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PANHANDLE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Elect Officers and Pass Resolutions at Recent Meeting Held at Canyon.

At the recent meeting of the Panhandle Teachers' Association held at Canyon the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: C. A. Gilley, Superintendent at Canadian, President; D. A. DeFoe, Superintendent, at Channing, Vice-President; Miss Annie McDonald, Amarillo, Secretary.

The following resolutions offered by the committee on resolutions were adopted by the association:

To the Panhandle Teachers' Association:

We your committee appointed to draft the usual resolutions of meetings of this kind beg leave to make the following report, recommending the adoption of these resolutions:

1. Whereas, The citizens of the state of Texas are to vote this year upon the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 30, providing an amendment to the state constitution authorized that school tax limit be revised from fifty cents to one dollar, and

Whereas, We believe that the adoption of this amendment means the rapid development of Texas schools, therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Panhandle Teachers' Association give the amendment their support by actively agitating the public mind in their communities in its favor.

2. Whereas, The Panhandle Teachers' Association has been honored in a unique manner this year by having with it President C. E. Evans of the San Marcos Normal College and Mr. W. King of the State Department of Education; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to these distinguished gentlemen our thanks for their interest in our meetings and for their delightful and instructive speeches during our sessions.

3. Whereas, The citizens of Canyon have given us evidence of their appreciation of our convention in this city and have extended to us their well-known hospitality; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to them our sincere thanks for their hospitality and interest in our meetings.

4. Whereas, The faculty of the West Texas State Normal School and the members of the Glee Clubs among the student body, have contributed to our pleasure by their speeches and their songs, and have particularly arranged for our entertainment of formal reception and a recital of the Lorelei; therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our love for the Normal, and our interest in its great future, and extend to those who have actively labored for our pleasure our thanks for their service.

5. Whereas, The railroads of the Panhandle have this year, as heretofore, given us convention rates to our annual meeting; therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our thanks to the Panhandle railroads for their unfailing courtesy to the teachers of his district.

6. Be it further resolved, That our incoming officers make the necessary arrangements to have these resolutions sent to the daily and weekly newspapers of this district and to the Dallas News.

COMMITTEE.

Bryan Will Buy Panhandle Farm.

William Jennings Bryan arrived in Amarillo on the Rock Island this morning from El Reno, Oklahoma, leaving about ten o'clock for Plainview with the intention of buying irrigated land near there.

Bryan was greatly impressed with the beauty of the Panhandle, her resources, and undeveloped wealth. He states that the country has an unparalleled future. Rapid expansion and growth are bound to come, because all the requisites are here and the people are of the quality that mean only progress.

Goes to Austin.

Miss Pauline Hudson accompanied by Miss Juanita Kinsey left this week for Austin where she will represent the Panhandle in declamation in the interscholastic contest. Miss Hudson won this distinction at the recent Panhandle meeting held at Amarillo and her friends and admirers have no doubt that she will make a good showing in the State contest.

LOTT CASE ON AT AMARILLO

Clarendon Man Accused of the Murder of Memphis Girl is Being Tried at Amarillo.

H. Lott, who was indicted last fall following the death of Lottie Seaff, was arraigned for trial in the district court at Amarillo Monday. A report issued last night says:

Eleven men have been accepted for the jury in the Lott murder case. Six noon, four yesterday afternoon and two this morning. A. Eberstadt, who was placed on the jury yesterday was excused this morning on account of sickness. 25 were subpoenaed this morning, more will probably be taken this afternoon, from which to draw the last juror.

The jury will, in all probability, be completed this afternoon, and the case ready for hearing.

A Miserable Fiasco.

Sir Roger Casement is confined in the London tower awaiting trial for high treason to the crown. Conviction is certain. He played and lost. If he wishes to be a martyr he should not permit his friends to intercede in his behalf. If he is sane he organized a conspiracy for the uprising of the Sinn Feiners with his eyes open. His judgment was faulty, very faulty. If he is insane, then the headsman of Great Britain has no terror for him. An Irishman has plenty of justification for being a rebel against Great Britain and the crown. He can hardly find justification for being a fool. There was an uprising and less than 10,000 men constituted the army of revolt. There was a proclamation of liberty and then a massacre of unfortunates. It is the old story of liberty lovers and their hopes and aspirations. They struck blindly and at the wrong time. Now the leaders must pay the penalty. Justice will not be tempered with mercy. It never is when the British government deals with an Irish rebel.—Fort Worth Record.

The L. D. Y. P. Entertains.

Circle No. 1 of the "Little Delaney" Young People entertained the society, Friday evening, April 21, 1916, at the home of Mrs. J. J. Mickle. An interesting and inspiring program was rendered with Cordie Finger as leader. After the reading of the Scripture lesson Ira Hammond gave a paper on the "History of the Young People's Missionary Society in Memphis," which gave each girl a clearer insight into the motives of such a body of girls in trying to work harmoniously and profitably together. A beautiful discussion of Christian Stewardship given by Marie Cole, who pointed out to us, anew, the three essential things which a steward owes to God—time, self, and money. Mrs. Delaney then read in her own attractive way two leaflets on how we can be foreign missionaries in our own home and land. Every girl was touched by the true beauty of the stories so earnestly recited.

After enjoying some musical numbers and a social time we were served with a salad course, which each guest did ample justice to and especially helped to feel the pleasure of the evening and of the privilege of having so many of our older members with us, the young ladies who work, and are prevented from attending our weekly meetings. We lingered as long as the hour would let us but finally said good-night, to our most hospitable hostess.

Publicity Superintendent.

At the Christian Church.

Don't forget that we want you at our services. Bible School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. We are 17 points ahead of Wellington so far. What will it be after Sunday?
SAMUEL H. AUSTIN.

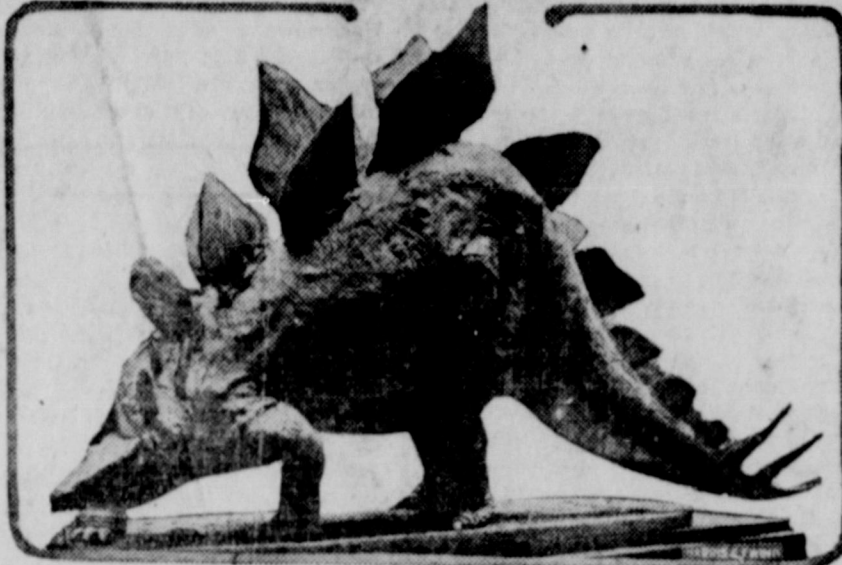
Crowd Hears Bryan.

A considerable crowd from Memphis went down to Childress in autos Saturday night to hear William J. Bryan.

The roads were litterally covered with cars from here to Childress we are informed many farmers west and east of Memphis and some from above Clarendon being in the crowd.

Those who heard him say that Mr. Bryan has lost none of his force or grace as an orator and that his speech was a powerful argument against preparation for war.

"HORRIBLE EXAMPLE" OF PREPAREDNESS



Here's the original dinosaur, "all armor plate; no brains," which has been copied by the antipreparedness committee for use in a campaign to block the proposed army and navy increase bills. The model shown here is in the Smithsonian institution. It is 11 feet high and more than 20 feet long, while Compton's copy is 15 feet long for transport on a motor truck through New York, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

MEMPHIS HIGH SCHOOL ENTERS FIRST CLASS

Granted Additional Units, Giving This School Affiliation With All Southern Colleges.

Superintendent Rogers has received a statement from the State University informing him that the Memphis High School has been granted three additional units for work accomplished. This gives the school a total of fifteen units, more than is needed for full affiliation with the university and putting it in the first class among Texas high schools, with one more unit than most affiliated schools are credited with.

This gives graduates of this school the privilege of entering, not only the State University, but any of the associated colleges and universities of the south, without examination, including the colleges of Texas, Colorado, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and several other states.

This is indeed a fine showing for the Memphis schools and justifies a feeling of pride and an additional interest in the schools by Memphis people. A superior school is the greatest asset any town can possess.

ROLLINS WILL HEAD SCHOOL

Memphis School Board Makes Selection from Sixty Applicants for Superintendency.

At a meeting of the Memphis school board held Saturday afternoon Prof. O. B. Rollins, of Anson, was selected as superintendent of the Memphis schools for the coming year.

The board had for consideration sixty applications from prominent educators in, and outside of Texas. The fact that Prof. Rollins secured the place is, of course, proof that he was able to produce evidence of unusual ability and past success.

Prof. Rollins is quite a young man, thirty-one, but has had abundant experience having begun to teach in 1902. He has held numerous responsible positions as a teacher and as an executive and has received special training at the John Tarleton college, Baylor University and other well-known institutions.

Jessie Fore Dead.

Mayor W. M. Fore was called to Graham Monday by a message telling of the death of his brother, Jesse Fore.

Jessie Fore was formerly a resident of Memphis, was in business here with W. M., the firm operating under the name of Fore Bros. He will be remembered and his death deplored by many of the older citizens.

L. McMillan for Sheriff.

We call attention to the announcement, printed in another column, of L. McMillan for Sheriff and Tax-Collector. For the information of those who are not acquainted with Mr. McMillan we will state that he has been engaged in business here for the past nine years. He is regarded a successful business man and stands well both in a business way and as a citizen.

DATES ARE MIXED FOR FARMERS' CONGRESS MEET

Will be Held During Short Course Week, Beginning July 24. First General Session to be July 26

The annual Farmers' Congress at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station, will be held during the Farmers' Short Course Week, beginning July 24. It was decided at a meeting of the program committee in Dallas yesterday.

The first general session of the Farmers' Congress will meet on the evening of July 26. The session will continue through Thursday and Friday. On Thursday morning the sectional meetings will be in session, during which time representatives from the short course classes will be on the program. In the afternoon these sectional meetings will adjourn and the farmers will attend the demonstrations in dairying, animal husbandry, horticulture, agriculture etc.

Miss Zelma Hamilton, who has spent sometime here visiting her brother, County Attorney Sam J. Hamilton, returned to her home at Dublin this week.

SHIPMENT OF HOGS HEAVY

Six Car-Loads of Hogs Shipped from Here Monday. Shipments Have Averaged Two Cars Week.

Six car-loads, over 500 hogs, were shipped to market from Memphis last Monday. It is estimated that the shipments from here since January have averaged more than two cars a week. One firm, the Huchton Meat company, have shipped one car a week for several months.

The growth of the hog business has been recognized by the railroad company and new and large sheds and improved loading facilities have recently been provided. The hog industry is rapidly becoming one of the most important sources of revenue to Hall county farmers, and similar conditions are true throughout this section.

Trueblood-Bradford.

George Trueblood and Miss Lucy Bradford were married Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents in this city, and left on the 7:40 train for Amarillo to visit the bride's sister, Mrs. Norton Headrick.

The bride is the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bradford and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Trueblood. Both families are prominent and both of the young people are well-known and popular and have many friends whom we join in wishing for them a long and happy married life.

At the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Will T. Swaim will be in his pulpit at both services Sunday. The subject of the morning sermon will be "The Preciousness of Christ," and at night (8:15) the subject will be "Light in Darkness."

EUROPE'S WAR EXPENSE HEAVY

March Leads First Twenty Months With Purchases Amounting to Over \$50,000,000.

Washington, May 1.—Europe's purchases of war materials in the United States totaled \$340,000,000 at the end of the first twenty months of war. Figures assembled today in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce show the heaviest month was March last, when more than \$50,000,000 worth of munitions left American ports. April totals have not been compiled.

Shipments of high explosive shells and shrapnel are crossing the Atlantic now at the rate of \$1,000,000 worth daily and vessels are carrying \$500,000 worth of powder a day. Firearms and cartridges valued at more than 50,000,000 went to Europe during March.

The Way it Works.

Senator Sheppard has made a discovery. The United States is menaced by a rapidly increasing aristocracy of land owners. Senator Sheppard has a relief plan. He proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize congress to purchase land anywhere in the country to subdivide.

Fifty years ago the government owned an empire of fertile lands. Lawmakers of the nation, servants of the people and guardians of their rights voted away this land for a song. Now an American senator proposes the congress shall purchase land for the people and sell it to them in small tracts on long time payments.

Servants of the people and guardians of the rights of the people today are willing to legislate away for a song the water power of the country. Fifty years later an American senator or representative will introduce an amendment to the constitution authorizing congress to repurchase the water power of the United States for the benefit of the people. American lawmakers are the wisest men in the world today. If you do not believe it, ask them.—Fort Worth Record.

To Audit Childress County Books.

Judge Freeman called last Thursday and informed this paper that the commissioners' court had ordered that the books of Childress county be audited. The audit will go back eight years, through the administrations of all present county officials, except one or two pre-act officers.

Tom C. Delaney of Memphis, will probably be employed to audit the books. Mr. Delaney is an expert book keeper and an experienced auditor. He has audited the Hall county books. Mr. Delaney will have assistance.

The action of the court in ordering an audit is a commendable one. The state law provides that the district court appoint auditors each year but the law has never been enforced in Childress county. The cost for the first audit will perhaps not exceed \$500 and if the audit is made semi-annually or annually in the future the cost will be very light.

The taxpayers have the right to know the condition of our county affairs and every county should have its books audited regularly.—Childress Index.

Free Reading Matter for Texas Farmers.

There are some of the late Bulletins and Circulars issued by the Extension Service of the A. & M. College of Texas, copies of which may be obtained by writing to Clarence Ousley, Director, College Station, Texas:

- No. B21—Turkey Raising in Texas.
- No. B22—Extension Work in Home Economics for Rural Women.
- No. B23—Top Working Pecan Trees.
- No. 116—Plant Lice and Cabbage Bugs.
- No. 118—Underground Silos.
- No. 119—How to Dry Green Corn for Winter Use.
- No. 120—Watermelon Diseases.
- No. 121—Thinning Fruit and Peach and Apple Trees.
- No. 122—Eradication of Johnson Grass.
- No. 123—Soy Beans as a Feed and Forage Crop in Texas.
- No. 126—Prevention and Treatment of White Diarrhoea in Chickens.
- No. 127—Prevention and Treatment of Worms in Hogs.

CLARENCE OUSLEY, Director of Extension A. & M. College, Texas.

QUANAH NEGROES CAUSING MUCH SERIOUS TROUBLE

Gang of Men and Boys Starting Ranning Negroes Out of Town.

Last Sunday evening S. O. Burch, a young country boy, sitting on a street corner, happened to spit upon a negro woman passing by. Burch says the wind was responsible, and being an inoffensive kind of young fellow his statement is generally believed.

The wench, however, did not look upon it as an accident but attacked him with a knife, cutting him deeply in the back. He was taken to the sanitarium, and is doing very well at present. The woman was lodged in jail, and charged of assault with attempt to murder, lodged against her.

Unfortunately this was not all, and the matter was far from having ended. Groups of men congregated, and all they needed that night was a leader to "wreak summary justice"—not upon the murderous negroes but upon her whole tribe, whether they had anything to do with the affair or not.

Knowing what was coming a number of darkies left that night for more congenial climes.

Most of them could be spared very well! Worthless negroes of both sexes have been congregating here in large numbers; some were getting impudent, and ought to have been picked up as vagrants.

Negroes are not popular in this western country where many people are found who immigrated here to get away from the negro question in the black belt, and for years the number of blacks has been limited to a few; many communities not even permitted a negro to remain over night.

This has been changing gradually, and of late years the larger towns have experienced considerable growth of their negro settlements. Though unwelcome visitors to the majority of the whites, they have been suffered to remain as long as they behaved themselves, and were seldom molested—even by irresponsible white men or reckless boys.

Monday night, however, some fifty men and boys made the rounds of the negro cabins, perferably those of the well-behaved ones, and indulged a good deal of shooting. There was nobody to interfere, and they grew bolder. At the compass, where a number of hardworking negroes are employed, they threw a gun down on the watchman, and several shots were fired into a negro house, which was fortunately unoccupied. At another place the door was kicked down, and the inmates threatened, and one darkey sent down the railroad track.

The next morning there was a great deal of excitement among the blacks, and numbers of them began to leave. Employers of negro labor came together, and a telegram was sent to Dallas asking the federal authorities to step in, and send an officer up here to stop further lawlessness. As the ringleaders are well known, a compulsory trip to Dallas may be in order for several.—Quanah Tribune-Chief.

A. C. Hoffman for Justice.

In another column of this issue will be found the announcement of A. C. Hoffman as a candidate for the nomination for the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic primary election in July.

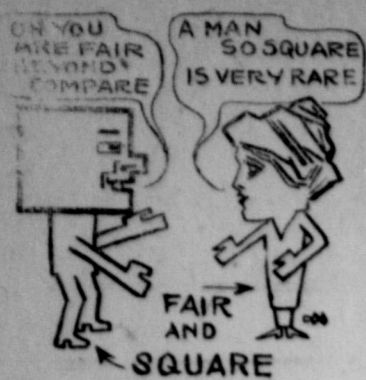
Mr. Hoffman has been a resident of the precinct and Memphis for the past three years. He is in every way qualified to fill the place acceptably and respectfully asks the consideration of the voters of this precinct.

Shake Hands With Bryan.

A big crowd was at the depot Saturday morning when the southbound train, bearing William Jennings Bryan came in. Mr. Bryan got off and shook hands with perhaps a hundred admirers.

Will Entertain Old Soldiers.

The ladies of the local organization of the U. D. C. will entertain the members of the U. C. V. camp with a dinner, served on the court house lawn, on June 3.



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ed, Also Figured and Plain Ma-
terials—Novel Hand-Paint-
ed Neckwear.

New York, May 1, 1918

Perhaps the most noticeable thing about the summer styles is their decided youthfulness; this is both in line and coloring. The straight lined frocks and suits of serge, gabardine, taffeta and faille, lend grace and youth to all types of figure. For instance, a yoked, pleated frock of dark blue serge trimmed with black taffeta may be worn by the large woman or the small one with equally good results. One particularly good model worn by a large woman, at an exhibition recently, was made with a deep shoulder-yoke of black taffeta, the serge laid in deep, flat pleats, hanging straight from the yoke. A girdle consisting of two narrow stitched straps of the black silk, came well down over the hips, giving a long, slender appearance to a rather heavy figure. A pretty adaptation of the same style of dress is illustrated here in serge for the slender, younger woman.



Blue Serge Frock.

Satin is effective with serge; and of course the combination of navy blue serge and black satin is quite as popular this season again as it has been for several seasons past. One sees many smart serge frocks with sleeveless coats of black satin, half skirts of satin, sleeves of satin, and the various other notions favored for the modish combining of two or more contrasting materials. Scarcely a frock appears these days made strictly of one material. It is a fad which makes for economy and becomingness.

Hand Painting on Sport Costumes
The sport costume is another youthful notion. It imparts a delightful feeling of freedom, both of movement and spirit. There is something very becoming and exhilarating about the combinations of vivid colorings in the wide striped, checked, and printed novelty fabrics now being used in skirts and suits. The middy-blouse costume is popular with all; one of the new materials being used for middys is an adaptation of the old-fashioned jean. This material wears quite as well as its old-time blue predecessor, is reasonably priced, and a most satisfactory material generally for middy blouse and accompanying skirt. An effective combination for a middy costume is one of the bright awning

striped linens or ducks, with blouse of plain white, collared and cuffed in the stripes. One of New York's smart shops is showing a middy blouse which flares smartly over the hips; the idea is novel and attractive in its up-to-datedness, quite in accordance with the season's silhouette.

The hand-painted or stenciled hat has been a fad for some time, its vivid parrots, chameleons, conventionalized flowers and fruits, harmonizing and blending in charmingly with the sport-suit or frock. While many of us have misgivings as to the durability of the colors when the sun takes a hand, and beats down mercilessly on their gorgeous tones, still the idea is most attractive and becoming, and so easily carried out, that even if the colors do fade they may be quickly and readily restored; therefore, we may go a step farther and have hand-painted neckwear to match hat, or complete the suit. Georgette crepe is usually the material chosen for these collars and ties, with now and then one of Chinese crepe or a loosely woven linen. The motifs range in coloring from pale, softly tinted blossoms to gaily plumaged birds, and vividly colored flowers and fruits of tropical origin. The notion is not confined to sport suits by any means; many a simple little serge frock has been given its note of chic by the addition of one of these collars or ties. In hats, too, the idea is toned down and made effective use of in tailored millinery.

There are hand-painted belts of suede and antelope-skin being shown, offering another effective way of introducing a bit of color in a dark linen or serge costume. Some of the most effective ones shown this year are of suede, in the favored soft blues, greens, and lavenders, either stenciled with flowers, or finished with beaded motifs and ornaments. One important novelty has a bead flower applied at the centerback, and is closed in front with another rose to match.



Plain and Plaid Voil.

Another pretty suggestion for the young girl is illustrated here in the effective combination of plain and plaid voile.

Foulards are being used extensively again this year; there is no silk, it seems, half as satisfactory for the summer silk frock for afternoons and for church. A most attractive dress, shown recently, was fashioned of polka-dotted foulard, a dark blue dot on a white ground, trimmed with bandings, collar and cuffs of plain, dark blue foulard. Foulard wears well, and is soft and cool.

Keepin' Up to the Mark.

"Spring fever" is not always a joke. If you feel dull and sluggish, tired and worn out, suffer from backache or weak back, rheumatism, sore muscles, stiff joints or other indication of kidney trouble, it will pay you to investigate Foley Kidney Pills. They are highly recommended as prompt and efficient aids to health. For Sale at Fickas Drug Co. (May)

If your chickens are diseased, call on W. L. Wheat for Pratt's Roup Cholera, and White Diarrhoea Remedy.

Osteopath.

Osteopath—Dr. W. H. Ballew, Graduate of American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo. Office at Mrs. Spradlings. 39

She Told Her Neighbor.

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SANITARY ORDINANCE.

We, the undersigned Doctors of Memphis, having the health and welfare of the people of Memphis at heart respectfully call attention to the sanitary ordinance recently passed in regard to the screening of closets etc. We believe this is a good and wise ordinance for the following reasons:

It will promote the general health of the people of Memphis. Most of our summer diseases, including typhoid fever are scattered by flies. Screening the closets will certainly prevent the spread of these diseases to a large degree.

Heretofore a great many closets have been cleaned only at long and irregular intervals. With the new ordinance every dry closet will be

cleaned monthly. It will also be cheaper as the charge is reduced from 35 cents a month to \$1.00 for 3 months. This will amount to more than \$150.00 yearly saving to the town. Also the man, being hired by the month, will be required to haul off accumulated trash and filth as often as it is collected for him on his monthly rounds in place of having to wait for the yearly clean-up. This will give us an opportunity to keep clean all the time which will certainly promote general health.

Besides this all spare time of the man employed will be used to clean streets, alleys, squares, etc.

We believe this ordinance will work a hardship on no one but will enable your neighbor as well as you to be sanitary. We heartily recommend this ordinance to the people of Mem-

phis and ask their support and cooperation in its inauguration and enforcement.

Signed:
W. C. MAYS, M. D. City Health Officer.

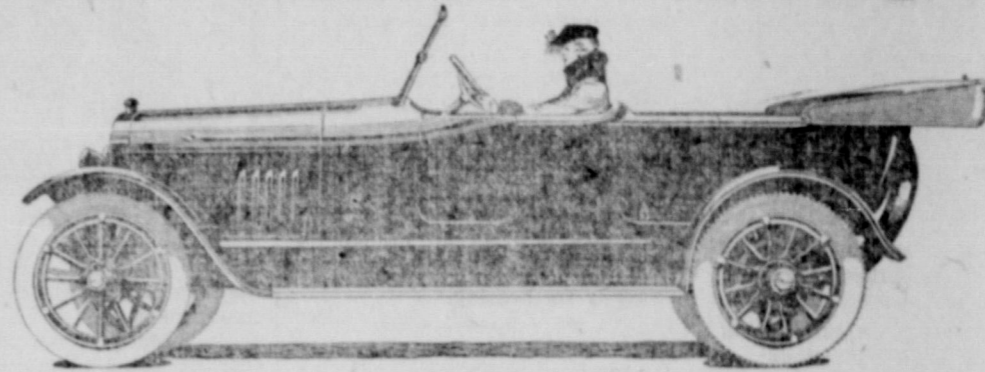
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E. M. McQueen

Memphis, Texas

Which Do You Prefer?

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or unclean then by all means discard it, but be true to it when it has the courage to expose error and defend truth. Readers ought to encourage discussion, fairness, freedom in editors. Then there will be no more complaint. Discussion brings a full day. Clouds are removed. Yours for patience with editors.—Raymond Vermont, in Fort Worth Record.

Bryan Still a Power.

Many newspapers have prated about Bryan being dead, about the setting of his sun of fame, the waning of his power, and the decline of his sway in the hearts of men since his resignation as the secretary of state.

In Amarillo last night he drew, held and electrified the greatest—the largest gathering ever assembled in the Grand opera house. There were doubtless those in the audience who were not in accord with Mr. Bryan,

fact was well concealed last night. Attesting a perfect pulse, Mr. Bryan did not berate the administration, but held to the text of his discourse. Frequent applause evidenced the fact that the vast concourse of people were swept out of themselves, and that Mr. Bryan is still a world power.—Amarillo News.

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Dial has young mules for sale—will give time on payments. 37



Two-Year-Old Belgian Colts.

satisfactory, and the colt kept in a small lot fenced either with boards or poles. While all colts may not run into the wire, the one that tangles itself in the wire is invariably the most valuable.

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COMMON TAPEWORM IN LAMBS

Not Believed That They Are Responsible for Many Deaths of Animals, Says Western Expert.

(By J. E. NEWSOM, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo.)

The common tapeworm of lambs is one that has a habit of getting into the duct leading from the liver, and for this reason many who have examined sheep, dead of disease, have suspected the tapeworm of causing the death. It might be well to state that more than 60 per cent of all western lambs have these tapeworms, as evidenced by finding them on the killing floors at the large packing houses. While it must be admitted that in a few instances they may cause some trouble, yet it is not believed that they are responsible for many of our lamb losses.

During the siege of the Kansas horse disease some man unfamiliar with the normal conditions in horses for the first time found Pallasade worms in the abdominal arteries of dead horses. He at once jumped at the conclusion that these worms were responsible for the disease. Had he known that approximately 95 per cent of all horses have these same worms, his reputation might not have suffered.

It is rather common for veterinarians to diagnose tapeworms in dogs, and in about 95 per cent these diagnoses are correct, but that the tapeworms in these animals are responsible for disease is not at all evident, except in a very small percentage of cases. So it is with these tapeworms in lambs. They can always be found in post-mortem any large number of animals, but that they are responsible for any serious disease is evident only in a few cases.

MOLDY SILAGE IS HARMFUL

Complaints Made That Farmers Lose Horses and Mules—Carefully Avoid All Spoiled Stuff.

Every winter farmers complain of losing horses or mules by feeding spoiled silage. Damaged or moldy silage is not first-class feed for any animal. Even cattle should be fed carefully, but the greatest care should be exercised with horses and colts. See that no moldy stuff gets into their feed boxes and that none is left there from one feed to another to spoil.

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ELITE EVENTS.

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Our school is to continue six weeks longer; and we expect to have quite "a to-do" at its close.

Mrs. Hubert Studevant returned home a few days ago from Eastern Texas, whither she was summoned to the bedside of her little sister, who died the day after her arrival.

It has been sometime since the departure of "Dad's Boy" and many things have happened that would doubtless have been of interest. Among these are the establishment of a new postoffice and the appointment of a new postmaster. The postoffice was christened "Elite" and Mr. Robt. Craig is the new postmaster.

Hubert Studevant was the victim of a misfortune last week; when it rained he caught water in a tank instead of the cistern (to save the work of drawing water) and in the night, about the time the tank was nearly filled the supports gave away and the water all spilled; so now he has a steady job of hauling water.

Our farmers are busy planting feed-stuff and cotton and their wives are equally busy running after the little biddies, attending to the incubators, seeing the children off to school and listening on the phone to learn the gossip of the neighborhood, and last but not least, looking over the fashion plates and news to learn the latest mandates of Dame Fashion.

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Make War on Flies: Ward Off Disease

In order to make this community a better place to live in, we must declare war on the house fly at once. If we do not slip up on him and strike the first hard smashing blow, he is going to come at us in overwhelming numbers.

How may we successfully fight the fly? By destroying or removing his breeding place, the manure pile, removing all garbage and making the privy vault fly-proof, and by keeping our yards and alleys clean. We must screen our houses and use the swatter and sticky fly paper without let-up.

Where is the fly born? In filth, generally in horse manure and outhouses, sometimes in the flesh of dead and rotting animals—never in any clean, wholesome place. The life cycle of the fly's birth runs about ten days from the time the egg is laid until the mature insect is born. A maggot is hatched from the egg. The maggot becomes a pupa (a state corresponding to the tadpole state in frog life), and the pupa becomes the mature fly that helps to make life miserable for us in warm weather.

Flies Live in Filth.

Where does the fly live? Where there is filth, and there is nothing too filthy for the fly to eat. He eats clean food also, but his special delight seems to be wallowing in filth, then buzzing into the house and wiping his feet and wings on substances you are about to eat. Watch him and see for yourself.

Think of the most sickening, disgusting places where you have seen flies. Think of them until your palate is light and the pit of your stomach ticklish. For if you think hard enough about this dangerous, nasty insect pest you will help fight his whole tribe with all your might.

The fly's favorite place of residence is in the manure pile, the privy-vault, the garbage can and the spittoon. But he is a restless insect and unless he can wander more or less freely he is unhappy.

So when the fly tires of the manure pile, the privy-vault, the garbage can and the spittoon he makes an excursion into the kitchen, dining room and bedrooms of the nearest residence.

He Breeds Disease.

What does he do in these places of exploration? He wipes his feet on the food, bathes in the milk, or drowns in it, and annoys the sleepers. If there is a sick person around, a consumptive for instance, he alights on the patient's lips or invades his sputum cup and takes on a load of deadly germs. This he distributes on the food, on the baby's lips or on your own if you are not very careful to shoo him away.

A busy death's head is the house fly. He killed more American soldiers in the Spanish-American war than the bullets of the Spaniards, and was the direct cause of much of the typhoid fever in the United States last year. He cannot be ignored safely.

The only way this town can effectively exterminate flies is to make an organized effort. Our municipal authorities and health officers should map out a campaign immediately and enlist the active aid of everybody in the community.

FLIES LAY EGGS IN MANURE

Stable Dung Should Be Sprayed and Removed Often, Says Sanitary Specialist.

"The most effective method of controlling flies is by preventing fly breeding," says Dr. W. A. Evans, an eminent health authority and publicist. "As a rule this means that no collection of moist manure is to be left accessible to flies for as long as a week during hot weather.

"Fly eggs and larvae live for a week in hot weather in moist manure. Therefore, if manure is hauled away and spread oftener than once a week it will not breed flies. The advantage of a daily removal is that it means no manure boxes, manure pits or manure piles, and practical experience proves that give a stable an inch and it takes an'ell.

"The only places that have entirely conquered the fly nuisance remove manure daily. The only manure receptacles are small and portable. If prompt removal is not possible the next most effective procedure is treatment with chemicals.

"The methods of treatment advised by authorities are with borax, or colemanite, or sulphate of iron. If the amount of manure is small and a good deal of ground is available, spreading in thin layers on the ground at intervals of three days or less is feasible and efficient."

Consumption Germs Spread by Flies

The great white plague—tuberculosis—plain, deadly consumption of the lungs, causes more deaths than any other disease in the United States. Flies are a big factor in the spread of this frightful ailment. To go into details of the subject is very disgusting, but disgust will not kill anyone. Consumption will, and flies help.

Assuming that bedridden consumptives deposit their sputum only in closed vessels which flies cannot enter, consider the careless consumptive on the street. He has a coughing spell, raises germ-laden pus from his infected lungs and spits into the highway. Flies immediately swarm on this sputum, feed, cover their padded, hairy feet with the stuff and buzz into the nearest open window or door.

They alight on food spread on the dinner table—perhaps on the butter or in the milk. The germs deposited may not affect a vigorous person, but a member of the family a little under the weather, a little low in vitality, may become infected.

Will you help fight the flies?

How to Make Fly Paper

The use of sticky fly paper is better than the use of poison to trap flies. Once a fly alights on sticky paper he is pretty certain to stay there until he dies. If you place a saucer containing poison fly paper and water in the dining-room window, the flies drink the deadly stuff but they do not die immediately. They may not die until they reach the cream pitcher. If you want to make your own sticky fly paper, boil together equal parts of castor oil and rosin and spread the substance on tough paper before it cools.

Don't Ignore Fly Menace This Season

Many persons do not realize what a serious menace the fly is to the health of this community. It is characteristic of the average man to ignore this kind of danger until it threatens his own family. "Oh, the fly may be the means of carrying a fatal disease to some puny person," you reason, perhaps, "but there's no danger of his bringing it to me—I'm in pretty good shape. I eat three square meals a day and sleep all right."

That is a characteristic attitude of soldiers. Rather, it used to be so. Doubtless you remember the awful toll of life taken among the soldiers encamped at Chickamauga during the Spanish-American war. If you do not you can easily look it up. Those boys in blue "died like flies." Flies caused the death of most of those stricken with typhoid and dysentery.

It came about in this way. Human excreta carries the bacteria of typhoid fever, cholera, dysentery, summer complaint, tuberculosis and intestinal diseases of other varieties. Flies feed on human excreta, as you know if you have kept your eyes open.

The Lesson of 1898.

Not a great deal about the value of camp sanitation was known in 1898. The American army medical corps was not organized as it is now.

The mobilization place at Chickamauga was not clean. Garbage and sewage were not destroyed as they are now. In that large body of men it was inevitable that some should be disease carriers. The waste matter which they threw off acted as an incubator for the bacteria which it carried. Flies and other insects, but especially flies, swarmed around the filth sinks and fed. They were a frightful annoyance at meal time, and they were the army's most deadly enemy for they distributed dangerous germs among all the men. As a result fever and bowel diseases became almost an epidemic. As a nation we were taught a solemn lesson about the menace of insects. Our army medical men learned more in the Philippines, in Cuba, in Porto Rico and in the Canal Zone about the relation of flies, mosquitoes and lice to the spread of disease than had previously been learned in two or three thousand years.

Cleaner Than Homes.

Visit any of our army encampments today. They are kept cleaner than the average housekeeper keeps her premises. Special attention is given to the sanitary disposal of garbage, of sewage and of other waste matter coming from the camp hospital. Elaborate means of protection against flies, mosquitoes, lice and bedbugs are taken—but flies are considered the most filthy and dangerous from the medical point of view.

It is safe to say that if this community should co-operate and act at once so as to clean up the town thoroughly, with special attention given to the breeding places of flies, the average of serious illness here would be reduced 50 per cent for the months of June, July, August and September.

Such a clean-up campaign is not impossible. It means the spraying of manure piles with a simple kerosene solution every day or so, frequent removal of manure piles, screened toilets, covered garbage cans and the use of fly swatters and fly paper by everyone.

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MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT

Old Jim's Discovery

By H. M. EGBERT

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"Well, seeing as we've got your father now we can't exactly turn him out into the desert," said little Mrs. Ross, pursing her lips. There was a stubborn set to her features which Edwin Ross knew from of old.

"But we had to take the old man, Bessie," argued her husband. "We couldn't let the old man go to the poorhouse."

"He'd have been a sight better off there than mooning round the shack at eighty," answered his wife.

Ross sighed. He knew his wife was not naturally hard, and yet of late her antipathy toward his father had been growing more pronounced. She had, as a matter of fact, warmly seconded his proposal that when they pulled up stakes the old man should accompany them.

At twenty-five Edwin Ross, a year married, had suggested to Bessie that they should quit their life of hardship in the western city and try their fortune in the newly-irrigated lands of Nevada. They had been lured by an unscrupulous land agent. Fabulous crops, he told them, could be raised there. They moved, with their little capital of five hundred dollars. And their disillusionment began as soon as they got out of the train and stared about them at the barren land.

Irrigated it was, after a sort, but the agent had said nothing of the heartbreaking spade work that was



Peered Out Across the Plain.

needed to bring the dam water through the conduits and into the desert soil. The labor, to town dwellers, was terrific. And during the six months that had passed Bessie had been changing.

The old man, Jim Ross, mooning about the camp, had little by little become unbearable to her. Himself an old gold prospector, he had found nothing in all his life except a few worthless pockets; yet he had never ceased to dream of the day when he would make his fortune by some lucky strike.

There had once been rumors of gold in those hills, but nobody had ever found any. Day by day the old fellow would set out hopefully with his assaying pan, and every evening he would return with his hopeful stories, which so jarred his daughter-in-law's shattered nerves.

It was a day later that the storm broke. Old Jim Ross had come back, late for supper, with the usual story.

"I think I'll try our luck over at Bald Man's Hill tomorrow," he said, in his weak, senile voice. "I never seen a territory that looked so promising. There might be a million dollars' worth of gold in that bend of the gulch."

Bessie stood up and faced him, a regular virago, her shattered nerves tense and quivering.

"I've heard those stories before," she cried. "For the Lord's sake go and get your gold, you useless old fool. Go and find it and don't come back till you've got it."

The old man looked at her, aghast at the sudden outburst.

"Why, Bessie," he faltered, "I didn't know as you was sot against my finding gold. I tell you, he went on enthusiastically, "there's gold in them hills. Yes, sir," he continued, "there certainly ought to be a mint of gold there, if we could only get at it."

But Bessie had burst out of the room, crying, and the old man, shaking his head in perplexity, went slowly to the outhouse where he slept.

"Edwin," said Bessie later, "the old man will have to go. That's all there is to it. He's terrible! Talking about his gold when heaven only knows how we're going to live the next year. And all our money sunk in this place." She pressed her lips together vindictively. "I won't stand for his talk of gold!" she cried. "He'll have to go to the poorhouse."

Edwin said nothing, and that evening Bessie, all tears and penitence

begged her husband's forgiveness. But old Jim Ross had heard, as he stood uncertainly in the entrance, where he had come hoping to find out what the trouble was.

So it was himself! He had never guessed that he was in the way. Despite his years, he had done such work as was in his power. He had helped Bessie with the dishes—chattering the while about the gold; he had talked of "pockets" and produced samples of likely quartz while she fumed inwardly and said nothing. But he had never dreamed that he was a nuisance.

The old man's pride was stung to the quick. All night he lay upon his bunk in the outhouse, pondering over the matter. At last he reached a decision. He had spent a hard and lonely life, and now, at eighty, he was quite willing to take up the threads again.

That morning Bessie and Edwin found a roughly scrawled note upon the table.

"I'm going, children," it ran. "I'm going to leave you for a while until I've located that quartz, or maybe a bed of shining nuggets in that gulch I was speaking of. Then I'll come home. I guess you won't grudge me the little bag of flour and the matches and blanket I'm a-taking with me."

They stared at each other. The old man must have been gone long since, for when they searched the flat of the plains he was nowhere in sight.

"I'll go after him," said Edwin.

"No," answered Bessie. "He'll come back at nightfall, when he's tired, and maybe it'll be a lesson to him."

But nightfall arrived, and there was no sign of the old man. Nor on the following morning. Bessie was now thoroughly alarmed.

"Edwin, you must go and look for him," she said. "You know which way he went?"

Her husband nodded. "It's twelve miles distant," he said. "I guess I can walk it and back by night."

"I do hope he has come to no harm," said Bessie. "He must have heard me when I said what I did. I—I'm sorry, dear. When he comes back I'll never lose my head again like that."

Meanwhile old Jim Ross was industriously grubbing among the boulders of the gulch. He spent the entire day there. At night he slept in the river bed. Next morning, awakening late, he stood up and peered out across the plain. Some sense, long latent in him, told him that there was another human being approaching him.

He looked out to see a man walking across the sand and alkali. At once a fear came over him. This man was coming to rob him of his cherished gold.

Furtive as a fox, he crept along the gulch, out of sight of his son, whom he had not recognized. Over his shoulder he carried the sack full of his precious stones. He knew that, once clear of the gulch bed, he could make his way among the mountains and be well on his way homeward before the newcomer had come upon the place where he had been.

He chuckled as he strode manfully across the plain, oblivious of the burning sun. He covered a mile after mile, borne up by the knowledge that fortune, which he had evaded so long, lay hidden in that bag. And thus he staggered into the cabin late at night, an hour before Edwin's return.

"I found his tracks," cried Edwin, at the door. "But he's gone—he's gone—"

"No, he's here," answered his wife sourly. "He played a fine trick on us, Edwin. He's in his bunk, asleep. In the morning I'm going to send him back by train."

The return of the old man, babbling about gold, had awakened all her resentment. Her husband saw that it would be useless to argue with her. But in the morning Bessie's anger was unchanged. They found old Jim seated with his sack at the kitchen table. He was taking stones out of it and arranging them along the edge.

"Well, children," he began, "I reckon the old man fooled the pair of ye. There'll be no more drudging now, if I know the value of what I've struck in the hills. Look at them stones!"

He held one up to Ross and indicated the tiny yellow flecks among the quartz.

"It ain't much," he said, "but wait till we get our stamps up here. That'll assay two ounces to the ton."

"This is too much," cried Bessie. "Now, listen, old man! I've had enough of this talk of gold!"

Old Jim pulled another stone out of the bag and looked at it with twinkling eyes. It was a yellow stone, pure yellow, dull, rich, and unmistakable, and at least as large as a pigeon's egg.

"Maybe this wouldn't make ye a bracelet, honey," he said, holding it up before her. "Nor this," he added, pulling out another. He shook out a dozen more from the bottom of the bag.

"Why—it is gold!" shouted Edwin. "If it ain't," said Jim, "I never prospected for it. The gulch is full of nuggets, enough to buy our machinery for stamping when the alluvial's ended. We're rich, children, and we'll go back to Kansas City."

"Father!" sobbed Bessie, kneeling beside him. "It's yours. Take it all. We deserve none of it after the way we treated you."

"Why, that's all right, honey," said the old man, looking at her in mild surprise. "I ain't had nothing to complain of. It was the work I reckon, sort of put an edge on you. You see, children, a good woman's like gold—she's there, somewhere, only sometimes she takes sort of—sort of looking for."

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