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## Telegraph Operators Not Needed.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—A train stopping device, which, it is claimed, will practically eliminate the telegraph operator as a factor in the movement of railroad trains, is now under investigation by the block system and train control board of the interstate commerce commission. The system is an invention of P. J. Simmen of Los Angeles, Cal. It already had been installed on 18 miles of the Santa Fe railway in southern California and is said to be in successful operation.

By the working of the system each train records on a sheet in the train dispatcher's office the exact time it enters and the time it leaves a block. The train dispatcher can signal direct to any engineer in his division either to stop or to proceed. Intelligible communication is maintained between the dispatcher and the engineers in their cabs. The dispatcher is protected against human error by the automatic interlocking of the switch board by which he signals trains. He can stop any or all trains in his division, but he cannot give a signal to proceed unless the block ahead is clear.

The engineer also is protected against error by the use of an automatic stop. He is given a danger signal either by the train dispatcher or by the presence of a train, open switch or a broken rail in the block ahead. This danger signal is given the engineer about half a mile before he enters a block. When the engineer, on receiving the signal, should he fail to reduce speed to less than five miles an hour or any predetermined safe rate of speed in the next 1,000 feet traveled, his train is automatically stopped. The engineer can prevent the automatic stop from operating only by reducing the speed to the determined rate.

A recording device on the locomotive makes a record of the time and place where a danger signal is given, time the signal is clear, how quickly the engineer responds to the danger signal, of the rate the train is running at any time and of the time and place the engineer permits the automatic stop to operate. Members of the block signal and train control board who have inquired into the system say that it operates almost with human intelligence.

Robbers looted the Dermott, Ark., postoffice, securing about \$200 in cash and \$425 in stamps as their booty Wednesday. Nothing was left by the thieves except a few stamps in stamp books. The robbers blew open the safe and completely wrecked the place.

Night riders visited the Morgan Supply company cotton gin near Ittabana, Miss., Wednesday and tacked up a sign warning operators to gin no more cotton. This is the third instance recently of night riders posting warning against cotton ginning in Mississippi.

At Windsor, Mo., Wednesday a car of dynamite exploded, destroying the Missouri, Kansas & Texas depot. Five persons were killed, including Stationkeeper Yake, a man named Hall, two unidentified laborers and an unknown negro.

If a young woman accepts the company of one known to be morally unfit, in what respect is she better than her companion? Why should she be held better than the man she herself declared to be her equal? If she select such an associate, why should she aspire to association with moral young men, or with pure young women?—Ex.

Two thousand barrels of beer were emptied into the sewer at Tulsa, Ok., this week.

## Dalhart After a New Road.

The Mountain-Valley & Plains railroad has been chartered in New Mexico, to run from Cimaron to a point on the east line of Union county, which would be the Texas line west of Dalhart. The capital stock of the company is given at \$3,000,000, with \$130,000 subscribed, which is \$1,000 per mile, and \$13,000 paid in. At a meeting of the stockholders last week at Amistad, N. M., the following directors and officers were elected: Del W. Harrington, president; Ben O. Boyce, vice-president; H. S. Wanamaker, of Elyria, O., secretary and general manager; J. M. Cogan, of Canton, O., treasurer; J. Holland, Chas. J. H. Bushnell, of Union county, New Mexico.

It is the intention of the promoters to build into Dalhart and connect with the Enid, Ochiltree & Western, thus giving a through line from the coal and timber belt of New Mexico into Oklahoma. The line passes through the great Dawson coal belt, and President Harrington is authority for the statement that thousands of acres of timber are ready to be made into lumber as soon as this outlet is secured.

Judge Holland, one of the directors, was here last week and stated that the final survey would be made into Dalhart within six months. An eastern outlet from this great coal and timber belt has long been the dream of railroad men and prospects are now good that this line will be built. The company has a strong financial backing in the east.—Dalhart Texan.

## Peculiar Tragedy.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 16.—A special from Dickson, Tenn., says: When he beheld the corpse of his wife, who died from fright because she thought her husband had been shot by chicken thieves, Jack Buttery, a prominent merchant of Gingo, Williamson county, blew his brains out with a revolver yesterday. The shot which Mrs. Buttery thought had killed her husband was fired at rats. Believing thieves had attacked her husband, she fainted and never recovered consciousness, dying four hours later. Buttery was 40 years old. He and his wife are survived by one child.

Charles Evans Hughes of New York was nominated by the republican state convention by an overwhelming majority on the first ballot to succeed himself as governor. He received 827 out of a possible 1,009 votes, as against 151 for J. W. Wadsworth, Jr., of Livingston county, speaker of the state assembly, and 31 for former Congressman J. K. Stewart of Montgomery. The nomination was unanimous upon motion of State Committeeman W. H. Barnes, Jr., of Albany, who has been, perhaps, the bitterest and most outspoken opponent of the governor's re nomination.

There is complaint that there are too many laws. Yet before we commission men to repeal them, we wish to know what are to be repealed. A great number of interests requires many laws. That our codes of procedure should be simplified is clear. There are too many delays. Yet simplifying laws and making speed often means placing power in the hands of judges. Do you wish speed at such cost?—Farm and Ranch.

There is one conspicuous merit in the phonographic political speeches—their brevity. If, from the use of the little machine, politicians should acquire the art of concentration a public long suffering from prolix and verbose dissertations will have cause to shout "Hurrah for the phonograph."—Dallas News.

## Secretaries' Convention Important to Texas.

Fort Worth, Sept. 13.—The convention of commercial secretaries, which was held here last week, is pronounced by the officers of the association as the most successful in the history of the organization. A number of instructive papers were read on important subjects and the discussions were beneficial to all secretaries. The Factory Day discussion brought out the fact that the taxes on manufacturing concerns in Texas were higher than the taxes of other states. The association concluded to perpetuate the legislative committee and passed a vote of thanks to the members of the committee for their services. Capt. Paddock introduced a resolution, which was unanimously passed, resenting the accusation from certain quarters that the legislative committee had taken any part in partisan politics. The feature of the session was the report of the resolution committee. This report was adopted. It includes many recommendations of subjects of vital interest to the welfare of the state. The adoption of the report pledges the organization to the following courses:

Ask the legislature to exempt factories from taxation for a term of years to encourage the building of manufacturing enterprises.

Memorialize the next legislature to submit amendments making it possible to levy special taxes for good roads.

Indorse the efforts of public educators to secure improvement in the rural schools.

Declare for the utilization of the falls in rivers of Texas for generating power for light and manufacturing enterprises.

Ask the legislature to provide for protection against overflows, with their heavy financial loss.

Declare for more funds for the state agriculture department.

Indorse movement to improve river navigation.

Oppose increase in freight rates announced by the railroads.

Advocate construction of state cotton mill to manufacture "dog tail" class of cotton bagging.

Indorse movement to exhibit Texas products at Alaska-Yukon exposition at Seattle in 1909.

Indorse Commercial Congress called by the Southern Commercial Secretaries' association.

In an election held yesterday for the purpose of determining if a tax not to exceed 50c on the \$100 taxable valuation and a bond issue of \$35,000, for the schools, all of the measures proposed were defeated by a vote of about two to one. The total vote was slightly more than 200.—Amarillo Panhandle.

A New Jersey blacksmith while shoeing a peddler's horse picked a diamond out of the hoof which looked to him as big as a partridge's egg. Both the peddler and the blacksmith claimed the gem, but their wrangling got the matter into the newspapers and a New York woman who saw the article proved title to it and forced them to give it up.

Mrs. M. A. Kersey of Childress, while asleep, walked off the second story balcony of the West Side hotel, Ft. Worth, suffering a broken ankle. That she was not killed is considered miraculous, as she fell upon a stone walk. She was en route to Morganfield, Ky., and Monday night was robbed of her money, ticket and provision basket in the union depot.

For the best shoes go to Bryan-Land Co.

FOR SALE—Good residence, close in. Will trade for safe vendor lien notes. Kersey & Martin.

## Cities and Farms.

We hear much in this country about the tendency of population to drift toward the towns and cities. It is true here only to this extent that the city population is gaining on the farm population, but both are increasing. We have, for instance, about a million acres more of corn under culture this year than last year, and several million more than some years ago. The actual number of farmers is not decreasing in America. On the contrary, they are rapidly increasing, but the towns are new things compared to the farms, and they are growing faster.

In Germany this same tendency is marked. We learn from the Philadelphia Record that between 1871 and 1900 the whole population of Germany increased 13,400,000, and the population of towns of 2,000 inhabitants and over increased 15,800,000. It appears, therefore, that the entire increase in the population was added to the towns, and in addition to that 400,000 were drawn from the farms to the cities. That is, in 1900 the farming population of Germany was 400,000 less than it was in 1871, whereas the total population, as we have said, was 15,400,000 more.

The percentage of population living in towns in Germany increased from 36.1 to 54.3.

In America, we think, we note certain influences that will check this tendency. There are influences that make for the better marketing of farm crops and at the same time make for greater sociability in farm life.

One of the greatest objections to farm life has been its isolation, the separation of the farmer and his family from the social life of the time.

But better roads, the telephone, the free rural delivery and now the trolley line, especially in the west and north, is breaking down this isolation, bringing the farmers of the community into closer contact. They make engagements more readily and keep them more certainly. They can go back and forth more expeditiously than heretofore.

Moreover, with the improvement in the general agricultural conditions, the farm home is being made much more attractive, so attractive, indeed, as to draw certain elements from the city itself. Many farms now have their own water power and water throughout the house. They are better built, screened from the flies and mosquitoes in summer, properly heated in winter, lighted with less expense and less care.

Much remains to do. We need better roads everywhere, especially in the south. We need, moreover, a better understanding among the farmers themselves as to what constitutes a good life on the American farm; a better knowledge of what life holds for farmers and a determination to get out of it all they are entitled to.

In other words, with the increase of knowledge, with improved facilities of education, with more and better newspapers, with better roads, with farm implements and kitchen utensils and home conveniences multiplied and cheapened, the farmer, who today "feeds us all," tomorrow may have the position envied of all men.—Home and Farm.

The farmers of Arkansas seem to be waking up. At the annual meeting of the Farmers' union for the state of Arkansas, recently held at Little Rock, 72 of the 75 counties in the state were represented.

A Solution.  
"Do you believe that trouble usually comes single?"  
"No; that is why marriage is a failure."—Baltimore American.

This office for neat job work.

## Memphis.

Democrat.  
John M. Gist has moved his family from Giles to this place for the winter.

Miss Gussie Adams returned Monday from a visit with friends at Lelia Lake.

The public school here opened Monday with an enrollment of 468 pupils under Supt. Taggart and ten teachers.

W. F. White, of the ginning firm of White & Walker, was in Saturday from Clarendon in conference with his partner at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roberson and baby left Friday for Clarendon, where they attended the wedding of Miss Eller Norrid to Lewis Graham.

A. J. Kinard has received a letter from Rev. W. L. Head, the newly called pastor of the Baptist church at this place, to the effect that he would arrive here in time to hold services both morning and evening next Sunday.

J. C. Finger was a pleasant caller at this office Monday, having returned Saturday from a six weeks' stay at Hot Springs, Ark., where he went to obtain the benefits of the wonderful waters for the alleviation of his rheumatic troubles. He stated that as a result of the baths his troubles are ended for the present, at least.



Hope.  
"Caught anything yet, sonny?"  
"Nope, but I got hopes. Gran'pop sez when he was a boy he caught a shiner here nearly four inches long!"—Browning's Magazine.

A Natural Combination.  
"You say that she is a peach?"  
"Indeed, she is."  
"And that he is the apple of her eye?"  
"That's right."  
"Then there is no reason why the fruit of their identities should not be a pair."—Baltimore American.

Languages.  
"I am afraid that your new chef is overtaxing your digestion," said the physician. "Here's a prescription."  
"Let's have a look at it."  
"But you can't read it."  
"Oh, that's all right. I couldn't read the menu either."—Houston Post.

Obedience.  
"Leonidas," said Mr. Meekton's wife, "will you mind the baby for awhile?"  
"Certainly, Henrietta. I mind everybody else around the house. I don't see why I should make any exception of the baby."—Washington Star.

Unsatisfactory Menu.  
Timpkins—I saw Windig partake of a linguistic meal yesterday.  
Stimpkins—What do you mean by that?  
Timpkins—Biffkins made him eat his words.—Chicago News.

Unexpected Results.  
"Why don't you write a tragedy?" asked the actress.  
"I did write one," replied the author, "or at least I thought I did, but the critics said it was a farce."—Boston Post.

Modern Miracles.  
Tom—Mrs. Potter tells me her hair turned gray in a single night.  
Jack—Nothing remarkable about that. I know a girl whose hair turned yellow in less than an hour.—Detroit Tribune.

Immune.  
She—I suppose it would break your heart if I were to say that I can only be a sister to you.  
He—Not at all. I'm used to having girls say that.—Chicago News.

The Poor Umpire Again.  
Stubb—Yes, they found that the score had been doctored.  
Penn—What happened then?  
Stubb—Oh, the umpire had to be doctored.—Detroit Tribune.

Murrell sharpens lawn mowers Phone 49.

## STATE NEWS.

Jose Collegan fell from a handcar at Decatur and was run over and killed.

Taxable values of Williamson county gained \$10,000,000 the past year.

During a heavy storm 14 miles south of Gainesville Tuesday lightning hit the barn of J. Franks, killing five mules and destroying the barn. Loss, \$7,000.

While attempting to board a moving freight train at Blanket, Brown county, Tuesday, John White fell beneath the wheels and had both legs amputated above the knees. There is slight chance for his recovery.

C. N. Bagley, aged 47 years, received a fatal injury Tuesday at Beaumont when a large scythe fell from a nail where he had just hung it, cutting a deep gash in his head. Ten stitches were taken, but it is thought the point of the blade touched the brain.

At Houston early Tuesday morning Mrs. S. P. Cranfils accidentally shot and seriously wounded her husband, mistaking him for a robber. Cranfils arose about 4 o'clock to get a drink of water and hearing the noise, his wife fired in his direction, the bullet entering his side.

Lee Mahan, aged 39 and a real estate dealer of Jacksonville, was fatally injured Wednesday while trying to mount a skittish horse. A piece of paper was blown in the animal's face, when it ran away, throwing Mahan to the ground, his foot hanging in the stirrup.

The district court at Palo Pinto dismissed the case against Tobe Patterson and Jim Barrett of Mineral Wells, who were charged with assault to murder Texas Ranger Doc Thomas in Weatherford. Lack of evidence is given as the cause for dismissal of the accused.

Just as he had completed the stringing of a wire for a new fire box, J. A. Covington, assistant superintendent of the Dallas fire alarm service, accidentally touched a live wire and was instantly killed Tuesday. He received a shock of 2,300 volts of electricity and fell to the ground, a distance of 35 feet.

J. C. Lee, living four miles east of Denison, reports that burglars entered his house, and after chloroforming the entire family of six, who were asleep, ransacked the house and secured money and checks valued at \$131.75. About a week ago Mr. Lee's house was burglarized and \$3.75 in money taken.

President Neill of the Texas Farmers' union and other officials expresses indignation over the publication of a letter from a Belgium cotton operator to R. T. Milner, former agricultural commissioner, which is given out by his successor, E. R. Kone. Neill said the department must be abolished if it gives bearish reports to the public. He declared the letter misleading on crop conditions.

Fire at Groesbeck Tuesday destroyed the home of Attorney Albert G. Martin. The flames were discovered when the family was asleep and had a narrow escape from death. Martin rushed through the flames and grabbed his 3-year-old son, Albert, from a couch, saving the babe, but receiving painful injuries himself. He wrapped the infant in bed clothing. The fire started by an overturning lamp. Loss is \$4,000.

Latest designs in fancy post cards—5,000 to select from. Fleming & Bromley.

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The airships are making progress. They are now smashing records instead of smashing themselves.

In Wichita a dog recently sold for \$40 an ounce. The Beacon complains that there are too many dogs at 40c a pound. If the dogs there are as plentiful and useless as they are in Clarendon there are too many at 40c a ton.

Summer is about ended and it will soon be the usual season for the defective flue to do its destructive work. A general inspection and precaution in making necessary repairs may save a destructive fire. Don't neglect it until you suffer heavy loss. No other nation on earth loses as much from fire as does ours, the loss amounting to \$200,000,000 annually, largely from carelessness.

Orville Wright is trying to win the government prize of \$25,000 for the most successful air craft. If he is a winner, he will have a fat thing of it. First, the government will make a contract to buy a large number of machines from him and he will have more outside orders than he can fill. He will be at the head of a corporation which in turn will charter other machines in foreign countries. The only thing that now stands in the way of the realization of these dreams is the government's o. k.

Why don't farmers plant more trees? Nearly every one of them have more land than they can cultivate in field crops, and there are waste places that does not produce a profitable crop of grass. The rapidity with which black locusts, catalpas, Russian mulberries and Osage oranges grow into posts when given half a chance anywhere should lead to a more extended planting of these trees. Five to 10 acres, properly planted to these trees, will, on an average of 10 years, return a greater net revenue than any other crop which can be grown. Begin now to prepare the land and to locate the trees which you will plant during the winter when the land is in shape for working. Make up your mind what you want and buy it. The only trouble seems to be that the tree crop can't be harvested and sold for money next fall. It is a crop in the nature of a permanent improvement constantly increasing in value. And that doesn't seem to appeal to as many land holders as it should. There are farmers in Donley county who have been living on from 640 to 2,560 acres of land for the past 10 years who could have grown posts to have cross-fenced every section two or three times at a less cost than it is worth to haul them from town, if they had been presented with them free. Plant trees.

### Wall Street Flurry.

New York, Sept. 17.—Violent declines in prices occurred on the stock exchange this afternoon, the recession amounting to from 2 to 5 points in the active issues. There was a great deal of disorder in unloading stocks, and the selling at times appeared to be urgent.

Explanations for the selling at lower prices varied. One report was that the situation came about because of the "political scare," resulting from recent interviews with prominent financiers who expressed dissatisfaction from a Wall street point with the national political outlook in the west. Other explanations of the break were the extent to which speculation has recently run and the turn in the currency movement out of New York bank reserve and into interior channels of trade.

Marriage seems to be about the only lottery that the ministers are not opposed to.—Puck.

Superintendent Meeks has instructed Beaver county, Oklahoma, school teachers to "cut out" dancing.

### Bryan Scores Taft.

Philadelphia, Pa. Sept. 15.—"Mr. Taft is dodging. He cannot escape from the issues. He will not be permitted to run away from them. He has accepted the nomination of his party. Now, let him take the people into his confidence and interpret his platform so that the people will know where he stands and what he intends to do."

In these words W. J. Bryan in an interview today issued another challenge to Mr. Taft, his Republican opponent. He reviewed Mr. Taft's utterances printed this morning and dictated a report, which is in part as follows:

"Mr. Taft is dodging. Instead of defending his position on public questions he is inquiring about my record as he does about the public questions which he has attempted to discuss. He accused me of being changeable and abandoning issues."

Mr. Bryan said he has been a tariff reformer for twenty-eight years; has advocated the election of Senators by the people for twelve years and has been favoring an income tax for fourteen years, and Mr. Taft is only now coming around to his position on these questions. Continuing he said:

"I said in 1898 that the Filipinos ought to have their independence. Mr. Taft has this year admitted that the people must ultimately have independence. I have maintained my position. I have also discussed the Philippine question in this campaign and called attention to the fact that Mr. Taft made a mistake of \$14,000,000 in his estimate of the cost of imperialism."

"On the railroad question he has expressed himself as strongly as I have. He has said, and the president also said, that Government ownership will follow if the railroads prevent regulation. I have said the same thing. I do not desire Government ownership. I hope that the railroads will permit regulation. Our position only differs in that he has more faith than I have in the willingness of the railroads to be regulated."

"He spends some time on the money question. The money question has been talked out of politics because of the unexpected discoveries of gold have given the increase which was demanded by the Republican party as well as by the Democratic party. Mr. Taft cannot escape from the issue. Will he defend himself on the tariff question; on the labor question; the trust question and on the other issues that are presented in this campaign? He will not be permitted to run away from them."

"If he prefers to delve in the past, rather than meet the issues of the present, will he explain the Benguet Railroad in the Philippines and the perpetual franchise that he wanted to fasten upon the Filipinos with a perpetual guarantee of income to the corporation securing the franchise? Will he explain his record on the labor question and his silence on the tariff question and the trust question during his official service at Washington?"

### Will Fly 200 Miles an Hour.

"Within five years passengers will be carried across the ocean in airships in eighteen hours at 200 miles an hour. Aerial flight will be commercialized in that time. The North Pole can and will be reached in a 48-hour trip. The perfect helicopter will be able to circle the globe in a week."

These statements were made by Thomas A. Edison in the course of a talk on aerial navigation.

"Neither of the aeroplanes now owned by the Wright brothers nor any airship built along that principle nor the idea of the dirigible balloon will ever be of practical use or success commercially," he said. "The successful airship must be automatic in operation. The human part of it must be reduced to mere mechanism as in the case of automobiles and steam engines. Otherwise the dream of skimming the clouds must ever remain a dream."

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### Carrie Nation Lectures Taft.

Cincinnati, Sept. 17.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, without a hatchet, called on Judge Taft today and was admitted into the spacious hall of the Taft residence by the judge himself.

"You know me?" Mrs. Nation demanded, without preliminaries. The candidate admitted that from the public prints he knew who Mrs. Nation was.

"Well, I have come here to have a discussion with you on the liquor question," was the next remark.

"You will have to excuse me from entering upon any discussion with you," was Taft's half smiling reply.

Whereupon Mrs. Nation began one of her characteristic speeches on the drink evil, not overlooking condemnation of all those who do not go valiantly to work on reform as she believed it should be carried on.

Judge Taft modestly backed away and Mrs. Nation, seemingly somewhat awed with what she was doing, backed her way out of the door and the interview ended.

### STATE NEWS.

The Baptist church and tabernacle at Big Springs burned last Wednesday. Loss \$5,000.

Four convicts attacked Craig Gray, a guard, at a turpentine camp in Newton county, took his gun, horse and pistol and escaped.

A 30-inch vein of bituminous coal has been found 90 feet under the surface on the D. M. Howard 3,000-acre pasture two and one-half miles northwest of Oran.

Paul Mahoney and associates of Pittsburg, Pa., are boring for oil and gas five miles north of Gainesville. They have leased 30,000 acres. The price of gas will be 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

While Mrs. Charles Scroggins, living at Spring Hill, was out in the yard feeding the chickens Wednesday, a pig ran up from behind and knocked her over backward, causing her to sustain a broken arm.

C. P. Pash, who promoted the Amarillo-Plainview road and the local street railway, announces that he will undertake to build the largest hotel in west Texas or the Panhandle. The structure will cost a quarter of a million dollars.

At Fort Worth Thursday morning John F. Lusby, aged 67, a well known citizen, was found beaten up and unconscious on the street. It is said Lusby is responsible for recent suits against saloons in the "Acre," and the police declare the attack was the result of these cases.

The state health officer Tuesday received a telegram from the officer in charge of the United States marine hospital corps at Havana, Cuba, announcing a secondary case of yellow fever in that city. Dr. Brumby wired for particulars, and in the event the fever is found to be a serious case, a more strict quarantine will be put into effect against Cuba.

What is believed to be by far the largest gas well in Texas or the Southwest, was brought in Wednesday night at Petrolia in Clay county north of Henrietta. The tools were blown high in the air when the gas reservoir was tapped, causing a temporary panic among the workmen at the well in the vicinity. It is estimated that the well will produce 16,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily.

At Dallas Thursday the indictment against Dr. J. O. Spradling was quashed. He was charged with involuntary manslaughter in the second degree. Several months ago Dr. Spradling engaged in a fist fight with J. W. Rogers, the latter dying a few hours afterward. A postmortem examination showed that Rogers bled to death inwardly from effects of the encounter. This is the only case of its kind known to the Dallas courts.

Good milk cow for sale. See Dr. P. F. Gould, a his office.

A fresh car of corn, corn chops and best Texas bran at C. L. Young's. Prices right. Phone 4.

School shoes that wear at Rathjen's Shoe Store.

### Arkansas Election.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 15.—Only incomplete returns from the election held Monday in Arkansas have been received as yet, but from those received it is believed that the democratic majority has been increased slightly. However, Chairman Tucker of the State Republican Central Committee tonight declared that the republican party had made a gain of 10,000 votes in the State and further claimed important victories in a number of local contests throughout the State. Chairman Milwee of the State Democratic Central Committee tonight continues to declare that the democratic majority, when all returns are in, will be the largest in the history of the State.

The heavy vote polled in many parts of the State and the failure to report returns leaves the situation in a more doubtful condition than it was last night, when the first returns were received. Then it was thought that the democratic majority would be increased by 5,000 to 10,000, but later reports tonight show an unexpected falling off of the democratic vote in some counties.

Late returns tonight from questionable counties in the whiskey fight show about an even break for liquor and anti-liquor forces. Several dry counties have been voted wet, while several wet counties have gone dry.

Anti-liquor forces, who have just waged the most bitter fight in the history of Arkansas, concede defeat, but declare they will now drive saloons out by the three-mile petition.

Hogs at \$7.05 on the hoof are good to sell and good to keep. But the farmer who has none either to sell or to keep will find them bad to buy.—Dallas News.

A cheese weighing more than a ton will be exhibited at the New York State fair by a dairyman of Lowville. It required 20,000 pounds of milk to make the cheese, which is said to be the largest ever turned out. Why can't Texas raise cheeses of that sort?

The Childress county tax rolls for 1908 show a total of 1,457 poll taxes assessed as against a total of 967 paid last year. We understand the number paid and the number assessed are about the same.—Post.

### Bob's Dog.

Senator Vest of Missouri often told of a noted character, one Bob Jones of St. Louis, who was brainy and brilliant, but seldom sober. On one occasion, accompanied by his constant friend and companion, a large thoroughbred Newfoundland dog, Jones was found leaning unsteadily against the corner of a house. The dog was sitting close to him, patiently watching his every movement and ready to catch him if he should fall. A friend stopped and asked:

"Bob, what kind of a dog is that you have?"

"If you wasn't drunk," replied Jones, "you could tell by looking at him there that he is a setter."—Los Angeles Times.

### An Author's Birth.

A burglar gained admission to Balzac's house and was soon at work, by the light of the moon, at the lock of the secretaire in the novelist's chamber. Balzac was asleep at the time, but the movements of the intruder aroused him. The burglar, who was working most industriously, paused. A strident laugh arrested his operations, and he beheld the novelist sitting up in bed, his sides aching with laughter.

"What is it that makes you merry?" demanded the burglar.

"I laugh," replied the author of "Pere Goriot," "to think that you should come in the night without a lantern to search my secretaire for money when I can never find any there in broad daylight."

### Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Tuesday:  
Steers \$2.50 to \$4.25.  
Cows \$1.85 to \$3.30.  
Calves \$2.15 to \$4.50.  
Hogs \$6.10 to \$6.92½.

### For Sale.

I am offering at a low price the following: One dining table, one iron bedstead and spring, one wooden bedstead, one incubator, one gun, coal oil cooker, two-seated surrey; also several head of horses and young mules.  
MRS. KATE LOCKRIDGE.

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Business locals five cents per line for first insertion and 3 cents for subsequent insertions. All locals run and are charged for until ordered out. Transient notices and job work are cash, other bills on first of month.

**Phone for 150** and 11 us all of the local news you can think of that will interest our readers. This will be but little trouble to you and greatly help us to make a more newsy paper.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

Capt. Nat Smith was up from Rowe yesterday on business.

Mrs. Charles Baldwin went to Memphis last night on a visit.

W. L. Harrington returned a few days ago from a business trip to Plainview.

Col. Charles Goodnight and wife were down from Goodnight yesterday on business.

J. A. Burdett traded his stock of goods and notions this week for land in southeast Texas.

Mrs. H. W. Taylor and Mrs. Laura Swearingen are spending this week in Mineral Wells.

W. A. SoRelle has bought the place where he now lives from Otus Reeves, consideration \$3,000.

Miss Ola Cochran came in from Collingsworth county this week to visit the family of Ed Bromley.

The rain this week knocked out the street sprinkler in town and the hay maker in the country for a few days.

Alex Kercheville had a horse to run away Thursday and a wheel on his new buggy was completely smashed.

R. K. Hext and Mrs. Beulah Wilson were married here Wednesday, Justice Barnett performing the ceremony.

J. T. McComb left for his home in Hunt county Wednesday. While here he traded 320 acres of his land for east Texas land.

J. C. Asher is in Dallas this week under an eye specialist. He wrote home that a piece of nail had been removed from his eye.

Mrs. J. B. McClelland left Thursday night to pay her daughter in Dallas a visit and to buy furnishings for their new residence.

Mrs. J. T. Coulter left Thursday night for her home in Dallas after several weeks' visit here with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Stocking.

Miss Lela Allen of Kaufman county, who has been visiting in New Mexico, stopped off here a day this week while en route home.

Mrs. Clare Booth, who has been here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Eddins, for some time, left Thursday for her home in Austin.

B. F. Baker and his son in law, H. D. Bullock, have moved here from Hugo, Ok., their car of household effects having arrived yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kelly left Thursday night for Dallas where Mr. Kelly will enter the Southwestern Medical college for another term.

M. M. McCracken was in from the Mulberry country yesterday. He says he has a good crop this year despite the dry weather in that vicinity since July. They had a good rain this week.

A boy baby a little over a year old of M. E. Bell's died Thursday of erysipelas, supposed to have started from a mosquito bite. It was buried yesterday afternoon, Rev. Hilburn conducting the funeral service.

Miss Alice Henson was in town this week collecting money with which to purchase an organ for the Martin school house. She worked earnestly, and we are told she succeeded in securing enough to make the purchase.

Baptist services as usual. Sunday, at 11 a. m., the theme will be: "Profession and Possession of the Christian Religion." At 8 p. m.: "David in the Blues;" a sermon specially intended to encourage discouraged people. All cordially invited to be present. A. C. Burroughs, pastor.

C. Rowe spent Wednesday here on business.

J. M. Browder of Hall county spent yesterday here on business.

R. C. Walker and W. A. Bennett, the Memphis oil mill men, were here on business Thursday.

The city council has ordered a new hose cart and a lot of new hose and nozzles and other equipment for fighting fire.

H. T. Bridges has resigned as bookkeeper for the Clarendon Mercantile Co., and he will take the management of the mill and elevator near the depot.

There has been some theft of school books, both at the public school and at the college this week by kids who sought to sell them. The teachers and trustees quickly caught on and it is supposed there will be no more of it.

Henry G. Taylor, in attempting to get on the passenger train from the north side Wednesday night, fell into the hydrant excavation beside the little park fence and severely injured himself. He has a physical ailment which the fall has made much worse.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. F. Robeson, Sunday, Miss Etter Norrid and Mr. L. E. Graham, Rev. A. C. Burroughs performing the ceremony. They will live near Quitaque, where Mr. Graham has a ranch. We extend them our best wishes.

J. E. Donaldson, the train news boy arrested here Tuesday night charged with robbing a woman of \$1,600, was liberated as soon as taken back to Amarillo, there being no evidence against him. There have been no other arrests in connection with the case, and there is some doubt as to her losing any such amount, or being robbed at all. The Amarillo paper made no mention of the case.

People who keep a cow in town without counting the cost do not know whether she pays for her keep or not. The Stockman and Farmer says: "It will cost about 150 pounds of butter to keep a cow in good production a year, and a cow that gives no more could not pay her way. She will not get in the profit class, all expenses considered, till she yields 200 to 240 pounds of butter fat a year. After such an amount is reached every additional pound will be practically all net profit. These extra pounds are what should be striven for."

Program B. Y. P. U., Sunday, September 20.

Missionary Meeting—Subject: "State Missions." Leader, Mrs. Gray.

Opening exercises. "The Resources of Our State"—Paper by Mr. Shannon.

"Our Baptist Strength in the State"—Paper by Miss Summerhour.

"Our State Board and Its Work"—Miss West.

"The Needs of Our State"—Miss O'Neill.

An address touching the work in general, by the pastor.

Closing exercises.

Hundreds of Texas boys and girls drag along through the grades of the public school until they reach the eighth or the ninth grade and get along with their teachers, their companions of their books so poorly that they finally persuade their parents that they should go to "college." Such pupils have no use for college or college for them. They should be well spanked and kept at home until they learn some sense. A pretty college indeed that would admit such students. They are not capable of making good high school students. As a general rule, to which there are some exceptions, such students never do any good in school. They do however, serve to put some of their parent's money into circulation and this may be an incidental blessing. So let them go on to "college," and it will swell their heads and gratify parental pride and can't do much harm.—Childress Post.

**New Railroad via Rowe**

Capt Nat Smith of Rowh handed us the following yesterday, clipped from the Oklahoman:

The first spike in the Altus Roswell & El Paso Ry will be driven in the next 50 days, says Edward Kennedy of Houston, president of the road, in Oklahoma yesterday enroute to Altus.

He says the road will prove of incalculable benefit to Oklahoma City, as it will shorten the distance between the Panhandle, St. Louis and Kansas City by about 146 miles and open the metropolis of Oklahoma to a market heretofore dominated by Dallas and Ft. Worth.

The fact that \$600,000 was raised in the shape of bonuses shows the interest of the people along the right-of-way. The bonus money is being used on grading, which is progressing nicely all along the line, 36 miles between Altus and Hollis being already graded, and actual railroad building to be begun as soon as the engineers complete the light bridging found necessary in places. The Dalhoff Construction Co., of Little Rock, have the contract. H. H. Fielder is chief engineer.

It will make direct connections with Duke, Gibson, Hollis, Arlie, Rowe, Silvertown and Lubbock, continuing direct to Roswell, striking through southwest Oklahoma and the richest section of the Texas Panhandle. Grading between Hollis and Lubbock will begin at once from both places in order to get ready for the rail and timbermen as quick as possible.

Mr. Kennedy says the road will be tributary to the Denver, 50 miles south of the Santa Fe and 60 miles north of the Texas & Pacific, thus thus splitting in two the Plains country to the south. This road will also make connection with the Mexican Santa Fe at Roswell for points in Mexico. About 18 town sites are to be opened up along the route.

The road will cost about \$155,000 a mile to complete and is incorporated for \$3,000,000.

The officers are: Edward Kennedy, Houston, Tex., president; Cage Beach, Altus, vice-pres.; Edgar Chapman, Houston, secretary, and Wm. Russell, Altus, director.

The best and cheapest line of cook and heating stoves in town at H. C. Kerbow's—the Charter Oak. Call and see them.

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For Tax Assessor, G. W. BAKER.  
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**The Cl** in Texas of interest to the World.  
 Pub. Commercial secretaries have piled the following data about Texas that will be instructive to those who are interested in our great state:

Texas needs 10,000 more miles of railroad.

Has 167,865,600 acres of land.

Produces 3,000,000 bales of cotton annually.

Every mile of railroad adds \$65,000 to the value of adjoining property.

Has 30,000,000 acres of land under cultivation and 137,865,600 acres uncultivated.

A bale of cotton makes 3,000 yards of calico.

The Texas farmer sells \$496,250,000 of products annually.

Texas has 45,302,544 acres of timber land.

The mineral produces annually \$17,700,000.

Texas has 67,508,500,000 feet of standing timber.

The factories produce \$161,000,000 annually.

Texas has 5,300,000 acres in cotton.

Texas has 61,000 square miles of undeveloped coal fields.

Produces 156,600,000 bushels of corn annually.

Has vast beds of iron ore undeveloped.

Produces 15,000,000 bushels of wheat annually.

Has the finest granite in the world.

Produces 10,000,000 bushels of rice annually.

Ninety-five per cent of the products of the farm and mine pass through the factory.

Produces 2,500,000 bushels of potatoes annually.

Has a weekly pay roll of \$5,000,000.

Raises 7,000,000 head of cattle each year.

Property is valued at five billion dollars.

Raises 1,500,000 head of horses and mules annually.

Its mineral wealth is estimated at \$300,000,000.

Raises 1,000,000 head of sheep annually.

Its mines work 8,250 men.

Raises 2,000,000 hogs annually.

Its mines could give employment to 5,000,000 men 60 years.

Raises 25,000 dogs annually.

Has 74 per cent of population engaged in agriculture.

Has 53 per cent of wealth in agriculture.

Its cotton mills produce \$24,000,000.

Farm lands are valued at \$431 per acre for taxation in 1907.

Its packing houses produce \$21,000,000 annually.

Texas imports each year \$753,000,000 in manufactured goods.

The lumber mills produce \$22,000,000 annually.

Texas has 26 per cent of wealth incorporated.

Oil wells produce \$10,000,000 annually.

Factories produce one-tenth of the manufactured goods used in the state.

Coal mines produce \$3,000,000 annually.

Texas has more Commercial clubs than any other state in the Union.

Brick kilns produce \$2,000,000 annually.

Has 239 counties organized and six unorganized.

Its mineral wealth produces \$200,000,000 annually.

Has 69,509 miles public highways.

Gravel roads can be built for \$1,000 per mile.

Fire losses, insured, \$4,337,175; uninsured, estimated, \$1,500,000.

Will hold 23 county fairs this fall.

Has good farm lands over 100 miles from railroad.

Has a population of 15 per square mile.

**100 Envelopes 40c**  
 With name and address  
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## Edgerton's ... Farm.

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### A Character Sketch.

He was red headed and of course excitable; but, what may seem incompatible with the foregoing, he was also mysterious. If he wanted to tell you the most commonplace thing he would call you into the next room and communicate it in a whisper. He was eternally discovering suspicious circumstances, and if anything dreadful happened he would shrug his shoulders in a way that meant "I told you so."

He was an exceedingly knowing man. You could mention no subject, from the manufacture of toothpicks to a text in Scripture, but what he had been studying about it for twenty years, and he always had a theory concerning the matter. His theory might not be any blood relation to the facts in the case—it hardly ever was—but this did not mellow his positiveness nor dampen his enthusiasm.

Finally his effervescent temperament got the better of him, and he published a book. Nothing ordinary would satisfy him, so he gave it a title which would cover every subject, from the fall of Adam to the discovery of a process for making embalmed beef and from the town of Podunk, where he lived in body, to the Milky Way, where his head usually sojourned. He called his book "The Universe—Its Origin and Destiny"—nothing small about the title at any rate.

The work started out by telling how the universe began business and wound up by describing a dead sure process to make rain. Between times it kept whacking away at the scientists. In a quite cheerful and offhand manner it showed how fallacious are all present systems of knowledge. The universe was first pushed out of nothingness by means of a spiral vibrational vortex system, and this was explained by a number of disquieting cuts that seemed intended to give a man wheels and mix him up in his mental bearings.

But it all hinged on rainmaking. The old man had a theory of shooting holes in the firmament and working a dry atmosphere for the drinks, and, as this theory did not seem to fit in with anything in the universe, there was nothing more natural than that he should proceed to construct a universe that it would fit in with, which he accordingly did.

After the book had made its appearance the old man would come in with a great flourish of trumpets. "Professor So-and-so has just given me the greatest indorsement." When questioned as to what the professor had said, "Well, he said if I could establish my theory I would have a theory established." And the old man was as gleeful over it as a child.

The next thing was to establish the theory, and here again it hinged on rainmaking. If he could only make it rain, the spiral vibrational vortex system would follow as a matter of course. But in order to make rain he had to bombard the heavens, and in order to bombard the heavens he had to have powder and guns, and in order to have powder and guns he had to have money. There was the rub. So he went to that last resort of the man with a scheme, the legislature. He had a bill introduced appropriating \$10,000 to help him make it rain.

Then began a process of buttonholing members, during which the old man's feathers perceptibly fell. Finally the member who introduced the bill went back on it, and the poor thing had not a friend left. This made the old man fighting mad. He swore it was because of political bias and he would wait for another legislature.

In two years a different political party was in power, and the old man again went after his appropriation, but, alas, only to meet the same sad fate as before.

This broke his heart. He now had nothing to do but to sit around and cuss the dumfoundedness of this blind and perverse generation, in which occupation he got back some of his old time enthusiasm.

But he still believed in rainmaking and in his spiral vibrational vortex system (with wheels in it), and he still had an auburn halo and an effervescent temperament.

### To Uplift the Farmer.

I cannot remember that I have ever been so happy over an action of a president of the United States as I was made by Mr. Roosevelt in his appointment of the famous farm commission. This is far and away above politics and is a part in a noble and uplifting movement that will live long after he and all of us are dead. This commission is composed of educators, who will investigate intelligently and sympathetically and report what can be done in making farm life more happy, more beautiful and more filled with contentment. The day is passed when any one can scoff at this step as impractical. All those who think at all now know that the most practical things are the most ideal. Being practical does not necessarily mean being base.

I am particularly gladdened by this action, because I have long dreamed of it and advocated it. The scope of the inquiry should be broader than merely as it affects the farmer. It should take in the beautifying of landscapes, of villages, increased social life in the country, and should touch the good roads and forestry move-

ments. That it will include this necessary crusade for the planting and preservation of trees is assured by the fact that Mr. Gifford Pinchot, the efficient head of the forestry department, is on the commission.

In my opinion the great development of the future is to be in the making of beautiful homes in the country and in improving the life of dwellers on farms and in villages. With the increase of transportation facilities men will go more and more to live in the open country, as nature intended. In keeping with this trend the conveniences and luxuries of life will go to the farmers, social and intellectual life will be taken up by them, good roads, forestry and landscape gardening movements will be inaugurated by the people everywhere, and in the course of a few decades we shall really learn how to live.

The solution of the stum problem and of the congestion of our great cities is to be found, I am convinced, in showing these people the beauty, the contentment and the returns of country life. The step will also, it should also, find a way of stopping young men and women from leaving the farm for the city. Our system of education is partly at fault for this. In future we must educate our young toward the country and toward nature rather than away from them.

But it is not enough that one commission alone should be working along these laudable lines. There should be a universal movement in these directions among the people themselves.

### One Use of Livery.

From my wabbling rustic platform four thoroughfares are in plain view—a dirt road, two railroads and a river. The dirt road is by no means the least interesting of the four. It is chiefly used by hoboes and automobiles beating it out from New York. Thus the two extremes of life pass each other at close quarters, but do not clash—at least, in the language of E. H. Harriman, "not yet."

The historic horse is not utterly banished, but is used chiefly to draw hucksters' wagons and a few fashionable turnouts. Again the two extremes of life—the tradesman and the people who owe the tradesman!

The coachman on the wagon of fashion is a thing of glory. He is always in uniform, even in the hottest weather. He is paid not only for driving horses, but for wearing clothes and being uncomfortable. Down at the little village almost any morning can be seen coachmen and footmen galore suffering sartorial martyrdom.

I have often thought the principle on which they are required to do this is the same that makes people curvy gloves in their hands, on the end of an umbrella or protruding from a pocket. They really must show the world that they own gloves.

In the same way people have servants to hang clothes on. The masters do not wear the tops themselves for fear of looking ridiculous or suffering discomfort, so bedrape their coachman just as a matter of dress parade.

Well, we are progressing slightly, for a century or two ago it was the master and not the man who was most gorgeous. Now the head of the house has laid aside the tinsel, but still makes his women and servants wear it.

If the clothes by proxy habit continue, may we not hope that in a few years our fine ladies instead of weighting themselves down with jewels will have a dummy figure on which to hang the glittering pendants, brooches, tiaras and crowns, just to show the world they have these things, you know?

### Golden Rule and Golden Age.

Right does not change with circumstances. It does not accommodate itself to conditions, it does not bend itself to sophisms, and it does not mix with wrong. It is absolute and immutable. The breaking of its eternal laws always brings a penalty and visits that penalty on nations as well as on men.

The Golden Rule is as binding now as when first uttered. Do unto others as if you were the others. Sow seeds of kindness in the world, and they will grow into a harvest of which you do not dream. The harvest may not be garnered until after you are dead. What of that? It will bless some one else, and do not be too sure that by its reflex action it will not bless yourself, for you are to live in other lives than this.

Men through all the centuries have dreamed of a golden age. Was it only a dream, or is there a millennium somewhere ahead of us? Why do we picture it, why do we long for it, if it is not to come? God would not implant a lie in our souls. He would not deceive us by a false hope. The golden age was not in some past and dead age; it lies ahead of us. It may be near or far, but somewhere in the future it shines in splendor. There is only one royal road to that golden age, and that is the highway of the Golden Rule.

A city friend and his little son have been spending their vacation in the country. "We must go home Saturday," said the man. The lad sat pensive for a moment. "Don't go home Saturday!" he cried, with tears in his voice. "Go home next week or the week after. Now, I tell you what—don't go home till the last week in the world. That is the week school commences."

The trouble with most of us is that we think more of the dark side than of the bright, more of disease than of health. It is just as easy to believe in good as in evil, in truth as in error, and it is much more satisfying.

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## WOMAN AND FASHION

### A French Frock.

A simple and beautiful model is here sketched of one of the French surplice empire gowns. Carried out in any of the soft, clinging lightweight goods or chiffon cloths, it should not cost more



CARRIED OUT IN LIGHTWEIGHT CLOTH.

than \$15. The buttons on the kimono sleeve only simulate a fastening. The gown hooks under the buttoned flap at the front. The beauty of this model is its simplicity, and the material should be soft and of good quality.

### Embroidery on Filet Ground.

Modern workers are now making lovely trifles with the antique netted ground by brightening it up with raised work consisting, for instance, of wavy devices in baby ribbon intermingled with satin stitch fanes in soft colors. To execute this novel style the square mesh foundation, whether machine or handmade, is usually stretched on an oblong or square wire foundation, and on it is invariably sewed, according to design, the meandering ribbon, knotted at intervals in the manner of a lover's knot, from which springs out a graceful spray of lily of the valley, forget-me-nots or other flowers. These decorative sprays are embroidered with satin and stem stitches as soon as the ribbon work is finished. For this second part of the work the piece of netting has to be tacked on some solid foundation of linen, cloth or any material, which is cut away after the padded flowers have been well modeled with the needle and cotton or silk, which has evidently to be carried through both the square meshes and the backing.

### A Real Directoire.

This real Directoire piquancy is left open in quite the fashionable way.



AS IT IS WORN IN PARIS.

though the same woman wears an underskirt or a sham of lovely harmonizing material.

### Advices White Luncheon Gowns.

One society woman who has retired to the enjoyment of the simple life in Europe to refresh—for, as she says, "this is a dear old country for millionaires, but it takes the cash to do it justice"—sends home a word or two on simple dressing as conducted in England. Speaking of dresses suitable for luncheon wear, she agrees with the Englishwoman who wrote to her daughter: "Luncheon is the white hour of a woman's life. Dress always in white for luncheon." White linen is liked especially, though the collar should be vivid, as though the wearer had been out in the sun and intended to "go again." White lingerie costumes which call for a delicate pallor and a certain amount of makeup also are very much in evidence at luncheon this fall.

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