cloth on a small table.

"It is good of you to come, Helen will be here presently. She went for a walk on the shore."

"You must both of you make free of the Glenarm preserve. Don't consider the wall over there a barricade; it's merely to add to the picturesque quality of the landscape."

Miss Patricia was quite rested from her journey, and expressed her pleasure in the beauty and peace of the place in frank and cordial terms.

"I could ask nothing better than this. Sister Margaret is most kind in every way. Helen and I have had a peaceful 24 hours—the first in two years—and I feel that at last we have found safe harborage."

"Rest assured of it, Miss Holbrook! The summer colony is away off there and you need see nothing of it; it is quite out of sight and sound. You have seen Annandale—the sleepest of American villages, with a curio shop and a candy and soda fountain place and a picture postcard booth which the young ladies of St. Agatha's patronize extensively when they are here. The summer residents are just beginning to arrive on their horses



Saw a Dark Figure Sprawled on the Veranda.

but they will not molest you. If they try to land over here we'll train our guns on them and blow them out of the water. As our neighbor beyond the iron gate of Glenarm I beg that you look upon me as your man-at-arms. My sword, madam, I lay at your feet."

"Sheathe it, Sir Laurence; nor draw it save in honorable cause," she returned on the instant, and then she was grave again.

"Sister Margaret is most kind in every way; she seems wholly discreet, and has assured me of her interest and sympathy," said Miss Patricia, as though she wished me to confirm her own impression.

"There's no manner of doubt of it. She is Sister Theresa's assistant. It is inconceivable that she could possibly interfere in your affairs. I believe you are perfectly safe here in every way, Miss Holbrook. If at the end of a week your brother has made no sign, we shall be reasonably certain that he has lost the trail."

"I believe that is true; and I thank you very much."

I had come prepared to be disillusioned, to find her charm gone, but her small figure had even an added distinction; her ways, her manner added grace. I found myself resisting the temptation to call her quaint, as implying too much; yet I felt that in some olden time, on some noble estate in England, or, better, in some storied colonial mansion in Virginia, she must have had her home in years long gone, living on with no increase of age to this present. She suggested peace and gentleness and a beautiful patience; and I strove to say amusing things, that I might enjoy her rare luminous smile and catch her eyes when she gave me her direct gaze in the quick, challenging way that marked her as a woman of position and experience, who had been more given to command than to obey.

"Did you think I was never coming, Aunt Pat? That shore-path calls for more strenuous effort than I imagined, and I had to change my gown again."

Helen Holbrook advanced quickly and stood by her aunt's chair, nodding to me smilingly, and while we exchanged the commonplaces of the day, she caught up Miss Pat's hand and held it a moment caressingly. The maid now brought the tea, Miss Pat poured it and the talk went forward cheerily.

"Oh, Mr. Donovan," said Helen Holbrook, as I put down her cup, "there are some letters I should like to write and I wish you would tell me whether it is safe to have letters come for us to Annandale; or would it be better to send nothing from here at all? It does seem odd to have to ask such a question—" and she concluded in a tone of distress and looked at me appealingly.

"We must take no risks whatever, Helen," remarked Miss Pat, decisively. "Does no one know where you are?" I inquired of Miss Patricia.

"My lawyer, in New York, has the name of this place, sealed, and he put it away in a safety box and promised not to open it unless something of very great importance happened."

"It is best to take no chances," I said; "so I should answer your question in the negative, Miss Holbrook. In the course of a few weeks everything may seem much clearer; and in the meantime it will be wiser not to communicate with the outer world."

"They deliver mail through the country here, don't they?" asked Hel-

en. "It must be a great luxury for the farmers to have the post-office at their very doors."

"Yes, but the school and Mr. Glenarm always send for their own mail to Annandale."

"Our mail is all going to my lawyer," said Miss Pat, "and it must wait until we can have it sent to us with out danger."

"Certainly, Aunt Pat," replied Helen, readily. "I didn't mean to give Mr. Donovan the impression that my correspondence was enormous; but it is odd to be shut up in this way and not to be able to do as one likes in such little matters."

It was time for me to leave, and I picked up my hat and stick. As I started away I was aware that Helen Holbrook detained me without in the least appearing to do so, following a few steps to gain, as she said, a certain view of the lake that was particularly charming.

"There is nothing rugged in this landscape, but it is delightful in its very tranquillity," she said as we loitered on, the shimmering lake before us, the wood behind ablaze with the splendor of the sun. She spoke of the beauty of the beeches, which are of noble girth in this region, and paused to indicate a group of them whose smooth trunks were like massive pillars. As we looked back I saw that Miss Pat had come into the house, driven, no doubt, by the persistency of the west wind that crisped the lake. Helen's manner changed abruptly, and she said:

"If any difficulty should arise here, if my poor father should find out where we are, I trust that you may be able to save my aunt anxiety and pain. That is what I wished to say to you, Mr. Donovan."

"Certainly," I replied, meeting her eyes, and noting a quiver of the lips that was eloquent of deep feeling and loyalty. She continued silent as we marched on and I felt that there was the least defiance in her air; then she drew a handkerchief from her sleeve, touched it lightly to her eyes, and smiled.

"I had not thought of quite following you home! Here is Glenarm gate—and there lie your battlements and towers."

"Rather they belong to my old friend, John Glenarm. In his goodness of heart he gave me the use of the place for the summer; and as generosity with another's property is very easy, I hereby tender you our fleet—canoes, boats, steam launch—and the stable, which contains a variety of traps and a good riding-horse or two. They are all at your service. I hope that you and your aunt will not fail to avail yourselves of each and all. Do you ride? I was specially charged to give the horses exercise."

"Thank you very much," she said. "When we are well settled, and feel more secure, we shall be glad to call on you. Father Stoddard certainly served us well in sending us to you, Mr. Donovan."

In a moment she spoke again, quite slowly, and with, I thought, a very pretty embarrassment.

"Aunt Pat may have spoken of another difficulty—a mere annoyance, really," and she smiled at me gravely.

"Oh, yes; of the youngster who has been troubling you. Your father and he have, of course, no connection?"

"No; decidedly not. But he is a very offensive person, Mr. Donovan. It would be a matter of great distress if he should pursue us to this place."

"It is inconceivable that a gentle-

man—if he is a gentleman—should follow you merely for the purpose of annoying you. I have heard that young ladies usually know how to get rid of importunate suitors."

"I have heard that they have that reputation," she laughed back. "But Mr. Gillespie—"

"That's the name, is it? Your aunt did not mention it."

"Yes; he lives quite near us at Stamford. Aunt Pat disliked his father before him, and now that he is dead she visits her displeasure on the son; but she is quite right about it. He is a singularly unattractive and uninteresting person, and I trust that he will not find us."

"That is quite unlikely. You will do well to forget all about him—forget all your troubles and enjoy the beauty of these June days."

We had reached Glenarm gate, and St. Agatha's was now hidden by the foliage along the winding path. Helen threw away the bits of twig when we came to the wall, and, as I swung the gate open, paused mockingly with clasped hands and peeped inside.

"I must go back," she said. Then, her manner changing, she dropped her hands at her side and faced me.

"You will warn me, Mr. Donovan, of the first approach of trouble. I wish to save my aunt in every way possible—she means so much to me; she has made life easy for me where it would have been hard."

"There will be no trouble, Miss Holbrook. You are as safe as though you were hidden in a cave in the Apennines; but I shall give you warning at the first sign of danger."

"My father is—is quite relentless," she murmured, averting her eyes.

I turned to retrace the path with her; but she forbade me and was gone swiftly—a flash of white through the trees—before I could parley with her. I stared after her as long as I could hear her light tread in the path. And when she had vanished a feeling of loneliness possessed me and the country quiet mocked me with its peace.

I glanced the Glenarm gates together sharply and went in to dinner; but I pondered long as I smoked on the star-hung terrace. There was no disguising the truth that the coming of the Holbrooks had got on my nerves—at least that was my phrase for it. Now that I thought of it, they were impudent intruders and Paul Stoddard had gone too far in turning them over to me. There was nothing in their story, anyhow; it was preposterous, and I resolved to let them severely alone. But even as these thoughts ran through my mind I turned toward St. Agatha's, whose lights were visible through the trees, and I knew that there was nothing honest in my impatience. Helen Holbrook's eyes were upon me and her voice called from the dark; and when the clock chimed nine in the tower beyond the wall memory brought back the graceful turn of her dark head, the firm curve of her throat as she had listened to the mellow tling of the bells.

Sobered by these reflections, I left the terrace shortly after 11 and walked through the strip of wood that lay between the house and the lake to the Glenarm pier; and at once matters took a turn that put the love of woman quite out of the reckoning.

CHAPTER III.

I Meet Mr. Reginald Gillespie.

As I neared the boathouse I saw a dark figure sprawled on the veranda and my Japanese boy spoke to me softly. The moon was at full and I drew up in the shadow of the house and waited. Ijima had been with me for several years and was a boy of unusual intelligence. He spoke both English and French admirably, was deft of hand and wise of mind, and I was greatly attached to him. His courage, fidelity and discretion I had tested more than once. He lay quite still on the pier, gazing out upon the lake, and I knew that something unusual had attracted his attention. He spoke to me in a moment, but without turning his head.

"A man has been rowing up and down the shore for an hour. When he came in close here I asked him what he wanted and he rowed away without answering. He is now off there by the school."

"Probably a summer boarder from across the lake."

"Hardly, sir. He came from the direction of the village and acts queerly."

I lunged myself down on the pier and crawled out to where Ijima lay. We lay by the post that bore the three lanterns, and watched the slow movement of a rowboat along the margin of the school grounds. St. Agatha's maintains a boathouse for the use of students, and the pier lights—red, white and red—lay beyond the boatman, and he seemed to be drawing slowly toward them.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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"Excuse me, gents, would you mind 'twin' a dime to er poor feller wot was shot in der war?"

"Where were you shot?"

"In der spinal column, sir!"

"Beat it! There waan't any such attle!"

The Caged Bachelor.

The woman who wanted the bachelor to come to dinner called him up at his rooms.

"Hello," she said, adding in the irritating way of women, "do you know who this is?"

The tactful bachelor didn't, but he was too diplomatic to admit it.

"Hello, beautiful lady," he made answer.

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine. Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. Its Liquid-pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

After a man has been married three years his bump of hope becomes a tent.

CHICAGO MERCHANT MAKES STATEMENT

After Spending Thousands of Dollars and Consulting the Most Eminent Physicians, He Was Desperately Sick. CHICAGO, ILLS.—Mr. J. C. Becker, of 134 Van Buren St., well-known wholesale dry goods dealer, states as follows:

"I have had catarrh for more than thirty years. Have tried everything on earth and spent thousands of dollars for other medicines and with physicians, without getting any lasting relief, and can say to you that I have found Peruna the only remedy that has cured me permanently."

"Peruna has also cured my wife of catarrh. She always keeps it in the house for an attack of cold, which it invariably cures in a very short time."

Hay's Hair-Health

Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to Its Natural Color and Beauty. Stops itching scalp, and positively removes Dandruff. Is not a Dye. Refuse all substitutes. \$1.00 and 50c Bottles by Mail or at Druggists. FREE Send for large sample Bottle. Philo Hay Spec. Co., Newark, N. J., U. S. A.

Attention Sick Women

If you had positive proof that a certain remedy for female ills had made many remarkable cures, would you not feel like trying it?

If during the last thirty years we have not succeeded in convincing every fair-minded woman that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured thousands and thousands of women of the ills peculiar to their sex, then we long for an opportunity to do so by direct correspondence. Meanwhile read the following letters which we guarantee to be genuine and truthful.

Hudson, Ohio.—"I suffered for a long time from a weakness, inflammation, dreadful pains each month and suppression. I had been doctoring and receiving only temporary relief, when a friend advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did so, and wrote to you for advice. I have faithfully followed your directions and now, after taking only five bottles of the Vegetable Compound, I have every reason to believe I am a well woman. I give you full permission to use my testimonial."

St. Regis Falls, N. Y.—"Two years ago, I was so bad that I had to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in dry form. I am happy to say that I am cured, thanks to your medicine and good advice. You may use my letter for the good of others."

There is absolutely no doubt about the ability of this grand old remedy, made from the roots and herbs of our fields, to cure female diseases. We possess volumes of proof of this fact, enough to convince the most skeptical.

For 30 years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been the standard remedy for female ills. No sick woman does justice to herself who will not try this famous medicine. Made exclusively from roots and herbs, and has thousands of cures to its credit.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health free of charge. Address Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass.

The Army of Constipation

Is Growing Smaller Every Day.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are responsible—they not only give relief, they permanently cure Constipation. Millions use them for Bileless-ness, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Sallow Skin.

SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE. GENUINE must bear signature: *Wheat Food*

Readers of this paper desiring to buy anything advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, refusing all substitutes or imitations.

For Asthma, Bronchitis and all Throat Troubles Take

PISO'S CURE

THE BEST MEDICINE FOR COLIC & COLDS. The relief is as quick as it is certain. Pleasant to take and guaranteed absolutely free from opiates. All Druggists, 25 cents.

The confidence felt by farmers and gardeners in FERRY'S Seeds to-day would have been impossible to feel in any seeds two score of years ago. We have made a science of seed growing.

FERRY'S SEEDS

always do exactly what you expect of them. For sale everywhere. FERRY'S 5549 SEED ANNUAL Free on request. D. M. FERRY & CO., Detroit, Mich.

We Buy FURS Hides and Wool

Feathers, Tallow, Beeswax, Ginseng, Golden Seal, (Yellow Root), May Apple, Wild Ginger, etc. We are daily receiving orders in 1896—Over half a century in Louisville—and can do better for you than agents or commission merchants. Reference, any Bank in Louisville. Write for weekly price list and shipping tags.

M. Sabel & Sons, 229 E. Market St. LOUISVILLE, KY.

Texas Directory SEEDS

Write for our new 128 page catalogue of HONOR BRAND SEEDS. SPECIAL OFFER

We will send postpaid for 25 cents, the following seeds, 50 cents for 25 cents.

1 lb. Onion	1 lb. Watermelon	1 lb. Mustard	1 lb. Parsley
1 lb. Beans	1 lb. Peas	1 lb. Pumpkin	1 lb. Turnip
1 lb. Radish	1 lb. Spinach	1 lb. Tomato	1 lb. Yarrow
1 lb. Lettuce	1 lb. Cucumber	1 lb. Eggplant	1 lb. Sweet-corn

ROBINSON SEED & PLANT CO., 218 Pacific Ave., Dallas, Texas.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

VOLUME

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Disposition is more important than a Grecian nose. Some roads need to be paved and kinks taken out. Dropped lambs mean spring profits. Get them ready. Friendship is a good deal like your least used the better it is. Right, once started will soon be a habit and then you may be it will become a joy. Who would unlock the door that the way to riches on the farm, have a key that will fit. Men know that it pays to be st. This is a bit of wisdom that young men find it difficult to believe.

The amount of damage chickens can do to a garden depends a good deal on which you own, the chickens or the garden. A quarter on the ground is worth picking up. So is a shovel which cost twice as much, but lots of people do not seem to think so.

The man with his left ear all scratched up may not have been in a fight at all, but merely milking a cow with cockleburrs in her tail.

The old-fashioned mother who used to say little and spank much has been succeeded by a generation of mothers who speak much and spank little.

The average farmer has heretofore neglected his garden but he should make this one of the leaves turned over, that he will never do so again.

Its everlasting hammering that produces results, then keep hammering on your farm and you will get such results as a good living at home and freedom from debt.

Some rural routes are being discontinued on account of bad roads. What is more, the government intends to keep up this policy. If you do not want your mail delivered all you need do is let the roads run down.

Let's have no friction. Let's oil up the rough places with intelligence and business sagacity and let's solicit the honest efforts of every loyal southerner who wants to see peace, prosperity and happiness in this beautiful Southland of ours.

CONDITIONS IN THE SOUTH

Curtis Tells of the Agricultural Situation—Improvement Among Poor Farmers.

William E. Curtis, in the Chicago Record-Herald, writing of agricultural conditions in the southern states, says: "Big crops and big prices have filled the south with money. Mortgages are being lifted, debts are being paid, the planters are buying their release from the commission men who formerly held mortgages on their crops to secure money advanced to cultivate them. They are living better, wearing better clothes, eating better food and taking a greater interest in life. Among the poorer farmers a great improvement has been noticed. They are whitewashing their houses, planting shrubs and flowers, making gardens where they raise fresh vegetables the year round instead of eating canned stuff from the stores. And they are then putting money in the bank. The farmers are saving their money and are buying little patches of ground instead of renting. They are fixing up their cabins to make their families more comfortable, and building new ones. There was never such a demand for lumber in the history of the south to build new houses and barns. On the big plantations they are crying for more labor, and the legislatures of all the southern states are seeking immigrants, because only a small part of the area is under cultivation, and if they could get labor more would be cultivated. But what is wanted in the south above all else is more independent farmers to buy land and grow cotton and corn and hay. The south is the best place for a homeseeker to go, and he ought to go now or soon, because the price of land is going up since new methods of agriculture have made the farmers rich and shown how productive the soil may be."

Forcing Rhubarb.

The forcing of rhubarb has been much practiced within the last few years. The Gardener's Chronicle says a family supply of rhubarb may be had by forcing the roots in the cellar. Dig the roots late in the fall and allow them to freeze before placing them in a frost-proof cellar. Bury them to a depth of four inches in moist sand. The plants thrive best in total darkness and if the compartment in which they are growing is comparatively small a lighted lantern kept in the bed will give heat enough to facilitate a rapid, even growth. In no case should one attempt to force the plants without first freezing them.

Granges in United States.

There were 487 granges organized and reorganized in the United States during the year ending September 30, of which 98 were in Michigan, 74 in Washington and 41 in New York.

WHEN COTTON PRICE IS HIGH

Keep Supply Growing by Better Acre Yields—Success by More Intensive Methods.

To increase the cotton acreage or not, that is the question. Whether it is better to take up lands now given to corn and peas and on them grow cotton also, or by better tillage, more judicious fertilization and intensive culture get the same results on the usual acreage, and in this way get even better profits, producing at the same time more corn, more wheat, more oats, more potatoes, more peas and more pork, is the problem for cotton growers to settle at once.

Now the key to successful cotton making is not hard to find writes Charles William Burkett in Orange Judd Farmer. When cotton follows cowpeas or other crops that add humus to the soil cotton can be profitably grown. When lands are tilled with big plows, when the right cultivation is given during the growing period, the yields will run all the way from one to two, or three bales to the acre.

As matters go, the humus is being burnt out of the soil right along, the gulleys still creep in and wrinkle the land, and the soil yields no more, often less, than it did years ago. As long as cotton is planted on the same land year after year, as long as the soil is slovenly plowed and prepared, as long as humus is denied, as long as crop rotation is ignored and seed injudiciously selected, the average yield will remain ridiculously low, the needs of the world will be indifferently met, and the cotton lands will not be improved. All that I say is true, and every cotton grower knows it. There must be a redirection of methods back of cotton farming.

The redirection must include cowpeas and clover, stable manure, crop rotation, deep tillage and modern tools and implements. Seek a bigger crop by more intensive methods. If the same total of manures, tillage and cultivation be given 25 acres that now go to 50 acres, and the other half be turned over to corn and cowpeas, more profit will follow in the end. It is a bold statement, I know, but the read good cotton farms are the proof of it.

The average cotton farmer must seek success by throwing aside the obsolete one-horse plows and use in their place modern two-horse plows that will go down to reasonable depths. And this work should be begun as early as possible. Not in the spring, after the cotton season has started, but long before, in order that the land may be opened, aired, stirred up. After this has been done disk occasionally to release plant food and to get the soil in the very best physical condition possible. As the planting season approaches the harrow teeth should be set into the soil to fine and mellow the earth, and to let the fat of the land ooze out that it may be at hand when the young roots have occasion to use it. These steps call for more work, of course, but if with them go good seed and judicious fertilization, the increased crop will later show the wisdom of this kind of work for making ready the yield of the crop and the increased cost an acre will, after all, be slight.

In addition to cotton on every farm should be planted legumes and corn and other crops also. Exclusive cotton growing is fast giving way to mixed farming. Diversification is now the order, and every cotton farmer must get in line. Corn and cowpeas should be given a place this year as they have never been in the past. Not the small, inconspicuous corners, but big, broad fields, where both crops can spread out, expand and prove their worth. And you need both crops; you need the cowpeas to rid the land of grass and gullies, and the corn and cowpeas hay for grain and forage.

The best way to make more money out of cotton is not to use more acres, but to raise more feed, and to stop buying hay and corn. The food stuffs for the family, as well as for the stock, should all be grown on the farm. With much pasture and a good corn crop you can grow your own meat, feed your own stock with home-grown supplies, and be largely independent of imported offerings. The garden should be enlarged, and included in it many winter crops. So also the dairy herd in many cases should be increased. With butter, milk, meat, poultry, eggs, fruit, vegetables and a dozen other products raised on the farm, both for home use and for sale, the southern farm will grow more profitable, and the cotton crop as clear money will give the south a financial prestige that no other section can take away.

California Cotton Crop.

The experimental planting of cotton on 1,500 acres of land in the Imperial valley, California, has proved so successful that cotton is being hailed as a new staple product of that state. The picking of this, California's first cotton crop, commenced in September on the arrival of 200 Mexican cotton pickers. It is said that the crop will give the growers a profit of from \$50 to \$75 an acre.

Stable for Calves.

If calves are kept in a dark stall they will grow sickly and weak, just as certainly as a young plant treated the same way. On days we would not like to be out ourselves the calves should be shut up in snug stalls, into which the light can enter.

USE IT IN ADVERTISING

Lena Schmidt of Dudley, Tex., Writes a Letter About Cardui Having Helped Her.

Dudley, Tex.—"You may use this letter in your advertising, if you like," writes Mrs. Lena Schmidt of this place.

"A few years ago, I suffered every month, I was relieved right away. "Cardui has surely done me a sight of good. It brought me back my health. I am now strong and well, and feel better than in years, and am doing all my housework."

Every woman needs a tonic, to take when she feels blue, miserable, sick, weak, under the weather.

The tonic to take at such a time is Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is also a medicine.

For pain and discomfort, due to female ailments, no medicine is so good as Cardui.

The main ingredients of Cardui are imported direct from Europe, especially for this one woman's medicine and tonic, and are not for sale at ordinary drug stores.

Cardui acts specifically on the womanly organs, preventing unnecessary pain and building up womanly strength.

Try it for your troubles. It will certainly help you.

HE KNEW HER

She—It's three o'clock. I'm going to my dressmaker. I shan't be more than a quarter of an hour.

He—All right; don't forget we are dining out at eight o'clock.

RAW ECZEMA ON HANDS

"I had eczema on my hands for ten years. I had three good doctors but none of them did any good. I then used one box of Cuticura Ointment and three bottles of Cuticura Resolvent and was completely cured. My hands were raw all over, inside and out, and the eczema was spreading all over my body and limbs. Before I had used one bottle, together with the Cuticura Ointment, my sores were nearly healed over, and by the time I had used the third bottle, I was entirely well. To any one who has any skin or blood disease I would honestly advise them to fool with nothing else, but to get Cuticura and get well. My hands have never given me the least bit of trouble up to now.

"My daughter's hand this summer became perfectly raw with eczema. She could get nothing that would do them any good until she tried Cuticura. She used Cuticura Resolvent and Cuticura Ointment and in two weeks they were entirely cured. I have used Cuticura for other members of my family and it always proved successful. Mrs. M. E. Fallin, Spears Ferry, Va., Oct. 19, 1909."

For Shame, Mr. Stagers. "Our splendid cook left to-day and I had to take her place," said Mrs. Stagers. "I hope I shall be successful in imitating her."

"I certainly hope you will be successful in following in her footsteps," suggestively remarked old man Stagers as he chewed on a crisp-boiled potato.

Resinol Ointment Cured When Nothing Else Would. I have had a breaking out on my neck every summer with something like Eczema, and nothing ever cured it until I used Resinol.

Barbara Carpenter, Ogden, S. C. "When the Trouble Started. "John, I have decided to have Mrs. Sewall cut out by dresses after this."

"I have decided to cut out about half of them myself, dear."

For Colds and Gripp—Capudis. The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicky's Capudis. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10¢ and 50¢ at Drug Stores.

The girl who says she wouldn't marry the best man living will probably live to have the satisfaction of knowing she didn't.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. The LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Drugstore refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVER'S signature is on each box. 50¢.

It's a pity that wisdom doesn't grow on a man like whiskers.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets, small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Do not grip.

The average man is always paid average wages.

LEWIS' "SINGLE BINDER."

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

Young America. The H's lived in the country, kept chickens and lived the simple life. One of their daily diversions was to sit on the front veranda and watch the sunset and Roberta, aged four, sat and watched with them, but it was a rather tedious as well as solemn occasion for her and one day, after watching in silence for quite a while, an explanation of the whole thing suddenly dawned upon her and with the delighted enthusiasm of a discoverer she exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, I know now why it takes the sun so long to set. It has to hatch out so many little stars!"—Los Angeles Times.

Practical Christianity. "On behalf of the sewing circle of this church," said the pastor at the conclusion of the morning service, "I desire to thank the congregation for 57 buttons placed in the contribution box during the past month. If now the philanthropically inclined donors of these objects will put a half-dozen undershirts and three pairs of other strictly secular garments on the plate next Sunday morning, so that we may have something to sew those buttons on, we shall be additionally grateful."—Harper's Weekly.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional means. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give one Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHEWNEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Loved to Death. "Did you ever know a girl to die for love?" "Yes."

"Did she just fade away and die because some man deserted her?" "No; she just took in washing and worked herself to death because the man she loved married her."

Free to Our Readers. Write Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago, for 48-page illustrated Eye Book. Free. Write all about your Eye Trouble and they will advise as to the Proper Application of the Murine Eye Remedies in Your Special Case. Your Druggist will tell you that Murine Relieves Sore Eyes, Strengthens Weak Eyes, Doesn't Smart, Soothes Eye Pain, and sells for 50c. Try it in Your Eyes and in Baby's Eyes for Scaly Eyelids and Granulation.

So Touching. Anxious Suitor—But, sir, I thrill at your daughter's slightest touch. Practical Father—Young man, I find her slightest touch is usually for a hundred dollars.

A man can be so proud of getting down to breakfast nearly on time that he can get mad with his wife for not saying it's because he's so smart she had to call him only three times.

WHEN YOU'RE AS HORSE AS A CROW. When you're coughing and gasping. When you've an old-fashioned deep-seated cold. Take Allen's Lung Balm. Sold by all druggists, 50c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles.

Few men put off till to-morrow the meanness they can do to-day.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. PAZO OINTMENT guaranteed to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

It's a hard, hard world, and nobody knows it better than the aviator.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures whooping cough.

Some local celebrities are famous and some are notorious.

Do You Feel This Way? Do you feel all tired out? Do you sometimes think you just can't work away at your profession or trade any longer? Do you have a poor appetite, and lay awake at nights unable to sleep? Are your nerves all gone, and your stomach too? Has ambition to forge ahead in the world left you? If so, you might as well put a stop to your misery. You can do it if you will. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will make you a different individual. It will set your lazy liver to work. It will set things right in your stomach, and your appetite will come back. It will purify your blood. If there is any tendency in your family toward consumption, it will keep that dread destroyer away. Even after consumption has almost gained a foothold in the form of a lingering cough, bronchitis, or bleeding at the lungs, it will bring about a cure in 90 per cent. of all cases. It is a remedy prepared by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., whose advice is given free to all who wish to write him. His great success has come from his wide experience and varied practice.

Don't be wheedled by a penny-grabbing dealer into taking inferior substitutes for Dr. Pierce's medicines, recommended to be "just as good." Dr. Pierce's medicines are of known composition. Their every ingredient printed on their wrappers. Made from roots without alcohol. Contains no habit-forming drugs. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

The face that lights up in conversation is not necessarily lantern-jawed.

WHEN YOUR JOINTS ARE STIFF and muscles sore from cold, rheumatism or neuralgia, when you slip, strain or bruise yourself use Perry Davis' Pain-Expeller. The home remedy 70 years.

Pompadour are responsible for many a high-brow.

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A Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of

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Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral
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Because Alabastine is better and much cheaper than wall paper—does not harbor insects nor disease germs like wall paper.

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Because Alabastine is clean, stylish, costs little and is easy to put on.

Alabastine

The Sanitary Wall Coating

is a powder made from pure native alabaster. It comes in all sorts of rich, soft, velvety shades that enable you, at small cost, to decorate your walls in the same style as the handsome city homes.

Alabastine adheres to the wall of its own cementing qualities. It needs no dirty glue or paste as with kalsomine or wall paper. Anyone can decorate with Alabastine—you just mix it with cold water and apply with a flat wall brush. Simple directions printed on every package. In redecorating, just put a new coat over the old. That saves a lot of work, trouble and money.

Our Astounding Free Offer

We will send Free, a complete color plan for the walls of your home. We will furnish Free, samples to help you make your home beautiful. We will send you at once, Free, a book about home decoration, samples of Alabastine color effects, and complete valuable information to help you make your home cheerful, clean and handsome.

To get all this, send the coupon or a postal card at once.

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The most practical and economical fence made for yard, lawn, garden, orchard or stock. Sold in 75 and 80-foot rolls and painted with the celebrated "Monitor" paint. Easy to erect and more durable than ordinary fences. Made in heights of three to six feet of selected straight grained yellow pine pickets. See your lumber dealer or write THE HODGE FENCE & LUMBER CO., Ltd., Lake Charles, La.

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"I have been using Cascares for insomnia, with which I have been afflicted for twenty years, and I can say that Cascares have given me more relief than any other remedy I have ever tried. I shall certainly recommend them to my friends as being all that they are represented."

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Pleasant, Palatable, Potent, Taste Good. Do Good. Never Sicken, Weaken or Grip. 10c, 25c, 50c. Never sold in bulk. The genuine tablet stamped C.C.C. Guaranteed to cure or your money back. 504

DEFIANCE STARCH—16 ounces in the package—other starches only 12 ounces—same price and "DEFIANCE" IS SUPERIOR QUALITY.

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MITCHELL'S SALVE

MAKES THE USE OF DRUGS UNNECESSARY. Price, 25 Cents. *Druggists*

You Look Prematurely Old

Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA CREOLE" HAIR RESTORER. PRICE, \$1.00, retail.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, Jan. 25, 1910.

The Postmaster, Haskell, Texas.

Sir: In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on rural carriers thereto, you are informed that, commencing February 15, proximo, rural carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes.

Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle so they can be easily and quickly taken from the boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and, where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps.

Respectfully,

P. V. DeGraw,

Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General.

The foregoing is a letter just received from the fourth assistant postmaster general, and I trust all interested will take note of the order.

In this connection by consent of our obliging newspaper men, I would call attention of rural patrons to the fact that the department is giving unusual attention to the rural service, so much so as to cut out the service in many instances where the patrons do not seem interested enough themselves to keep the roads in good order and their boxes located right, etc.

I have had my attention called especially to the road conditions and in a recent letter from the fourth assistant postmaster general, he wrote as follows:

"If, after a reasonable time has elapsed, the improvements have not been made or started, you will report the fact to this office in order that action may be taken looking to the discontinuance of the service."

No doubt it has been busy times with you, and it will always be busy times, but if you will count the time saved by having your mail placed at your door instead of having to lose a day out of every few going to the office for your mail, I believe you can see that you should take the time to improve the roads.

I notice too that several boxes are placed so that the carrier is very much inconvenienced in getting near the box to deposit your mail. You should give attention to that also, and in erecting your boxes try to line them up and have some system so that people passing your way can see that you are doing your part toward keeping the rural service up to the standard.

As soon as the carriers can make out their new lists I shall furnish each patron with his official number for his box, and I hope you will have the number placed on your box in plain figures. And this connection I would suggest too that you always direct your correspondents to address you on rural route No. —, box No. —, placing the number of your box and route in each instance. Also give notice to your newspaper men.

Bear in mind the following:

"Today is short,
Yesterday is gone
Tomorrow may never come
Do it now."

Yours for better service,

Jno. B. Baker, P. M.

Staggers Skeptics.

That a clean, nice, fragrant compound like Bucklen's Arnica Salve will instantly relieve a bad burn cut, scald, wound or piles, staggers skeptics. But great cures prove its a wonderful healer of the worst sores, ulcers, boils, felonies, eczema, skin eruptions, as also chapped hands, sprains and corns. Try it 25c. at Colliers' Drugstore.

OLD TIME PRINTER.

Printed Fort Worth's First Daily Paper on a Hand Press.

Ed. S. Rogers, who has been a printer almost since the days of Guttenberg, is in town. He came from Mertzon, where he has been working for three or four weeks. Rogers bears the distinction of having printed the first daily newspaper in Fort Worth. That was away back in the '70s, just shortly after the panther lay down, and Fort Worth was little more than a village.

Fort Worth's first daily newspaper was printed on a G. Washington hand-press, and Ed Rog-

ers was the pressman. Capt. B. B. Paddock, still a valued citizen of Fort Worth, was the proprietor of the paper.

"The first edition of Fort Worth's first morning paper was about 300 copies," said Mr. Rogers, "but it grew rapidly, and it was not long until I had to have an assistant pressman."—San Angelo Press-News.

Mr. Rogers is now with the Free Press, and is giving us some good service. The old Fort Worth daily was the "Fort Worth Daily Democrat," and the first issue was dated July 4th, 1876.

We handle only the best Eupion oil. Stephens & Smith.

10 Reasons Why You

Should Insure in the

Haskell County Home Circle.

1st. Because it is a Haskell county organization.

2nd. Because it is the cheapest life insurance to be had.

3rd. Because it keeps money at home.

4th. Because it does not take a day's time or one cent of expense to collect a death claim.

5th. Because your money does not go to some foreign country, but helps some friend in your

own community.

6th. Because it creates among our people the spirit of helping one another.

7th. Because it gives you the opportunity to help your neighbor without embarrassment.

8th. Because it gives you the opportunity to do great good in the community in which you live.

9th. Because one dollar does not hurt the giver, but one thousand dollars is a great blessing to the receiver.

10th. Because it may some day be a great blessing to your family.

IRA N. ELLIS.

DENOUNCES WORKINGMEN

Pastor of a Wealthy New York Congregation Says American Tolders are Stupid and Cowardly.

New York, Feb. 7.—The American workingman has come in for a stirring indictment at the hands of Rev. Alexander Irvine of this city. Preaching last night to the wealthy congregation of the Church of the Ascension on Fifth avenue, Rev. Mr. Irvine said:

"The American workingman is a composite of superstition, stupidity and cowardice. He refuses to see his plight and refuses to even try to help himself. He is even more of a dullard than his English brother, who has begun to release the oppression and subservience under which the domination of the House of Lords has placed him.

"There is a House of Lords in this country—more dangerous and more subtle than the English institutions. It is composed of those who live on that which they have not earned and pride themselves upon the fact that they do not and cannot work. The workmen realize that the wealthy, leisure class is living by his toil, like a parasite sucking his blood. Yet once in four years, when it is in his power to lodge effective protest, he casts his vote unthinkingly for the fat, jolly, smiling, patronizing politician, who is long on promises but woefully short on performance."

If troubled with indigestion, constipation, no appetite or feel bilious, give Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets a trial and you will be pleased with the result. These tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and strengthen the digestion. Sold by All Dealers.

FARM LOANS.

We can now handle good farm loans at 8 per cent and give the most liberal terms of payments of any contract written in Haskell County. This is a new Company in Haskell County. We want to give them some choice loans at once—prefer black or still loam lands. See me at once Haskell State bank.

J. L. Robertson

An attack of grip is often followed by a persistent cough, which to many proves a great annoyance. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been extensively used and with good success for the relief and cure of this cough. Many cases have been cured after all other remedies had failed. Sold by ALL DEALERS.

BARGAIN LIST.

One four-room house, close in, four blocks of square, near south school, with lot 150x150 feet, good well of water, good out-buildings; will trade for stock—mules or horses; also 83 acres of land, 3 miles from Haskell, chocolate loam, well improved, good underground cistern, 60 acres in cultivation, all fenced and cross-fenced, good out-buildings, will take some money and balance in stock; also have land on south plains, will trade for land here.

T. G. WILLIAMS,
Real Estate Agent

While it is often impossible to prevent an accident it is never impossible to be prepared—it is not beyond any one's purse. Invest 25 cents in a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and you are prepared for sprains, bruises and like injuries. Sold by ALL DEALERS.

THE BIG SHOP.

Horse Shoering! not the cheap kind, but the kind that does justice to your horse at Hughes, Starr & Co.

Your Opportunity

To see the most exclusive line of dry goods novelties shown in the city this season. In making mention of these articles, will kindly ask your personal inspection of our

Genuine Human Hair Braids, Running From End to End Light and Fluffy.

A handsome article made to please good taste.

Combs and Hair Pins.

The continuance of elaborate hair dressing with the use of artificial hair, invites your attention to our new line of Ornaments, such as Coronet Braid Pins, Combs and Barrettes.

Laces and Neckwear.

This department should not be overlooked by our patrons, as we are showing the new patterns in Jabots, Gold, Silver and Cord effects in ruching.

Ladies Belts.

Have just received a large assortment of Elastic Belts, and Belting in shades to match the new dress fabrics. Also have a large stock of Buckles, Pins and Wash Belting.

We have numerous articles in the novelty line not mentioned, an occasional glance at our show window will keep you posted on the arrival of new goods.

Alexander Merc. Co.

THE BIG STORE.

Buffalo Items.

Here comes Buffalo once more. Mr. Editor if you have room I will ask for admittance.

We have been having some pretty weather for the last few days, but looks like rain at this writing.

Bro. Boone preached to the people at White's chapel Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Monroe Howard and Miss Pheny Newberry will join right hands Sunday evening at 3 o'clock and journey through life together. We wish them much

happiness.

John McGregor is getting along very well.

Uncle Ike Howard is improving some.

We are glad to state that Miss Alma Green is also improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Green.

Herly Howard came in from Stamford Thursday. He will return to Stamford this week.

Pearl Howard went to Stamford last week on business.

White chapel school is doing

fine. We now have thirty or forty scholars in attendance.

I remain as ever,
Sallie Jonson.

Do you know that croup can be prevented? Give Chamberlain's cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It is also a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Sold by

ALL DEALERS.

BREEDERS' DAY.

The first Monday in March has by mutual consent been set apart as breeders' day at Haskell. A call has gone out to all horse and jack owners to bring them to Haskell the first Monday in March. There will be some good horses and jacks shown at Haskell on this date.

All those who have good animals will have a good opportunity to show them at that time as a big crowd is expected.

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