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deep, throwing it up into flat twelve foot beds. Our vines stay green and bear till frost. Our cantaloupes are planted six feet apart each way and cultivated with sweep.

### The Hog Question

Now the hog question: We keep about five good sows either in a small pasture or good roomy pen, partitioned off so as not to have them crowded nor all sizes together; of course have water and shade for them; cut and throw over sorghum, maize, etc., melons and cantaloupes galore, then finish off in the fall on corn, chops and a good slop of wheat bran and middlings. Of course we don't feed \$2 corn to hogs, but we sell corn and buy bran, etc., to finish them on. We try to make it a point to save and fatten at least twenty-five good hogs a year, and sell pigs, shoats and gilts at all times. When our hogs get off their feed from close confinement and eat dirt, rocks, etc., and will not mend or thrive, we find that bones, any old dry bones, are the best condiment that we have ever found. It beats all the patent foods and powders that you can buy; just beat them up in moderately small pieces and watch 'em run for it. They will quit any feed in the world for them until their appetite is satisfied—then watch 'em eat and wish their food and thrive and fatten.

### Methods With Poultry

Our way with poultry is to get about two of the most popular breeds, have about three pens of each not akin, locate the camps far enough apart so they will not mix (they soon learn their walks); put a thrifty vigorous cock with about ten good hens; to each camp, keep a supply of good mother hens at the house to lay eggs for family use and for market and also to set and rear the chicks. We locate the colonies about over the farm, putting about twelve to fifteen chicks to the hen. We try to have about two or three hens come off at once and run together with their chicks; they can protect them better together than one hen can her brood. We usually put about 100 youngsters at a camp. They gather and consume all the waste in the corn and pea fields; feed on insects in the cotton, and the feed bill is almost nothing. Choose the breed you like best and push it to the front in every possible way. The Rhode Island Red and Golden Malay are our favorites on the farm.

Most any old thing will do to build camps and roosts of; for shelter and windbreaks, corn stalks, bundles of sorghum, brush or wheat straw. We have as many cayotes here as they have anywhere but a few good hounds keep them away.

### A Joy to Farm

It is a joy to farm and to be wide awake and feel that you are master of the situation; to breed and compress two grains of corn on a cob where there was only one; to take the best of two varieties of cotton and, with your ideal in view, combine the best points in both parents and note a decided improvement year after year. This we can do, and many of us are doing so today.

Even a renter who is a good tenant and who has a sane landlord who is alive to the situation, and I may say to such a system of crop rotation and diversification, which is the life of the farm, will find life worth living. We rented for several years and farmed just this way. There will always be room at the top, and he who gets there with the best, can set his price on his products.

E. G. Wall,  
Seymour, Baylor Co., Tex.

## A NEW YEAR IS ALMOST HERE.

Many accounts on our books are unsettled and 'tis useless to say we need our money.

We are doing a legitimate business and naturally should make money, however, we do not make money unless we collect for what we have sold.

Please bear in mind that we are needing money and will trust that you will call and settle before we are forced to send our collector.

**Alexander Mercantile Co.**  
The Big Store.

## W. H. M. Notes.

On Sunday night January 9th, Mrs. Bloodworth will speak at the Methodist Church on the general work of the Home Mission Society.

The Rally will be held on Tuesday the 11th and the following program will be discussed:

**PROGRAM**  
**W. H. M. RALLY.**  
Haskell, Texas, Jan. 11, 1910.

10 A. M.

Doxology.  
Bible Reading.  
Prayer.  
H. M. Song.  
Address of Welcome..... Mrs. C. P. Morris.  
Response.  
Special Music.  
Talk..... Mrs. Bloodworth.  
Question Box..... Mrs. Sanders.  
Song.  
Benediction.

### NOON RECESS.

2 P. M.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Question Box Answers.  
Reading.  
Paper..... Model H. M. Society.  
Talk..... Mrs. Patillo.  
Special Music.  
Round Table—What has the H. M. S. done for me?  
Benediction.

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### SYSTEMATIC FARMING

E. G. Wall Writes on Intensive Farming in Baylor County—Intensive Cultivation, Diversification.

To The News, (Dallas).

Intensive farming is not here like it is in East Texas. We can not grow truck, such as market garden stuff, for shipment like they do there. Hence hogs, poultry, high-grade seeds, melons and cantaloupes for seed purposes are the lines that we have to make it pay.

### Grow the Best of Everything

We make it a point to grow nothing but the best of everything in our line, and always have a ready market for all we can put out. Nor do we grow stuff in a haphazard way and risk chances on a market for our output. Our orders are booked for a certain amount to be grown the coming season, and we plant to fill the bills. Hogs and fine poultry dovetail into such a system of farming very nicely and quite naturally they glean and consume the waste into a nice profit that would otherwise be a clear loss on the farm. We give the hogs and poultry a notch in the crop rotation—just a small acreage for the hogs and chickens.

### Crop Rotations.

Our system of crop rotation is laid about as follows: Twenty acres for corn, twenty for cotton, ten for melons and cantaloupes, five for sorghum and roughness and five planted in oats, sunflowers, Kafir, peanuts and peas for the hogs and chickens.

We grow cotton because it fits into the crop rotation and is almost a sure crop here. We try not to plant the same crop two years in succession. Our melons usually pay us from \$100 to \$150 per acre. We grow them only for the seed. Our corn brings us \$1.50 to \$2 per bushel, our cotton seed about 75c per bushel, and we consider it a sin against mankind and progressive intensive farming to fail to plant one corn field down in a good prolific crop, which brings us never less than \$2 per bushel.

We prepare our corn land as early in the winter as we can by flat-breaking good and deep, or thorough double-discing and immediately list or burst it out in beds. At planting time we burst the bed out with a fourteen-inch burster and plant down the furrow with a one-seed planter, putting one grain every thirty-two inches in the drill and rows three and one-half feet apart. We can not

plant in wide rows here for the wind breaks it down so badly.

### Peas and Plowing.

The first plowing is done with a section harrow, then a hill of peas dropped between each hill of corn and cultivated at regular intervals just enough to keep down vegetation and to keep a good deep loose dust mulch to conserve the moisture and to protect the fibrous feeder roots from the drying sun and surface. We say deep mulch, meaning to set the feeder roots deep enough to hold up through a long hot summer. This fact was demonstrated to our own satisfaction the last season by a yield of fully thirty bushels of good heavy corn to the acre, absolutely without any rain from start to finish.

We plant and cultivate our cotton about the same way, only having the rows not more than three feet and from twelve to fifteen inches in the drill; this is thick, but we want it that way, for we generally make the cotton.

### Growing Melons

Our melons are planted twelve feet each way on land that has never been thoroughly broke, first plowing with a sweep or cultivator, and the next or last plowing with a ten-inch two-horse turning plow run good and

NUT GROWING IN THE SOUTH.

Pecan culture in the southeastern states, particularly in Georgia and eastern Alabama, has passed the experimental stage, and is now a well-established and flourishing industry. Not only are groves of several years' growth paying handsomely, but new trees are being set out by the hundreds throughout all that section apparently best adapted to the cultivation of this delightful article of commerce. While this is all well enough, of course, and to be encouraged, it is strange that the south should never have been moved to exploit its own most tempting and daintily delicious of all nuts—the scalybark hickory nut. There is something in its line worthy and well qualified, indeed, and yet seemingly destined to purely local appreciation only. Its shell is as brittle and as papery as the most highly cultivated pecan to be found anywhere, and its kernel is of a melting and pleasing toothsome, never to be understood unless eaten. It grows on the sturdiest of trees; no wind or weather affects it, and neither early nor late frosts have any possible terrors for it. Farmers and the farmers' children of the south know their native scalybark for what it is; within the city limits it is an infrequent guest.

Capt. Godfrey L. Carden, a special agent of the department of commerce and labor, who has just finished an extended trip through Russia, with a view to learning trade conditions, makes a report very encouraging to Americans. He says he found a big demand for American manufactures, especially machinery of all kinds, and that the supply is not up to the requirements. Here is a field which may be worked to advantage. Russia has entered upon a new era of development along various industrial lines, in which the need of machinery is very great. America excels in the manufacturing of machinery, and that fact is becoming more and more widely recognized abroad. What is wanted is active work in the way of canvassing for orders. And with American ships to carry the goods the gain would certainly be still more rapid.

The sobranje of Bulgaria has passed a law imposing a tax of about three dollars on all unmarried men who are 30 years old and older. At Tirnova, the ancient capital, it has been a custom for many years to humiliate unmarried men. On the first Monday in Lent all marriageable men who had not selected life partners in the carnival season were beaten on sight with inflated pigs' bladders. The bachelors always dreaded the day, while the girls looked forward to it with pleasure. Since the tax act has been passed the bachelors of Tirnova have entered a formal protest against the continuance of the practice. They say they will gladly pay the tax, but want the chastisement declared unlawful.

Imports as well as exports increased during September. The greatest gain in imports was in materials for manufacturers. The increases in the various commodities brought in from abroad for this purpose ranged from 40 to 200 per cent. There were decreases in very few of the "raw materials." This is convincing proof of the activity of American industry as a whole. Since much of this crude material goes abroad again in the form of finished products of skilled American labor, this sort of importation is unobjectionable. On the contrary, quite the reverse.

Chicago business men who have recently returned from Oklahoma City give it as their opinion that the town referred to is to become the Minneapolis of the southwest. But what will a Minneapolis of the southwest be without a St. Paul of the southwest to spur it on?

"Aviator" is not recognized as an addition to the language. The directors of the Aero Club of America formally call it "aviation pilot," thereby making two words grow where one would have done just as well, if not a little better.

Chicago is bragging about possessing the ideal husband. It seems from the fuss being made over him that he is one of the rare curiosities of the times out there.

Lieut. Shackleton says he would rather fall down a crevasse in an antarctic glacier than get himself killed by a smelling London omnibus. Still, we hope he will do neither.

Six months of the year is night at the pole. What a glorious old time one could have making a night of it there with the boys!

In the opinion of many the city-bred rooster has his choice between a muscle and a Maxim noise silencer.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Luck hovers around the house of smiles. Sacrifice a little and enjoy great gains. Pretty soon now the man on a hard gravel road will find that it is worth while.

A life insurance company will sometimes reject a man as heartlessly as his best girl.

If you have trouble with boys on the farm, find the reason—there is a cog loose somewhere.

The farmers who produce milk for the Chicago market have demonstrated that it pays to organize.

Don't always be ready to receive aid from others and then forget to return it when your assistance is needed.

The farm and the cow are like the United States—one and inseparable. This being true, it is up to the farmer to make the partnership profitable all around.

Are you sticking to your local in times of trial like the present? It is the course a man takes relative to the obligation indicates what kind of a man he is. Don't be a quitter.

Where the Farmers' union is not prospering it can nearly always be traced to some plan or scheme that some shrewd talker has had adopted at a county or local meeting that has disgusted and discouraged the members. It may possibly be best to know that you are right and then go ahead.

Co-operative marketing is the easiest solution of the marketing problems. Growers should organize and market as a whole. City business men should organize for the purpose of assisting the growers. The combined efforts of the city and country business interests should be effective in obtaining better prices for farm products.

FAITH IN FARMING FUTURE

Southern Railroad Man Says Farmers Are Moving Forward to Time When Crops Will Double.

The attractions of the cities, the rewards in mining and manufacturing and other lines of business for exceptional ability have tended to augment the city and business life in the United States, and in consequence there has been ignorance and shiftlessness in the care of the soils, a depletion of the soils' fertility and lessening yields.

This opinion, which sounded a note of warning of a great need for increased agricultural population, was expressed by M. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the Southern railway, addressing the Farmers' National congress recently held at Raleigh, N. C. His remarks were prophetic of the wonderful possibilities of American agriculture.

Mr. Richards said he was not one of those who feared that the United States would fall behind as an agricultural country.

"The day is not far off," he said, "when we shall be unable to produce, and at prices which will enable us to compete in the markets of the world, our share of the grains, fruits and meats needed to feed mankind. We are steadily advancing to that time when all our soil shall be properly cared for and their fertility retained; to a time when our yields will double and treble, and when old lands now neglected and new lands in every section shall come under profitable cultivation.

"We have read much in the last few years," he continued, "about the coming of the time when we must look to Canada and other countries for a portion of our own wheat supplies, and we know that thousands of farmers from the western and central states have gone to the Canadian northwest, attracted by the exploited lands there and their value as wheat producers.

"There is so much land in our own country still uncultivated or improperly cultivated, suitable for wheat raising and for nearly all crops, and which is available at prices as low or lower than those asked for desirable lands in that region, that it seems to me that this idea that we may possibly soon be unable to raise our own foodstuffs, or at least cease to be an exporter of such products, is founded upon false information and false conclusions."

Dwarf Trees.

Trees on Paradise stock may be planted eight feet apart each way, which will require 650 trees to the acre. These may be allowed to bear for several years, after which every other row each way may be cut out, leaving the balance 16 feet apart.

With this very intensive method of culture and close planting the soil must be thoroughly enriched and made to support the large demands made upon it. This may be successfully done by the growing of leguminous crops, with the addition of 500 to 1,000 pounds of potash and bone, and 1,500 pounds of lime applied per acre as often as growth and condition of the trees indicate their need of it.

SUCCESS OF DANISH FARMER

Largely Due to Many Co-operative Organizations Relieving Him of Many Commercial Details.

The part which co-operation has played in the development of Danish agriculture, Danish export trade, and Danish institutions, is a very large one indeed. Not only has emigration practically ceased, but since its introduction in 1881, the urban population has almost doubled, while the rural population has increased by ten per cent.

They have many organizations which are strictly co-operative in the narrow and technical sense of the term, and many others which are animated by the same spirit. Merely to enumerate them all would take considerable space. For one, the Danish Co-Operative Egg Export association of Copenhagen has 30,000 members, distributed among 500 local societies. There are 60 co-operative societies for bee-keepers, societies for the purchase of seeds and fertilizers and agricultural machinery, for the insurance of stock, for the purchase of feeding stuff, etc. There are co-operative companies that insure the farmers against loss through the condemnation of hogs because of disease.

The local co-operative organizations are united into federations through which they co-operate with one another and greatly increase the efficiency of all. The farmers' supplies are largely purchased at wholesale in large quantities through these federations, and are distributed very economically. What the farmer has to sell is similarly sold in large quantities in the best market by skilled business men. The market price for Danish farmer's chief products is no such uncertain thing as it is in this country. Committees of experts representing various butter interests meet once a week and fix the price on butter for the week. They take prices in Great Britain and Germany as the basis, and, correcting these according to the "feeling of the market," they fix the price for Denmark, and usually the price thus fixed remains constant for several weeks. A similar method is used in fixing the price of hogs for the country.

Because the Danish farmer has so much business intelligence and ability he has created business organizations—the co-operative associations—that relieve him of many of the commercial details of his business. These things are given over to the experts of the co-operative societies and the federations. The farmer is left greater freedom to increase his knowledge and skill as a producer and is able, because of his partnership with many others in a really large business and because of his immediate share in the nation's export trade to take a really large view of commercial affairs.

And especially he has made of farming an exact science. "He is by nature and training a serious man, strictly sober, very attentive to details, anxiously watching for every new improvement in farming," a Scotch report says. Quietly and unobserved, he has been doing as much for human government and society as for his own export trade, and for the improvement of his own cattle and butter and bacon.

The Danes' success, achieved largely through agriculture, has led to much study and investigation by Europeans of their methods and organization. In 1904, a Scotch commission composed of between thirty and forty agriculturalists made a tour of investigation in Denmark and published a report dealing with Danish methods and organizations. Most of the countries of Europe, in fact, in dealing with the agriculture, are following along the lines marked out by the Danes.

WILL INCREASE THE PROFITS

Co-Operation Solidly Established Between Farmers in Various Departments Will Do It.

When co-operation among farmers becomes general and is solidly established in the various farming, fruit and truck-growing sections, it will add millions to the actual harvest of profits, realized by the patient army of growers. And along these lines Prof. Spillman of the department of agriculture says: "It is clear to me, since the shipments of these are usually interstate commerce, that it is the duty of the national government to legislate upon this subject, and to provide inspectors who shall be responsible for enforcing the law. This law should require a consignee to keep an accurate record of all interstate consignments, showing the date received, the shipper and the amount received from the consignee, so that when a farmer is defrauded the inspector will ascertain from the books of the consignee, and from the books of the merchant to whom the goods were sold, the actual amount received from the shipment, and if there is a discrepancy between the shipper and the actual facts, he can institute proceedings against the consignee."

Stacking Hay.

The man who stacked his hay in any kind of shape hasn't a forkful more spoiled than the man who had a roof over all, barring the bleaching of the outside of the stack and a very little bit on top. And still the quality will not be as good. There is a certain smell and color one can get only by having a good roof under a good roof, and then the hay must be put there in right condition.

EXPLOSION KILLS 8 IN ILLINOIS MINE

HUNDREDS OF MINERS' LIVES ARE SAVED BY PROMPT ACTION OF MANAGEMENT.

MINERS RUSHED TO SURFACE

Lamps Carried by Mine Engineer and His Assistants Cause the Disaster.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—Eight men were killed and the lives of 400 others imperiled by an explosion of gas in Mine A of the Chicago and Carterville Coal Company at Herrin, Ill., late yesterday.

Lamps carried by the mine engineer and his assistants caused the disaster, according to a long distance telephone message from the mine offices to the Associated Press in this city. There were three men and a boy in the engineer's party, and all lost their lives.

Prompt action by the management of the miners effected the safe exit of the hundreds of men who were at work below ground. Within five minutes of the first report of the explosion the miners in the immediate vicinity of the accident were started toward the surface and on the return trips of the cages rescuers were lowered into entries Nos. 7 and 8 west, where the catastrophe took place.

Depot Order Includes All Roads.

Austin: The Railroad Commission issued its final order directing all railroads entering Dallas to erect and maintain a union depot. All other propositions were rejected and the order embraces all roads touching Dallas. The order requires the roads to submit plans by May 1, 1910, and that work must commence within three months after the plans are approved and pushed to completion with reasonable dispatch.

Live Saving in Gulf.

Washington: Superintendent Kimball of the Life-Saving Service, in his annual report, shows the following operations on the entire Gulf Coast last year under Capt. Hutchinson, stationed at Galveston: Fifty-eight vessels, worth \$194,545, with 303 persons on board and with cargoes, worth \$72,775, were given aid. Only two lives were lost in the accidents at sea and \$2,395 worth of property was lost, but all vessels succored were saved.

Negro Lynched in Falls County.

Rosebud, Falls County: Following the probable fatal wounding of City Marshal Williams and a running pistol duel with the Mayor, Coke Mills, a negro, was wounded, overpowered, placed in the city jail Monday, and later removed from the jail by a determined party of about fifty unidentified persons and hanged to the tower in the fire station here about a half hour later. The wounded officer will probably die.

College for Young Ladies.

Dallas: Through the Chamber of Commerce it is announced that negotiations looking to the securing of a large nonsectarian college for young ladies have been successfully consummated and it is expected that three large buildings, representing an investment of \$200,000, including the site, will be started within a month or two.

Cotton Growers' Association.

Dallas: To the Farmers, Banking, Business and Professional Men and People of the South: On Jan. 28 and 29 next, at Waco, Tex., the midwinter meeting of the Texas Cotton Growers' association will be held.

French Wine Crop Decreases.

Paris: The wine crop of France and Algeria is 63,000,000 hectoliters this season, against 68,000,000 last year. The stock on hand is 6,500,000 hectoliters, against 9,500,000 a year ago.

Finds Texan's Dead Body.

Paris, Tex.: The body of Hugh Blakeney, 25 years old, son of George W. Blakeney of Paris, was found Monday beside the Frisco Railway track near St. Louis. The cause or manner of his death is unknown to his parents here.

Lamp Explosion Kills Child.

Greenville: Juanita, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Monroe, was fatally injured Thursday night by a kerosene lamp explosion. The oil flew over the child's body and ignited from the lamp, causing her body to be burned almost to a crisp.

Man Fatally Wounded.

Dublin: In a fight Wednesday, Oliver Timmons was cut two or three times across the kidney and across the stomach. Timmons will die.

Losses Wagon in Quicksand.

Wichita Falls: While attempting to cross Red River Monday near here with a wagon load of household goods, L. Lassiter of Walters, Okla., became mired in the quicksand. He lost his wagon, an organ and a trunk which contained four hundred dollars.

Killed While Hunting.

San Angelo: While the 12 and 14-year-old sons of John Lee of near Eola, Concho county, were out hunting Wednesday the older boy was accidentally shot and killed.

REWARD OFFERED FOR SLAYER.

Citizens Have Started Movement to Raise \$1,500.

San Antonio: Shocked and indignant that such a cold-blooded murder as that of Mike Meagher should have been committed in San Antonio, citizens have started a movement to raise a fund to offer a reward for the capture and conviction of his slayer. It is planned to offer \$1,500. D. A. Walker, manager of the San Antonio Telephone company, heads the list with \$500.

Child Seriously Burned.

Stephenville: Esquire J. W. Long's 8-year-old daughter, while dressing by the stove Thursday, got her gown against the stove and it was ignited and almost burned off her. The child was dangerously burned and very little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Terrell Raising Railroad Bonus.

Terrell: The railroad committee of Terrell has secured \$60,000 on the bonus to secure the Memphis, Paris and Gulf Railroad for this city. Subscriptions are coming in daily. It is expected that the entire amount of \$100,000 will be raised in the near future.

One Death From Cold.

Fort Worth: One death resulted from cold has been reported. Charles Weeks, 17 years of age, who was found lying face downward in a snowdrift after all means for restoration were exhausted, died Monday at an early hour.

Gas Explosion in Streets.

Topeka, Kan.: Two more natural gas explosions in the streets of the business section of Topeka Monday have greatly alarmed the people. This makes four explosions within a week. It is declared Topeka is above a veritable gas reservoir resulting from rotten pipes.

Railway Accident Record.

Dallas: According to the Railway Age-Gazette's accident record of the railroads of the United States for October, published in the issue of Dec. 10, 46 persons were killed as the result of collisions of trains and 183 were injured.

To Have More Saloons.

Austin: The city of Dallas is entitled to thirteen more saloons and ten permits to apply for liquor licenses to fill these thirteen places were issued by the Controller Monday. There are already 106 saloons in the city.

Brownsville Road Valuation.

Austin: The Railroad Commission Thursday executed an order fixing the total values of the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad at \$10,756,385, which covers the total of 411 miles.

Poultry Show Entries.

Dallas: Entries for the poultry show of the Southwestern Poultry Association will close on Thursday, Dec. 30, at midnight. Birds entered must be sent to arrive in Dallas by Sunday, Jan. 1, 1910.

New Interurban Station.

Howe, Tex.: The Dallas-Sherman Interurban workmen have about completed the new depot here and the company will shortly commence using the structure.

Schools Close for Holidays.

Dallas: The public schools of Dallas closed Thursday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. School work will begin again on Monday morning following New Year's day.

Mistaken for Burglar.

San Antonio: While delivering a Christmas package at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning Ev Shannon, a brakeman on the Sunset, was shot and possibly fatally wounded.

Robber Loots Cash Drawer.

San Antonio: More than seven thousand dollars in cash and a ninety-five dollar check Monday were stolen from a drawer under the cash register in P. Prove's saloon. It was taken while the bartender stepped to the rear of the building.

Cotton 15c at Palestine.

Palestine: Cotton reached 15c here Monday and a good quantity of the staple was sold at that figure. This is the highest price here this season.

Losses Life in Fire.

Texarkana: The residence of Isaac Hale, a mechanic on Rose Hill, burned Thursday night with its contents, and Mrs. Hale, who was at home alone, lost her life in the flames.

Bold, Bad Burglars.

El Paso: Over one thousand dollars' worth of furs and silks were carted off Monday night by Max Poser's millinery store by burglars. They loaded the wagon in alleyway.

One Dead and One Wounded.

Jewett: One man, Tom Lyles, dead, one man slightly injured and a third party in the custody of the officers, is the result of a shooting which took place Tuesday night west of this city.

Houston Has \$20,000 F.

Houston: Fire, which started in the residence of P. H. King here last Wednesday afternoon, destroyed nine residences, causing a total loss of about \$20,000.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

According to statements and figures of Postmaster H. C. Schlemmer, Austin has a population of 40,000 people.

A poultry firm in Corsicana last week paid out over \$3,000 for turkeys. Ned Coleman, colored, died on the Riley Boren farm, near Ennis, Wednesday morning at the age of 100 years. Over one thousand dollars' worth of furs and silks were carted off Monday night from Max Poser's millinery store in El Paso by burglars. They loaded the wagon in an alley.

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As the result of the explosion of a freight locomotive in the Rock Island shops at Shawnee, Okla., Friday, four men are known to be dead, about a score injured, five seriously, and a number are missing.

Over twenty cotton seed oil mills have shut down in Mississippi during the last week, and it is believed, in the absence of official figures, that practically every one of them had a bad season.

Bun Blasingame, of Eddy, Tex., accidentally discharged a pistol and the ball, entering his forehead, lodged in the back of his head against the skull. He only lived a few hours.

The bid of the City National of Dallas, to buy the county's amounting to \$875,000, paying accrued interest for the entire amount, was accepted Wednesday by the commissioners' court.

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Clifford Day, the Texas inventor and aviator, shot two men dead at Denton Saturday afternoon, while out carrying a passenger he attained a height of one hundred feet. There was no mishap. Day is elated over his success. A former attempt at ascent proved a failure.

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A light ram fell Thursday at Greenville, Sherman, Waco, Palestine and Paris, and it was cloudy at Denton, Dublin and San Antonio, according to reports received Thursday by the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company. There was a light sprinkle in Dallas.

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One-half block of business buildings in Kingsville were destroyed by fire Saturday, resulting in a loss to buildings and contents of over \$50,000.

One man, Tom Lyles, dead, one man slightly injured and a third party in the custody of the officers, is the result of a shooting which took place Tuesday night west of this city.

Entries for the poultry show of the Southwestern Poultry Association at Dallas will close on Thursday, Dec. 30, at midnight. Birds entered must be sent to arrive in Dallas by Sunday, January 1, 1910.

Juanita, the 4-year-old daughter of John M. Monroe, was fatally injured Thursday night by a kerosene lamp explosion in Greenville. The oil flew over the child's body and ignited from the lamp, causing her body to be burned almost to a crisp.

Gov. Campbell continued to issue pardons to convicts Monday on the Christmas scale, issuing eighteen or more. Within the last three days he has issued over forty pardons.

Premier Yi, the head of the Korean Cabinet, was stabbed and fatally wounded Tuesday, at Seoul, by a Korean, Yie Chaim Ying.

# WHISPERING SMITH

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## SYNOPSIS.

Murray Sinclair and his gang of wreckers were called out to clear the railroad tracks at Smoky Creek. McCloud, a young road superintendent, caught Sinclair and his men in the act of looting the wrecked train. Sinclair pleaded innocence, declaring it only amounted to a small sum—a treat for the men. McCloud discharged the whole outfit and ordered the wreckage burned. McCloud became acquainted with Dickie Dunning, a girl of the west, who came to look at the wreck. "Whispering" Gordon Smith told President Bucks of the railroad of McCloud's brave fight against a gang of crazed miners and that was the reason for the superintendent's appointment to his office. McCloud arranged board at the boarding house of Mrs. Sinclair, the ex-foreman's deserted wife. Dickie Dunning was the daughter of the late Richard Dunning, who had died of a broken heart shortly after his wife's demise, which occurred on the night of a married life. Smoky Creek bridge was mysteriously burned. President Bucks notified Smith that he had work ahead. A stock train was wrecked by an open switch. Later a passenger train was held up and the express car robbed. Two men of a posse pursuing the bandits were killed. "Whispering Smith" approached Sinclair. He tried to buy him off, but failed. He warned McCloud that his life was in danger. McCloud was carried forcibly into Lance Dunning's presence. Dunning refused the railroad a right-of-way, he had already signed for. Dickie interfered to prevent a shooting affray. Dickie met McCloud on a lonely trail to warn him his life was in danger. On his way home a shot passed through his hat. A sudden rise of the Crawling Stone river created consternation. Dickie and Marion appealed to McCloud for help. Whispering Smith joined the group. McCloud took his men to fight the river. Lance Dunning welcomed them cordially. McCloud succeeded in halting the flood. Dickie and Marion visited Sinclair at his ranch and tried to persuade his deserted wife to return to him. She refused. He accused "Whispering Smith" of having stolen her love from him. A man was held up and robbed, the bandits escaping. Smith and McCloud started in pursuit. At Bages ranch Du Sang killed old Bages. Whispering Smith befriended his ten-year-old son. They came to Williams Cache. Smith was certain the bandits were there. He implored Rebstock, "king of the cache," to give up Du Sang. Rebstock refused. Smith declared he would clean out the whole gang, including Rebstock. Smith came upon the bandits. Du Sang among them. Single-handed he routed them all. He set in pursuit of one, the other two being hopelessly wounded. Du Sang died of his wounds. The party started for home. Medicine Bend heard the news of capture. McCloud's love match with Dickie progressed favorably. Smith returned to Medicine Bend. He expressed the belief that Dickie and McCloud had become engaged. Marion again refused to live with Sinclair. Smith repaired to President Bucks. In attempting to serve a warrant on Sinclair, Sheriff Banks was killed. The duty was then assigned to Smith. Smith prepared to pursue Sinclair.

## CHAPTER XXXIII.—Continued.

"Oh, I do not know! I am afraid he will not."

"I do not think I have ever hesitated before at any call of this kind; nor at what such a call will probably sometime mean; but this man I have known since we were boys."

"If I had never seen him!"

"That brings up another point that has been worrying me all day. I could not help knowing what you have had to go through in this country. It is a tough country for any woman. Your people and mine were always close together and I have felt bound to do what I could to—"

"Don't be afraid to say it—make my path easier."

"Something like that, though there's been little real doing. Now this situation in which Sinclair is now placed may still mean to you I do not know, but I would not add a straw to the weight of your troubles. I came tonight to ask a plain question. If he doesn't leave the country I have got to meet him. You know what, in all human probability, that will mean. From such a meeting only one of us can come back. Which shall it be?"

"I'm afraid I don't understand you—do you ask me this question? How can I know which it shall be? What is it you mean?"

"I mean I will not take his life in a fight—if it comes to that—if you would rather he should come back."

A sob almost refused an answer to him. "How can you ask me so terrible a question?"

"It is a question that means a good deal to me, of course, and I don't know just what it means to you; that is the point I am up against. I may have no choice in the matter, but I must decide what to try to do if I have one. Am I to remember first that he is your husband?"

There was a silence. "What shall I say—what can I say? God help me, how am I to answer a question like that?"

"How am I to answer it?" Her voice was low and pitiful when her answer came: "You must do your duty."

"What is my duty, then? To serve the paper that has been given to me, I know—but not necessarily to defend my life at the price of his. The play of a chance lies in deciding that; I can keep the chance or give it away; that is for you to say. Or take the question of duty again. You are alone and your friends are few. Haven't I any duty toward you, perhaps? I don't know a woman's heart. I used to think I did, but I don't. My duty to this company that I work for is only the duty of a servant. If I go, another takes my place; it means nothing except taking one name off the pay roll and putting another on. Whatever he may have done, this man is your husband; if his death causes you a pang, it shall not be at my door. We ought to un-

derstand each other on that point fairly before I start to-night."

"Can you ask me whether you ought not to take every means to defend your own life? or whether any consideration ought to come before that? I think not. I should be a wicked woman if I were to wish evil to him, wretched as he has made me. I am a wretched woman, whichever way I turn. But I should be less than human if I could say that to me your death would not be a cruel, cruel blow."

There was a moment of silence. "Dickie understood you to say that you were in doubt as to whether you ought to go away with him when he asked you to go. That is why I was unsettled in my mind."

"The only reason why I doubted was that I thought by going I might save better lives than mine. I could willingly give up my life to do that. But to stain it by going back to such a man—God help me!"

"I think I understand. If the unfortunate should happen before I come back I hope only this: That you will not hate me because I am the man on whom the responsibility has fallen. I haven't sought it. And if I should not come back at all, it is only—good-by."

He saw her clasp her hands convulsively. "I will not say it! I will pray on my knees that you do come back."

"Good-night, Marion. Some one is at the cottage door."

"It is probably Mr. McCloud and Dickie. I will let them in."

## CHAPTER XXXIV.

### Wickwire.

McCloud and Dickie met them at the porch door. Marion, unnerved, went directly to her room. Whispering Smith stopped to speak to Dickie and McCloud interposed. "Bob Scott telephoned the office just now he had a man from Oroville who wanted to see you right away, Gordon," said he. "I told him to send him over here. It is Wickwire."

"Wickwire," repeated Whispering Smith. "Wickwire has no business here that I know of; no doubt it is something I ought to know of. And, by the way, you ought to see this man," he said, turning again to Dickie. "If McCloud tells the story right, Wickwire is a sort of protege of yours, Miss Dickie, though neither of you seems to have known it. He is the tramp cowboy who was smashed up in the wreck at Smoky creek. He is not a bad man, but whisky, you know, beats some decent men." A footstep fell on the porch. "There he comes now, I reckon. Shall I let him in a minute?"

"Oh, I should like to see him! He has been at the ranch at different times, you know." Smith opened the door and stepping out on the porch talked with the newcomer. In a moment he brought him in. Dickie had seated herself on the sofa, McCloud stood in the doorway of the dining room, and Whispering Smith laid one arm on the table as he sat down beside it with his face above the dark shade of the lamp. Before him stood Wickwire. The half-light threw him up tall and dark, but it showed the heavy shock of black hair falling over his forehead, and the broad, thin face of a mountain man.

"He has just been telling me that Seagrue is loose," Whispering Smith explained, pleasantly. "Who tused the trick, Wickwire?"

"Sheriff Coon and a deputy after started with Seagrue for Medicine Bend this morning. Coming through Horse Eye canyon, Murray Sinclair and Barney Rebstock got a clean rop on them, took Seagrue, and they all rode off together. They didn't take any bones about it, either. Your gang has got lots of friends over there, you know. They rode into Mantic City and stayed over an hour. Don't tracked them there and got up posse of six men. The three were standing in front of the bank with the sheriff rode into town. Sinclair and Seagrue got on their horses and started off. Rebstock went back to get another drink. When he came out of the saloon he gave the posse a gun-fight all by himself, and wounded two men and made his get-aw."

Whispering Smith shook his head, and his hand on the table with a tired laugh. "Barney Rebstock," he murmured, "all men! Coward, skate, filler—Barney Rebstock—stale-beer man, sneak, barnyard thief! Hit two men." He turned to McCloud. "What kind a wizard is Murray Sinclair? What sort of red-blood toxin does he throw into his gang to draw out a spy like that? Murray Sinclair belongs to the race of entrepreneurs, by heavens, it is pitiful a man that should be out of a job! Englay McCloud, needs him. And here he is holding up trains on the money division!"

"They are all up at Oroville with the Williams Cache gang, celebrating," concluded Wickwire.

Whispering Smith looked at the boy. "Wickwire, you mean a good deal to me, and I thank you. You are all at my door. We ought to un-



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this is the man who had you sent to the hospital from Smoky creek," he added, rising. "You can thank them for picking you up. When you leave here tell Bob Scott to meet me at the Wickup with the horses at 11 o'clock, will you?" He turned to Dickie in a gentle aside. "I am riding north to-night—I wish you were going part way."

Dickie looked at him intently. "You are worried over something," she murmured; "I can see it in your face."

"Nothing more than usual. I thrive, you know, on trouble—and I'm sorry to say good-night so early, but I have a long ride ahead." He stepped quietly, past McCloud and out of the door.

Wickwire was thanking Dickie when unwillingly she let Whispering Smith's hand slip out of her own. "I shone wouldn't have been here tonight if you two hadn't picked me up," laughed Wickwire, speaking softly to Dickie when she turned to him. "I've known my friends a long time, but I reckon they all didn't know me."

"I've known you longer than you think," returned Dickie with a smile. "I've seen you at the ranchhouse. But now that we really do know each other, please remember you are always sure of a home at the ranch—whenever you want one, Mr. Wickwire, and just as long as you want it. We never forget our friends on the Crawling Stone."

"If I may make so bold, I thank you kindly. And if you will let me run away now, I want to catch Mr. Whispering Smith for just one minute."

Wickwire overtook Smith in Fort street. "Talk quick, Wickwire," he said; "I'm in a hurry. What do you want?"

"Partner, I've always played fair with you."

"So far as I know, Wickwire, yes. Why?"

"I've got a favor to ask."

"What is it—money?"

"No, partner, not money this time. You've always been more than liberal with me. But so far I've had to keep under cover; you asked me to. I want to ask the privilege now of coming out into the open. The jig is up so far as watching anybody goes."

"Yes."

"There's nobody to watch any more—they're all to chase, I reckon, now. The open is my kind of a fight, anyway. I want to ride out this man-hunt with you."

"How is your arm?"

"My arm is all right, and there ought to be a place for me in the chase now that Ed Banks is out of it. I want to cut loose up on the range, anyhow; if I'm a man I want to know it, and if I ain't I want to know it. I want to ride with you after Seagrue and Sinclair and Barney Rebstock."

Whispering Smith spoke coldly: "You mean, Wickwire, you want to get killed."

"Why, partner, if it's coming to me, I don't mind—yes."

"What's the use, Wickwire?"

"If I'm a man I want to know it; if I ain't, it's time my friends knowed it. Anyhow, if I'm man enough to work out with some of that gang. Most of them have put it over me one time or another; Sinclair pated me like a blackbird only the other day. They all say I'm nothing but a damned tramp. You say I have done you service—give me a show."

Whispering Smith stopped a minute

in the shadow of a tree and looked keenly at him. "I'm too busy to-night to say much, Wickwire," he said, after a moment. "You go over to the barn and report to Bob Scott. If you want to take the chances, it is up to you; and if Bob Scott is agreeable, I'll use you where I can—that's all I can promise. You will probably have more than one chance to get killed."

## CHAPTER XXXV.

### Among the Coyotes.

Oroville once marked farthest north for the Peace river gold camps, but with mining long ago abandoned it now marks furthest south for a rustlers' camp, being a favorite resort for the people of the Williams Cache country. Oroville boasts that it has never surrendered and that it has never been cleaned out. It has moved, and been moved, up stream and down, and from bank to bank; it has been burned out and blown away and lived on wheels; but it has never suffered the loss of its identity.

Whispering Smith, well dusted with alkali, rode up to the Johnson ranch, eight miles southwest of Oroville, in the afternoon of the day after he left Medicine Bend. The ranch lies in a valley watered by the Rainbow, and makes a pretty little oasis of green in a limitless waste of sagebrush. Gene and Bob Johnson were cutting alfalfa when Whispering Smith rode into the field, and, stopping the mowers, the three men talked while the seven horses nibbled the clover.

"I may need a little help, Gene, to get him out of town," remarked Smith, after he had told his story; "that is, if there are too many Cache men there for me."

Bob Johnson was stripping a stalk of alfalfa in his fingers. "Them fellows are pretty sore."

"That comes of half doing a job. Bob. I was in too much of a hurry with the round-up. They haven't had dose enough yet," returned Whispering Smith. "If you and Gene will join me sometime when I have a week to spare, we will go in there, clean up the gang and burn the hair off the roots of the chapparal—what? I've hinted to Rebstock he could get ready for something like that."

"Tell us about that fight, Gordon."

"I will if you will give me something to eat and have this horse taken care of. Then, Bob, I want you to ride into Oroville and reconnoiter. This is mail day and I understand some of the boys are buying postage stamps to put on my coffin."

They went to the house, where Whispering Smith talked as he ate. Bob took a horse and rode away, and Gene, with his guest, went back to the alfalfa, where Smith took Bob's place on the mower. When they saw Bob riding up the valley, Whispering Smith, bringing in the machine, mounted his horse.

"Your man is there all right," said Bob, as he approached. "He and John Rebstock were in the Blackbird saloon. Seagrue isn't there, but Barney Rebstock and a lot of others are. I talked a few minutes with John and Murray. Sinclair didn't say much; only that the railroad gang was trying to run him out of the country, and he wanted to meet a few of them before he went. I just imagined he held up a little before me; maybe not. There's a dozen Williams Cache men in town."

"But those fellows are not really



dangerous, Bob, though they may be troublesome," observed Smith, reflectively.

"Well, what's your plan?" blurted Gene Johnson.

"I haven't any, Gene," returned Smith, with perfect simplicity. "My only plan is to ride into town and serve my papers, if I can. I've got a deputyship—and that I'm going to do right away. If you, Bob, or both of you, will happen in about 30 minutes later you'll get the news and perhaps see the fun. Much obliged for your feed, Gene; come down to Medicine Bend any time and I'll fill you up. I want you both for the elk hunt next fall, remember that. Bucks is coming, and is going to bring Brown and Henson and perhaps Atterbury and Gibbs and some New Yorkers; and McCloud's brother, the preacher, is coming out and they are all right—all of them."

The only street in Oroville faces the river, and the buildings string for two or three blocks along modest bluffs. Not a soul was anywhere in sight when Whispering Smith rode into town, save that across the street from where he dismounted and tied his horse three men stood in front of the Blackbird.

They watched the new arrival with languid interest. Smith walked stiffly over toward the saloon to size up the men before he should enter it. The middle man of the group, with a thin red face and very blue eyes, was chewing tobacco in an unpromising way. Before Smith was half-way across the street he saw the hands of the three men falling to their hips. Taking care, however, only to keep the men between him and the saloon door, Smith walked directly toward them. "Boys, have you happened to see Gene or Bob Johnson to-day, any of you?" He threw back the brim of his steatona as he spoke.

"Hold your hand right there—right where it is," said the blue-eyed man sharply.

Whispering Smith smiled, but held his hand rather awkwardly upon his hat-brim.

"No," continued the spokesman, "we ain't none of us happened to see Bob or Gene Johnson to-day; but we happen to see Whispering Smith, and we'll blow your face off if you move it an inch."

Smith laughed. "I never quarrel with a man that's got the drop on me, boys. Now, this is sudden but unexpected. Do I know any of you?" He looked from one face to another before him with a wide reach in his field of vision for the three hands that were fast on three pistol-butts. "Hold on! I've met you somewhere," he said with easy confidence to the blue-eyed man with the weather-split lip. "Williams Cache, wasn't it? All right, we're placed. Now what have you got in for me?"

"I've got 40 head of steers in for you," answered the man in the middle, with a splitting oath. "You stole 40 head of my steers in that round-up, and I'm going to fill you so full of lead you'll never run off no more stock for nobody. Don't look over there to your horse or your rifle. Hold your hands right where they are."

"Certainly, certainly!"

"When I pull, I shoot!"

"I don't always do it, but it is business, I acknowledge. When a man pulls he ought to shoot—very often it is the only chance he ever gets to shoot. Well, it isn't every man gets the drop on me that easy, but you boys have got it," continued Whispering Smith in frank admiration. "Only I want to say you're after the wrong man. That round-up was all Rebstock's fault, and Rebstock is bound to make good all loss and damage."

"You'll make good my share of it right now and here," said the man with the wash-blue eyes.

"Why, of course," assented Whispering Smith, "if I must, I must. I suppose I may light a cigarette, boys, before you turn loose the fireworks?"

"Light it quick!"

Laughing at the humor of the situation, Whispering Smith, his eyes beaming with good nature, put the finger and thumb of his right hand into his waistcoat pocket, drew out a package of cigarette paper, and, bantering his captors innocently the while, tore out a sheet and put the packet back. Folding the paper in his two hands, he declared he believed his tobacco was in his saddle-pocket, and asked leave to step across the street to get it. The trick was too transparent, and leave was refused with scorn and some hard words. Whispering Smith begged the men in front of him in turn for tobacco. They cursed him and shook their heads.

For an instant he looked troubled. Still appealing to them with his eyes, he tapped lightly the lower outside pockets of his coat with his fingers, shifting the cigarette paper from hand to hand as he hunted. The outside pockets seemed empty. But as he tapped the inside breast pocket on the left side of the coat—the three men, lynx-eyed, watching—his face brightened. "Stop!" said he, his voice sinking to a relieved whisper as his hand rested lightly on the treasure. "There's

the tobacco. I suppose one of you will give me a match?"

All that the three before him could ever afterward recollect—and for several years afterward they cudgeled their brains pretty thoroughly about that moment—was that Whispering Smith took hold of the left lapel of his coat to take the tobacco out of the breast pocket. An excuse to take that lapel in his left hand was, in fact, all that Whispering Smith needed to put not alone the three men before him but all Oroville at his mercy. The play of his right hand in crossing the corduroy waistcoat to pull his revolver from its scabbard and throw it into their faces was all too quick for better eyes than theirs. They saw only the muzzle of the heavy Colt's playing like a snake's tongue under their surprised noses, with the good-natured smile still behind it. "Or will one of you roll a cigarette?" asked Whispering Smith, without a break between the two questions. "I don't smoke. Now don't make faces; go right ahead. Do anything you want to with your hands. I wouldn't ask a man to keep his hands or feet still on a hot day like this," he insisted, the revolver playing all the time. "You won't draw? You won't fight? Pshaw! Then disengage your hands gently from your guns. You fellows really ought not to attempt to pull a gun in Oroville, and I will tell you why—there's a reason for it." He looked confidential as he put his head forward to whisper among the crest-fallen faces. "At this altitude it is too fast work. I know you now," he went on as they continued to wilt. "You are Fatty Filber," he said to the thin chap. "Don't work your mouth like that at me; don't do it. You seem surprised. Really, have you the asthma? Get over it, because you are wanted in Pound county for horse-stealing. Why, hang it, Fatty, you're good for ten years, and of course, since you have reminded me of it, I'll see that you get it. And you, Baxter," said he to the man on the right, "I know I spoke to you once when I was inspector about altering brands; that's five years, you know. You," he added, scrutinizing the third man to scare him to death—"I think you were at Tower W. No? No matter; you two boys may go, anyway. Fatty, you stay; we'll put some state cow on your ribs. By the way, are you a detective, Fatty? Aren't you? See here! I can

get you into an association. For ten dollars, they give you a German-silver star, and teach the Japanese method of pulling, by correspondence. Or you might get an electric battery to handle your gun with. You can get pocket dynamo from the mail-order houses. Sure! Read the big book!"

When Gene and Bob Johnson rode into town, Whispering Smith was sitting in a chair outside the Blackbird, still chatting with Filber, who stood with his arms around a hitching-post, holding fast a mail-order house catalogue. A modest crowd of hangers-on had gathered.

"Here we are, Gene," exclaimed Smith to the deputy sheriff. "I was looking for steers, but some calves got into the drive. Take him away."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## One Effect of Pie.

The shop window was full of pies. A man came by, stopped, looked the pies over, mumbled something to himself, then went on mumbling as he went.

"I don't know what makes them do that," said the cashier girl, who was near the window. "I don't know whether they are counting the pies and don't like the number of them, or don't like the looks of them, or are mad because they haven't enough money to buy them; but they do that way all day long. Come by the window, take a look at our pies, then go along mumbling."

## The Easy Way.

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With this issue the Free Press begins its twenty-fifth volume. For one quarter of a century it has chronicled the material and moral progress of a new community. It has been unselfish and stood its share of harsh criticism from those it has spoken of informally in a complimentary and courteous way.

The worldly accumulations of its editors has not kept pace with that of those in other pursuits. It is possible however that they have laid up treasures where the "moth doth not corrupt nor thieves break in and steal" and dead beats can't "knock."

There are many people who do not appreciate our service and efforts to the community and they are always brutally prompt to let us know it, but there are many good people to offset such discouragement, and the kind words of approval we sometimes hear and the substantial financial support we have received, has enabled us to keep up our efforts. We confess however that we have lost the youthful imagination and trust we started with in 1886.

In those days we thought everybody just, conscientious and patriotic, but experience has shown that there are too many people in this world who look upon the possession of such virtues as a fundamental weakness and have banished these qualities from their lives. We find to that "gratitude" is a neglected virtue and the ties of relation and friendship are growing weak. The love of money, vindictiveness, avarice, pomp and cant, are far too prevalent.

The fact that the "Bible," the "book of books" and the works of the Grecian philosophers have been neglected for the past half century in the education of nearly all classes. The ideals of the people are changed, and in this commercial age, "mammon" has been enthroned.

We of Haskell, of this generation are laying the foundations of future society. Let our ideals be lofty, wage ceaseless war against depravity, value moral integrity above the dollar and give to society the basis to be great. Let no vulgar Cresus assume leadership and flaunt his low ideals and snobbery without reproof.

The article of Mr. W. A. Strickland in this issue of the Free Press touching the iron industry and the failure of the state penitentiary authorities to successfully operate the state furnaces, is very pertinent at this time. It seems to us that he has contributed a valuable article to this discussion.

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## REFINED SOCIETY

There ought to be something done to elevate the social ideal of society. Many ambitious people get false conceptions of what constitutes genteel society. People enjoying a period of temporary prosperity, or people who have recently grown prosperous, become ambitious and "but into society." Some of them, as soon as they get a little recognition from some social circle, go beside themselves and cut all kinds of antics toward their kinsmen and former acquaintances and friends. They think to show their sense and good qualities they must snub somebody, pass people they have known all their life and pretend not to see them. Such antics as these only expose ill-breeding and shows that it will take the refining influence of the best men and women of a community through several generations to develop a gentleman or a gentlewoman from such stock.

In this great land of ours where there is no barriers of caste, our best men and women have encouraged people to aspire to the higher social qualities.

The truly noble and gentle girl, boy, man or woman, never stoop to surliness, confident of their own worth, they seek to treat every one with courtesy. They assume the ideals of their community and their opinion and approval is always sought by their fellows. Some times when we see the antics of those guided by false ideals, we pity them. They need the guiding hand of some noble soul to direct them, and to shatter the vain darts of conceit, envy and egotisms of their false conceptions. With correct ideal and lofty aspirations, it is possible in the free environment of Haskell to produce the most noble men and women of our race.

We have been requested by several professional and business men to reproduce the above editorial which appeared in last week's issue of the Free Press. This we do in the hope that the principals enunciated will meet the approval of all sane people who read the same.

From comments we have heard, it is believed that there are conditions requiring attention by those whose duty it may be to lead in ethical criticism, if we would guard against those silly social forms and functions that have corrupted the ideals in some circles and have produced their apes in country villages and towns.

The idle rich of fashionable resorts may be able to afford silly conventionalities, and indeed their very idleness destroys their mental capacity to act sane, yet it is not advisable for sane people to adopt their social forms. Sanity, a high sense of propriety and ideal personal qualities, is the heritage of the truly cultured and the truly refined. The results in approved personal deportment on all occasions.

## Those Pies Of Boyhood

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## Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting will be held at the Court House Wednesday, January 5th, 1910, at 3 o'clock p. m.

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The Stock law carried by a majority at the election on the 23rd. This means that the farm fences can be torn down like they do in Kansas.

### Rabbits Mattered by Collie.

A family of young rabbits are sharing the kennel of a collie puppy at Eichenbroom, New South Wales. They were unharmed from their burrow by a kangaroo dog, but a collie intervened and driving the other dog off, carried them to her kennel. There she is tending them as carefully as she does her own offspring.

### Nervousness Help.

If you are suffering from nervousness do not overlook the value of deep breathing. Many persons have worried off acute nervous prostration by drawing in deep breaths at frequent intervals during the day.

### Daily Thought.

Foresight is very wise, but foresorrow is very foolish; and castles are at any rate better than dungeons in the air.—Sir John Lubbock.

### Women and Humor.

The man who tries to be funny is generally a bore, but a woman can be funny without trying by just running for a street car.—Somerville Journal.

### Figuring on the Loot.

A Pennsylvania burglar was sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment for stealing 20 bushels of wheat. Now-a-days burglars will do well to read the market reports, leave the cereals alone and confine their attention to silverware, jewelry and other less costly commodities.

### Woman and Wife.

Womanhood is greater than wifehood. It comprehends and embraces it. The best woman will make the best wife.—Gail Hamilton.

### Too Steady.

"Haven't you a home?" asked the sympathetic citizen. "Yep," answered Plodding Pete. "I had a nice home, but do first ring I knew it had a woodpile and a garden and a pump And den it got so much like a steady job dat I resigned."

### Had the Other Variety.

Customer—"Do you keep stove lifters in here?" Grocer's Clerk—"Not the iron ones, madam. But we can give you a pint of kerosene."

### In Demand in Germany.

Germany's imports of palm and petroleum 1895 exceed 200 tons a year.

### London's Appetite for Fish.

London eats 180,000 tons of fish each year.

### Long Telephone Span.

The longest telephone span in the world crosses Lake Wallenstadt, in Switzerland, the steel towers supporting the wire being nearly 8,000 feet apart.

### No Risks in Philadelphia.

Rising in a street car to give his seat to a woman, a St. Louis man broke his collar bone. Did you ever observe the risks taken by men in Philadelphia street cars?—Philadelphia Times.

### A Poor Brand of Happiness.

Some people find it hard to be truly happy unless they are making others miserable.

### Yucatan's Chief Industry.

Fully 80 per cent. of the income of Yucatan is derived from sisal fiber.

### Greece Large Importer of Oil.

Greece is a large consumer of edible oil. Her population of about 2,500,000 uses annually 20,000 to 25,000 tons of oil, or eight to ten kilos per capita.

### Woman as a Creator.

A woman who creates and sustains a home, and under whose hands children grow up to be strong and pure men and women, is a creator second only to God.—Helen Hunt Jackson.

### The Wonders of Science.

"Oh, mamma," said little Albert, who was having his first view of an aeroplane in action, "see the cattle pen flying."

### Invulnerable to Attack.

The weight of years never bears heavily on one whose heart is light.—Florida Times-Union.

### Providing for the Future.

More than 3,000 camphor trees have been set out in Florida.

## Napoleon's Grit

was the unconquerable, never say-die kind, the kind you need most when you have a bad cold, cough or lung disease. Suppose troches, cough syrups, cod liver oil or doctors have failed, don't lose heart and hope. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. Satisfaction guaranteed when used for any throat or lung trouble. It has saved thousands of hopeless sufferers. It masters stubborn colds, obstinate coughs, hemorrhages in grippe, croup, asthma, hay fever and whooping cough and is the most safe and certain remedy for all bronchial affections. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Collier's Drug Store.

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## FOR SALE OR TRADE.

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Chamberlin's Cough Remedy is a very valuable medicine for throat and lung troubles, quickly relieves and cures painful breathing and a dangerously sounding cough which indicates congested lungs. Sold by All Dealers.

### "Lounging Cars" Put On.

A leading western railroad has had constructed four novel coaches termed "lounging cars" for use upon four of its through trains, a particular feature of which will be the installation in each of a small library of books.

### A. Jackson, His Tavern.

The old Whitney Tavern in Shelbyville, Tenn., erected in 1810, is still in a good state of preservation. It is built of cedar logs, which are chinked and pointed between, and with the exception of the renewing of the weather boards and shingles it has undergone no change. The large stone chimneys, with their board fireplaces, are still in a perfect condition as when Gen. Jackson and other noted personages were entertained there.—Columbus, O. Journal.

### Art Treasures at Ostia.

A great many art treasures are being dug up at Ostia, the seaport of ancient Rome. There are some who even go so far as to say that it may rival Pompeii in the beauty of the objects which are yet to be discovered.

### British Patents.

According to the report of the comptroller general of patents, patent applications in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in 1908 numbered 28,598, a decrease of 420 from 1907; of the total, 57 were from women and 1,459 from abroad, the United States furnishing 5 of that total and Germany coming second with 515.

### Nothing More Than Her Right.

A Cincinnati man asked for divorce because his wife was irritable, high tempered, and used exasperating language; but the judge held that a woman who had had the care of 11 small children and no domestic help had a right to have a temper and also use language that expressed her feelings.

## Spectacles.

The invention of spectacles is variously attributed to Alessandro Spina, who died at Pisa in 1317; to Hazen, the Arabian (eleventh century), and to Roger Bacon (1224). It is quite safe to suppose that the invention was not earlier than the beginning of the eleventh century.

## Australia's Waste Land.

Universal experience has proved that no country can progress or be held safe from invasion where population is sparse and the lands are not utilized. Our future prosperity is vitally dependent on the sort of use to which we put our lands.—Age, Melbourne.

## Electric Glue Heater.

An electric glue heater has been put upon the market which is claimed to melt glue in 30 minutes, and to keep it at a temperature of 150 degrees for several hours after the current has been switched off.

## Vegetable Suspension Bridge.

A remarkable suspension bridge spans the River Apurimac in central Peru. The ropes of this bridge are composed of pliable roots and vines, while the planks are made of branches. In the humid climate of Peru it would be by no means extraordinary if this vegetable bridge were one day to start growing.—Wide World Magazine.

## Perfect Coating for Hams.

"Mraslin" is the name of a substance that is used in Bohemia to coat hams. It is as pliable as rubber, tasteless and harmless, and keeps the ham—also mutton, eggs, etc., perfectly fresh almost indefinitely. The mraslin can be peeled from the ham almost as easily as the skin from a banana.

## China's Postal Service Grows.

In the seven years 1901 to 1908 China's postal service expanded remarkably. The postal routes now cover 88,000 miles and the post offices number 3,493, as against 176 in 1901, an increase of 3,317 in the seven years.

## The Helping Hand.

"It makes no difference, mein friend, dot you work in a sweatshop. Christ step inside, und for five cents I gill you de best handkerchief in der city for wiping off all dot sweat."—Puck.

## Skimmed Milk Good for Hens.

Skimmed milk has been proved a valuable food for laying hens, according to experiments at the Virginia experiment station.

## Milwaukee's Satisfactory Growth.

Milwaukee is congratulating herself on a growth of 84,931 in population since the federal census of 1900. A recent directory canvass shows, according to the Sentinel, that the city of famous beer has 376,246 inhabitants. The 1900 population figures at 291,315.

## By Her Own Testimony.

Mr. Knox—"There's one good thing about that young puppy that came to see you last night, and that is, he's healthy." His Daughter—"I'm glad to hear you admit that much." Mr. Knox—"I wouldn't except for the fact that when you met him in the hall last night I heard you say: 'Oh! Tom, how cold your nose is!'"

## Dukes.

A duke of England, Ireland, Scotland, or the United Kingdom, is referred to as "most noble" and styled "your grace" in formal address. He has a coronet bearing eight strawberry leaves. The title was first conferred in England in 1337 on Prince Edward, known as the Black Prince and is now bestowed on royal princes as a qualification for sitting in the house of lords.

## Vision Needs Distance.

Objects which are usually the motives of our travels by land and sea are often overlooked and neglected if they lie under our eye.—Pliny the Younger.

## Very Small and Struggling.

"What's this?" demanded the customs officer, pointing to a package at the bottom of the trunk. "That is a foreign book entitled 'Politeness,'" answered the man who had just landed. "I guess I'll have to charge you a duty on it," rejoined the inspector. "It competes with a small and struggling industry in this country."

## The Peacock.

Little Ethel had been taken to Eastlake park to see the beautiful birds and animals, and upon her return described them to her mother. The peacock made a profound impression upon her, and she told her mother about it in this way: "It is a beautiful bird, mother, with electric lights all through the ferns and a turkey under it."—Los Angeles Herald.

## A Non-Subscriber.

A south Missouri editor refused to publish a death notice of a non-subscriber. "People who don't take the home paper," he said, "never were alive, and their passing away has no news value."—Kansas City Star.

## Keep Ginseng at Home.

Making, selling or exporting of red ginseng in or from Korea is now forbidden, under fines of from \$50 to \$500 and confiscation of equipment to all parties except the Korean government or firms specially authorized by it. It is highly valued in the orient for medicinal use.

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## Farmers Union Department

By Press Correspondent.

In the Dallas Semi-Weekly News of the 10th inst., I see the State Penitentiary Board has decided to shut down the Iron Plant at Rusk.

Mr. Barton, the financial agent, is credited with the statement that "it is too expensive and is a losing proposition."

I am a simple farmer and confess I never saw an Iron mine or a furnace in my life and therefore may be put down as an ignoramus on the subject, but I read some of the current papers of our times and sometimes dip into literature other than agricultural. Now I do not believe that our State Iron industry at Rusk should be a "losing proposition" at the present time, when the Iron industry of the whole country is seemingly enjoying a period of unprecedented prosperity. I base this claim on statements found in the Financial Record of New York from which publication I will make a few quotations.

In the issue of Oct. 20, '09, the Record says: "The news of the famine and sale in Buffalo market of 20,000 tons of Basic Pig-iron has brought into the general market many belated small buyers, who were not appreciative of the boom condition of the iron and steel industry. Scrap iron and steel has advanced about \$5.00 per ton since last spring and is being imported to meet the demand." "Requirements of four-ounce steel are being ordered to the heavy volume of orders that is being placed in all lines." "The United States Steel corporation has booked orders enough to keep many of its mills going for the next six months and is operating 96 per cent of its full capacity."

Agricultural implement makers are reported to be in the market for 40,000 tons of various grades of pigiron. Altogether the outlook is the most encouraging in years and the last quarter of 1909 will go down as having made the most rapid headway of any like period in the history of the trade." Mark the prophecy made Oct. 20th, 1909.

On Oct. 27th The Record says: "As an indication of the steady expansion of the trade stands the business in cars placed last week. At Pittsburg 10 orders were booked aggregating 10,100 steel cars. In making these cars more than 60,000 tons of steel plates and shapes will be needed. 80,000 Car wheels were included in these orders."

The statement may be made that we do not make steel at Rusk but pig iron. Well I reckon we must first have pig iron to make steel.

Under date of November 3, 1909, the same authority says: "The general belief that the iron trade would experience a period of reaction, consequent upon the exhaustion of the large orders that have been coming in during September and October, is relieving a rude shock in the new record orders of enormous size that have cropped up last week." Then follows a list in detail of cars, locomotives, steel rails and other items requiring pig iron in vast quantities; then follows: "It is therefore still difficult to obtain quotations for next year from furnaces."

Under date of Nov. 10th, we have the following statements: "The Volu. Transactions in

Basic Iron is CURTAILED by INADEQUATE SUPPLY. \* \* \*

Along with last months maximum production consumption of iron was also in GREATER volume than ever before known." But "it is too expensive and is a losing proposition" to continue running the State Penitentiary Plant at Rusk. May the Oracles tell us when it will NOT be "a losing proposition."

Under date of November 17, we find the following: "Every week records new ADVANCES in the prices of finished steel products, in some cases on prices raised before. \* \* \* Fear that a continuation of advances might eventually act as a bar to the progress of the trade has apparently produced a concerted movement to hold down to present levels, for the balance of the year at least, the prices of Bessemer and Pig iron. It is argued that the higher levels of selling prices are excused by the demand and that the cost of production of pig iron has NOT been sufficiently raised to impair to any appreciable extent, a comfortable margin of profit."

When will conditions of the trade justify running our State Plant at Rusk? But we are not through with the witness yet. Under date of Nov. 24, we find the following: "Business of such magnitude 'eats up' immense quantities of PIG IRON and CONFIRMS the rumors of the President of one of the large manufacturing companies who said last week: "If the set back comes, it will only be a moderate one. When it is over pig iron will probably touch higher figures than have been recorded since the panic."

Still under such a "magnitude of business" our State Plant at Rusk is a "losing proposition."

Again under date of Dec. 8, The Financial Record, after going over the weeks pig iron situation, asks this question: "Does an analysis of the present conditions warrant the assumption that lower prices are coming? The first question to be considered is whether stocks are accumulating and whether the furnace out put exceeds that of the foundries? The answer to this is readily given by stating that sales of pig iron of all grades made in Pittsburg in November aggregated nearly 1,000,000 tons, of which five large foundry interests alone bought 345,000 tons, although these very five interests have sufficient furnace capacity of their own to supply their needs in an ordinary run of business. Furthermore furnaces have closed their books for the year, being well sold up into the first half of 1910."

Mr. Editor this article is already too long but does not tell half the story of the great prosperity of the iron industry at the present time. Moreover it is a well known fact that the corporations using free labor pay out immense salaries for expert men as superintendents and managers as well as other expenses over and above the ordinary wage scale.

Our State Board I suppose is well paid whether expert or not, and there is no wage scale to meet, only ordinary clothes and common food for the men and some guard expenses to pay. It does look to your scribe like, under the unprecedented prosperity of the iron industry as

shown above, that there is no excuse for closing our Plant at Rusk and we have every reason to expect a profit instead of a deficit on the business. Is it possible there is a "nigger in the wood pile."

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### Lye Stewed Peaches

That's What We Eat.

Another Pure Food Discussion.

The pure food agitation which has been principally over the question of benzoate of soda has now taken a new turn and renewed interest will doubtless be aroused over this question.

It is said that in most of the canneries of the country peaches are stewed in red-hot caustic soda to eat away the skins and thereby save the cost of knife peeling, the difference in cost amounting to a cent and a half or two cents per can.

In the process of this lye stewing, almost all the flavor of the peach disappears and doubtless a little caustic soda is left on each piece of fruit as a memento of its trip through the lye.

Caustic soda strong enough to eat away the skin of an unripe peach must be anything but soothing to the inner man or child. The full significance of this is best understood in connection with the fact that caustic soda is used in making many kinds of soap; in fact, it is the dirt eating part of soap.

It is said that the great majority of the canneries use the lye process in place of the knife-peeling method. Attempts have been made for sometime to get the Department of Agriculture to make a ruling on this question which would compel the canners who use this method to say so on the labels of their goods. It looks now as if the question will be passed up to Congress for a specific law covering this phase of the pure food agitation.

The use of caustic soda is impossible with ripe fruit because it discolors a ripe peach so that it will not pass muster with the users of high-grade canned fruits. In consequence this process is possible only with unripe fruit, and green fruit is purposefully gathered for canning.

Owing to the absence of any marks on the cans to indicate the use of caustic soda, the only way the customer can tell if he has purchased a lye-process can of fruit is by taste. Open a can of peaches, wash away the syrup from a piece of the fruit. Then taste it. If it is void of flavor, woody and pulpy, and has a soapy appearance, it is undoubtedly the lye-peeled variety.

### COAL CONSUMERS NOTICE.

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### ENUMERATORS' TEST EASY

Census Director Durand Sets February 5th as the date.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27, '09—Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily and easily pass the test to be given applicants for Census enumerators' places on Saturday Feb. 5th, the date finally set by U. S. Census Director Durand, according to an announcement from the Census Bureau today. This will be a comforting assurance to the several hundred thousand who are believed to be contemplating application for the places.

It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminently reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the Twelfth Census. It will consist of filling-out a sample schedule of population from a description, in narrative form, of typical families; and in the case of enumerators whose work will be in the rural districts, they will be called upon to fill out an additional sample schedule of agriculture, from information furnished by the Census Bureau.

All persons, whether women or men, who may desire to become Census enumerators must be citizens of the United States; residents of the supervisor's district for which they wish to be appointed; must be not less than 18 nor more than 70 years of age; must be physically able to do the work; must be trustworthy, honest and of good habits; must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity.

Those who can comply with these requirements are invited to put in their applications, as there will be at least 68,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation for the enumeration beginning April 15th.

Application forms, with full instructions for filling-in, and complete information concerning the test and the method of appointment, can be secured by writing to the supervisor of census for the supervisor's district in which the applicant lives. All applications, properly filled-in must be filed with the supervisors not later than January 25th as any received after that date cannot be considered. Letters or applications should be mailed to Jno. B. Littler, Supervisor 16th District, Big Springs, Tex.

### NOTICE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK STOCK HOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stock Holders of the Haskell National Bank will be held at the office of said bank, in Haskell, Texas, on the second Tuesday, the 14th day of January, A. D. 1910, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting. G. E. Langford, Cashier.

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State of Texas.  
County of Haskell.  
By virtue of an execution issued out of the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, on December 7th, 1909, and by virtue of a levy thereunder on the hereinafter described property on December 7th, 1909, I, M. E. Park, Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, will proceed to sell at public auction at the Court House door of the County Court House of Haskell County, Texas, on the first Tuesday in January, 1910, it being the 4th day of said month, the following described real estate:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land in Haskell County, Texas, and being out of the Peter Allen Survey, Abstract No. 2, Certificate No. 136. Survey No. 140, patented to the heirs of Peter Allen on Dec. 31, 1866, by Patent No. 365, Vol. 17, and more particularly described as Lot No. 3 in Block No. 5 of the J. W. Meadors Addition to the town of Haskell, Texas, as shown by a map or plat of said Addition recorded in Vol. 32, page 79 of the Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas.

Said property being levied upon as the property of D. B. Boyd to satisfy a judgment in favor of the Skandia Furniture Company rendered on the 6th day of July, 1909, in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, in the sum of \$318.05 together with costs amounting to \$8.90, against the said D. B. Boyd. Witness my hand on this the 7th day of December, 1909.

M. E. Park,  
Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas.  
By J. H. Meadors, Deputy.

**State Ownership Not a Success.**  
In Japan state railroad ownership has proved so disastrous to the finances of the country that the government is now looking to a syndicate of foreign capitalists to help it out. The statement is made that government ownership there has imperiled the national finances, prevented railroad improvements and checked the efficiency of the service.

**Seek Cure for Pellagra.**  
The thermal waters of Hot Springs, Ark., are to be tested in an effort to find a cure for the disease of pellagra. Two subjects, one case fully developed, and another in the incipient stage have been brought to the place from Mississippi for treatment and observation.

**Watch Health of Children.**  
In Japan government physicians make a thorough physical examination of all school children once a year, and there is a monthly inspection of them by the medical corps every month. There is also a monthly sanitary investigation of all school buildings, their contents, water supply, surroundings, etc.

**Causes of Quarrel Removed.**  
"Is your husband thoroughly domesticated by this time?" "Oh, yes. He never has any loose change in his pocket, and is careful not to leave any of his private letters lying around the house. We have little to quarrel about, now."—Cleveland Leader.

**The Honest Prisoner.**  
A prisoner within these last few days appeared at our county jail, bringing his own commitment. The constable, he said, was busy in his harvest and could not come with him. It was not till after he had given his word and honor that he was the person named in the commitment that he was admitted.—From the Staffordshire (Eng.) Advertiser of September, 1909.

**In the Middle.**  
"The thief always suffers in the end." "Not always. My little boy stole some green apples the other day and that is not where he suffered."—Houston Post.

**Uncle Sam's Trade.**  
Trade of the United States with its noncontiguous territory in the fiscal year 1909 exceeded that of any previous year, and was more than three times as much as a decade ago.

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All the pastors are requested to meet at Rochester in a general rally Thursday night, Friday and Friday night.

Then the workers will divide and the following Brethren will meet dates as follows: R. E. L. Farmer, I. N. Alvis, W. C. Garret, E. B. Speck, A. M. Reed, J. L. Mays, R. E. Smith, G. W. Stewart, J. P. Siler, M. H. Godfrey.

Foster: Saturday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., January 1st.

Gillespie: Saturday, Jan. 1, 7 p. m. and Sunday 11 a. m.

Carney (O'Brien) Sunday 11 a. m., 7 p. m. and Monday 7 p. m.

Hutto: Jan. 4, Tuesday 7 p. m. and Wednesday 7 p. m.

Mitchell: Jan. 6 and 7th, 7 p. m. each day.

Knox City: Saturday, Jan. 8, 7 p. m. and Sunday 11 a. m.

Rule: Sunday, Jan. 9th, 11 a. m., 7 p. m. and Monday, 7 p. m.

Cook Springs: Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Jud: Thursday, Jan. 13, 7 p. m.

Pinkerton: Friday, Jan. 14, 7 p. m. and Saturday 11 a. m., 7 p. m.

Sagerton: Sunday, Jan. 16th, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Center Point: Sunday, Jan. 16th, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

The following Brethren will make the following dates: Dr. W. A. Wilson, J. A. Arbuckle, E. E. Dawson, J. E. Nicholson, J. W. Edwards, W. M. Scott, W. D. Drumgoole, R. J. Taylor, J. H. Vinson, R. W. Thompson, W. F. Dillard.

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Lake Creek: Jan. 3 and 4, 7 p. m. each day.

Brushy: Jan. 5 and 6, 7 p. m. each day.

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Weston: Jan. 11 and 12, 7 p. m. each day.

Rose Chapel: Jan. 12 and 13, 7 p. m. each day.

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Haskell: Saturday 7 p. m., Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., January 15 and 16th.

Sales: Sunday night, Jan. 16 and 17, 7 p. m.

Any changes in dates, place, or program that may be necessary will be made at the general rally at Rochester.

Various Brethren have been asked to speak on the following subjects:

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2. How much does the present development of Texas Baptists owe to our Schools?
3. The Needs of Our Schools.
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**SOCIETY NOTES**

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Mr. Grover Black of Fort Worth visited Miss Frankie Terrell this week.

Miss Myrtle Chancellor of Stamford is visiting in this city.

Miss Lucile Glasgow of Munday was visiting in Haskell this week.

Mr. Taylor of Seymour is visiting his parents of this city.

Mr. Bob Robertson of Seymour is building a residence and will move his family to Haskell. Mr. Robertson will be associated with his father, Mr. S. L. Robertson, general merchant.

500 Tons of the best Colorado and McAlester Coal to begin the winter. E. A. Chambers.

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Mr. Whit Williams of the southeast side was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. W. E. Sherrill made a business trip to Dallas last week.

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The Norman Paint Store has moved to the Whitman building on the west side.

Messrs R. E. and J. I. Foster of Canyon City spent Xmas with their brother, Geo. D. Foster of this city.

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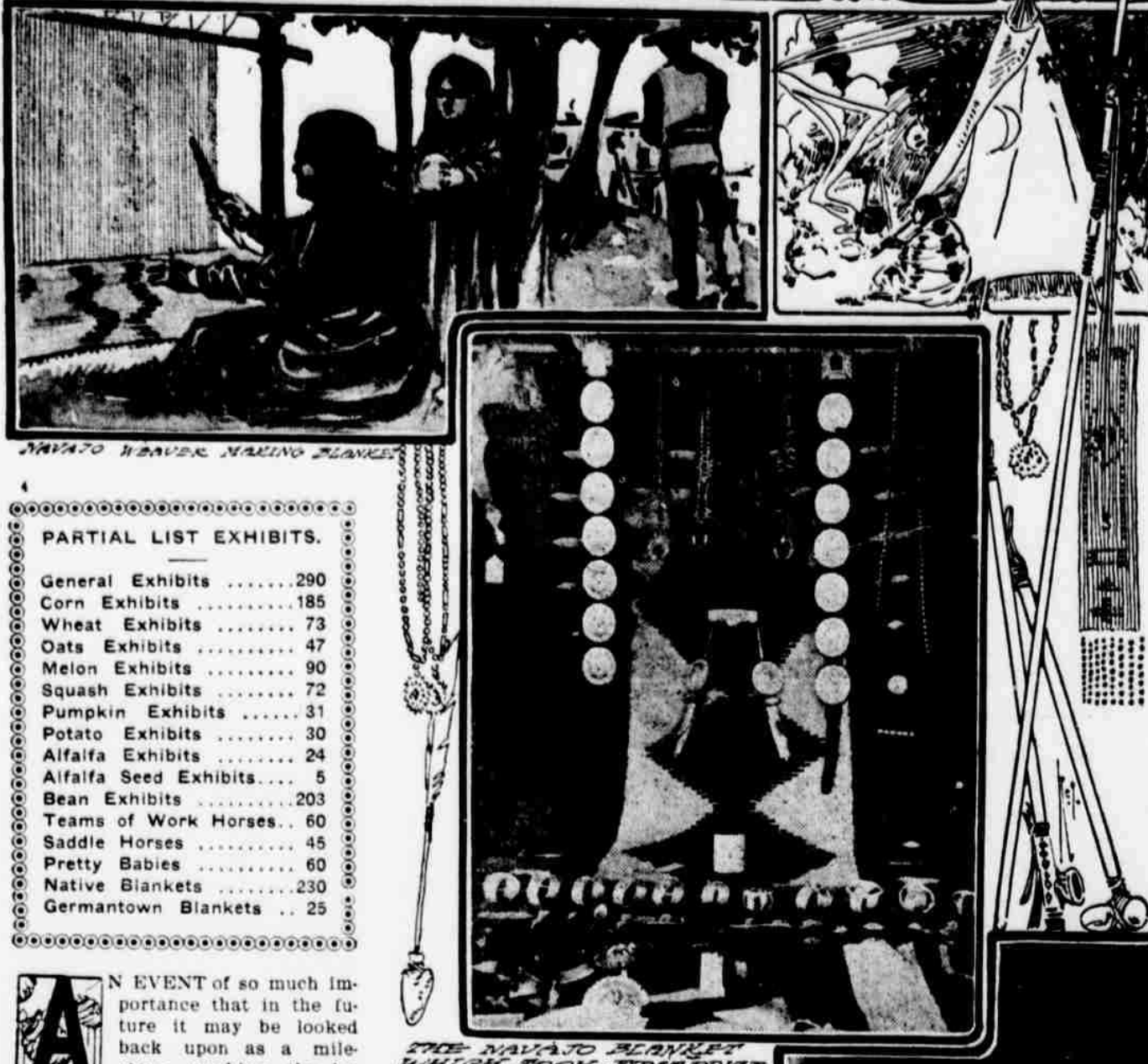
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## The Red Man's Love of Contest in the White Man's Game

by Frank Staplin



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Corn Exhibits	185
Wheat Exhibits	73
Oats Exhibits	47
Melon Exhibits	90
Squash Exhibits	72
Pumpkin Exhibits	31
Potato Exhibits	30
Alfalfa Exhibits	24
Alfalfa Seed Exhibits	5
Bean Exhibits	203
Teams of Work Horses	40
Saddle Horses	45
Pretty Babies	60
Native Blankets	230
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**A**N EVENT of so much importance that in the future it may be looked back upon as a milestone marking the beginning of a new era in the progress of the southwest was the first Navajo fair, which was held at Shiprock Agency, New Mexico, recently.

At Shiprock the past six years has been a period of preparation, a struggle for a position of advantage from which the ignorance and superstition of a barbarous people might be attacked and the influences which have fettered them might be obliterated, so that, freed from its bondage, the Navajo race might take its place among the useful and beneficial elements of the nation, contributing its share toward the industry and enjoying its proportion of the advantages embraced in the common stock.

How successful this preparation for and beginning of their civilization has been is soon apparent to the observer who visits Shiprock, becomes acquainted with the superintendent and his assistants and realizes what they are achieving.

How important the civilization of the Navajo is to that section of the country is also apparent when it is considered that there are some 30,000 of them scattered over a reservation in New Mexico, Arizona and Utah, which contains a larger area than all the New England states and includes thousands of acres of fine agricultural, mineral and timber lands, and is almost completely underlaid with coal. The increase of their productiveness means an increase in the output of the southwest. Their education and permanent settlement upon small homesteads will leave a large surplus of land to be sold to white settlers. Thus the work being carried on at Shiprock has many points which commend it to the people who are interested in the development of that section.

The holding of a fair this fall was not decided upon until about two weeks before it was held, and when the decision was reached it was so late in the season that it was necessary to arrange for it at once, thus less than two weeks' notice was given the Navajos by means of Indian police and messengers—barely time to gather up what they had on hand and bring it in without any preparation or opportunity to gather or make anything especially for exhibition.

Under these circumstances the amount and quality of the exhibits displayed was no less than remarkable. The extent to which they responded to the call to bring in their products was a surprise to Major Shelton, the Indian agent for this reservation, himself. He knew that they could and would make a very creditable showing.

Two hundred and ninety general exhibits were received and displayed, while several others arrived too late to be accepted. These exhibits contained from five to 60 articles each. Agricultural products formed the chief part of the exhibition, but by no means all, as the famous Navajo blanket was there in many styles and sizes, beautiful silver jewelry of various and unique designs, old blankets of great value, a few buffalo robes, valuable pieces of bead work and dozens of other products and curios, ancient and modern. Besides these general exhibits there was the live stock show, in which horses, milch cows, sheep and goats were numerous.

The sports consisted of foot races (the longest one five and one-half miles, in which 12 entered and four finished), horse races, games and amusements. Each evening the Navajos provided their own amusement by participating in several of their ancient sacred dances, which were both interesting and entertaining to the visitors.

As an example of how a list of prize winners at an Indian fair would read, the following extracts are given:

General exhibit of farm and garden products—First prize, double harness, Barber-bit-cilly (the latter is the winner's name); second, disk harrow, Happy Jack; third, cultivator, Be-kin-e-be-gay; fourth, shovel, Do-be-bit-see.

Native blanket, all wool—First, cook stove, Kin-le-che-ne; second, 100 pounds flour, Lenna Oliver; third, 50 pounds flour, Be-ka-da-na-be-ga; fourth, 25 pounds flour, Pe-le-can-e-es-kin-e.

Cleanest Navajo baby—First, 50 pounds flour, Lenna Oliver; second, 25 pounds flour, Hoston-at-so-se.

The Navajo blanket collection, like all other exhibits, was a fine one. It contained a few of the old-time bayetas, for which the Navajos first became famous. These were originally made from the yarn obtained by unraveling woolen

cloth and re-weaving it into a very fine, close, tight blanket. There were also many fine chief's blankets, the famous blanket with the black-and-white cross stripes which were used by those Navajos who could afford them long before a white man ever saw them. But best and greatest of all was the fine collection of soft gray and black rugs made from the natural colors of wool without any dye whatever and the beautiful outline blankets, in which the Navajo has reached the highest perfection of the art. These blankets were judged by Frank Staplin, a Navajo blanket expert of Farmington, N. M., J. L. Parsons of Durango and Miss Emma Loomis, of the agency, and the first prize was awarded to a beautiful black, white and grey blanket of artistic design and remarkably even and close weave, shown in the center picture.

The Navajo silver jewelry is hand-hammered from Mexican dollars, which the traders procure for the Navajos, and many of the pieces are very beautiful in design and odd and exquisite as an ornament. The jewelry consists of rings, bracelets, neck chains, charms and many other articles. It should be remembered that none of the products raised at Shiprock under the supervision of the superintendent and employees were permitted to participate for prizes, but every prize went to reservation Navajos for products purely their own. The vegetables and other agricultural products of the agency are, however, worthy of special mention, as they formed a fine exhibit in themselves and included, besides the ordinary products of the section, many of the new vegetables brought from foreign lands by representatives of the department of agriculture.

Some of the Indian exhibits were brought no less than 70 miles in wagons and on horseback, by the interested owners, and one lot of 50 general exhibits, which deserves special mention, came from Sa-Noos-Te, the vicinity of F. L. Noel's trading post. This lot contained the prize-winning assortment of silver work and other prize winners.

The success of the first Navajo fair, which the unappreciative neighboring public had supposed would consist of a few pony races and chicken fights, but which turned out to be an exhibit of agricultural products which probably equaled any other ever made in the county, for quality, and contained at least five times the quantity, is due entirely to the work of Major W. T. Shelton, the superintendent at Shiprock. It is true the Navajos were producing most of these articles long before they ever saw or heard of Shelton, but they were not producing as much, as well, nor as fine a quality as they have been since coming into contact with the influence of the institution which he has founded. Neither could they have been induced to have brought together their most valuable and cherished personal effects for public inspection but for the confidence which this agency has awakened within them.

We have therefore seen the first beneficial effects of education and proper example upon this neglected people. The changes which have been wrought upon those coming in contact with this institution have been so rapid and sweeping that it challenges credulity. The difference between them and the Navajos on some other parts of the reservation is so marked that they would not be taken for the same people, and it is these differences that commend the policies and practices initiated by Mr. Shelton at this institution and places it in favorable contrast with other government and private Indian schools.

### CUSTOMS MEN PUZZLED

It took five men and three women at the custom house and the silk buyer of a Louisville department store to fix the value of a kimono

which arrived at the office of the surveyor of customs for appraisement.

It was a dainty silken thing, lavender in color, which lay on the table of Cashier Thomas for two hours. The garment was sent to the custom house by the postmaster at Somerset, Ky., who received it a few days ago through the mail from Japan. He did not send in the address of the owner.

This was aggravating to the young women experts called in. "I know every woman in Somerset," one said, "and I'd just like to know who is going to wear that."

For half an hour it puzzled Surveyor Taylor and two or three of his men assistants to discover just what the garment was.

"It looks to me like the court gown of the queen of Zanzibar," said Clay Miller, who measures steamboats and superintends the loading of merchandise at the custom house depot.

"Don't you men know anything at all?" exclaimed one of the women clerks, pushing her way through the puzzled group. "Why, it's a kimono."

"What in thunder is a kimono?" inquired Deputy Sam Barber. "They don't have that kind of thing down in Bath county, where I came from."

Finally, when the officials decided that there was nothing dangerous about the garment, they started in fixing the value. It was estimated to be worth all the way from \$1.50 to \$150. The kimono was finally carried to a department store, where the silk

buyer said it was worth \$14. Later the kimono was bundled into a box and started back to the Somerset postmaster, with instructions to charge the owner \$8.20 duty.—Louisville Times.

### CHAINED TO WHEELBARROW

In writing of the Schlüsselburg prison in McClure's, David Soskice tells of a prisoner who was chained to a wheelbarrow:

"Schedrin had been condemned to hard labor in the convict mines of Siberia and for an attempt to escape from there had been sentenced to be chained to a heavy wheelbarrow. When the order came for his transfer from Siberia to St. Petersburg, no conveyance could be found large enough to contain him, the wheelbarrow and the convoy of gendarmes. Yet, as the wheelbarrow had become a part of the prisoner, the gendarmes were afraid to leave it behind. It was therefore decided to place Schedrin with his convoy in one cart and the wheelbarrow behind in another. For several months, day and night, Schedrin and the gendarmes galloped through Siberia on a troika (a three-horsed cart or sledge), while another sped behind them, upon which the wheelbarrow reposed—causing the deepest amazement among the peasants in the villages through which they passed.

Upon the arrival of the prisoner in St. Peter and Paul he was once again chained to the barrow, and only after he had been six weeks in the Schlüsselburg was he finally detached from it and given freedom of movement within the narrow confines of his cell.

"When they unchained me," said Schedrin subsequently, "I could not get enough movement. I wanted to run and run, and it seemed to me that I could never stop. How strange it is that men who can enjoy perfect freedom of movement never realize the wonderful happiness that is theirs!"

### A SLAP AT OUR SENATE

One of the friends of Representative Martin of South Dakota was making a strenuous complaint to Mr. Martin about the manner in which committee assignments were given in the senate.

"A new senator, however able he may be, has no chance," said Mr. Martin's friend, "but if he's a thousand years old he can get the best committee job."

"That reminds me," said the South Dakota member, "of what Seth Bullock remarked to me when I took him over to the senate one time. After looking them over, Seth said: 'Gee, Martin! That looks like a soldiers' home in there.'"—Rochester Herald.

### CHINESE GIRL IN AMERICA

A snap-shot of Miss Wu Ting Fang, taken while she was outing recently, shows the young lady dressed quite in the style of the American girl, and apparently the same acute interest in the pleasant sport that her girl friends in Washington might feel. After all, it will be the women who will finally break down all barriers and make the whole world more nearly akin.

## MORGAN IS BALKED

Finds One Thing His Millions Can't Purchase.

Wants the Famous Reggia Castle at Mantua, But the Italian Government Refuses His Offer of \$5,000,000.

New York.—J. Pierpont Morgan, multi-millionaire banker can buy insurance companies if he wants them, but he has found one thing on the globe that his great fortune will not bring to him.

Morgan's greatest artistic yearning was to buy the Reggia at Mantua, formerly known as the Corte Reale, one of the most famous royal residences in Europe.

Mr. Morgan offered \$5,000,000 for this magnificent and ancient structure, it is reported—a fabulous fortune in Italy. But the Italian government holds that the Reggia is one of the kingdom's monuments and relics and so it was impossible to accept the American's offer. Of course this huge work of art could not be taken out of the country, but its sale would have violated in a sense the law which forbids the sale of antiquities to foreigners.

The Reggia, which dates from 1302, contains 600 rooms and has an extensive frontage on the lower lake at Mantua. It has filled a large space in Italian history. During the epoch of the Gonzagas it was the center of culture, the arts and sciences, and there the most renowned artists, scholars and scientists found hospitality and financial aid if they needed it.

Miss Anne Morgan, the financier's daughter, who has toured Italy often, studying all periods and schools of Italian art, strongly urged her father to buy the Reggia, and was greatly impressed with the place where Isa-



J. Pierpont Morgan.

bella d'Este, the most gifted woman of the Italian renaissance, held her famous court.

The original splendor of the palace is best preserved in the apartments of Isabella d'Este, which were decorated by Giulio Romano, Raphael's greatest pupil. The frescoes on the ceilings of these apartments were done by Andrea Mantegna. A hundred and fifty years later Rubens visited the Mantua court and contributed to the decorations of the palace.

Countess Morosini, a beautiful noblewoman of Venice who has much influence at court, interested herself to further Mr. Morgan's purpose to buy the Reggia.

The people of Mantua are deeply disappointed that Mr. Morgan did not gain ownership of the Reggia. It was his intention to restore it to all its former glories, but the public and tourists would have had access to it still.

### Turkish Women Indifferent.

According to the Frankfurter Zeitung, the attempt to establish a woman's newspaper in Turkey, which was to agitate for the raising of the status of Mohammedan women, has proved a failure. The journal, which is entitled Mehasin, bore on the title-page the motto of the advanced Turkish ladies: "In every nation women are the measure of its civilization."

But although the editor, Asaf Muammer Bey, brought a great deal of skill and knowledge to bear on his work, his enterprise from the first has been a dismal failure. Then he took to illustrations, with no better result, and finally he fell back on fashion plates and cookery recipes. The Frankfurter Zeitung says that even with these additional attractions the circulation of Mehasin does not exceed 400 copies.

### "Cardiff Giant" Hoax.

Cardiff giant was the name given to a rude statue 10 1/2 feet high dug up October 16, 1869, at Cardiff, Onondaga county, N. Y., and exhibited for months as a petrification. It attracted the attention of many scientific men, who wrote many articles on the wonderful remains of a prehistoric man in time the persons who for months deluded the public confessed that the "giant" had been cut from a block of gypsum, quarried at Fort Dodge, Ia., and sculptured in Chicago, conveyed to Cardiff and there buried, where it remained until "accidentally" brought to light.

### Very Definite.

"What are your views about elastic currency?"

"Well, I would like my income to stretch a little further."

The Right Place. The Tramp—"Ah, Mister, what would you do if you felt like you did not have a friend in the world?" The Rich Man—"What would I do? Why, I'd apply for a job as baseball umpire, of course."—Chicago News.

Kept Hens Busy. The eggs consumed in England last year would fill upward of 40,000 railway trucks, which would reach from London to Bridgewater, a distance of 150 miles.

Quite a Shock. Bridegroom (expectantly)—Now, my dear father-in-law, I wish to say just a word about my debts—Father-in-law (slapping him on the back)—Did you say debts? Why, my boy, I'll bet my debts exceed yours three to one. Filigeele Blatter.

To Find Happiness. Every one of us owes a debt to the world and if you keep busy doing something that will help humanity as well as yourself alone, you will find happiness.

A Flood of Troubles. "The doctor told me I had a creak in my back and a cataract in my eye." "Mercy, and I suppose the bridge of your nose is in danger of being swept away."—Kansas City Times.

Addition to Gypsy Lore. According to a writer in the Journal of the Gypsy Lore Society, it was not in 1417 but in 1414 that Gypsies made their first appearance in western Europe.

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### DON'T SEE IT THE SAME WAY

Her of Young Missionary Disagreed Violently with Popular Chinese Custom.

The young missionary relighted his cigar. "In China, father," he said, "I'd have no trouble in selecting a present for you."

"No?" queried the old man. "No," said the missionary, with a hearty laugh. "The most desirable present to give old folks is a coffin, in China. Ha, ha, ha! And old folks like yourself don't mind it at all. They welcome a coffin as heartily as you'd welcome a box of Havana cigars."

### WOULD BE THERE.



"Hey, janitor, come quick. Dere's a man fell down de coal hole!" "All right, sonny, I'll look into it!"

**Hubby Was Too Willing.** It the midst of her tears over a late disagreement she announced that she would take a trip of three weeks in the country for a rest from his abuse. Hoopay! Hoopay! He hurried to the station, bought tickets, hurried back home, pulled off his coat, plunged into the cellar, lugged out her trunks and commenced to pack.

**The Doctor's Fault.** Judge—I am led to understand you stole the watch of the doctor who had just written a prescription for you to take as a charge? "Well, your honor, I found myself in a desperate quandary. His prescription said 'a spoonful every hour,' and I had no timepiece."

**The American Passion.** Knicker—What do you think of the ship in commerce? "Bocker—Fine; it will give a chance for passing a lot more laws."

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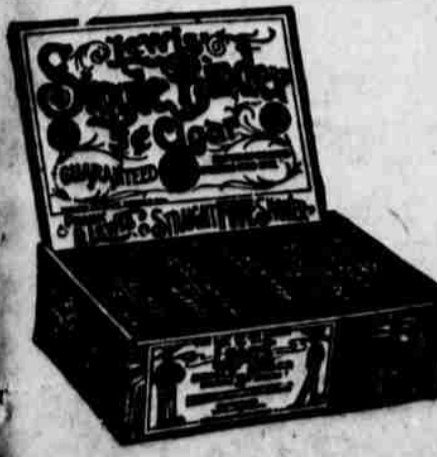
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### HIGH FOOD PRICES START NEW INQUIRY

RETAIL TRADE WILL BE INVESTIGATED BY FEDERAL AGENTS.

### WHERE AND WHAT IS CAUSE

Would Like to Know If It Is Because the Farmers' Are Getting High Prices.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Following up his recent investigation of the retail price of meats, Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture has put a force of special agents in the field to ascertain the increase in the retail over a wholesale price of food products generally.

What the Secretary wants to know is why it is the ultimate consumer is complaining of the high cost of living and the increasing cost of living. He would like to find out if it is because the farmer is getting high prices for the things he sells or the wholesaler is exacting too high profits, or whether too much is going to the retailer.

**Paris to Make Big Loan.** Paris: The Chamber of Deputies Monday voted authorization to the Paris municipality to contract for a loan of \$180,000,000 for an elaborate scheme of improvements, including the demolition of unsanitary quarters, the construction of new streets, gardens and schools and for other changes in public works.

**Feeding Many Prisoners.** Washington: A telegram from Consul Moffat at Bluefields, dated last Sunday, says that under the direct supervision of Commanders Shipley and Niblack, men detailed from the Des Moines and the Tacoma began on Christmas morning to ration 1,500 hungry Zelayan soldiers brought there as prisoners.

**President's Special Message.** Washington: President Taft discussed with members of his Cabinet Monday the details of the special message he will send to Congress next week dealing with proposed amendments to the Interstate Commerce and Sherman anti-trust laws. Mr. Taft began work on the important document.

**Price of Coal Advances.** Louisville, Ky.: Best Pittsburg coal increased 50c per ton Monday in Louisville, and there was a corresponding advance in other grades. A further rise of \$1 is predicted in another week if ice gorges and low water in the Ohio River continue to halt the movement from the Pennsylvania mines.

**Aeroplane at Denton.** Denton: Tailing behind a street car going at ten or twelve miles an hour the Brown-Day aeroplane made a successful flight at Highland Park Tuesday afternoon. The aeroplane reached a maximum height of 175 to 200 feet and sailed for a distance of more than 200 yards.

**Comet Now Visible.** New York: For the first time since Halley's comet reached this section of the heavens on its present visit, it is visible to the naked eye in New York. Prof. Eastman of Columbia University has been studying the comet without use of a telescope.

**Turkish Cabinet Resigns.** Constantinople: The whole Turkish Cabinet resigned Tuesday, following the resignation of Hlmi Pasha, the Grand Vizier, who withdrew from the ministry earlier in the day.

**Philippine Delegates Arrive.** Washington: The two Philippine Delegates to Congress, Benito Legardo and Manuel L. Quezon, have just arrived in Washington for the remainder of the Congressional session and bring with them requests from the people of the islands for a number of reforms.

**Guaranty Law Begins Saturday.** Austin: The State bank guaranty fund of Texas is supposed to be in the hands of the State Banking Board on Saturday of this week, at least the law so prescribes.

**Neon Causes Aurora Borealis.** Boston: Neon, a newly discovered gas, is the cause of the aurora borealis, according to a statement made by Dr. W. L. Dudley, head of the department of chemistry at Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tenn.

**One Dead in Mine.** McAlester, Ok.: One man is thought to be dead as the result of a terrific explosion which occurred Tuesday in one of the Bolen-Darnall Company's mine in the northern portion of this city.

**Large Cotton Deal at Chandler.** Chandler: One of the largest cotton deals ever made in Chandler was consummated Tuesday. E. L. Green of this city sold to H. F. Underwood, of Dallas 700 bales of cotton for \$50,888.10.

**Conservation Convention April 8.** Fort Worth: The convention called for next spring by the conservation and reclamation committee now in session at Austin will be held in Fort Worth April 8.

### WAS A CASE OF EMERGENCY

Here, if Ever, Was a Time When Telegraphic Limitations Were to Be Deplored.

Wilbur Wright was discussing in Dayton a very imaginative magazine story about aeroplanes.

"The story," he said, "was full of errors. Aeroplanes can't do what this chap claims. He doesn't understand them."

"In fact, he's like old George Kettle of Trotwood. George rushed into the Trotwood telegraph office the other day with a small package wrapped in a newspaper under his arm."

"Telegraph this to my wife down to Dayton, Harvey," he said to the telegraph clerk, thrusting the package through the little window.

"No, no, George; we can't do anything like that," laughed the clerk.

"Drat ye, it said George, angrily, 'ye got to do it. It's my wife's teeth.'"

### SKIN HUMOR 25 YEARS

"Cuticura did wonders for me. For twenty-five years I suffered agony from a terrible humor, completely covering my head, neck and shoulders, so even to my wife, I became an object of dread. At large expense I consulted the most able doctors far and near. Their treatment was of no avail, nor was that of the Hospital, during six months' efforts. I suffered on and concluded there was no help for me this side of the grave. Then I heard of some one who had been cured by Cuticura Remedies and thought that a trial could do no harm. In a surprisingly short time I was completely cured. S. P. Keyes, 147 Congress St., Boston, Mass., Oct. 12, '09."

**Face Covered with Pimples.** "I congratulate Cuticura upon my speedy recovery from pimples which covered my face. I used Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent for ten days and my face cleared and I am perfectly well. I had tried doctors for several months but got no results. Wm. J. Sadler, 1614 Susquehanna Ave., Philadelphia, May 1, 1909."

### SLIGHTLY AMBIGUOUS.



"Doctor, this is the worst attack I've ever had." "Never mind, it will be your last."

**Friendly Birds.** Most of the birds and mammals have the fear of man in their hearts, and are difficult to approach, but others show no great concern. The Alaskan jays, for instance, are devoted camp followers. "They proved useful as scavengers," says Mr. Osgood, "and cooked oatmeal seemed to attract them even more than raw meat. They many times hopped about the campfire, or perched on the tent poles and ropes. Their harsh chattering was not always pleasant, but was somewhat atoned for by their less frequent soft whistle and their pert and confident ways, so on the whole their presence was welcomed."

### Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surface. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. This Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**Ship's Figurehead.** Carvings for more than 500 vessels were made by William Southworth, who recently died at Bath. He made a specialty of the carving of figureheads for many years, and some splendid ones were the product of his skill. The rise of commercialism has blotted out the poetic significance of the figurehead and few figureheads are seen nowadays.—Kennebec Journal.

**A Whisper of Hope.** Knicker—Several thousand shirt waist makers are on strike. Henpeck—Do you suppose it would do any good for the shirt waist but toners to strike?

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

**Elucidated.** Stella—What is the law of heredity? Bella—That all undesirable traits come from the other parent.

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### To Spare His Neighbors.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, discussing in New York her book on the rearing of children, said:

"Children must be trained to be unselfish and tactful. Without this training the average child is as inconsiderate as a Dark Harbor fisherman the Maine folks tell about."

"This fisherman, walking along the road one day, saw a very ugly man sitting on a fence whittling a stick. He stopped and looked at the man for some time in disgusted silence. Then he said:

"Well, you're ugly for fair." "I can't help it, can I?" the ugly man asked, in a hurt tone.

"The fisherman thought a moment. Then he said, indignantly: "You could stay in the house, couldn't you?"

### An Artistic Rebuke.

A well-known clergyman was traveling in a non-smoking compartment of a train going north. As soon as the train was well on its way, the only other occupant, without asking permission of his fellow traveler, coolly lit a cigarette. The reverend gentleman was relieved, as he wanted to smoke himself, but had been afraid lest his companion might object. But the opportunity was too good to be lost. Drawing out his pipe he leaned forward, and, with an ingratiating smile, blandly inquired: "Would you object if I were to smoke?"

### Rough on Rats in Out Buildings.

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### Eve's New Costume.

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