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#### Capital City Letter

Austin, Tex., Oct. 27, '09.

Governor Campbell and his party, which included among others State Treasurer Sam Sparks and Adjutant General J. O. Newton, have returned from El Paso, where the governor participated in the festivities attending the meeting of President Taft and President Diaz, fraternized with the first gentleman of the land notwithstanding his previously formed purpose of aloofness, and received from the people of far Western Texas a most cordial welcome, surprising him after having heard that somewhat uncharitable thoughts were entertained of him in that part of the state. It was an evidence of the respect the people in all parts of the state feel for their chief executive, no matter who he may be.

In the prosecution of his duties as commissioner of labor, Joseph S. Myers is sending to the individual wage earners throughout the state for information regarding his circumstances and conditions, whether married or single, nature of his occupation, number and length of working days in summer and winter, average daily wage, reasons for idleness when idle, conditions under which he works, conditions of his home life, cost of living and comparison of working and domestic conditions and income expenses with former years. Blanks upon which reports are to be given a wide circulation and the information secured will be used as a basis for securing scientific remedial legislation.

The locating board for the several new experiment stations to be established in the state is still undecided what to do about any

of the four for which provision was made. It is still the expressed purpose to place the feeding station in the neighborhood of Fort Worth, but the black land station and the West Texas station are still in doubt.

State Health Officer Brumby has undertaken an investigation into the extent of the hookworm disease and has written the county health officers throughout the state. It is claimed that this disease is spreading over the south and can be speedily eradicated if the proper steps are taken.

A clever coup has just been made by the pros in Justice Precinct No. 3, in Freestone, which recently voted from dry to wet and yet remains dry. Immediately after the election, when the pros realized they had lost, four applications for liquor licenses were made to the comptroller and granted, this being the total number permitted under the law of one for every 500 inhabitants. None of these four have applied to the county judge for licenses and it is understood to be the intention of all not to apply for licenses, and as the comptroller has issued the total number of permits authorized by law no permit may be issued to another. Therefore, all permits for liquor licenses being in the hands of the pros, the county must remain dry although it has voted wet.

The members of the fire rating board, presumably practical, experienced men in this line, have decided to take junketing trips before settling down to determine an equitable basis for fixing the fire rates in Texas. The Holy Grail for which they seek may be in any of the big cities of the state, or in Kansas, or in

Chicago, possibly elsewhere—the board is not fully advised. Therefore, the workings of the new fire rating law is to be personally investigated, after which the underwriters' laboratory in Chicago is to be investigated, and then other points are to be visited so far as possible within the time limit of January 1 next, when the new law becomes effective.

Labor Commissioner Myers is endeavoring to secure the establishment of free employment bureaus under municipal control, in the larger cities of the state, similar to some established in the larger cities of the north, which are declared to have proven a great success.

By a ruling of the attorney general's department it is held that the new court stenographer's law permits the stenographer to claim his per diem of \$5 for only such days as he may be in the actual discharge of his duties in reporting cases or performing other service under the direction of the judge of the court.

#### Cupid's Capers.

The following couples have been granted license to marry since our last issue:

T. J. Malone and Miss Pearl Creighton; M. B. McFarland and Miss Fannie Hull; L. F. Hare and Miss Hettie Cunningham; H. M. Bryson and Mrs. E. E. Davenport.

#### Baptist Church.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. Subject "It is Finished."

Junior B. Y. P. U., 3 p. m. Sunbeams at Mrs. S. H. Morrisons at 3 p. m.

Senior B. Y. P. U., 4 p. m. Evangelistic services and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

Don't forget the place of services is at the court house, and that you and all your friends are expected to attend and help us worship the Lord.

WILSON C. ROGERS,  
Pastor.

Dr. I. E. Smith, eye, ear, nose, throat specialist, has fitted up a neat office up-stairs in the Edins building, corner of Main and Third streets, and will spend a part of each month, here. The doctor has been coming to Big Springs for nine years and likes the town better each visit and he may decide to make his home, here.

#### Commercial Club Holds Interesting Meeting

One of the best meetings in the history of the Big Springs Commercial Club was held yesterday afternoon. The attendance was good and a better and more lively interest was manifested in all matters pertaining to the betterment of our town.

The railroad situation was brought up and the latest from Mr. Soash is that he intends to build the road according to contract with the railroad committee.

B. Reagan made a timely talk in regard to manufacturing industries that we need and ought to have. Among the things he favored are salt works, brick making plant and creamery, all of which we have an abundance of raw material with which to make a success. There were several talks along this line that show that the people of our town are keeping their eyes open for the things that go to make a prosperous town and keep it growing.

Ellis Douthit addressed the club on the matter of civic improvement and made some well-timed suggestions as to some things that ought to be done to improve the appearance of our town, one of the things suggested by Mr. Douthit is the cleaning up and beautifying the court-house yard. Geo. H. Sparenberg followed with the statement that we cannot hope to get free mail delivery until side walks are put down. Several others were of the opinion that we should give more attention to civic improvement.

A resolution was adopted requesting the city council to pass an ordinance requiring owners of property to build sidewalks in front of their property. The attendance at this meeting was much better than it has been, but still it was not large enough. Members should attend better and assist in making all matters the club undertakes, a success. The membership is not as large as it should be, and some of them are behind with their dues for this year. Only forty-five have paid dues for 1909. This is simply a little carelessness on the part of the members that they should remedy by paying up at once.

#### Raise Peanuts.

When peanut hay sells for \$20 a ton, as it did in Bonham last week, it seems a sufficient inducement for more Fannin county men to raise peanuts. Now is a good time to determine to plant a few acres next year.—Bonham News.

Peanuts grow as well in Howard county as they do anywhere in Texas, and at present prices are a very profitable crop.

#### Likes West Texas.

Dr. Albert Wooldert of Tyler, was the guest of Dr. C. I. Holt and family Saturday night as he was on his way home from Lubbock where he had just had a business house erected. He is very favorably impressed with West Texas and thinks it the coming country. The doctor spoke very highly of Big Springs as a town and thinks its future bright.

R. L. Permitter is going about now with the assistance of crutches, caused from getting his right foot hurt about one month ago by letting a plank fall on it. He did not think much of it at first, but it continued to pain him when he had a physician examine the foot and a broken bone was discovered. He is getting along nicely and thinks he will be alright soon.

P. S. Morgan and son, of Gary Hill, were in town today.

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#### El Paso Fair.

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 25.—Having brought the Taft-Diaz meeting and the international celebration to a successful termination, El Paso has taken a hitch in its belt and started in to put the finishing touches to the preparations for the El Paso Fair and Exposition, which is to be held November first to seventh.

As important to the agricultural, mining and industrial resources of the Southwest as the Taft-Diaz meeting was to the diplomatic relations of the United States and Mexico, the El Paso Fair is to be an exhibition of the natural and acquired resources of the section west of the Pecos known as the Great Southwest. Displays of every variety of products of that section will be on display at the fair and several acres of ground will be covered by these exhibits.

In addition to the display of natural resources the El Paso Fair offers the rancher, the mining man and cattle raiser an unexcelled opportunity to view and inspect the latest improvements in machinery and live stock breeding. The display of mining and agricultural machinery at the fair will be from all parts of the country, while the live stock exhibit will include cattle, sheep, swine and horses of all breeds.

Special rates on all railroads have been secured by the fair association and a one fare rate for the round trip is now being advertised by the roads running into El Paso.

November 21st will be "Old Timers Round-Up Day" at San Antonio. Senator Bailey will deliver an address on that day.

#### Child Burned to Death.

One of the most horrible tragedies that has ever come to our notice occurred on the York place near Durham Saturday night.

Mr. Hays and family, tenants on the above named farm, had been to church, and upon returning had lain their infant on the bed. Mrs. Hays was doing some chores about the place while Mr. Hays was putting up the team, when it was discovered that the house was on fire. He rushed in and picked up a quilt which was rolled up, mistaking it for the infant. The error was only discovered after it was too late to rescue the child from its fiery furnace. It is presumed that the fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. The house and contents were a total loss.—Borden Citizen.

#### 14 Cents for Cotton.

The highest price paid for cotton in a long time was paid here Wednesday when it sold for 14cts. per pound. Cotton seed are also bringing fancy prices and are now selling on the local market at \$26 per ton. A bale of cotton and the seed out of it brings about \$80 now. It is freely predicted that cotton will go to 15c, and some think it will reach 20c. by January.

#### Christian Church, Sunday.

Sunday School at 9.45. Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7.15. The morning subject, "The Convention;" evening "Doing God's Will." E. S. Bledsoe.

P. D. Burns came in yesterday from Bentonville, Arkansas, and went out to his Concho-ranch in the afternoon.

## THE SANTA FE RAILWAY

Has not yet gotten into Big Springs but we must go ahead just the same. So we have enlarged our Feed Store until it now fronts the depot and is only two doors west of Main street.

We were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. R. H. Dunmen who will have special charge of our feed department. Being car load buyers we are therefore in position to give you the benefit in price.

New Oats, Chops, Bran, Corn, Alfalfa Hay, and remember we do business twelve months in the year.

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"Possibly because it is a secondary consideration."—Baltimore American.

For Colds and Grip—Capudine.  
The best remedy for Grip and Colds is Flick's Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness that cause the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—25¢ and 50¢ at Drug Stores.

The bravery of some men is like that of bulldogs; they haven't sense enough to be afraid of anything.

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through a nagging cough or irritated throat. Allen's Lung Balsam will heal the affection quickly and harmoniously. All druggists. 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00 bottles.

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The above is only one of the thousands of grateful letters which are constantly being received by the Pinkham Medicine Company of Lynn, Mass., which prove beyond a doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, actually does cure these obstinate diseases of women after all other means have failed, and that every such suffering woman owes it to herself to at least give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial before submitting to an operation, or giving up hope of recovery.

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

## A Simple Cold

is a serious thing. Often, instead of the neglect of a seemingly trifling cold being followed by disastrous consequences. It should be borne in mind perpetually that the COLD of today is the Consumption of tomorrow. The insignificant cold is the untiring pathfinder of those deadly diseases.

Pneumonia Pleurisy  
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## THE ENTERPRISE

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### CAUSES OF TYPHOID.

Autumnal typhoid still has a way of appearing at customary seasons in well nigh every region of the country. The health authorities in New York find it this year rather worse than usual, it appears in the dwellings of the well-to-do as freely as in the shacks of the poor. Sanitation does not prevent it, that is, not what we generally call sanitation. It is an intestinal disease, conveyed by drink or food. The old theories of bad air, sewer gas and damp houses have not now much standing. It is feared that some of the later theories do not explain all the points about autumn typhoid. The housefly does not. The condition of the water supply, as being different in summer and winter, does not. A plausible explanation is that the profuse perspiration with which in summer the body eliminates a large amount of disease breeding matter, is reduced to a minimum almost instantly when the cool days begin. The kidneys and bowels, unaccustomed to the task, are burdened with dangerous materials and unable to perform the task of elimination. It is at least common knowledge that typhoid is most prevalent when the cool weather sets in.

Premier Katsura of Japan in an address before a club of bankers at Tokyo outlined the policy of the government in a manner which should allay the apprehensions of timorous souls who see in every move in that direction a threat of war with the United States. The premier set forth plans for developing the resources of the empire and avoiding unnecessary expenditure. This peaceful program contained nothing to which objection can be taken anywhere. On the contrary, the plans deserve the warmest approval. Japan has had enough of war for the present, and sees that her highest interests will be served by promoting prosperity at home and strengthening friendly relations abroad.

And what a year it is: Flying a certainty; north pole discovered; Turkey reformed; Persia reformed; England's ideas of the ethics of taxation upset; India restive; China subjected to a mass of new impressions; the distance across the Atlantic further shortened; the distance across the continent about to be shortened; wireless improved; the overhauling power of sentiment dramatically illustrated in the fall of Clemenceau. If the cave man lived to-day he could hardly repeat his now famous declaration: "Romance is dead," says Collier's Weekly. By science, contrary to many fears, wonder and mystery have been increased.

The "daylight saving" bill appears to have gone by the board in the British house of commons, and no great harm done. The matter was solemnly considered by a committee and for awhile it looked as though parliament would enact the measure. But sober second thought set in, and the committee reported in favor of dropping the bill, "because of grave doubts whether its objects would be attained without subjecting some important interests to serious inconvenience." And that is the end of the agitation so far as parliament is concerned.

Six of Rear-Admiral Seebree's fleet of fast cruisers succeeded in making a record run from San Francisco to Honolulu, but the fact that two cruisers had to abandon the race because of breaks in their machinery which in one instance involved a sacrifice of two lives, is proof that it is dangerous to push warships at top speed even in times of peace. In war times, crippled cruisers are a serious handicap in emergencies.

The death of Capt. Ferber of the French army in an aeroplane accident at Boulogne Sur Mer adds another army official to a list of those who have died as a result of aerial service. The first American name on this list is that of Lieut. Thomas Selfridge, who was killed when the Wright aeroplane fell at Washington last year.

A purse containing \$200 and a handsome diamond ring were lost in a New Jersey penitentiary, and found and restored by two prisoners. Such an astonishing amount of honesty ought not to be locked up.

"It becomes a matter of life and death to the British empire to remain supreme at sea," says Lord Charles Beresford in his Toronto speech, says the Los Angeles Express. Is the British empire supreme at sea? And if she is, can she stick it out?

A New York woman is demanding a divorce because her husband threw eggs at her. With eggs at three cents apiece she should have made the charge one of extravagance.

## EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

### NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

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

While taking a bath at his home near Nashville, Tenn., Sunday, Howard Robinson, a magazine and newspaper writer, was asphyxiated by fumes from a gas water heater.

Eight men were seriously injured, one fatally, when the blacksmith shop of the Illinois Traction system at Decatur, Ill., was struck by a tornado Friday afternoon.

Patrick H. McCarren, State Senator, and one of the political powers in the borough of Brooklyn, died Friday after lingering for several days between life and death.

A delegation will be sent to Waco this week from Georgetown to attend the railroad meeting in the interest of the proposed road from Georgetown to Waco, via Belton. The proposition meets with favor.

Under the cover of darkness, and during a torrential downpour, the Moors furiously attacked the Spanish positions Wednesday at Mella. The fighting continued until daylight, when the enemy retired. The Moors lost heavily.

The Railroad Committee of Haskell has entered into a contract with the Colorado, Texas and Mexico Railway Company to build into Haskell. It is stated by one of the officials of the road that the engineer will be in this part of the state not later than Nov. 15.

The water situation was considerably relieved in Gregg County Tuesday. A slow rain began to fall at 4 a. m. and continued all over the county until 3 p. m., when the heaviest rain in two years fell in Longview and nearby.

While the Ringlings were showing in Paris Tuesday night Capt. W. J. McDonald, State Revenue Agent, instituted suit to recover the sum of \$1,700 alleged to be due the State as back taxes on past performances in Lamar County.

Cattle buyers from the markets of the North are strongly evidenced at Amarillo and shipments are heavier than for many years at this season of the year. The business is generally distributed among various roads, leading to the markets.

While all the sport lovers of the world have been speculating as to whether James J. Jeffries is really sincere in his statements regarding his fighting "Jack" Johnson, doubt is set aside by the statement Wednesday that he and Johnson will fight.

Rufus W. Peckham, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, died at 3:15 o'clock Sunday night, at Coolmoore, his summer home at Altamont, Albany, N. Y. Death was due to a complication of heart trouble, Bright's disease and hardening of the arteries.

The Government has awakened with a jump to the menace of pellagra the newly recognized disease which is so rapidly invading several sections of the country, especially the South. Acting Secretary of the Treasury Hilges Saturday approved the appointment of a commission of officers of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service to investigate it.

Six persons, and possibly more, were killed in a wreck on the Pannhandle division of the Pennsylvania Railroad near Collinsville, Ohio, Friday, when southbound passenger train No. 18 ran into a freight train in an open siding. A relief train with medical aid has been sent to the wreck.

Mayor Acheson of Denison Tuesday recommended to the council that steps be taken looking to the acquirement by the city of the street railway, which is now managed under lease by the Texas Traction Company.

Wes Platt, a well-known young farmer, residing in the Clear Lake community, near McKinney, was the victim of a vicious assault and bold highway robbery, Thursday night.

After serving the King family of San Antonio for a period of five generations, John Besant, a negro, aged 100, died Thursday at the home of H. C. King, of old age.

A. Holland Forbes and Max Fleischmann, who left St. Louis in a balloon Tuesday morning, arrived at Richmond, Va., Wednesday night, having landed in Chesterfield County, near this city, earlier in the evening. They claim to have broken the record.

News reached Muskogee Friday of the peculiar death of John Wicks, 23 years old, at Bragg, Okla., late Thursday night. Wicks was watching Indians do a stomp dance. He tripped and fell and a knife with which he was whittling a stick plunged into his heart, killing him instantly.

The Santa Fe surveyors have pitched camp west of Brady and are surveying westward. While the contract with the Santa Fe provides only for their coming to Brady, it is thought this means that they will push the construction on through the county for some western point.

The negro, T. W. Butler, who was sentenced to be hanged at the last term of the District Court for the murder of County Attorney A. K. Nicks at the Turpentine Camp in north end of Newton County, paid the death penalty on the gallows Friday, in Newton.

White Dock and Ben Carroll were going through Sanders Creek bottom, north of Emberson, Sunday, they killed a monster rattlesnake six feet long. The October pay roll of the Katy for Denison is \$238,000. This money was paid out here Wednesday. It is the largest pay roll since the panic of 1907.

Ten men were killed in a gas explosion in mine No. 8 of the Rock Island Coal Mining Company, near Hartshorne, Okla., Thursday morning.

Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock a "blue blizzard" hit New Mexico and the wind has blown 50 miles an hour ever since. Some little rain and ice has fallen.

The pecan crop in Milam County is not good this year, though there are some pecans. In good years there is an abundance of them on the San Gabriel and other streams in the county.

The State executive committee of the Methodist Sunday School Association of Texas Tuesday named San Antonio as the place and April 6-8 as the time for the annual meeting of the organization.

The Denison peanut factory, built this year, was put in operation this week, with forty employes. It is said this is the largest plant of the kind in the South. It is not entirely complete.

A loss of \$25,000,000 annually to cotton growers of the South is the official estimate made by Secretary Wilson's experts in Washington, of the extent of the ravages of the boll weevil.

Rev. Adrian Van Hulst, aged 93 years and one of the oldest priests in the United States, was found dead in his room at St. Ignatius' College, Chicago, Tuesday, from accidental asphyxiation.

Harry Wrough, secretary of the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce, one of the leading grain statisticians of the country, shot himself while lying in bed Tuesday at his home at Van-Biber, Maryland.

The tax rolls of Jones County have just been verified and approved and show the total taxable values of the county to be \$14,588,610. The taxable values one year ago were \$12,840,600, an increase of \$1,748,010.

Directors of the St. Francis Drainage District met in Little Rock, Ark., Monday, and ordered \$220,000 worth of bonds issued to finance a forty-five mile canal across Clay and Greene Counties. The canal will reclaim and improve thousands of acres of land.

A box car loaded with cotton on a Santa Fe freight train, coming into Galveston shortly before noon Monday, caught fire, supposedly on the bay bridge or on the mainland. The cotton and car were destroyed. The loss is estimated at about \$6,000.

A slight earthquake was felt early Saturday at Alton, Ill., and St. Charles, Mo.; the latter being thirty miles west of here, according to reports by residents of those towns. No damage resulted. Shocks were also felt at Memphis and Paducah, Ky.

Looking from a window of a country schoolhouse near Sleeper, Okla., Jack Willis, a full-blood Cherokee Indian youth, Friday, opened fire on two Deputy Sheriffs of Cherokee County and fought a fatal duel with the officers. Deputy Tuck Ketcher was badly wounded by Willis, when Deputy Wilson, shooting through the wall, killed the Indian.

The threatened duel between Secretary of State Justo Garcia Velez and Secretary of Sanitation Dr. Mathias Duque, of Havana, will probably not take place, the court of honor to which the affair was referred having decided that there was not necessity for an encounter.

Henry Farman has been awarded the grand prize of \$10,000 for the longest flight at the aviation meeting in England. He covered forty-seven miles Thursday in his best flight. Roughier won the second prize of \$3,600 in this contest. Paulham was third, with \$1,400.

It is announced that the committee having in charge the recent balloon race for the Gordon Bennett trophy at Zurich, Switz., has definitely awarded the trophy to Edgar W. Mix, the American competitor, who landed in Russian-Poland.

Expecting to form an efficient plan for the extension of membership and influence among the textile workers, especially in Canada, in the South and in Pennsylvania, the United Textile Workers of America began their annual convention Wednesday. About forty delegates representing 10,000 workers, are present.

Chicago is to have a new union passenger station and terminal on Canal street to cost not less than \$25,000,000, and its construction is to be begun as soon as five railroads can agree upon the plans for the improvement.

It was announced Thursday in Austin that within ten days there will be four to six parties in the field for the topographical survey. Commissioner Stiles has been in communication with the Federal authorities at Washington during the week. All of the party chiefs come from the United States Geological Survey forces.

Andrew Carnegie has offered to give 450 acres of land at Cresson, Cambria County, Pa., to the State for an additional sanitarium for the free treatment of tuberculosis patients.

Several times mention has been made in the papers regarding the finding of an underground river some two miles above Brownwood in the Jack Smith place, where a gravel pit is being worked. It is claimed the stream runs in an opposite direction to that of the bayou, and the supply of water is very great, and enough to supply a town much larger than Brownwood.

## It May Be Your Fate

To have your house burned down tonight. One can never tell what minute such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, "ARE YOU INSURED?" If not, do you think it would be wise to have no issue a policy at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be without insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may come at any time. Call on us at our

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### Local and Personal

New local view post cards at Reagan's.

Mrs. J. E. Moon visited Stanton Wednesday.

Dr. M. T. Griffin, of Gomez, was here Tuesday.

U. S. Dalmont of Gaines county was here Wednesday.

Salted peanuts and Jacob's candy, found only at Reagan's.

D. M. Waters is here from his ranch 16 miles northeast of town.

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J. W. McCutcheon returned Wednesday from a trip to Marshall.

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L. L. Stephenson returned the first of the week from a visit to the Dallas Fair.

L. F. Early who has been quite sick for some time, was able to be out yesterday.

The Best Cough syrup is White Pine Compound with Tar, 25c. and 50c. per bottle, at Reagan's.

Ned Watson of the Midland Livestock Reporter, came down with a force of printers and got out an issue of his paper at the Herald office this week.

For Sale—Second-hand two-horse power Morse-Fairbanks gasoline engine, in use every day. Will be sold cheap. Call at this office and see it at work. 45tf

There are several industries that could be put in operation in Big Springs that will pay. The raw material is here to supply them, why not start them going?

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Big Springs Baptist Association, is in session Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; at Cedar Bluff School-house, four miles East of town. Go out and enjoy the services with them.

Roy Flynt and family left last night for Raleigh, Missouri, where they will make their future home. They made many friends among our people during their sojourn here who very much regret their leaving.

G. C. Cauble returned last week from his ranch north of Midland, where he spent two weeks making improvements, rounding up and branding. A horse fell on him while there and bruised him up some, making him pretty sore, but fortunately no bones were broken.

E. S. Bledsoe and wife returned Tuesday night from Pittsburg, Pa., where they attended the Centennial convention of the Christian Church. They report a very large attendance and say that it was the best convention in the history of the Christian church. Over 30,000 people partook of communion service on Sunday, of convention week.

There will be a congregational meeting at the First Presbyterian Church at the close of the morning service, Sunday, for the purpose of electing additional officers. The members of the church are asked to attend. Subject of morning sermon will be "Predestination as Taught in the Bible." The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

*"Twist Optimist and Pessimist. The difference is small. The Optimist sees the doughnut. The Pessimist sees the hole."*

Some would say the best way to turn an optimist into a pessimist would be to feed him the doughnuts, and this would be true if the doughnuts are fried in lard. Lard is certainly indigestible and many people are deprived of the pleasure of eating doughnuts and other delicacies just because of this fact. However, there is a cooking fat—COTOLENE—which can be used in any way and every way that lard can, and yet makes light, rich, delicious food that the most delicate stomach can digest with ease. COTOLENE is making the world cheerier and brighter for thousands who were formerly suffering from the curse of lard-soaked food.

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Hertzog & Coffee.

Rev. Joe Bell Stanton passed through here this morning on his way to Cedar school-house to attend the 5th Sunday meeting.

J. S. Erwin, living on Gail route, was in town Wednesday, and said his cotton crop is turning out better than he thought it would when he began picking.

THE HEID CAPS for men are of the highest grade, manufactured especially for the best men's furnishing stores. Sold by A. P. McDonald & Co.

Monday is the day set for the organization of a horse and mule breeders' association. All who are interested are cordially invited and urged to be here and assist in the organization.

### A Popular Fallacy.

The generally accepted belief that a person is useful in proportion as he is busy is controverted by a writer, who says; "I have a dog that is loaded up with fleas. In the summer time when the fleas are plenty, that is the busiest dog I ever saw; when he isn't biting at the fleas,—he's snapping at the flies. He never has a minute to spare, but when he is the busiest he is the least account for practical purposes. And there is a young fellow in my neighborhood who has a Waterbury watch, and he smokes cigarettes. When he isn't winding his watch, he's lighting a cigarette, he's a mighty busy young man, but he isn't worth two whoops in a water barrel.—Exchange.

### Pictorial Theater

The pictorial theater has been running this week but has been unable as yet to get the films from the East which the management has contracted for and in addition to this we are going to put on travelogues. These consist of short spicy lectures and views of the principal places of note over the world.

Friday night will be Genoa, home of Christopher Columbus, discoverer of America.

## IN SEARCH of THRILLS

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## HUNTING BIG GAME IN THE NORTHWEST

is a big feature which will thrill the sportsman and interest the general reader. It is full of incidents of the hunt which are particularly good.

IT'S IN THE NEXT ISSUE DON'T MISS IT!

The Halley Comet after being invisible for 74 years, has been sighted by a Heidelberg professor, but people who do not possess telescopes will not be able to see it till next spring. It is sad to think of the many famous ones who will have been forgotten before the plain people get a look at the comet.

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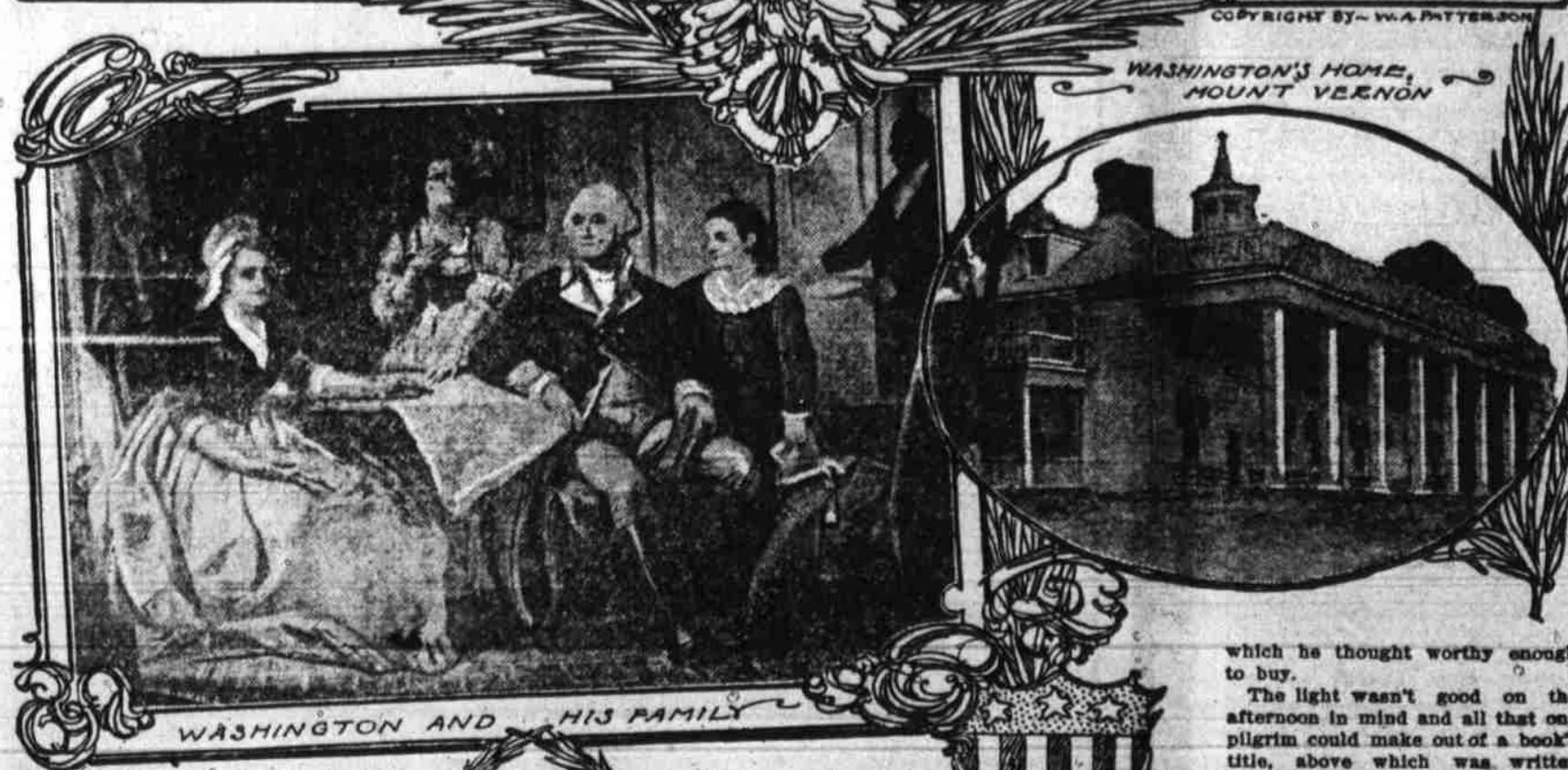
For Sale—My home in the east part of town. New two-room house, one gallery and two lots. See me if you want a bargain. Mrs. R. L. Fore.

W. R. Cole returned yesterday from a business trip to Santa Anna.

# MOUNT VERNON

## SHRINE of AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

BY EDWARD B. CLARK



**W**ASHINGTON.—In the novel of "Ivanhoe," Isaac the Jew tells the knight that he knows it is the custom of the Christians to put on pilgrims' garb and to walk barefooted for miles to worship dead men's bones. There is something of a sneer in Isaac's tone and Ivanhoe rebukes him with a truly heroic, "Blasphemer, cease!" I don't know how many thousands of Americans go yearly to Mount Vernon to pay a visit to the repository of a dead man's bones, but the number is something enormous.

If George Washington never had lived at Mount Vernon, never had died there, never had been buried in the antipodes there would be excuse enough for the visits to the place of seventy times seven the number of the pilgrims who go yearly down the Potomac to stand on the towering hill and to look off down the valley.

It is with an utter shame that it is confessed that after four years' residence in Washington one man American born and with some lurking pride of patriotism in his make-up never until recently went to the place where the father of his country and the exponent of the American school teacher's ideal of truth lies buried.

Mount Vernon is the ultimate object of the voyage down the Potomac. There are other objects every paddle-wheel stroke of the way, for the hills on either side are hills of rare beauty crowned with trees that saw the revolution and that in the fall are wearing the raiment which belongs to the kings of the forest.

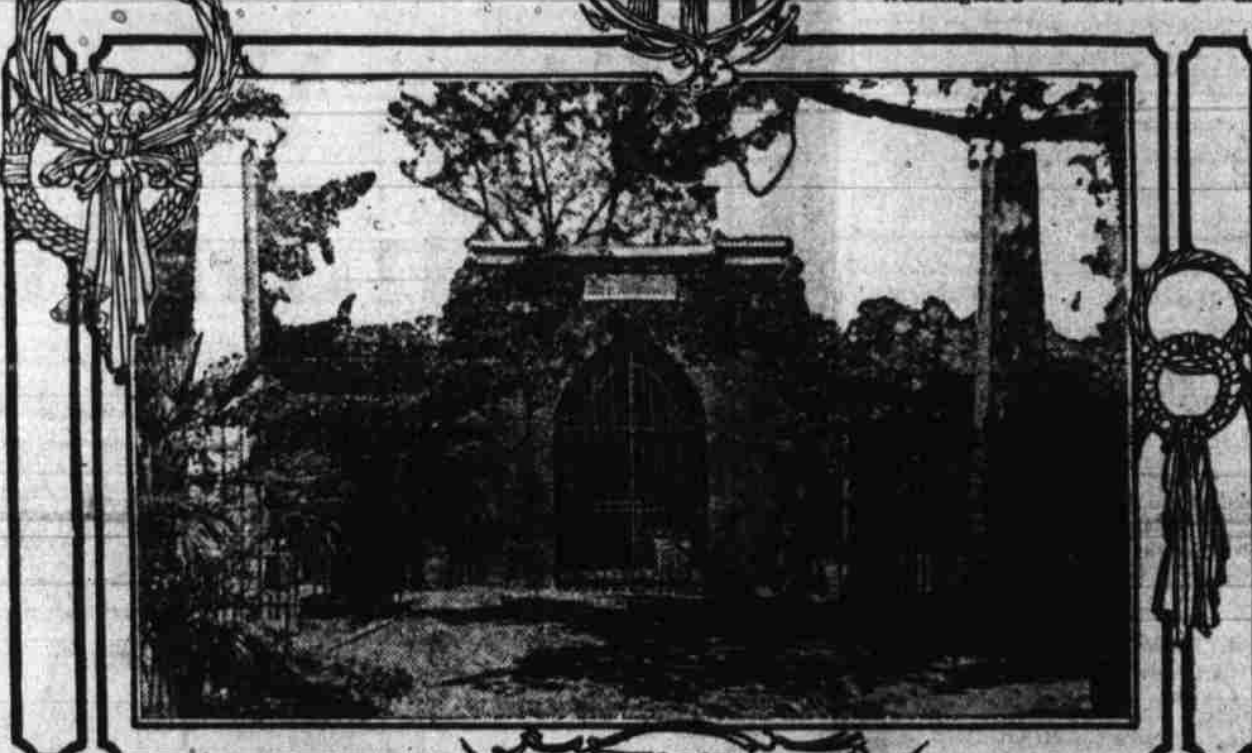
On the boat going down there was a young German gentleman, who had married an American wife. He was much more interested in the beauty of the Potomac's banks and in the history of the country beyond the banks and in the life history of George Washington than was she. The German asked his American wife if George Washington was born at Mount Vernon. She answered that he was; which he wasn't, not by many miles. He asked her many other questions, to each and every one of which, but with usuring inaccuracy, she made answers. This was a traveled American girl. There is a fairly well-grounded belief that she met and captivated her German husband while she was doing Europe in an automobile or was rhapsodizing on the Rhine.

Some day, perhaps—very likely, in fact—she will go back to her husband's land and will listen to his telling of his American trip, and in the enthusiasm of the nature which he made manifest on the Potomac he will tell the "historic truths" concerning George Washington which he learned from his American wife.

It may be that some of the Germans who know something of the life of the American general who was the friend and fellow soldier of Steuben will come to think, as some Americans have come to think before this, that a little American history might be included in the course of study of the average American girl, and that not a dollar should be spent on her passage money to Europe until she knows without stopping to think whether it was George Washington or Abraham Lincoln who crossed the Delaware, and who, something later, forced the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. This may seem to be a matter that is beside the mark, but while the listener had none too thorough a knowledge of American history, there were some things said on the boat plying down the Potomac that if they had been said by an eighth-grade school-boy ought to have brought him a flogging.

Mount Vernon has been written about by pretty nearly everybody who has seen the place. It hasn't fallen to the lot of everybody to see it in the fall. It is a noble place, a fitting resting ground for the first American.

It seldom falls to man's lot to see such heroic trees. There is a giant oak which stands sentinel over the first burial place of Wash-



ton. The body was removed from the base of the oak about 75 years ago. It never should have been removed.

It is said that Washington selected the place where his body now lies and left instructions that one day the change of sepulcher should be made. The oak which guarded the first grave must have been standing for three centuries. The view from the place is inspiring enough to enkindle the eyes of a dead man. The view from the new-tomb is fine in its way, but it is as nothing to the grand sweep of river, hilltops and forests which moves before the eye from the place where Washington slept for 30 years.

Hundreds of visitors go to Mount Vernon daily. They peer into the tomb and then straightway go to the house. There is an interest, of course, which must attach to any of the belongings of Washington, but it seems to be a legitimate matter of regret that of the thousands who go to Mount Vernon the interest in the mirror which Washington used when he shaved and in the spoon with which he ate his porridge, if he ate porridge, is far greater than in the forest trees under which he walked and in the garden whose hedges of formal cut were planted with his own hand.

Indoors at Mount Vernon everything is dead; outdoors everything is alive. The forest and garden are instinct with Washington; the contents of the house are as dust.

There is a real interest, however, in the library of the old home. In the main the books are simply copies of those which were on the shelves in Washington's time. The originals, as I understand it, are in several libraries of the country. There are two originals, however, which are open at the title page, so that if the light be good, one may read Washington's name written in his own hand and the title of the book

which he thought worthy enough to buy. The light wasn't good on the afternoon in mind and all that one pilgrim could make out of a book's title, above which was written Washington's name, was the

word "Sentimental." The wonder was, and the poor light was responsible for its remaining a wonder, if the father of his country had not in his quiet hours been reading "A Sentimental Journey." If the gentle Martha had peeped into the pages and had approved George because of what she saw there one can imagine his ready answer that the book was written by a holy priest of her own chosen church.

The man with the megaphone on the Washington "rubberneck" wagons tells his audience of passengers as they roll by the Metropolitan club house: "This is the club of the nobles." In another minute, as the big sight-seeing bus passes another clubhouse the megaphone man says: "And this is the club of the cranks."

"The club of the cranks," as this information hawker calls it, is the Cosmos club, and a most interesting organization it is. Its membership is composed of scientists, some physicians and clergymen, a few lawyers and two or three newspaper men. The scientists are in the great majority.

It costs a pretty penny to join the Metropolitan club and to pay the dues and to live the life of the organization. The initiation fee at the Cosmos club is rather small, and the dues are light, but there are scores of members of the Metropolitan club, "the club of the nobles," who willingly would pay twice or thrice the Metropolitan's initiation fee and the Metropolitan's dues if the expenditure could gain them admission to the club where the "cranks" foregather.

Every Monday night is called "social night" at the Cosmos club. Of course the clubhouse is open at all times, but on Monday evening the members make a special effort to be present and there is always a large gathering in the great, sweeping rooms of the house where once lived Dolly Madison.

They don't intrude "shop" upon you in the Cosmos club. The members are a genial body of men and they have many guests from all parts of the world. They find out what the guest likes to talk about and then some one who knows the subject is promptly introduced to him. There are few world subjects upon which you cannot get an expert opinion in the Cosmos club.

The members, of course, have their hobbies and they ride them. In one corner of a room there will be an astronomical group, and there will be another corner with a fish group and another corner with a bird group and another corner with, it may be, a mushroom group. It isn't all science, however, in the Cosmos club. The members play billiards and pool and bridge, and they have a fine time of it generally and at no great expense, for it is one of the hard facts of earth that men devoted to science have little money. Learning doesn't bring high pay in the market.

### BLACKSNAKES LOOSE IN PITTSBURG STREETS

#### BOYS HUNT FOR THE REPTILES THAT ESCAPE FROM THEIR CAPTOR.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Three big black snakes, which escaped from a box in the barn in the rear of John A. Hiller's grocery, Frankstown avenue and North Murton street, East end, were the cause of much excitement in the neighborhood. There were five of the slimy reptiles, the result of one day's catch made by Hiller while on a visit to his daughter at Saunders Station, in Westmoreland county.

Hiller improvised a cage by putting a pane of window glass over the top. To make the cage secure he tied a dampened rope about it. As the rope



He Held It Up Until Its Tail Touched the Barn Floor.

dried it snapped and three of the pests, evidently of a nomadic turn of mind, took Dutch leave.

"I caught them," Hiller said, "for Prof. Phillips of the Wilkinsburg high school. He heard that I had caught a good many snakes in my day, and asked me to get him some for experimental purposes. I took them over to Wilkinsburg only to find that the professor had gone away on his vacation. I have two left on my hands, and would like to get rid of them."

As soon as it was known that three snakes were loose every boy within a radius of half a mile became a self-constituted committee of one to institute a search, and every grass plot or suggestion of a ravine was explored.

Hiller calls himself the champion snake-catcher of Pennsylvania. He is absolutely fearless in dealing with them. Removing the glass from the improvised cage, he bravely thrust his hand within and grasped one of the reptiles just back of its head and dragged it forth. He held it up until its tail touched the barn floor.

"This fellow is about five feet eight inches long," he said.

The snake threw out its fangs and wriggled and twisted, but Hiller held it firm.

"Aren't you afraid of getting bitten?" he was asked.

"No, I have been handling snakes ever since I was a boy. And that goes back some, for I served in the civil war."

"Did you catch all five at the same place?"

Two of them I found together, and the others were caught each in a different place. I used a forked stick on four of them; the other I simply picked up."

Six years ago Hiller killed four blacksnakes in Westmoreland county, each of which measured more than eight feet in length. He was picking blackberries when he encountered them. As long as 1845 he caught rattlesnakes at Chestnut Ridge, Pa. At another time, while exploring for oil in Westmoreland county, he caught two rattlers and "bocked and gagged" them and removed their fangs in the field.

David Richmond, now of Wilkinsburg, was employed with Hiller that year. They lived in a shanty. When about to go to bed one night Richmond, on turning down the blanket discovered a monster rattlesnake coiled up and defiant. He called to Hiller, and the men, each taking hold of two corners of the blanket, captured it and brought it to Pittsburg. This snake had nine rattles.

Hiller says that years ago there were plenty of snakes on Squirrel Hill, and that he captured large numbers. One time he plowed up a rattler. He declares snakes may be found there now.

Woman's Rattler Trap. Millbrook, N. J.—Mrs. Lydia Kimble has a big rattlesnake corralled in her home which she captured while picking huckleberries in the woods. The snake was coiled to strike when Mrs. Kimble saw it. She cupped her tin pail of berries and dropped the vessel upside down on the snake, its head protruding from under the rim. With her apron strings she then made a slip-noose with which she lassoed the rattler. Jerking the snake from under the bucket Mrs. Kimble carried it home.

### WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD

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# WHISPERING SMITH

By FRANK H. SPEARMAN.

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## SYNOPSIS.

Murray Sinclair and his gang of wreckers were called out to clear the railroad tracks at Smoky Creek. McCloud, a young road superintendent, caught Sinclair and his men in the act of looting the wrecked train. Sinclair pleaded insanity, declaring it only amounted to a poe. McCloud discharged the whole outfit and ordered the wreckage burned. McCloud became acquainted with Dickie Dunning, a girl of the west, who came to look at the wreck. She gave him a message for Sinclair. "Whispering" Gordon Smith, President Bucks of the railroad, of McCloud's brave fight against a gang of crazed miners and that was the reason for his high office. McCloud arranged to board at the boarding house of Mrs. Sinclair, the ex-foreman's deserted wife. Dickie Dunning was the daughter of the late Richard Dunning, who had died of a broken heart shortly after his wife's demise, which occurred after one year of married life. Sinclair visited Marion Sinclair's shop and a fight between him and McCloud was narrowly averted. Smoky Creek bridge was mysteriously burned. McCloud prepared to face the situation. President Bucks notified Smith that he had work ahead. McCloud worked for days and finally got the division running in fairly good order. He overheard Dickie criticizing his methods, to Marion's indignation. A stock train was stopped by Sinclair. A stock train and passenger train was held up and the express car robbed. Two men of a posse pursuing the bandits were killed. Whispering Smith was to hunt the desperadoes. Bill Danning, a road line man, proposed that Sinclair and his gang be sent to hunt the bandits. A stranger, apparently with authority, told him to go ahead. Danning was told the stranger was "Whispering Smith." Smith explained to Sinclair. He tried to buy him off, but failed. He warned McCloud that his life was in danger. McCloud was carried forcibly into a train by Danning's posse. Danning refused the railroad a right-of-way, he had already signed for. Dickie interfered to prevent a shooting affray. Dickie met McCloud on a lonely trail to warn him his life was in danger. On his way home a shot passed through his hat. Whispering Smith reported that Du Sang, one of Sinclair's gang, had been assigned to kill McCloud. He and Smith saw Du Sang. Whispering Smith taunted Du Sang and told him to get out of Medicine Bend or suffer. Du Sang seemed to succumb to the bluff. McCloud's big construction job was taken from him, because of an injunction issued to Lance Dunning by the United States court.

## CHAPTER XVI.—Continued.

The Crawling Stone river is said to embody, historically, all of the details known to mountain streams. Below the Box Canyon it plows through a great bed of yielding silt, its own deposit between the two imposing lines of bluffs that resist its wanderings from side to side of the wide valley. This fertile soil makes up the rich lands that are the envy of less fortunate regions in the Great Basin; but the Crawling Stone is not a river to give quiet title to one acre of its own making. The toll of its centuries spreads beautifully green under the June skies, and the unsuspecting settler, lulled into security by many years of the river's repose, settles on its level bench land and lays out his long lines of possession; but the Slour will tell you in their own talk that this man is but a tenant at will; that in another time and at another place the stranger will inherit his fields; and that the Crawling Stone always comes back for its own.

The winter had been an unusual one even in a land of winters. The season's fall of snow had not been above an average, but it had fallen in the spring and had been followed by excessively low temperatures throughout the mountains. June came again, but a strange June. The first rise of the Crawling Stone had not moved out the winter frost, and the stream lay bound from bank to bank, and for hundreds of miles, under three feet of ice. When June opened, backward and cold, there had been no spring. Heavy frosts lasting until the middle of the month gave sudden way to summer heat, and the Indians on the upper valley reservation began moving back into the hills. Then came the rise. Creek after creek in the higher mountains, ice-bound for six months, burst without warning into flood. Soft winds struck with the sun and stripped the mountain walls of their snow. Rats set in on the desert, and far in the high northwest the Crawling Stone lifting its four-foot cap of ice like a bed of feathers began rolling it end over end down the valley. In the Box, 40 feet of water struck the canyon walls and ice-floes were hurled like torpedoes against the granite spurs; the Crawling Stone was starting after its own.

When the river rose, the earlier talk of Dunning's men had been that the Crawling Stone would put an end to the railroad pretensions by washing the 250 miles of track back to the Pease river, where it had started. This much in the beginning was easy to predict; but the railroad men had turned out in force to fight for their holdings, and while the ranchers were laughing, the river was flowing over the bench lands in the upper valley.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### The Crawling Stone Rises.

So sudden was the onset of the river that the trained riders of the big ranch were taken completely aback, and hundreds of head of Dunning cattle were swept away before they could be removed to points of safety. Fresh alarms came with every hour of the day and night, and the telephones up and down the valley rang incessantly with appeals from neighbor to neighbor. Lance Dunning, calling out the reserves of his vocabulary, swore tremendously and directed the operations against the river. These seemed, in

deed, to consist mainly of hard riding and hard language on the part of everybody. Murray Sinclair, although he had sold his ranch on the Crawling Stone and was concentrating his holdings on the Frenchman, was everywhere in evidence. He was the first at a point of danger and the last to ride away from the slipping acres where the muddy flood undercut; but no defiance seemed to disturb the Crawling Stone, which kept alarmingly at work.

Above the alfalfa lands on the long bench north of the house the river, in changing its course many years earlier, had left a depression known as Mud lake. It had become separated from the main channel of the Crawling Stone by a high, narrow barrier in the form of a bench, deposited by the receding waters of some earlier flood, and added to by sandstorms sweeping among the willows that overspread it. Without an effective head or definite system of work the efforts of the men at the Stone ranch were of no more consequence than if they had spent their time in waving blankets at the river. Twenty men riding in together to tell Lance Dunning that the river was washing out the tree claims above Mud lake made no perceptible difference in the event. Dickie, though an inexperienced girl, saw with helpless clearness the futility of it all.

Terror seized Dickie. She telephoned in her distress for Marion, begging her to come up before they should all be swept away; and Marion, turning the shop over to Katie Danning, got into the ranch-wagon that Dickie had sent and started for the Crawling Stone.

At noon Marion arrived. The ranch-house was deserted, and the men were all at the river. Puss stuck her head out of the kitchen window, and Dickie ran out and threw herself into Marion's arms. Late news from the front had been the worst; the cutting above Mud lake had weakened the last barrier that held off the river, and every available man was fighting the current at that point.

Marion heard it all while eating a luncheon. Dickie, beset with anxiety, could not stay in the house. The man that had driven Marion over, saddled horses in the afternoon and the two women rode up above Mud lake, now become through rainfall and seepage from the river a long, shallow lagoon. For an hour they watched the shoveling and carrying of sand-bags, and rode toward the river to the very edge of the disappearing willows, where the bank was melting away before the undercut of the resistless current. They rode away with a common feeling—a conviction that the fight was a losing one, and that another day would see the ruin complete.

"Dickie," exclaimed Marion—they were riding to the house as she spoke—"I'll tell you what we can do." She hesitated a moment. "I will tell you what we can do! Are you plucky?"

Dickie looked at Marion pathetically. "If you are plucky enough to do it, we can keep the river off yet." I have an idea. I will go, but you must come along."

"Marion, what do you mean? Don't you think I would go anywhere to save the ranch? I should like to know where you dare go in this country that I dare not!"

"Then ride with me over to the railroad camp by the new bridge. We will ask Mr. McCloud to bring some of his men over. He can stop the river; he knows how."

Dickie caught her breath. "Oh, Marion! that would do no good, even I could do it. Why, the railroad has been all swept away in the lower valley."

"How do you know?"  
"So every one says."  
"Who is every one?"  
"Cousin Lance, Mr. Sinclair—all the men. I heard that a week ago."

"Dickie, don't believe it. You don't know these railroad men. They understand this kind of thing; cattlemen, you know, don't. If you will go with me we can get help. I feel just as sure that those men can control the river as I do that I am looking at you—that is, if anybody can. The question is do you want to make the effort?"

They talked until they left the horses and entered the house. When they sat down, Dickie put her hands to her face. "Oh, I wish you had said nothing about it! How can I go to him and ask for help now—after Cousin Lance has gone into court about the line and everything? And of course my name is in it all."

"Dickie, don't raise specters that have nothing to do with the case. If we go to him and ask him for help he will give it to us if he can; if he can't, what harm is done? He has been up and down the river for three weeks, and he has an army of men camped over by the bridge. I know that, because Mr. Smith rode in from there a few days ago."

"What, Whispering Smith? Oh, if he is there I would not go for worlds!"  
"Pray, why not?"  
"Why, he is such an awful man!"  
"That is absurd, Dickie."

Dickie looked grave. "Marion, no man in this part of the country has

a good word to say for Whispering Smith."

"Perhaps you have forgotten, Dickie, that you live in a very rough part of the country," returned Marion, coolly. "No man that he has ever hunted down would have anything pleasant to say about him; nor would the friends of such a man be likely to say a good word of him. There are many on the range, Dickie, that have no respect for life or law or anything else, and they naturally hate a man like Whispering Smith."

"But Marion, he killed—"  
"I know. He killed a man named Williams a few years ago, while you were at school—one of the worst men that ever infested this country. Williams Cache is named after that man; he made the most beautiful spot in all these mountains a nest of thieves and murderers. But did you know that Williams shot down Gordon Smith's only brother, a trainmaster, in cold blood in front of the Wickup at Medicine Bend? No, you never heard that in this part of the country, did you? They had a cow-thief for sheriff then, and no officer in Medicine Bend would go after the murderer. He rode in and out of town as if he owned it, and no one dared say a word, and mind you, Gordon Smith's brother had never seen the man in his life until he walked up and shot him dead. Oh, this was a peaceful country a few years ago! Gordon Smith was right-of-way man in the mountains then. He buried his brother, and asked the officers what they were going to do about getting the murderer. They laughed at him. He made no protest, except to ask for a deputy United States marshal's commission. When he got it he started for Williams Cache after Williams in a buckboard—think of it, Dickie—and didn't they laugh at him! He did not even know the trails, and imagine riding 200 miles in a buckboard to arrest a man in the mountains! He was gone six weeks, and came back with Williams' body strapped to the buckboard behind him. He never told the story; all he said when he handed in his commission and went back to his work was that the man was killed in a fair fight. Hate him! No wonder they hate him—the Williams Cache gang and all their friends on the range! Your cousin thinks it policy to placate that element, hoping that they won't steal your cattle if you are friendly with them. I know nothing about that, but I do know something about Whispering Smith. It will be a bad day for Williams Cache when they start him up again. But what has that to do with your trouble? He will not eat you up if you go to the camp, Dickie. You are just raising bogies."

They had moved to the front porch and Marion was sitting in the rocking chair. Dickie stood with her back against one of the pillars and looked at her. As Marion finished Dickie turned and, with her hand on her forehead, looked in wretchedness of mind out on the valley. As far, in many directions, as the eye could reach the waters spread yellow in the flood of sunshine across the lowlands. There was a moment of silence. Dickie turned her back on the alarming sight. "Marion, I can't do it!"  
"Oh, yes, you can if you want to, Dickie!" Dickie looked at her with tearless eyes. "It is only a question of being plucky enough," insisted Marion.

"Pluck has nothing to do with it!" exclaimed Dickie, in fiery tones. "I should like to know why you are always talking about my not having courage! This isn't a question of courage. How can I go to a man that I talked to as I talked to him in your house and ask for help? How can I go to him after my cousin has threatened to kill him, and gone into court to prevent his coming on our land? Shouldn't I look beautiful asking help from him?"

Marion rocked with perfect composure. "No, dear, you would not look beautiful asking help, but you would look sensible. It is so easy to be beautiful and so hard to be sensible."

"You are just as horrid as you can be, Marion Sinclair!"  
"I know that, too, dear. All I wanted to say is that you would look very sensible just now in asking help from Mr. McCloud."

"I don't care—I won't do it. I will never do it, not if every foot of the ranch tumbles into the river. I hope it will! Nobody cares anything about me. I have no friends but thieves and outlaws."

"Dickie!" Marion rose.  
"That is what you said."  
"I did not. I am your friend. How dare you call me names?" demanded Marion, taking the petulant girl in her arms. "Don't you think I care anything about you? There are people in this country that you have never seen who know you and love you almost as much as I do. Don't let any silly pride prevent your being sensible, dear." Dickie burst into tears. Marion drew her over to the settee, and she had her cry out. When it was over they changed the subject. Dickie went to her room. It was a long time before she came down again, but Mar-

ion rocked in patience; she was resolved to let Dickie fight it out herself.

When Dickie came down, Marion stood at the foot of the stairs. The young mistress of Crawling Stone ranch descended step by step very slowly. "Marion," she said, simply, "I will go with you."

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### At the Dike.

Marion caught her closely to her heart. "I knew you would go if I got you angry, dear. But you are so slow to anger. Mr. McCloud is just the same way. Mr. Smith says when he does get angry he can do anything. He is very like you in so many ways."

Dickie was wiping her eyes. "Is he, Marion? Well, what shall I wear?"  
"Just your riding-clothes, dear, and a smile. He won't know what you have on. It is you he will want to see. But I've been thinking of something else. What will your Cousin Lance say? Suppose he should object?"

"Object! I should like to see him object after losing the fight himself!"



"But How Did You Ever Get Here?"

Marion laughed. "Well, do you think you can find the way down there for us?"

"I can find any way anywhere within 100 miles of here."

On the 20th of June McCloud did have something of an army of men in the Crawling Stone valley. Of these, 250 were in the vicinity of the bridge, the abutments and piers of which were being put in just below the Dunning ranch. Near at hand Bill Danning, with a big gang, had been for some time watching the ice and dynamiting the jams. McCloud brought in more men as the river continued to rise. The danger line on the gauges was at length submerged, and for three days the main-line construction camps had been robbed of men to guard the soft grades above and below the bridge. The new track up and down the valley had become a highway of escape from the flood, and the track patrols were met at every curve by cattle, horses, deer, wolves and coyotes fleeing from the waste of waters.

Through the Dunning ranch the Crawling Stone river makes a far bend across the valley to the north and east. The extraordinary volume of water now pouring through the Box canyon exposed 10,000 acres of the ranch to the caprice of the river, and if at the point of its tremendous sweep to the north it should cut back into its old channel the change would wipe the entire body of ranch alfalfa lands off the face of the valley. With the heat of the lengthening June days a vast steam rose from the chill waters of the river, marking in ominous windings the channel of the main stream through a yellow sea which, ignoring the usual landmarks of trees and dunes, flanked the current broadly on either side. Late in the afternoon of the day that Dickie with Marion sought McCloud, a storm drifted down the Topah Topah hills, and heavy showers broke across the valley.

At nightfall the rain had passed and the mist lifted from the river. Above the bluffs rolling patches of cloud ob-

scured the face of the moon, but the distant thunder had ceased, and at midnight the valley near the bridge lay in a stillness broken only by the hoarse calls of the patrols and far-off megaphones. From the bridge camp, which lay on high ground near the grade, the distant lamps of the track-walkers could be seen moving dimly.

Before the camp-fire in front of McCloud's tent a group of men, smoking and talking, sat or lay sprawled on tarpaulins, drying themselves after the long day. Among them were the weather-beaten remnants of the old guard of the mountain workers, men who had fought the Spider Water with Glover. Bill Danning, huge, lumbering, awkward as a bear and as shifty, was talking, because with no apparent effort he could talk all night, and was a valuable man at keeping the camp awake. Bill Danning talked and, after Sinclair's name had been dropped from the roll, ate and drank more than any two men on the division. A little apart, McCloud lay on a leather canoe cushion trying to get a nap.

The man sent to the bridge had turned back, and behind his lantern Danning heard the tread of horses. He stood at one side of the camp-fire while the visitors rode up; they were women. Danning stood dumb as they advanced into the firelight. The one ahead spoke: "Mr. Danning, don't you know me?" As she stopped her horse the light of the fire struck her face. "Why, Miss Sinclair!"

"Yes, and Miss Dunning is with me," returned Marion. Bill staggered. "This is an awful place to get to; we have been nearly drowned, and we want to see Mr. McCloud."

McCloud, roused by Marion's voice, came forward. "You were asleep," said she as he greeted her. "I am so

not send me word? I would have come to you!" he exclaimed, throwing reproach into the words.

Dickie raised her eyes. "I wanted to ask, you whether you would sell us some grain sacks, Mr. McCloud, to use at the river, if you could spare them?"

"Sacks? Why, of course, all you want! But how did you ever get here? In all this water, and two lone women! You have been in danger to-night. Indeed you have—don't tell me! And you are both wet; I know it. Your feet must be wet! Come to the fire. O Bill!" he called to Danning, "what's the matter with your wood? Let us have a fire, won't you?—one worth while; and build another in front of my tent. I can't believe you have ridden here all the way from the ranch, two of you alone!" exclaimed McCloud, hastening boxes up to the fire for seats.

Marion laughed. "Dickie can go anywhere! I couldn't have ridden from the house to the barns alone."  
"Then tell me how you could do it?" demanded McCloud, devouring Dickie with his eyes.

Dickie looked at the fire. "I know all the roads pretty well. We did get lost once," she confessed in a low voice, "but we got out again."  
"The roads are all under water, though."

"What time is it, please?"  
McCloud looked at his watch. "Two minutes past 12."

Dickie started. "Past 12? Oh, this is dreadful! We must start right back, Marion. I had no idea we had been five hours coming five miles."

McCloud looked at her, as if still unable to comprehend what she had accomplished in crossing the flooded bottoms. Her eyes fell back to the fire. "What a blaze!" she murmured as the driftwood snapped and roared. "It's fine for to-night, isn't it?"

"I know your both must have been in the water," he insisted, leaning forward in front of Dickie to feel Marion's skirt.

"I'm not wet!" declared Marion, drawing back.

"Nonsense, you are wet as a rat! Tell me," he asked, looking at Dickie, "about your trouble up at the bend. I know something about it. Are the men there to-night? Given up, have they? Too bad! Do open your jackets and try to dry yourselves, both of you, and I'll take a look at the river."

"Suppose—I only say suppose—you first take a look at me." The voice came from behind the group at the fire, and the three turned together.

"By heaven, Gordon Smith!" exclaimed McCloud. "Where did you come from?"

Whispering Smith stood in the gloom in patience. "Where do I look as if I had come from? Why don't you ask me whether I'm wet? And won't you introduce me—but this is Miss Dickie Dunning, I am sure."

Marion with laughter hastened the introduction.

"And you are wet, of course," said McCloud, feeling Smith's shoulder.

"No, only soaked. I have fallen into the river two or three times, and the last time a big rhinoceros of yours down the grade, a section foreman named Klein, was obliging enough to pull me out. Oh, no! I was not looking for you," he ran on, answering McCloud's question; "not when he pulled me out. I was just looking for a farm or a ladder or something. Klein, for a man named Small, is the biggest Dutchman I ever saw. Tell me, Klein," I asked, after he had quit dragging me out—he's a Hanoverian—where did you get your pull? And how about your height? Did your grandfather serve as a grenadier under old Frederick William and was he kidnapped? Bill, don't feed my horse for a while. And Klein tried to light a cigar I had just taken from my pocket and given him—fancy! the Germans are a remarkable people—and sat down to tell me his history, when some friend down the line began bawling through a megaphone, and all that poor Klein had time to say was that he had had no supper, nor dinner, nor yet breakfast, and would be obliged for some by the boat he forwarded me in." And, in closing, Whispering Smith looked cheerfully around at Marion; at McCloud, and last and longest of all at Dickie Dunning.

"Did you come from across the river?" asked Dickie, adjusting her wet skirt meekly over her knees.

"You are soaking wet," observed Whispering Smith. "Across the river?" he echoed. "Well, hardly, my dear Miss Dunning! Every bridge is out down the valley except the railroad bridge and there are a few things I don't tackle; one is the Crawling Stone on a tear. No, this was across a little break in this man McCloud's track. I came to be frank, from the Dunning ranch to look up two women who rode away from there at seven o'clock to-night, and I want to say that they gave me the ride of my life," and Whispering Smith looked all around the circle and back again and smiled.

Dickie spoke in amazement. "How did you know we rode away? You were not at the ranch when we left?"

"Oh, don't ask him!" cried Marion. "He knows everything," explained McCloud.

Whispering Smith turned to Dickie. "I was interested in knowing that they got safely to their destination—whatever it might be, which was none of my business. I happened to see a man that had seen them start, that was all. You don't understand? Well, if you want it in plain English, I made it my business to see a man who made it his business to see them. It's all very simple, but these people like to make a mystery of it. Good women are scarcer than riches, and more to be prized than fine gold—in my judgment—so I rode after them."

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When you want any article of merchandise, buy it of a reputable home dealer, that the profit may remain to enrich the community. Send your money abroad only for what you cannot purchase at home. Home talent, home labor, home industry, home capital and home pleasures are things to be fostered, encouraged and patronized.

Too poor to take a home paper? Well, that is a distressful condition. Buy a hen, feed her crumbs and waste from the kitchen and she will lay eggs to pay for a year's subscription; then work her up into pot pie and she will pay first cost; so the paper will be clear profit. Repeat this process year after year, meanwhile learn wisdom and cease to be poor.

It has been truly said, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." This might also go with that. Don't let the boy loaf the streets and don't let him loaf around home, but make him work part of the time at least, if you have any work. If you have no work for him to do send him to the country and he can make good money. Country life is best for the boy anyway.

John Wanamaker was standing on the street one day last winter, and a man in shabby clothes came up to him and said: "I used to be a storekeeper, and you said that advertising pays, but it don't." Mr. Wanamaker said, "You used advertising like the Indian did the feather bed." An Indian was told that feathers were soft and he could rest better should he sleep on them. He accordingly got a feather, laid it on a board and slept on it. When he arose the next morning he said: "Paleface say feather heap soft; Paleface heap fool."

Big Springs continues to grow; the sound of the hammer and the rattle of the trowel can be heard in all parts of town, which shows that short crops have not shaken the faith of people in the town or country.

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Did you ever notice the difference in your way of looking at things after a conversation with a man who looks on the bright side of things, and after listening to the man who sees nothing but hard times ahead, with the ruin of the whole country eminent? We do not think, perhaps, that either party has very much influence over us, but the chances are that when we talk with a man upon questions which concern us we are apt to be imbued with his enthusiasm or depressed by his pessimism, as the case may be. We all have our influence along this line and should be very careful to wield it for the best. Be an optimist. That is the only way to get the full value of living, and is one of the greatest means of assisting our friends through life's battles. And then in looking on the bright side of life you have started them on the road to happiness and success. Be an optimist yourself and you assist your associates to become of the same class. Try it.—Shafter Lake Herald.

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J. S. Cordill is having a maple floor put down in his large warehouse and will open a skating rink in it about the first of November.

\$1,000.00 accident policy for 31c. Ask McGowen Bros.

The three year old son of M. C. Snow and wife, who live in Cole & Strayhorn addition, died on the 21st, after an illness of some two weeks.

Furnished room for rent, one block from business part of town. Phone 218.

J. N. Boydston and family, who spent three weeks here with his parents, left Saturday night for their home at Fort Stockton.

J. O. Gibson makes a specialty in cleaning, pressing, alterations, etc., phone 325.

Wm. O'Keefe returned Friday from Dallas. He was accompanied home by his son, Dan O'Keefe, of Baird.

See H. B. Arnold for anything in sheet metal work, will please you if I can. Am no amateur workman.

T. B. Hardin, of Martin county, has about 60 acres in spanish peanuts this year and has bought a threshing machine to thresh them with. Mr. Hardin says as a drouth resister they stand at the head of the line, and when he gets them threshed will sell them at \$1.00 per bushel.

**FIRE INSURANCE.** Let me write your policy.

J. C. Baird.

Jim Rickard, one of Howard county's prominent farmers, was in to see us Monday. Mr. Rickard informs us that he has changed his post office from Morris to Vincent.

Money to loan on farms and ranches, \$1,000 to \$10,000 on long time.

48-1f S. D. Bainbridge.

At the banquet tendered President Taft by President Diaz, at Juarez, the famous golden banquet service of Emperor Maximilian, valued at \$1,200,000, was used. In addition to the golden plate, \$200,000 worth of cut glass served to render brilliance to the banquet board.

### Notice.

See M. D. McDonald for painting, paper hanging and household repairing. Furniture crating a specialty. Lock box 604. Phone 604. 46-1f

Jesse Evans and Frank Cooksey, of Dawson county, were here this week.

### Will Hold Bazaar.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a bazaar the latter part of November, and will have fancy work and many other things suitable for Christmas presents. 3-1f

**FOR SALE**—Almost new Smith Premier typewriter, been used but little, will be sold at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

"On the Frontier" was played here Monday night to a crowded tent. It is the wild west class and is a very poor show according to our way of seeing it. Their magician was very good and did some pretty smooth work.

For sale or trade—440 acres of good land 4 miles south of town. Inquire at this office.

## The Gem City Furniture COMPANY

See us for anything in the FURNITURE line. Good service at fair prices always. Picture frames a SPECIALTY.

The Gem City Furniture Co.  
216 Main Street Big Springs, Texas

## WARNING

Listen

Listen

I will sell wood only a few days longer then it will be too late for you to buy wood at the price I now offer. So don't delay turning your orders in at once to G. W. Jennings, phone 371. Dry sawed wood delivered \$4.50 per cord.

SUPPLEMENT TO  
**THE ENTERPRISE**

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS, FRIDAY, OCT. 29, 1909.

\$1.50 A YEAR

**One on the Newspaper Man.**

A prominent Montana newspaper man was making the rounds of the insane asylum of that state in an official capacity as an inspector. One of the inmates mistook him for a recent arrival.

"What made you go crazy?"

"I was trying to make money out of the newspaper business," replied the editor, to humor the demented one.

"Rats, you're not crazy; you just a plain fool," was the lunatic's comment.

**Services at Christian Church.**

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and 8:15 p. m.

Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:00 p. m.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

E. S. Bledsoe, Pastor.

Buy the Sweet Orr Pants; they are better than other makes. A. P. McDonald & Co.

**Is Your Family Reading Worth While?**

So much of current reading is merely entertaining at best that the question naturally arises: "Is it worth while? Your sons and daughters are bound to read something. They hunger for stories which take them into the other half of the world—the world of adventure, of valor, of fortune making. The problem is to give them such reading without putting into their hands the literature that is either silly or demoralizing. The editors of The Youth's Companion believe that a periodical can be made entertaining and yet "worth while," and The Companion is conducted on that theory. And that is one reason why more than half a million American families read it. The paper is safe, but not dull. Its tales of adventure illustrate the advantage of fortitude and self-reliance. Its stories of character lay stress on the truth that right conduct is never a mistake.

Every new subscriber will find it of special advantage to send at once the \$1.75 for the new 1910 volume. Not only does he get the beautiful Venetian calendar for 1910, lithographed in thirteen colors and gold, but all the issues of The Companion for the remaining weeks of 1909 from the time the subscription is received.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, Companion Bldg. Boston, Mass. New subscriptions received at this office.

**First Presbyterian Church.**

Sunday school 9:45, morning service at 11, evening service at 8, mid-week service, Wednesday at 8 p. m. Visitors and strangers are cordially invited to attend this church.

John S. Thomas, Pastor.

Rev. W. S. P. McCulloch will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday at 3 p. m. All men cordially invited.

We have increased our stock of Shoes and Men's Furnishings until we can please every one in Shoes and Gents' Furnishings at lowest prices. A. P. McDonald & Co.

Machinist W. E. Carnrike returned to the hospital at Marshall Friday.

For Sale—Second-hand two-horse power Morse-Fairbanks gasoline engine, in use every day. Will be sold cheap. Call at this office and see it at work. 45tf

Mrs. J. E. Morris and children left for Dallas Saturday to attend the fair and visit relatives and friends.

J. F. Leeper, coppersmith, spent Monday in Midland on company business.

See H. B. Arnold for anything in sheet metal work, will please you if I can. Am no amateur workman.

J. Patton was in Toyah Tuesday on company business.

For better service, see McGowen Bros., first door south of McCamant's drug store. 48tf

H. Helfey was in Stanton Monday to superintend the loading of a car of mules for a party who was shipping them east.

If you are interested in buying good goods cheap see Ayers & Hance Co.'s Double Discount Sale from Oct. 30 to Nov. 13, 1909.

J. P. Howard went to Dallas Tuesday night, to be gone four or five days.

C. A. Rurhup returned Tuesday morning from a visit to the Dallas fair.

The Double Discount Sale at Ayers & Hance Co. will be the greatest money saving event of your life.

T. A. Porter, of Sylvester, spent several days here this week, the guest of relatives.

N. M. Bryson, familiarly known as "Alabam," and Mrs. Elizabeth E. Davenport were married Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. at the home of Mr. Petree, Justice of the Peace, J. W. Ingham officiating. This paper extends best wishes for their future happiness.

Wait for the Double Discount Sale, when your dollars will do wonders, commencing Oct. 30 at Ayers & Hance Co.

E. E. Stephens is building a neat five room cottage at the corner of Nolan and East Sixth streets. C. E. Talbot has the contract.

Last week J. A. Baggett bought the confectionery business of F. B. Blalock and will move it into the building now occupied by the Big Springs Land Co., and will enlarge the stock and put in up-to-date furnishings.

Grandpa Mauldin has returned from a visit to relatives in Stone-wall county.

\$1,000.00 accident policy for 31c. Ask McGowen Bros.

Mrs. Bruce Gaines, of Gomez, was a Big Springs visitor Saturday.

J. F. Coates, of Gail, was trading here Tuesday.

**STONE & CARPENTER**

**Dray and Transfer Men**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN  
**WOOD and COAL**

AGENTS FOR... **The Texas Co.'s Coal Oil**

Stove Gasoline and all kinds of Lubricating Oils. Try our Homelight Coal Oil and our Stove Gasoline, guaranteed to be the best. Ask for our oils and take no other. If your merchant don't handle it, see us. If you want Oil or Gasoline, Wood or Coal, come to see us. If you can't come send for it and you will always be treated fair

... TWENTY YEARS IN BIG SPRINGS ...

Remember us when you want wood or coal, or hauling of any kind done

Our Reference — ANYBODY



**Stock Condition**

is always best when they are fed on grain and feed from Morris. We sell only the best, and our customers know it is most economical to buy here, because of the returns they get in the condition of their stock. If you don't use our grain and feed now, a fair trial will convince you that it pays.

**C. F. MORRIS**  
 Phones 121-250



## FLOODS IN MEXICO SWEEP ENTIRE STATE

THOUSANDS HOMELESS AND  
PROPERTY LOSS REACHES  
MILLIONS.

### CLODBURST; HEAVY GALE

Thirty-Two Inches of Rain Falls in  
Three Weeks—Towns and Cities  
Washed Away.

City of Mexico, Oct. 27.—An estimated loss of 5,000,000 pesos, including crops of corn, beans and other grain, fruit and fine hardwoods, two lives known to be lost and many others, it is feared, sacrificed in the floods, hundreds of homes in country and town washed away and thousands of head of cattle drowned, are the known results of the disastrous cloudburst and storm that broke over the State of Tabasco yesterday, following twenty-one days of incessant rains all over this region.

### THIRTY-FOUR LIVES LOST.

Out of Forty On Board Only Six Were  
Saved.

Eastport, Maine: The North Atlantic's annual toll of lives and vessels received the first tithe of the winter season from its tributary, the Bay of Fundy Tuesday, in the destruction on a shoal inside of Old Proprietors Lodge, off Seal Cove, Grand Manan, of the Danaldson line steamer Restia, from Glasgow for St. Johns and Baltimore. Four of the victims, young Scotch laddies, were passengers on the ill-fated steamer, and the others were members of the crew. Capt. Newman and twenty or more members of the crew were last seen Tuesday morning in a ship's boat which was being tossed on the stormy sea. Of the forty persons who were aboard the steamer when she piled upon the shoal at 1 o'clock in the morning, only six are positively known to have been saved.

### STATE WINS BIG VICTORY.

Oil Concerns Ousted From State.  
Fined \$200,000.

Austin: The State won another complete victory in oil trust litigation Tuesday, when judgment was awarded in the case of the Security Oil Company et al., which will not be appealed, recovering penalties aggregating \$200,000, securing judgment for forfeiture of charters, appointment of a receiver and a permanent injunction restraining the company from doing business in this State. Judge Calhoun continued Guy S. Collett of Austin as receiver of the property of the Union Tank Line, and extended his jurisdiction to include the refineries of the Security Oil Company and the Navarro Refining Company at Beaumont and Corsicana, respectively.

### Prince Ito Assassinated.

Harbin: Prince Hirobumi Ito was assassinated at the Tsaitassan Railroad station here Tuesday, at the moment the Japanese diplomat was acknowledging the noisy welcome that had greeted him as he stepped down from the coach that he had occupied in the railroad train. Several pistol shots rang out and the Prince fell to the ground and died in twenty minutes.

### Want Higher Price for Cotton.

Brady: Notwithstanding the prices being paid for cotton, the farmers are not rushing it on the market. There seems to be a general feeling that it will continue to advance, and they are marketing very slowly.

### Five Children Burned to Death.

Lynchburg: Five children lost their lives early Tuesday in a fire, which destroyed the girls' college of the Presbyterian church orphanage here. The children were all on the second floor wing of the building, and were caught by the fire in a manner that made rescue impossible.

Gen. Oliver O. Howard Dead.  
Burlington, Vt.: Gen. Oliver O. Howard, last of the Union commanders of the Civil War, died at his home in this city Tuesday.

### To Pay Indian Claimants.

Washington: Half a million dollars in the Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian tribal funds is involved in a decision announced by the Controller of the Treasury, authorizing the disbursing officer to pay claimants entitled to receive the money on behalf of minors of deceased allottees.

### Vote Bonds at Dublin.

Dublin: The election held Tuesday to issue \$40,000 sewerage bonds carried by a good majority.

### \$12,000 Fire at Cookville.

Cookville, Texas: A fire occurred here Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock, burning one brick building, one iron building and one frame office building with other property valued at \$12,000.

### Founder of Bryson Dies.

Bryson: H. E. Bryson died Oct. 26, 1905, at 4 p. m. He was 70 years and 25 days old at the time of his death. The town of Bryson was named for him.

## NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

Large acreage of both wheat and oats are being put in since the fine rain which fell all over Brown county the first of the week.

The Quannah Butte Company announces that work is now complete on their new factory, and the same will be open for business within the next few weeks.

Friday was a big day at the Customhouse at Galveston when six vessels cleared for foreign ports with approximately 61,000 bales of cotton, valued at over \$4,400,000.

Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma Wednesday approved the Enid Charter giving commission form of government to that city.

The Bergman Produce Company of Fort Worth are going to put in a large produce house in Quannah, also a cold storage plant.

One of the hardest rains that section has had in over a year has been falling around Marshall since between 5 and 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Fifteen newly smuggled Chinamen were caught in a boxcar in the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio yards in El Paso Thursday night, and six were caught Friday.

The Controller, at Austin, Friday received tax rolls of Jasper County, showing a total valuation of \$8,165,625, a decrease of \$3,000 below last year's valuation, but \$63,885 above the estimate.

A movement is on foot to start a fund for the purpose of erecting a handsome new Y. M. C. A. building, in Paris, or to remodel the present building and put it in first-class condition.

Tuesday broke all records on this year's cotton market in Bowie, going to 14.10c, and up to date about 7,000 bales have been sold on the streets. L. D. Neyland, Sheriff for the Travis County Grand Jury, was Thursday killed when his horse threw him and stepped on him, crushing his ribs and injuring him otherwise internally.

Mule buyers paid \$600 a span for Cooke County mules in Gainesville last week. This is the highest the mule market has ever been in this county and will stimulate farmers to raise better stock in the future.

The cotton platform, together with ninety-five bales of cotton, burned in Holland Saturday. The ice and beer storage house adjoining belonging to the Anheuser-Busch Company was consumed.

The \$100,000 bonds issued for the North Park, Abilene, School Building have been returned from Austin, approved by the Attorney General's Department and the bonds will be placed on immediate sale.

A letter has been received by Vice President and General Manager F. G. Pettibone of the Santa Fe, at Galveston, from P. C. Jackson of Lometa, Texas, stating that there are oil wells at Lometa only 220 feet deep. The Santa Fe will look into the matter.

The two-story house of Florence Day, in Corsicana, burned Monday morning. Beattie Grigsby and Helen Miller, occupants of the house, were burned to death, and when taken from the ruins their bodies were unrecognizable.

Late Saturday the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddox of Caldwell accidentally got hold of some matches and ate them. She was soon very sick and died Sunday morning from the effects of the poison.

It is now evident that all previous records will be broken in the competition for the United States mail contract into Texas from 1910 to 1914. The Cotton Belt, Katy and Frisco will be the competing lines.

President Taft's campaign for reductions in Federal expenditures has not affected the general staff of the army much in preparing to submit a reorganization plan, which, if carried out, would greatly increase the expenses of that arm of the Government.

Rains in the last few days have fallen generally over Southern Oklahoma. Moisture was badly needed by farmers for fall wheat sowing.

Charles Schlatter, who claimed to be able to cure illness by divine power was found dead in a room, at a hotel Tuesday, in Hastings, Neb.

The City Commissioners of Ft. Worth received notice from Austin Thursday that the municipal bond issue of \$650,000 had been approved by the Attorney General.

News received late Thursday announced the death of W. R. Peters, one of the oldest citizens of the town of Benavides, in Duval County. He was killed by being run over by an engine.

Contract was let by the Aldermanic Board of Canyon City Wednesday for the construction of sewer and waterworks systems at a cost of \$25,000.

The Supreme Court refused a rehearing Wednesday in Dallas Consolidated Electric Street Railway Company vs. State of Texas, from Dallas County, thereby finally affirming its decision of last term, sustaining the validity of a double occupation tax on certain street railways.

The force of Government engineers surveying the Brazos River from Waco to the Gulf have reached a point a few miles northwest of Marlin. The start was made from Waco about three weeks ago. There are about a dozen men in the party, and they are taking and recording soundings of the river.

## THE-CAT OUT OF THE BAG.



Mrs. Bauer—Tell my son-in-law that I thank him for his invitation, but am unable to accept it.  
Servant—Good. He promised me half a dollar if you weren't able to come.

## CURED ITCHING HUMOR.

Big, Painful Swellings Broke and Did Not Heal—Suffered 3 Years.

Tortures Yield to Cuticura.

"Little black swellings were scattered over my face and neck and they would leave little black scars that would itch so I couldn't keep from scratching them. Larger swellings would appear and my clothes would stick to the sores. I went to a doctor, but the trouble only got worse. By this time it was all over my arms and the upper part of my body in swellings as large as a dollar. It was so painful that I could not bear to lie on my back. The second doctor stopped the swellings, but when they broke the places would not heal. I bought a set of the Cuticura Remedies and in less than a week some of the places were nearly well. I continued until I had used three sets, and now I am sound and well. The disease lasted three years. O. L. Wilson, Puryear, Tenn., Feb. 8, 1908."

Puter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

### Their Advantages.

"So you have made up your mind to be a specialist. What line are you going to take up?"

"I don't know. I have been considering various advantages in different branches. A chiropractor can generally get a foothold, no matter how bad business is; a manicurist has usually something on hand; a beauty doctor can usually play a skin game and an eye and ear doctor can often get a hearing when there is anything in sight. I haven't dwelt on the possibilities of throat specialists and dentists or hair experts, because the two former always look down in the mouth and the latter may get but a bald living or be expected to dye for his patients."—Baltimore American.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### Like the Rest of Us.

"Please, mumsy, just five cents," begged Johnnie.  
"But, Johnnie, it was only this morning that I gave you five cents."  
"I know, mumsy, but"—putting his arms around her neck—"I'm so hard on money."—Everybody's Magazine.

Rough on Hats, unbeatable exterminator  
Rough on Hen Lice, Nest Powder, 25c.  
Rough on Bedbugs, Powder or Liq'd, 25c.  
Rough on Fleas, Powder or Liq'd, 24c.  
Rough on Roaches, Pow'd, 15c., Liq'd, 25c.  
Rough on Moth and Ants, Powder, 25c.  
Rough on Skunk, agreeable to use, 25c.  
E. S. Wells, Chemist, Jersey City, N. J.

### Reducing.

Miss Elder—Dick says that this rose in my hair makes me look ten years younger.  
Miss Younger—Gee! Why don't you get a couple more?

Ladies Can Wear Shoes  
One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder. It makes tight or new shoes easy. Cures swollen, hot, aching, itching feet, ingrowing nails. Always use it to break in new shoes. At all Druggists, 5c. Don't accept any substitute. Trial package FREE by mail. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Lowell, N.Y.

Nature helps every man to become that which he desires to become. If he put forth no effort Nature assumes he wishes to be a nobody, and grants his prayer.—Elbert Hubbard.

The nearest approach some fellows make to getting a job is to go around with a snow shovel in summer and a lawn mower in winter.

Stop guessing! Try the best and most certain remedy for all painful ailments—Hamlin Wizard Oil. The way it relieves all soreness from sprains, cuts, wounds, burns, scalds, etc., is wonderful!

It seems strange to the masculine intelligence that many a woman who is afraid of a mouse isn't a bit afraid of her husband.

The proprietor of Wrigley's Spearmint chewed it in preference to all his other brands before he advertised it.

Don't think that because a man is willing to lend you a helping hand he'll stand for a touch.

SPRAINS AND BRUISES disappear like magic under the healing touch of Perry Davis' Painkiller. During this hot weather no household should be without it. In 5c. size, 50c. size.

The man who has been down can appreciate being up in the world.

## Try This In November.

Thousands upon thousands of families who have not been regular eaters of Quaker Scotch Oats will begin in the first of November and eat Quaker Scotch Oats once or twice every day for thirty days of this month; the result in food health and more strength and vigor will mean that every other month in the year will find them doing the same thing.

Try it! Serve Quaker Scotch Oats plentifully and frequently for the thirty days of November and leave off a corresponding amount of meat and greasy foods. You'll get more health, more vigor and strength than you ever got in thirty days of any other kind of eating.

While you are trying this see that the children get a full share. They will show the benefits even more quickly and surely than the adults. Quaker Scotch Oats is packed in regular size, large size family packages and hermetically sealed tins.

## Never Opened His Mouth.

"Not infrequent rays of unconscious humor illumine the otherwise impossible stories that come to my desk from amateurs," says a reader for one of the magazines. Recently I chanced upon this choice bit:

"John, the husband, and Grace, the wife, ate on together in silence. There was indubitably an ill feeling between them. The husband devoured a plate of soup, half a fish, an entree or two, a piece of roast beef, together with a sweet, without ever once opening his mouth."

The U. S. Government has bought 25 Gross (3,000 boxes) of Rough on Hats to send to the Panama Canal Zone, because it does the work. The old reliable that never fails. The unbeatable exterminator. 15c, 25c, 75c.

When a man says he is willing to change his opinion if you can convince him that he is wrong it's a sign you'll never be able to convince him.

## For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine.

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

Don't place too much confidence in appearances. The fellow who is up with the lark may have kept the lark up all night.

## Pettit's Eye Salve Restores.

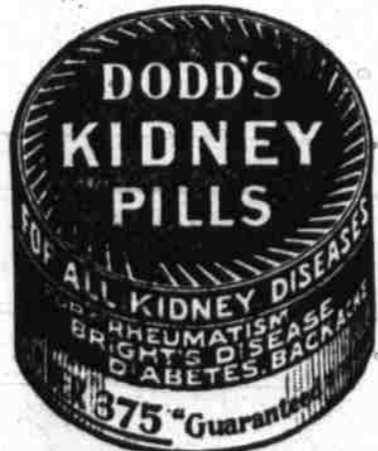
No matter how badly the eyes may be diseased or injured. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

Even the old maid has something to be thankful for. She doesn't have to worry about where her husband is at night.

Don't believe a word when they try to sell you imitations of Wrigley's Spearmint.

Ever hear of a man getting rich by following the advice given in books on the subject?

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures colic. 25c a bottle. Boarding house coffee is one of the things that are well roasted.



## SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Biliousness. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Headaches, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature. REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.



Only a disinterested third party is able to realize that there are two sides to a question.

Wrigley's Spearmint soothes better than a cigar—costs less than a cigar.

A man isn't necessarily hot-headed because he wears a stove-pipe hat.

Constipation causes many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One a laxative, three for cathartic.

If we all had our own way other people would quickly get out of it.

Lewis' Single Binder cigar. Original in Tin Foil Smoker Package. Take no substitute.

When duty calls on a man he is apt to be out.

## CALLED TO TIME.



"Ain't she all right, Maria?"  
"You might say something nice to me, once in a while, Bob."

Silk Stockings Indispensable. Susan B. Anthony was a woman of simple taste in dress, but her close friends knew of one pretty feminine vanity she always held to. She had a weakness for silk stockings. Being pressed on one occasion for an explanation of what most women at the time regarded as an unnecessary extravagance, she laughingly exclaimed: "Oh, I just love 'em. They are an inspiration. If I have my silk stockings on when I rise to make an address, I feel just like I am walking among the clouds. They help me to soar away on flights of eloquence. I wouldn't be without them."

In Confidence. "Do your cows give much milk?" queried the fair summer boarder. "Do they?" echoed the old farmer. "Say, jist atween yew an' me, they diloot th' well water we sell tew th' campers with it."—Chicago Daily News.

Don't think Wrigley's Spearmint only whitens the teeth. It helps digestion and perfumes the breath. The rule of three is fully recognized by the man who lives with his mother-in-law, his wife and his first baby.

Lewis' Single Binder straight five cigar is made to satisfy the smoker.

Great men do not drop out of the sky in evening dress.

## Peruna Secrets You Should Know



Golden Seal, the root of the above plant, is a very useful medicine. Many people gather it in our rich woodlands during the summer. Few people know how valuable it is in dyspepsia, catarrh, and as a general tonic. Many thousand pounds of this root are used each year in the famous catarrh remedy, Peruna. This fact explains why everybody uses Peruna for catarrh.

## Sickly Smile

Wipe it off your otherwise good looking face—put on that good health smile that CAS-CARETS will give you—as a result from the cure of Constipation—or a torpid liver. It's so easy—do it—you'll see.

CASCARETS are a box for a week's treatment, all druggists. Biggest seller in the world. Million boxes a month.

The Modern Razor  
NO STROPPING NO HONING  
Gillette  
KNOWN THE WORLD OVER

W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 44-1908.

## Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription

It is the best of all medicines for the cure of diseases, disorders and weaknesses peculiar to women. It is the only preparation of its kind devised by a regularly graduated physician—an experienced and skilled specialist in the diseases of women.

It is a safe medicine in any condition of the system. THE ONE REMEDY which contains no alcohol and no injurious habit-forming drugs and which creates no craving for such stimulants.

THE ONE REMEDY so good that its makers are not afraid to print its every ingredient on each outside bottle-wrapper and attest to the truthfulness of the same under oath.

It is sold by medicine dealers everywhere, and any dealer who hasn't it can get it. Don't take a substitute of unknown composition for this medicine of known composition. No counterfeits as good as the genuine and the druggist who says something else is "just as good as Dr. Pierce's" is either mistaken or is trying to deceive you for his own selfish benefit. Such a man is not to be trusted. He is trifling with your most priceless possession—your health—may be your life itself. See that you get what you ask for.



## You Are Not Lazy Just Bilious ---LIVER OUT OF ORDER

If the liver is kept in good condition, the secretions so essential to digestion are furnished pure and in the proper quantity, the food is digested and the blood enriched.

## Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup

Is honestly made, contains the ingredients accurately and scientifically combined for the cure of liver, kidney and blood diseases. Don't take our word for this, however. Read the formula below, which we guarantee true under the provisions of the Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 905.

The Formula for Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup: Mandrake (or Mayapple), Yellow Dock, Dandelion, Hydrangea (Seven Bark), Sarsaparilla, Gentian, Buchu, Nettle, Cascara Sagrada. An analysis of this formula will tell you WHY IT CURES.

A FEW WORDS OF PRAISE

"It is a wonderful tonic to the whole nervous system. Its effect upon the liver is remarkable."  
"I have taken six bottles in succession, and I feel today as well as I ever did."  
"For twenty-five years I have lived in constant torture from rheumatism. One dozen bottles of Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup cured me."  
All dealers sell 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Send for Dr. Thacher's Health Book. THACHER MEDICINE CO., CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

## RESINOL

Is the best remedy for stubborn skin and scalp troubles, burrs, stings, bruises, boils, and all eruptions. It soothes pain, stops itching and is a certain cure for itching piles. 50 cents a jar, all druggists or sent direct on receipt of price.

RESINOL CHEMICAL COMPANY, BALTIMORE, MD.

"I consider RESINOL OINTMENT indispensable. I have never used anything that gave me so much comfort."  
W. C. Starbuck, Jamaica Plains, Mass.

## A CERTAIN CURE FOR SORE, WEAK & INFLAMED EYES.

MITCHELL'S SALVE  
MAKES THE USE OF DRUGS UNNECESSARY. Price, 25 Cents Druggists.

# You Look Prematurely Old

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

Nature's Gift from the Sunny South

## Lard Is An Animal Product Cottolene Is a Vegetable Product

Many people believe with Moses, the great law-giver, that the source of lard is unclean. The source of *Cottolene* is absolutely clean and wholesome, and the product is as healthful as olive oil.

*Cottolene* comes from the cotton fields of the Sunny South; it is a product of Nature, refined by our exclusive process. The ancestry of lard is not so clean or inviting. Lard never has been, never can be, anything more or less than unwholesome hog fat.

*Cottolene* makes food that any stomach can digest, while lard is the cause of nine-tenths of all indigestion.

*Cottolene* is the best frying and shortening medium made to-day. Wherever exhibited in competition with any and all other cooking fats, it has always been granted Highest Awards.

**COTTOLENE is Guaranteed** Your grocer is hereby authorized to refund your money in case you are not pleased, after having given *Cottolene* a fair test.

**Never Sold in Bulk** *Cottolene* is packed in pails with an air-tight top to keep it clean, fresh and wholesome, and prevent it from catching dust and absorbing disagreeable odors, such as fish, oil, etc.

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Hoarseness in a child subject to croup is a sure indication of the approach of the disease. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given at once or even after the croupy cough has appeared, it will prevent the attack. Contains no poison. Sold by all druggists.

### The Small Farm

The farm is gaining in all sections of the South and Southwest and the most reliable class of farmers to-day are those who take a few acres and make the most of it possible on them. In the Southwest the big ranches are being cut up into quarter-section farms and in many localities the farms are being divided into smaller intensive cultivation, or what may be better styled constructive farming, is becoming the dominant note of our agriculture. —Farm and Ranch.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has become famous for its cures of coughs, colds, croup and influenza. Try it when in need. It contains no harmful substance and always gives prompt relief. Sold by all druggists.

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

The pleasant purgative effect experienced by all who use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and the healthy condition of the body and mind which they create, makes one feel joyful. Sold by all druggists.

With an apple famine pending, it looks as though very many of the 200,000,000 apple trees of the country had taken a year off. Instead of one of us getting the three barrels supposed to be the individual's share, lots of watering mouths may plead in vein for "the core."

## Land For Sale

320 acres 9 miles northwest of town, 100 acres in cultivation, 140 acres grubbed ready for plow, 2 sets of improvements, price \$20 per acre bonus, \$1.00 due state, one-fourth cash, balance in five annual payments.

4-room house in Fairview Heights, lot 75x140, good storm house, underground cistern, out-houses, nice fruit and shade trees. Will be sold at bargain if taken at once.

320 acres in Martin county in shallow water district, will sell or trade for unincumbered residence property in Big Springs.

160 acres of smooth red sandy loam, 9 miles northwest of Big Springs, convenient to school, no improvements. Price \$12.50 per acre, will trade for unincumbered Big Springs property.

320 acres 10 miles south of town, 40 acres grubbed and broke, price \$10.00 per acre, \$1,500 cash, balance easy payments. For further particulars, see

Three room house, lot 75x140 feet in Hair's addition. Price \$850.

**W. V. Ervin**

The artesian well is now about 2,300 feet deep and Mr. Cole proposes to go to 2,600 or 3,000 feet provided the people will furnish fuel and the city and county pay what they subscribed. Big Springs certainly cannot afford to let the work stop where it is now after spending so much money in putting the well down to its present depth.

### KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL.

Health is Worth Saving, and Some Big Springs People Know to Save It.

Many Big Springs people take their lives in their hands by neglecting their kidneys when they know these organs need help. Sick kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health, but there is no need to suffer nor to remain in danger when all diseases and aches and pains due to weak kidneys can be quickly and permanently cured by the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. Here is a Big Springs citizen's recommendation:

S. P. Dailey, Big Springs, Texas, says: "About two years ago the contents of two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills relieved me of a severe case of rheumatism. Last winter when I began to suffer from attacks of backache and a dull soreness across my kidneys, I at once thought of Doan's Kidney Pills and procured a supply at J. L. Ward's Drug Store. After using them a short time the pain in my back disappeared and has not returned since. I have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to several of my neighbors and shall continue to do so."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cts. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agent for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

### Will Hold Bazaar.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a bazaar the latter part of November, and will have fancy work and many other things suitable for Christmas presents.

### The Shingle Dance.

(By T. P. Melugin.)

When I'd see my mother from I'd feel there was something brewing. And when she would the shingle seize, I'd know there was "something doing." She'd take me gently by the arms, Play a tune upon my pants; While I'd cut that little jig known as the "shingle dance." That shingle dance, that shingle dance, Oh! I remember well, For I've been made to knock it More times than I can tell. And when I think of childhood days, Sailor collars and knee-pants, Sadly to my memory rushes The thought of the shingle dance. Although I was a youngster then, It seems but yesterday, Methinks I still could knock it If the tune, she'd only play.

Reports from different parts of West Texas say that dry farming has been a success this year. If more farmers would adopt this method of dry farming the whole country would be benefitted by it.

### Letter to S. H. Morrison.

Big Springs, Texas.  
Dear Sir: Here's a mail-order paint—there are several such—45 per cent of its solid part is barytes and whiting, and 35 per cent of its oil is benzine and water; the rest is zinc, lead and oil. Barytes, whiting, benzine and water have nothing to do with paint, except to make more paint for victims to buy at \$5 a gallon put-on.

\$5 a gallon put-on will buy the best paint there is in the world: here's a paint, about half neither pigment nor oil, imposed on the unsuspecting.

What is the remedy? What is the victim do? Do you favor a pure paint law in your state?

North Dakota has lately passed such a law; it is worth, we presume, \$5 a year to the average man. What is wanted, of course, is paint of such strength that 10 gallons will do a 10 gallon job and wear a long time. Devise it that paint. Should counterfeits be put down by law?

Yours truly,  
F. W. DEVOE & CO.  
P. S. Biles & Gentry, sell our paint.

### Snap Shots

There are always a good many people who keep the community busy wondering how they live so well.

The best way manage a wife is to keep yourself always her lover.

The best biography—the life that writes charity in the largest letters.

Children need love, tenderness and sympathy as much as flowers need air and sunshine.

A happy family is but an earlier heaven.

There was never a woman but was aching to tell some other woman how to do up her hair.

The reason why women do not propose is supposed to be due to the fact that they want to have their last word.

It is worth a thousand dollars a year to have the habit of looking on the bright side of things.

To bring that pleasure and contentment we can bring into every life is the best way to fill our own with beauty.

To make home happy is an art—an art a good many people have either lost or never found.

## GARY & BURNS CO.

IT'S NOT GOOD, WE'LL MAKE IT GOOD

IF IT'S NOT GOOD WE'LL MAKE IT GOOD

Do you know that these eight words are your protection in trading with us. We have lived up to this policy since we started in business and find that it has made for us many friends and customers. We believe you prefer to deal with a house that will make good any just complaint. It's human nature. We will be glad to have you remember us the next time you are in need of anything in our lines.

GROCERIES DRY GOODS

### GRAIN

Your orders will have prompt and careful attention, and you get first quality goods at reasonable prices.

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**\$100** will make you a bookkeeper or stenographer. It pays board, tuition and stationery. Positions Secured.

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AT HALF PRICE

A \$100 scholarship to be given away. Greatest offer ever made by a Business College. Saves you from \$50 to \$100 on a complete course. Fall term opens Sept. 14.

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For Sale—One spring wagon, will be sold cheap. Also one 22-caliber rifle good as new. Apply at this office.

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320 acres of land 10 miles south of town, 50 acres in cultivation well improved. Price \$10 per acre. For further information apply at this office.

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