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When The Storm Appears

it is too late. No company in the world would insure your property with a cyclone on the horizon.

In Time of Calm Prepare For Wind

Let us insure your property to-day, against tornadoes and wind. The cost is microscopic. The protection is great. See us NOW!

T. C. CAHILL
HASKELL, - - - - TEXAS.

WE NEED MORE HOME OWNERS

The need of home owners in this county is vividly presented in the Federal Census reports of Haskell county recently given out from Washington and there is an element of alarm in the per centage of gain of the tenant farmer over the farm owner. Many of our most substantial farmers desert our farms annually for the advantage and comforts of the city and the opportunities of the city lure many of our brightest young men from the farm. Their places are filled by the tenant farmer and the hired hand but another half century of rural transition and our farm population in this county will be a land of peasants.

In Haskell county the Federal Census reports for 1910 show a total of 2210 farms. Of this number 850 farms were operated by owners, 1348 by tenants and 12 by managers. The form of tenancy was divided into four classes, 1007 farms were worked on shares, 8 on a cash basis, 26 on cash and share basis and 307 on basis specified. The census for 1900 shows 256 farms and 181 were operated by owners and 75 by tenants and managers.

Taking the entire state there are 195,85 farms operated by owners, 219,575 operated by tenants and 2,332 by managers. The tenant farmer has increased at the rate of over 5000 per year and the farm owner less than 3000 per annum.

The study of this subject has aroused many thoughtful citizens who have the interest of Texas at heart and the Texas Farm Life Commission was organized to suggest a solution for the problem as relates to the State as a whole, but the difficulties of Haskell county are peculiarly our own and the progressive citizens of this county should organize and solve them in so far as local action can meet the situation.

There are many difficulties that stand in the way of the tenant farmer becoming a land owner which require co-operative action to surmount. The rate of interest is too high; the method of marketing too uncertain and our economic system has many other defects which must be corrected. Likewise if we are to hold our successful farmers on the farm we must make country life as satisfactory as city life and the business of farming must be made more remunerative.

The greatest thing a human can do is to build a home and those who own homes should assist in making it easy for others to secure them.

The Free Lance, published at Dallas, under the Editorial management of B. Q. Evans of Greenville, with the assistance of Mrs. Mary Winn S. Smoots, is destined to fill a place in Texas journalism, for which there is real necessity. In the February number which has reached our exchange table, are some able articles anent the evils of railroad consolidation legislation. In the department edited by Mrs. Smoots, is dialect story by Lucinda Rainwater, in which the high cost of living and absurd conventionalities are hit by the quaint character, the author uses as the spokes woman.

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THE GOVERNOR USES VETO POWER

Gov. Colquitt returns the Katy consolidation bill with objections as follows:

"1—Because it is an enlargement of the control of railway corporations in Texas, by the sanction of the legislature, by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway Company, a foreign corporation, in violation of section 6 of article 10 of the constitution of the state of Texas, which reads as follows: "No railroad company organized under the laws of this state shall consolidate by private or judicial sale or otherwise with any railroad company organized under the laws of any other state or of the United States."

"The stock of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas is owned or controlled by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Company of Missouri and Kansas, as shown by the act of 1891 above referred to."

"The reports of the M. K. & T. Railway Co. of Texas show an accumulated deficit in operation of \$11,381,803.45. I believe that this deficit is due to the ownership, domination and control of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Co. of Texas by the M. K. & T. Railway Co., a foreign corporation, and that a proper system of books and division of freight and passenger earnings are not accorded to the Texas company.

"Outside of the saving in book-keeping and in operation to the M. K. & T. Railway Co. of Texas, or to the parent and owning foreign corporation, the bill does not promise any public benefit and with all due deference to the opinions of the owners and operators of the properties of this company, I am of the opinion that the prejudice growing out of such legislation outweighs the benefits ever to the corporate interests asking for the consolidation.

"For the reasons above assigned, house bill No. 29 is returned to you. I attach to this message the able and exhaustive opinion of the attorney general, Hon. B. F. Looney, in which he holds that the act is unconstitutional on four different grounds."

The attorney general believes that the act is in violation of section 5 of article 10 of the constitution, which prohibits the consolidation of parallel and competing lines of railway in this state. With all due deference to our distinguished attorney general's opinion on this point, I do not believe that the conclusions of the supreme court in the East Line and Red River case apply to the lines of railway involved in House Bill No. 29. Since the decision of the supreme court in the East Line and Red River case the people have changed the constitution, authorizing the establishing of the railroad commission, giving to it control over, and authority to establish and maintain freight rates over the several lines of railway in this state."

Caveat

Judge (to spinster)—Your name, please?
Witness—Cornelia Rent.
Judge—Now your age—but first let me warn the public that if there is an out-break of hilarity the court-room will be cleared.—March Woman's Home Companion.

MEN CAN YOU BEAT IT?

How'd you like to slip your foot into a good new shoe that'd feel like an old one from the start? Sounds rather queer don't it? You can do it though and right here at Alexanders is the place where you'll find just such a shoe.

How many pairs of shoes have you thrown aside because they hurt your feet? Don't do such a thing again—that's extravagance.

No use to grumble at your feet, they can't help hurting—it's your fault not theirs, and you can't change them, but you can get good new shoes, good looking ones and good wearing ones that will slip on with the smoothness of a glove and will feel like a pair of carpet slippers and they won't be too large either. Don't take our word for it—we don't ask you to. This is just an ad, but like all of ours, it is backed up by our iron bound policy of telling the truth.

Our *Howard* and *Foster* shoes are made for men, made for men who appreciate comfort, durability and style. They're not made for extravagant men either—There's value in every pair—they sell at \$4.00 to \$5.00 and they're the best in the world for the money according to the judgment of our shoe man. We say our *H. & F.* \$5.00 shoe is as good as money can buy, and we don't ask you to take our word for this either—we're ready to prove it.

The new Spring styles are here, and you owe it to your feet to bring them here and try a pair of our *H. & F.* shoes on them.

Usually you can judge a man's head by looking at his feet. If he wears a good shoe that fits, you may rely on the fact that he has a good head and a good understanding. A man with a good head on him will be fair to his feet—Treat 'em right and put 'em in a pair of *H. & F.* shoes.

F. G. ALEXANDER & SONS

THE BIG STORE

Haskell, Texas

February 20th, 1913

WE HAVE TOO MANY BIG FARMS

"There are too many large farms in Texas and the average Texas farmer is trying to do too much," said Judge S. A. Lindsey of Tyler, who as chairman of the Texas Farm Life Commission, is directing the work of that body.

The Commission will begin an investigation into the causes that maintain this undesirable condition at an early date and Haskell county will come within the scope of the inquiry as the Federal Census Reports show 104 farms in this county that contain more than 500 acres.

The average size of a farm in Haskell county is 212.5 acres, which is 58.6 acres under the State's average.

We have a total of 2210 farms in this county while the total number of the State is 412,770. The average size of a Texas farm is 260 acres while those of Ohio and Indiana contain 71 and 78 acres, respectively, according to Federal Census figures recently compiled. There are 23,006 farms and ranches in this State

that contain more than 500 acres and Texas ranks first with other States in the Union in this respect. A large number of these tracts are said to be held for speculative purposes and only a small portion are being used. The classification by size is shown in the following table for Haskell county.

Size	Number
Under 3 acres	.....
3 to 9 acres	.....12
10 to 19 "	.....27
20 to 49 "	.....84
50 to 99 "	.....472
100 to 174 "	.....930
175 to 259 "	.....339
260 to 499 "	.....236
500 to 999 "	.....68
1000 acres and over	.....36
Total	.....2210

Patrick of the Left Hand

Pat, who was left-handed, was being sworn in as a witness in the West Side Court of Denver, Colorado.

"Hold up your right hand," said the Judge.

Up went Pat's left hand.

"Hold up your right hand," commanded the Judge.

"Sure and I am, yer honor," declared Pat.

"Me right hand is on the left-hand side."

Woman's Home Com.



F. G. Alexander & Sons

THE BIG STORE

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to the FARMERS SUPPLY COMPANY for

SOMETHING—GOOD—TO—EAT

GET THE HABIT and make yourself happy by buying everything you eat from

THE FARMERS SUPPLY COMPANY

Program
of the Preachers and Laymens Conference and Missionary Institute of Stamford District, J. G. Putman, Presiding Elder, at Haskell, Texas, Mar. 6, 7, '13

Thursday, Mar. 6th
9:am Devotional.
9:30. The Missionary idea in the Old Testament—W. B. McKeown.
10:00 The Missionary idea in the Gospels—L. N. Lipscomb.
10:20 The Missionary idea in Acts—W. P. Garvin.
11 a. m. Sermon—A. L. Moore.
2 p. m. Devotional.
2:30 The Missionary idea in the Epistles and Revelation—R. D. Steward.
3:00 The benefits derived from the Womens Organized Work—Mrs. P. D. Sanders.
3:30 The importance of Early Collection—A contribution from every member of the Church—J. B. McCarty.
8:00 Sermon—W. K. Strother.

Friday, Mar. 7th.
9 a. m. Devotional.
9:30 The Preacher and the Prayermeeting—A. L. Moore.
10:00 Pastoral instruction of children—What does it imply in its relation to question 3 in Quarterly Conference?—W. P. Garvin.
10:30 The Necessity of Revivals—How shall we have them?—W. P. Mill, J. H. Morris.
11:00 Sermon—R. D. Steward.
Adjournment.

For a sprain you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It allays the pain, removes the soreness, and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by all dealers.

Notice To Public
The Haskell State Bank, having consolidated with the Haskell National Bank, all parties wishing statements of their accounts will kindly call and have same made out at Haskell State Bank building.

Thanking our customers for their business in the past.
We are yours truly,
Haskell State Brnk.
8-4t

Itching Piles
I want you to know how much good your Hunt's Cure has done me. I had suffered with Itching Piles fifteen years, and when I was traveling thru Texas a man told me of your Hunt's Cure. I got a 50c bottle and it cured me.
John Bradley,
Caney, Kans.

For Sale or Rent.
190 acres of Land, seven miles north of Haskell, 155 acres in cultivation two sets of improvements, all smooth land.
T. C. Cahill, agent Haskell, Texas.
6-tf

Valentine Tea
Friday Feb. 15th at the beautiful home of Mrs. J. U. Fields the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society held their annual "tea." The house was artistically decorated to suit the occasion. The cozy fire burning in the grate drove away the chill of the air, pot plants here and there made one think of the spring days soon to come.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Gilbert, assisted by Mrs. Cox, who passed them on to the parlor where they were greeted by the Hostess assisted by Mesdames Garvin, Montgomery, Martin and Rike. Here, under the management of Mrs. S. W. Scott, had been arranged a unique contest: by having paper hearts pinned in various places, each heart represented the name of a book about hearts. From here the guests passed into the dining room where they were served by Mesdames Marr, Kimbrough Sutherland and English a delicious salad on lettuce leaves with pickles and heart shaped sandwiches, followed with a cup of tea. On the dining table was a basket of small hearts of various colors and weights. Each guest drew and had her fortune told by Mrs. H. E. Bell.

They passed from here to the hall-way, where Mesdames Long and Morris were in charge of the surprise of the evening. Hearts had been numbered and strung across the hall, the numbers on the hearts corresponding to the numbers on the mysterious packages on the table beneath them—each lady in turn was given a soft ball and told to hit a number—the number calling for its package on the table.

From the laughter going on we judge all enjoyed the evening very much.

We were glad to see so many ladies out, and appreciate the help you gave us. We trust you feel that your investment was not in vain.
A Member.

Do you know that more real danger lurks in a common cold than in any other of the minor ailments? The safe way is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a thoroughly reliable preparation, and rid yourself of the cold as quickly as possible. This remedy is for sale by all dealers.

Removal Notice.
I have moved my loan office to the rear room of the Farmers Bank and will be pleased to have all parties call there for any business in my line, which is farm and ranch loans and notary and conveyance work. I am better prepared than ever to render the best service.
J. L. Robertson,
At Farmers Bank.

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At Farmers Bank.

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Money Back for any case of
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SOLACE is a pure specific in every way, and has been proven beyond question to be the surest and quickest remedy for Uric Acid Troubles known to medical science, no matter how long standing. It reaches and removes the root of the trouble (Uric Acid) and purifies the blood. THE SOLACE CO. of Battle Creek are the Sole U. S. Agents and have thousands of voluntary testimonial letters which have been received from grateful people. SOLACE has restored to health. Testimonial letters, literature and FREE BOX sent upon request.

R. Lee Morris, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, Texas, wrote the Solace Company as follows:
"I want you to send a box of Solace to my father in Memphis, Tenn., for which I enclose \$1. This remedy has been used by some friends of mine here and I must say its action was wonderful."
(Signed) R. L. Morris.
Put up in 25c, 50c and \$1.00
IT'S MIGHTY FINE TO BE WELL AND YOU CAN BE SO BY TAKING SOLACE. "No Special Treatment Schemes or Fees." **JUST SOLACE ALONE** does the work. Write today for the free box, etc. **FW-DESK SOLACE REMEDY CO., Battle Creek Mich.** 1-cow-10t

NOTICE
The Farmers National Bank located at Haskell in the State of Texas is closing up its affairs. All note-holders and others, creditors of said association, are hereby notified to present the notes and other claims against the association for payment.
O. E. Patterson,
Cashier.

Dated Haskell, Texas,
February, 12th, 1913.
The Farmers National Bank is succeeded by the Farmers State Bank of Haskell, Tex. 7-9t

HASKELL DRUGGIST DESERVES PRAISE
The Corner Drug Store deserves praise from Haskell people for introducing here the simple buckthorn bark and glycerine mixture, known as Adler-i-ka. This simple German remedy first became famous by curing appendicitis and it has now been discovered that a SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY. It is the only remedy which never fails.

DIAMONDS
Messrs Meek and Clough of Seymour will carry a complete line of Watches, Jewelry Cut Glass and Hand painted china in their new jewelry store which will be open for business by the first of March in Spencer & Richardson's Drug Store. All Watch and jewelry repairing guaranteed. Eyes tested and glasses fitted, examination free.

No Calomel Necessary
The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking calomel is done away with by Simmons' Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once, used always.

Might Just As Well
The sick man had called his lawyer. "I wish to explain to you," said he, "about willing my property."
The lawyer held up his hand reassuringly. "There, there," said he, "leave that all to me."
The sick man sighed resignedly. "I suppose I might as well," said he, turning upon his pillow. "You'll get it anyway."—Stray Stories.

WEINERT
C. D. Long from Haskell was in Weinert last week.
Mr. W. H. Parish and wife took a trip to Lubbock Wednesday.
Mrs. Johnson from Lubbock left Wednesday for her home.
C. C. Webb and E. Meyer made a trip to Haskell and back Wednesday.
Mrs. F. W. Rogers paid a visit to her sister, Mrs. E. Meyer Friday.
Mrs. G. M. Williams left for Knox City Thursday Feb. 13, her future home.
Dr. E. E. Cockerell and W. A. Bergfeld made a trip to Haskell and back Wednesday.
T. A. Rogers went to Seymour Saturday.
Mrs. Charley Barton returned from Stamford Thursday morning.
McNeill & Smith Hardware Co., Co. have received a supply of nice up-to-date furniture.
H. J. Rickelmann purchased a new buggy from McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.
G. A. Hicks made a trip to Haskell and back Monday.
N. B. Hunt of St Louis spent a day and night with us Monday.
Arthur Willis and family spent a night here Monday.
Arthur Willis came from Bowie, Texas and moved to Cliff to go into the mercantile business.
E. Meyer and T. L. Casey made a trip to Haskell and back Sunday.
Bob Merchant is sick with pneumonia.
Ed Kaeger's wife is down with pneumonia.
W. A. Bergfeld's baby is on the sick list this week.
Reporter.

Are You a Cold Sufferer?
Take Dr. King's New Discovery. The Best Cough, Cold, Throat and Lung medicine made. Money refunded if it fails to cure you. Do not hesitate—take it at our risk. First dose helps. J. R. Wells, Floydada, Texas, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery cured my terrible cough and cold. I gained 15 pounds." Buy it at West Side Pharmacy.

Advertised Letters.
Haskell Texas, Feb. 17, 1913.
W. J. Kandiak.
Emma Littlejohn.
M. P. Jones.
J. F. Link.
Wm. Connelly.
H. J. Donnell.
Walter Riggins.
Mrs. W. P. Spingeon.
Miss Ira Dalby.
Jno. B. Baker, P. M.

This is the season of the year when mothers feel very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reason for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

Railroads are built by selling bonds. The law and the commission will not let a company issue more bonds per mile than the cost of the real. The best such bonds will bring on the market is 80 per cent of their face value so there is a deficiency of something like five thousand dollars per mile on average cost of construction. For this reason no promoter can raise the money to build a railroad in our state. The writer as an original Hogg man is willing to amend the Hogg laws where needed.

KIRKDALE.
Hello, dear editor and chats, Health of our community is very good at present.
Miss Bertha Hunt, who has just recovered from the typhoid fever is able to be out again.
Miss Ruth Hale spent Friday night and Saturday with Miss Emiline Weekly.
Willie Kirkpatrick spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Kirkpatrick.
Earl McNeill spent a short while at Mr. Kennedy's Saturday night.
Bro. Lipscomb filled his regular appointment Sunday afternoon.
Misses Juanita and Nora Kirkpatrick were the guests of Miss Hettie Kennedy Sunday.
Messrs. Sam and Forest Ernest went to Rule Friday.
Messrs. Earl McNeill and Frank Kennedy had business at Mr. Atchison's of the Roberts community Sunday.
Will Reece returned Sunday morning from a short visit to Mills Co.
Mr. J. F. Kennedy and sons, Frank and Robert and daughter, Miss Hettie were in the city Saturday.
Miss Emiline Weekly was the guest of Miss Ruth Hale Sunday.
Miss Nora Turnbow spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Williams.
Will Reece took dinner at Mr. Hunt's Sunday.
J. F. Kennedy returned Friday from an extended visit to Electra, Memphis, Clarendon and other points.
Miss Emiline Weekly was a welcome guest at Mr. Turnbow's Thursday night.
Robert and Earl Kennedy spent Sunday afternoon with Melvin and Earl Turnbow.
With love and best wishes to the Free Press, I remain,
Brown Eyes.

Stands Ahead
There is something about Hunts Lightning Oil that no other liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for, and more. For sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, aches and pains it has no equal on earth. It stands head on my medicine shelf.
Very truly yours,
T. J. Brownlow,
Livingston, Tenn.
25c and 20c bottles.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program
Leader—A. J. Smith.
Subject—"A Spiritual Religion."
Song
Prayer
What do we mean by Spiritual Religion—O. B. Norman.
The Church—Rev. J. A. Arbuckle.
Personal Strenth—J. E. Walling.
Prayer—Mrs. T. B. Russell.
A Happy Christian Life—Mrs. D. Scott.
Benediction.

There is no better medicine made for colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectoration; and restores the system to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

Notice to Breeders
I have a Tennessee Jack to sell or trade, that will pay for himself in one year. Also have a stalk cutter I will trade for a calf.
Warren T. Boatwright. 8-3tp
Lost
A solid gold brooch, set with Pearls with Opal in center. Reward.
Mrs. G. J. Graham.

A Sure Remedy For Lazy Liver

Go to The Corner Drug Store for this Safe, Reliable Remedy and Get Your Money Back If It Fails.

There are very few remedies that gain the confidence of druggists as Dodson's Liver Tone does. The Corner Drug Store sells it and backs up the sale of every bottle with the money back guarantee that the price will be refunded if it fails to give complete satisfaction.

Dodson's Liver Tone costs 50 cents a bottle. It is the safest and best remedy for torpid liver, constipation, biliousness, etc., that has ever been sold in this city. It takes the place of dangerous calomel and does not lay you up as a dose of calomel often does. A bottle in the house is as good as fifty cents in the bank. If you or your family need a liver tonic you have the medicine ready. If it fails you get your money back.

Be sure you get Dodson's Liver Tone when you ask for it. There are imitations of it that may disappoint you.

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—solved once for all by Calumet. For daily use in millions of kitchens has proved that Calumet is highest not only in quality but in leavening power as well—unfailing in results—pure to the extreme—and wonderfully economical in use. Ask your grocer. And try Calumet next bake day.



FARM LOANS

I am now better prepared than ever since I entered the loan business to handle your loan business, and as I have secured some new connections for money, I can now safely say that I will at all times have plenty of funds to meet all demands. Our terms are liberal and expenses low.

Loan business is my specialty and I have no side-lines.
See me if you need money. I have moved my office to the rear room of the Farmers Bank, on first floor.
J. L. Robertson
FARMERS BANK HASKELL, TEXAS.

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Two Valentines

By F. A. MITCHEL

I works for a swell family, I does. I wears gold cords down the legs o' my trousers and two rows o' little round brass buttons on my jacket, one on each side o' the row I use to button it up with. The gentleman I works for took me from sellin' papers. He used to buy a paper of me every mornin' when he took his train. I standin' just outside at the end o' the street he come down. One day he said to me: "You's a bright lookin' boy. How'd you like to be a page?" "Wot's a page?" I asked. "Oh, a little feller dressed up mighty fine to answer the doorbell, run errands and all that." I said I'd like that. So he told me to come to his house that evenin'.

The next day after I went to him he sent me with Tom Gummage, the butler, to get rigged out. Then when I got back before I put 'em on I was put into a great big white bathtub and told to soak myself for an hour. I did this, and when I come out and put on my uniform and looked in a glass I wouldn't 'a' knowed myself, I looked so fine.

When I went into the kitchen the cook said I was too illigit for anythin', and the housemaid give me a kiss. She was lookin' mighty fine herself, with her black dress and ruffles on her cap and apron, to beat the band. Right off I liked her better than any one of the help, and I haven't had any occasion to change my mind since, for if I made any mistakes she always helped me out of 'em, and once when I broke some chiny she give me the money to go and git another jist like it, and nobody knowed I did the breakin'.

One thing bothered me a lot. Gummage and the housemaid, Ellen, hated each other like poison. Sometimes when Ellen would give me somethin' Gummage would give me somethin' better. Just to show his spite, I reckon. Then Ellen would say, "If you're goin' to take presents from that fellow, Dickey, I won't give you anything more." And sometimes Gummage would say: "I saw Ellen givin' you a kiss for takin' a letter out to the mail box for her yesterday. I don't think that much pay. I'd rather have a nickel any day, if I was you."

"I wouldn't. I think Ellen's a mighty fine girl, and you don't show good taste in runnin' her down."

Then he'd give a grunt, and that would be the end of it. And when Ellen would run Tom down I'd say: "Ellen, Tom's first rate. He give me 10 cents yesterday just for carryin' some hot water upstairs that he was told to bring himself." And Ellen would make a face, and that would be the end of what she had to say about Tom.

Well, they was both a-snarlin' at each other when Valentine's day come round. The day before it come Tom showed me one of the comics—a maid dressed in her white and black uniform, only she was awful ugly, and there was some mean poetry on it. He said he was goin' to send it to Ellen. I told him he needn't waste any stamp on it; I'd got some stamps that had been used. I'd stick one of 'em on the valentine and hand it in when I took the mail from the postman, which I always did.

That same night Ellen she showed me a comic, too, with a pictur' of a man struttin' round like a turkey-cock. I asked her if she was goin' to send it to Tom.

"The very thing!" she said. "It looks just like him. I'll do it." I told her the same thing I'd told Tom—that I'd put a used stamp on it and pretend to take it from the postman. But I didn't tell her that I was going to do the same thing for Tom. She said that would be a first rate way, and she gave me the valentine.

I'd just got 50 cents for a tip, and I went out to a store and bought two o' the lovenest valentines I could find. They was all covered with bleedin' hearts and little boys with wings and not a stitch of clothes on 'em, and I wrote Tom's name on one and Ellen's on another and put an old stamp on each of 'em, and the next mornin' when the postman come, after leavin' the letters for the family on the library table I took the valentines for Tom and Ellen to each of 'em, pertendin' I'd got 'em from the postman.

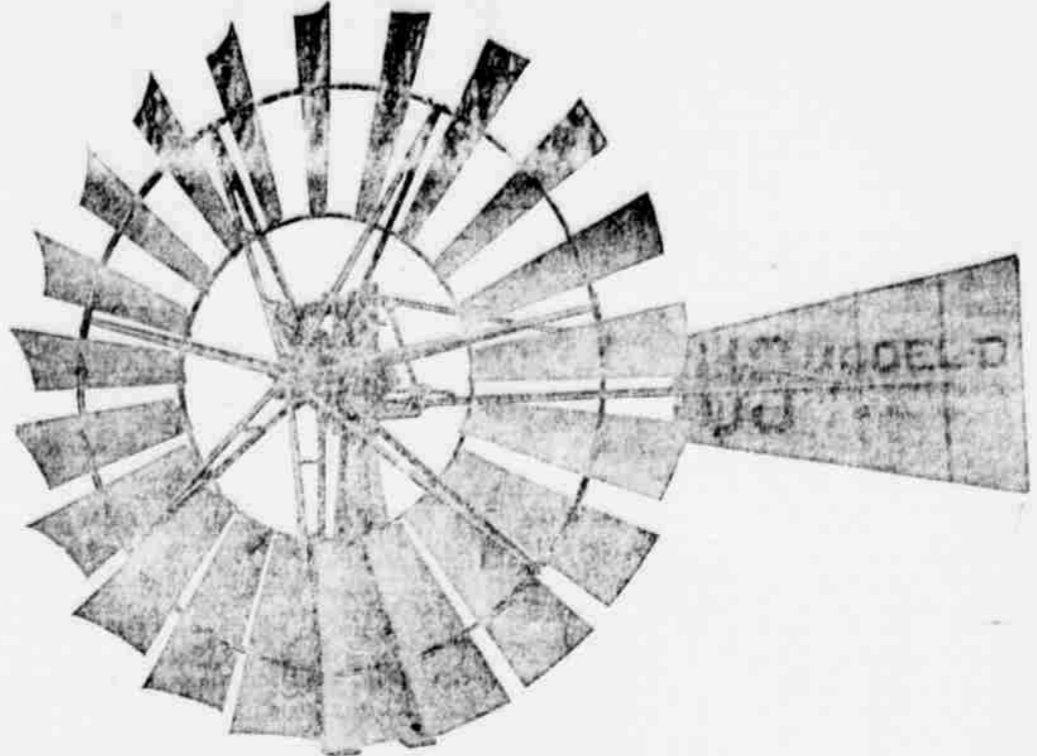
During the day Tom came to me and asked me if I knew who sent him his valentine. I said I had no business to tell. Then he give me a quarter, and that opened me up. I told him Ellen sent it. Then I went to Ellen and told her I'd seen the valentine she'd got in Tom's room. She was awful surprised. Tom he was so full o' joy at gittin' a valentine from Ellen that he couldn't think of anything else. He broke two plates and one o' the small teacups that come from some pot-tery or another in Europe.

It beat anything I ever seen the difference them valentines made between Tom and Ellen. It wasn't more 'n three days when I caught 'em behind the drawin' room window curtains kissin' for all they was worth.

I jist snickered right out. Tom dropped a salver he had in his hand, and a dustpan Ellen was holdin' rattled on the floor too.

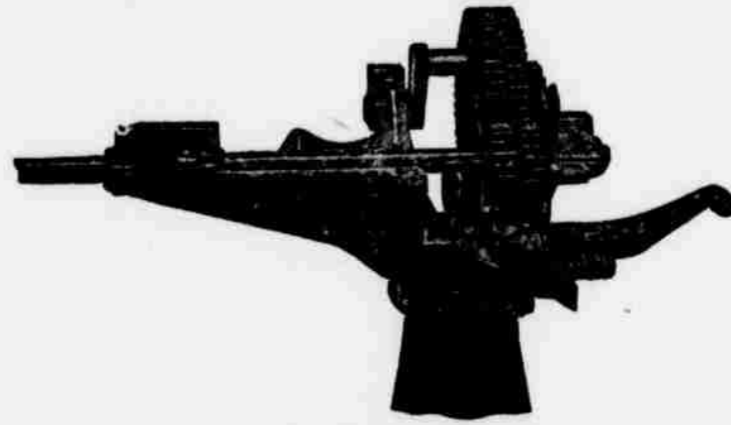
But that wasn't the end of it. Last Saturday both Tom and Ellen give notice they're goin' to leave, and they're goin' to be married. It's the queerest case o' hate turnin' to love I ever seen. I wonder if them pictures o' naked boys with wings done it.

McNeill & Smith Hdw. Co.

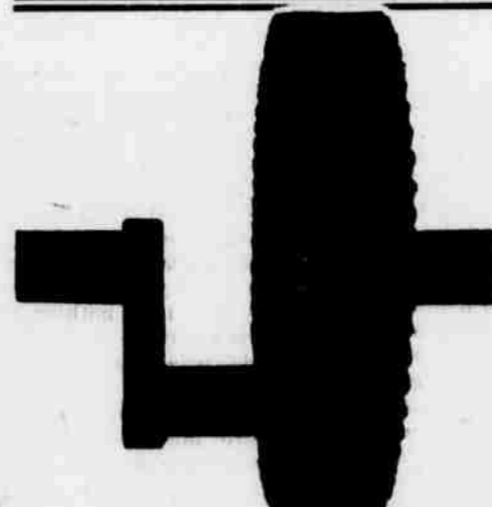


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The Last Word

The Washington Star tells of this dialogue:

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I am going to be a suffragette and march in a parade."

"You are, eh?"

"Yes. I feel it my duty to show an active interest in politics."

"I see. Well what are your views on schedule K of the tariff?"

"That's not politics. That's the alphabet."

Well how about direct primaries or the initiative or referendum?"

"Oh, I never pretended to know much about Latin."

"How about banking and finances?"

"Why—they seem all right,

don't they?"

"You see!" he shouted triumphantly, "you don't know a thing about the subjects that are being discussed."

"Well, Charley, dear, you mean well, of course. But I must say that it seems very stupid and silly of you to learn all those hard words and puzzle over problems to show your interest in politics when we can do so simply by marching in a parade."

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Private Bank Robbed.

Marlin, Texas, Feb. 9.—An industrious negro farmer in the Brazos bottom near Marlin has been conducting a private banking business in a sand bar. He was president, cashier and the only depositor. He had placed \$118 in a tin box and buried the treasure deep in the desert spot. He frequently visited the place and examined his store of wealth, and led by that means doubtless aroused the interest and curiosity of a less thrifty neighbor. The owner of the bank made one of his regular visits yesterday, unearthed his strong box and found that his deposit, represent-

the proceeds of his industry had been reduced to the sum of \$49. He complained to the Sheriff's department yesterday. The only clew he was able to furnish as to the probable thief was that one of his neighbors "has been wearin' powerful fine clothes."

The thief in this case was undoubtedly a negro. If he had been a white man he would have taken all the money. We have contrasted the negro thief with the white before, in discussing watermelon thieves in this country. The negro does not steal to damage people but he steals to supply a necessity. The white thief steal for meanness. Let a bunch of white boys take to stealing melons and they will destroy all the melons and sometimes the vines in the patch if they are not caught or scared away. The negro takes only what he can eat. People who raise boys to steal, could improve the ethics prevailing among white thieves if they would take lessons from the negro. A good lecture to white boys who are thieves, and a knowledge of the good qualities in the negro thief

might arouse the race pride of the white thieves and they would not be so destructive. Under present conditions most any farmer had rather live in the neighborhood with thieving negroes than thieving whites. We would draw from these facts that morally and socially the negro thief is to be preferred.

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A Detective Scheme

By JOHN GALLAGHER, Jr.

Every large city has its parts where rogues do congregate, and as the city grows so grows the region of vice. Many are the devices of the detectives, or plain clothes men, as they are called, to trap those they are after and land them in jail. One would suppose that hiding in a crowded community would be easy compared with the country, where everybody knows everybody else's business and any one unaccounted for attracts attention. But the police say that if they can get a crook they are after into the municipal net they are sure to land him—that is, if they pounce upon him so suddenly that he can't have time to slip through their fingers.

The underworld has its "society" as well as the upper world, though it is far more transient. As to dancing, as the Turkey trot song goes, "Everybody's doing it." The social bottom has its soirees as well as the social top.

One evening a young man entered a dance hall in Philadelphia where "toughs" and their girls met. He looked tougher than any other man in the room. A stovepipe hat was mashed down over his eyes, under which were a pair of bleared eyes, a flaming red nose and a stubble beard. He was very agile and put on a good deal of style, which was comical in such a degraded person. Marching up to one of the women he made a crooked bow and crooked his arm at her. She took it and strutted off with him, putting on all the airs of the upper ten thousand.

"Look at 'em!"

"What diligence!"

"Where did the bloke come from?"

"And the lady—she'd make a peacock ashamed of itself!"

The music struck up, and the dance began. The couple who had attracted the attention of the company continued to hold it by their remarkable antics in the dance. The gentleman seemed made of rubber, and the lady didn't seem to care as to showing her ankles. Now and again the former jumped three or four feet from the floor, and every time he gave a whoop. And after every jump of the man the woman would jump higher and whoop louder.

The dance over, they separated and danced with others, but later in the evening the man approached the woman again, jumped in the air before her, made a more profound bow than before, and they sailed away together in a round dance, spinning like a teetotum. They evidently enjoyed the amusement they created, and in order to increase it they began to bump couples they passed. This feature was more successful with the onlookers than any other.

But very soon the bumps they gave began to come back to them with interest. One couple after another ran into them and presently began to run into one another. The bumping became not only general, but increased in force. Then the bumpers began to fire up.

In less than half an hour after this swell couple started the innocent peasantry of knocking dancers off their pins the assembly resolved itself into a free fight. There were howling and swearing and whooping, and no man made more noise than the stranger and no woman more than the stranger's girl. The proprietor jumped on a table and yelled at the top of his voice:

"What do you want to bring down the police on the house for? Shut up!"

He might as well have tried to still a tempest with a penny trumpet. It was hiss, hiss, hiss with here a growl, there a yell, a screech from some woman occasionally sounding shrill above the uproar like the wind howling through the rigging of a ship.

Presently two policemen rushed into the room. One of them cast his eye over the assembly and, seeing the initiator of swiftdom sparring with a red headed man, a scar on his left cheek, went up to him and arrested him. As he pushed his prisoner along the latter said to him:

"Got 'em blocked below?"

"Yes. Who's here?"

"Can't tell. Take in the lot and sift 'em out."

There was a wild rush for the door, but a dozen policemen stood in the way. Then some of the men went to the windows, but the hall was on the third story of a building and nothing between it and the ground. There was a skylight, and some tried to get out on to the roof, but there were no means of getting up to it. The clang of patrol wagons sounded below, and one by one the recent revelers were taken down past a line of policemen, put into wagons and driven to the station.

Among the others were the hilarious stranger and the girl who had helped him amuse the company. The policeman who had arrested them said something to the officer at the desk, and they were led into another room, where they stripped off their outer clothing and both appeared as men.

They were plain clothes men who had been sent to the dance to create a disturbance, giving the police cause to take in the assembly, expecting that some notorious crooks wanted for crime would be found in the general haul. Numerous criminals were taken, but the only ones the police were looking for were a murderer and two burglars, one of the latter having broken jail but a week before. These were held. The rest were turned loose.

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had stopped—all was attention. We were glad to have three visitors with us, hope they may soon join us in our work. We invite all the ladies to attend our reading course.

Next Monday will be our literary day. The 1st vice president, Mrs. S. R. Rike assisted by Mrs. R. C. Montgomery will entertain the Society members at the home of Mrs. J. S. Rike. Each member is urged to be present. Press Reporter.

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The State of Texas:
To all persons interested in the person and estate of Delia Riddle, a minor:

W. J. Smith has filed an application in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 3rd day of February 1913, for final discharge as guardian of the person and estate of Delia Riddle, minor, which said application will be heard by said court on the 3rd day of March 1913, at the Court House of said County, in Haskell County, Texas, at which time all persons who are interested in said minor are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court at Haskell, Texas, this 3rd day of February 1913.

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