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## NEW TABERNACLE FOR MEMPHIS.

### A Committee of Seventeen Appointed from the Different Churches to Formulate the Necessary Plans.

It was suggested and has been discussed for some time as to the advisability of building a permanent tabernacle here in Memphis. At a meeting at the Baptist church Sunday night the subject was introduced and much discussion was indulged in and it seemed to be the general opinion that it would be a good thing for Memphis. The main idea was that as we held our meetings every year and would continue to do so, would save a great deal of trouble and eventually the expense incurred would pay for the permanent tabernacle. It could also be used for other purposes and would assist us in securing conventions to meet in our town. It was also suggested that if an open building was built it could be built so that in the future it could be inclosed at a very small additional expense.

The following committee from the different churches was appointed. Baptist church: Rev. R. B. Morgan, R. J. Thorne, A. Baldwin and S. T. Harrison; Presbyterian church: Rev. Will T. Swaim, D. A. Grundy, S. S. Montgomery and Jim Browder; Christian Church: Eld. D. A. Leak, W. M. Fore, J. F. Bradley and B. F. Shepherd; Methodist church: Rev. M. E. Hawkins, C. A. Crozier, W. P. Dial and W. B. Quigley.

This general committee met at the Commercial Club rooms early Monday morning and appointed sub-committees as follows.

Committee on location: W. P. Dial, Joe J. Mickle, J. F. Bradley and S. T. Harrison.  
Plans committee: R. J. Thorne, D. Browder, W. B. Quigley and B. F. Shepherd.  
Finance committee: S. S. Montgomery, A. Baldwin, W. M. Fore and Rev. Hawkins.

The general committee met again Wednesday morning to receive reports from sub-committees. The committee on location reported that the lots across East from the Baptist parsonage could be procured if all other necessary arrangements could be made. We understand the committee was instructed to proceed with the preliminary work necessary to purchase these lots.

The committee on plans reported estimates on open pavilion, seating capacity about 2000, platform 20x40 and solid in rear, placing the cost at \$1600. This raised considerable discussion, some wanted to build a building that would be a credit to Memphis and in keeping with other public buildings now built and those being planned for the near future. It is thought by some that this could not be done in time for the Union meeting which will commence the first Sunday in July. However nothing definite was decided on and the committee adjourned to meet later.

We have just received shipments of all kind of feed, and would like to have a share of your business.  
Memphis Milling Co.

### Memorial Services.

Memphis Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star observed their annual Memorial Service at the M. E. Church, Sunday May 17, at 4 p. m.

Promptly at 4 o'clock the conductress and associate conductress, Mesdames Clarence Powell and W. H. Bowerman escorted the members to seats reserved in the body of the Church. After which they retired and escorted the officers of the Chapter to the platform while Miss Enid McCarroll played the Processional March. The following program was then rendered:

Hymn, "Rock of Ages"  
Prayer by Chaplin—Mrs. Wiley Orr.

Scripture Reading by the Worthy Patron—D. A. Neeley.

Vocal Solo "Some time We'll understand"—Mrs. D. L. C. Kinard.

Dropping of the Altar by Conductress and Assistant Conductress.

Ceremony of Decorating.  
Organ Solo—Miss McCarroll  
Memorial Address—Mrs. Effie L. Houghton, Deputy Grand Matron.

A Tribute in memory of the deceased members, Mrs. T. C. Anthony and Mrs. A. G. Moores by the Worthy Matron—Mrs. B. W. Dodson.

Vocal Solo "Nearer My God to Thee"—Miss Elder.

Memorial offerings were then presented by the officers, each bestowing a wreath upon the broken Columns and in an impressive way expressed their sympathy for all deceased in our jurisdiction.

Hymn "Jesus Lover of My Soul"

The Conductress and Assistant Conductress then presented the floral offerings to the families of the deceased and the Chaplain led in prayer after which the Chapter of Sorrow closed. This was a sweet and impressive service and a large crowd was present to witness the services and show their appreciation of the work of the Order.

### Memphis Girl Receives Honor.

The following was taken from the Clarendon News of last week:

"The Faculty in executive session awarded first honors yesterday. There was a tie for first place, and accordingly Miss Willie Willard and Miss Lena Bell Sloan where each awarded First Honor, Miss Willard to read the valedictory and Miss Sloan the salutation. There will be no second honor in consequence of the tie. Both of these young ladies have a very splendid record in the college, of which they may justly be proud. In their University career we predict great things for them."

Miss Sloan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sloan of this city. We congratulate her on the honors she has earned and received.

### Recital Postponed.

The Recital which was to have been given by the pupils of Miss Enid McCarroll on last Friday night, was postponed on account of the rain. The program will be rendered at the Carnegie library tonight (Wednesday) at 8:30. Everybody invited to attend this entertainment.

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### MRS. MARY WOLFE DARGIN



Mrs. Mary Wolfe Dargin, new head of the federal land office at Denver, Colo., is the first woman to hold such an office in the United States. She claims descent from the Clays of Kentucky, and was born in Illinois.

### JOHN ANDREW PETERS



John Andrew Peters of Maine, who was elected to the place in congress left vacant by the death of Forrest Goodwin, looks very much like Senator Root and is frequently taken for the New Yorker. He is a Republican and a lawyer.

### Mystic Weavers.

The Mystic Weavers were entertained by Mrs. E. O. McCanne at her country home seven miles south of Memphis on last Wednesday. While this was the time for a regular afternoon meeting it was made an all day affair. Three auto loads made up the party which left Memphis about 9:30. The morning was spent in conversation and horse back riding. The feature of the occasion was a Japanese dinner served by the hostess during the noon hour, this was served in five courses and Japanese style tea and pistachio were among the novelties to delight the appetite. The table and house decorations were wild flowers gathered from the canyons. During the afternoon fancy needle work was the order of the day, but later a trip was made to the meadow for flowers. Transportation was furnished through the courtesy of Messrs W. D. Morgan, Charley Craig and John Gamble in their Fords.

They returned for the ladies late in the afternoon and the ride home after rabbit hunting furnished a pleasant end to a delightfully spent day. Those present were, Mesdames W. D. Morgan, Boston, Welch, Power, Mayes, Estes, Gamble, Bradford, Chas. Webster, John A. Wood and E. O. McCanne.

### Special Election.

On Saturday, May 30, there will be a special election held in Hall county to ascertain if the people want a County Superintendent of Public Instruction. This is a very important office and those who are in a position to know say that in order to bring our schools up to standard that we should have a man that would do nothing else but devote his entire time to looking after the interests of the schools in Hall county. You will make no mistake if you vote for County Superintendent.

### Socialist Meeting

The Socialist of Hall Co. will meet in convention at the Court House in Memphis June the 8th at 2 p. m. to comply with the legal form of our Texas election laws and elect a delegate to the district and state conventions which will meet later on.

F. J. Schillinger  
County Sec.

### Culture Club Celebrates.

The Woman's Culture Club celebrated its fifteenth anniversary, Saturday, May 16, with an elaborate six course, one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. H. A. Finch, Mesdames R. J. Thorne, Wm. H. Craven, Miss Annie Thompson and Mrs. H. A. Finch acting as hostesses.

The interior of the home was attractively decorated with the Club colors, purple and gold, and the tables were beautified with garden roses and wild flowers. Covers were laid for forty-two guests. The club flower, white carnation, appeared on the hand painted place cards. Between courses Mrs. D. A. Grundy contributed two enjoyable readings.

Mrs. J. A. Whaley, Vice President, presided as toast mistress. Mrs. Houghton responded with a toast to "The Club Anniversary" in which she gave a very interesting history of the club. Mrs. Bird in a few well chosen words, toasted each new officer. Miss Hudson an honorary member, in her most pleasing manner responded with a toast to "The Club." Mrs. Wheat toasted the social committee and in this she voiced the Clubs appreciation and thanks for one of the most enjoyable anniversaries the Club has known.

A unique Shakespearean contest was a very interesting feature of the afternoon. At the close of the luncheon, punch was served in small crystal goblets, which were given as favors.

Those enjoying the occasion were: Mesdames Houghton, Dial, Sexauer, Bird, Quigley, Randal, Whaley, Neeley, Crozier, Sager, Grundy, Wells, Kinard, Claggett, T. J. Thompson, Baldwin, Denny, Mary Arnold, Broome, Bradford, McNeely, Greene, Frank Wright, Baskerville, McCrary, Bonham, Barker, Dunbar, Wheat, Bryant, Roberts, Tomlinson, Mrs. Street of Graham, Texas, and Mrs. Collier of Childress. Misses Nora Headrich of Clarendon, Jessie Thompson, McCarroll, Buck, Hudson, Adkisson, Coon, Lily Houston, Annie Thompson, Mesdames Thorne, Craven and Finch.

### PRESS REPORTER.

Rev. B. W. Dodson came in Monday evening from Stamford, where he preached the Commencement sermon for Stamford college Sunday. This will probably be Bro. Dodson's last visit to Memphis for some time. They have loaded out their household effects and the car left today for Sweetwater, where they will make their future home. However the family will remain here until Friday night when Warren Dodson will receive his graduating papers from the high school. Most of our readers know that Rev. Dodson filled the pulpit as pastor at the Methodist church here for nearly four years. While attending a meeting of the Board of the Southern Methodist Sunday school at Hot Springs, Ark., this winter he received unsolicited from the Bishop the appointment as Presiding Elder for the Sweetwater district. At Sweetwater they have a nice well furnished parsonage ready for their use when they arrive. The Dodsons have a host of friends here in Memphis who are sorry to have them leave but wish them well in their new home.

25c For Each Pint of Flies  
25c will be paid for each pint of flies delivered to the Democrat office. A committee of citizens consisting of P. O. Young, J. A. Grundf and J. H. Read solicited funds this morning to finance this proposition to eliminate the fly from Memphis, and we are authorized by this committee to make this offer. The funds were deposited in the Hall County National Bank. Boys get busy. Bring on your flies.

Remember we have had years of actual practice and experience in all kinds of blacksmith and repair work. Also solicit a share of your horseshoeing.  
WILKINS & WILKINS.

Sullivan at the  
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## MEMPHIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS GLOSE

### Dr. Hyer of Dallas Delivers Commencement Sermon to Large Audience.

Another school year has passed and tomorrow night at the Baptist church the graduating class, one of the largest in number and brightest in personal in the history of Memphis public schools, will render their program. It will be more than likely that when these boys and girls say goodbye at this memorable occasion that never again will they be assembled together. In a few days they will scatter and choose from the fields of labor their life work. Some may achieve fame and fortune and some may be failures but wherever they go and whatever they may do, the impressions they have received in the high school here in Memphis will be lasting and have its effect so long as life may last.

At the Methodist church on last Sunday morning Dr. R. S. Hyer, President of the Southern Methodist University of Dallas, delivered the Commencement Sermon to the graduating class and to one of the largest audiences ever assembled in the church. Dr. Hyer is a scholarly gentleman and those who heard him, speak very highly of his address. The church was tastefully and artistically decorated with the class colors and flowers, which was very pleasing to the eye. The other churches held no services and as a consequence the church was crowded to the limit.

On Monday night was held the first Annual celebration of the Qui Vive Literary society at the Methodist church and a very interesting program was rendered. The debate probably produced more interest than any number on the program. The subject for debate was "Resolved: That the Legislature of Texas at its next regular session should enact a Compulsory Education Law requiring all children between the ages of seven and fourteen, excepting those physically or mentally incompetent, to attend a public or private school at least six months during each scholastic year." Affirmative—John Deaver and Byron Baldwin. Negative—Warren Dodson and Jess Ballew. The decision of the judges was in favor of the negative.

On Tuesday night the Juniors entertained the Seniors at the Carnegie library with a reception. A nice program was followed by a banquet. On Thursday night the graduating class will render their program at the Baptist church. Friday night at the Baptist church Dr. J. D. Sandefer, President of the Baptist College at Abilene, will deliver the literary address and the graduating class will receive their diplomas.

This will end one of the most successful schools ever conducted in Hall county, and Prof. Hamilton and his corps of able assistants are to be congratulated for their splendid work.

Any information concerning the whereabouts of Eb. Hewitt would be greatly appreciated by his son Ernest Hewitt, Field Creek, Texas, % G. F. Barnett, 46-2tc.

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Dallas, Tex., May.—The highest average hourly wage paid for skilled labor in the United States during 1918 was in Dallas. Bricklayers are the highest priced artisans and averaged 87c for one hour's work. The figures are contained in bulletin No. 143 which has just been issued at Washington by the Department of Labor.

Houston, Tex., May.—Data compiled by the Texas Railroad commission shows that this city has more interlocking devices in operation than any other Texas municipality. In and around the city of Houston ten are located. Six of this number are mechanical and are operated by hand and compressed air, while four are propelled by electricity. In the entire state there are 91 of these interlocking devices at railroad crossings. One device was installed last year. It was the one at West Point where the M K & T crosses S A & A P Railway.

Ft. Worth, Tex., May.—A deal was closed here this week whereby the Stone & Webster Interurban Corporation becomes the owner of the Fort Worth—Denton Interurban. The transaction involves all right-of-way surveyed and secured by the Fort Worth-Denton Interurban Company. The Stone & Webster people will begin the construction of the line without any unnecessary delay. Practically all of the right-of-way for this project has been secured and other preliminary arrangements completed, which will enable the purchasers to begin the grading of the route immediately. It is rumored here that the stockholders of this interurban are preparing to organize another stock company for the promotion of an electric line between Fort Worth and Mineral Wells. It is understood that the parties interested in this line are willing to put \$500,000 in the project. A meeting will be held some time next week when more definite details

relating to this proposition will be worked out.

Crowell, Texas, May.—According to a number of wheat growers in this section, the production of this crop will be exceedingly large this year. It is said that the present outlook for a record-breaking production of wheat could not possibly be better. Conservative estimates place the production of this crop in the Crowell section at 275,000 bushels, which is equivalent to 350 carloads or more. Over half of the land in cultivation in this territory is devoted to wheat. Extensive preparations are being made at this point to handle this year's wheat crop and as a consequence every vacant building is being secured for storage purposes.

Hillsboro, Tex., May.—Texas bred livestock continues to show its superiority over stock of other countries, and a number of shorthorned bulls owned by Frank Scofield of this city, who lately returned from Havana Cuba, were awarded first prize at the International Exposition in that city recently. These animals were entered in competition with the prize bull of the Paris Exposition and some of the finest blooded stock in North and South America and were declared by the judges to be the finest lot ever shown in that country. A total of eight prizes were captured by this herd and a diploma was given Mr. Scofield, signed by the President and Senate of Cuba in recognition of these prize animals. This is declared to be the greatest victory ever won by an American exhibitor in that Republic. Mr. Scofield disposed of the bulls before returning home.

Houston.—The fig growers in the various sections of the state held a meeting in this city last week to devise ways and means to dispose of their fig crop this year at a profit. At the end of the session it was decided to erect additional plants to pro-

serve the fruit, as it is not susceptible to long hauls. The growers report that the yield of this product will be exceedingly large this season.

San Angelo, Tex., May.—Present indications point to an enormous yield of the apple crop in this section during the coming season. A number of fruit growers are of the opinion that the apple production this year will be the largest ever harvested here and are formulating plans for the handling of this crop, so better financial returns can be had. Other fruit crops are also in a flourishing condition.

Littlefield.—J. E. Hall was the purchaser of the first marriage license ever issued at that place. He secured the certificate last week to marry Miss Timmie Wallis of this place.

Walnut Springs.—The Trades Day conducted at this place recently was considered to be the most successful event of its kind ever held here. Several hundred people thronged the streets throughout the day and the merchants reported brisk trading. Another such event is being planned.

Killeen.—A new gin of modern construction and latest improved machinery to cost about \$7,500 is being erected here to replace the one destroyed by fire during the last cotton season.

Karnes City.—The organization of a Commercial Club in this city has been completed and W. H. Howard named as official secretary of the new organization.

**Got Any DEFECTS?**

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Crystal City.—T. W. Lillie is the editor of the "Chronicle" a new weekly publication which is being published here. The initial copy of the new publication was issued last week and was replete with interesting reading matter.

Temple.—Word was received here recently that Tripoli, or pumice stone has been discovered in large quantities in this locality. Samples of the stone have been submitted to a prominent New York chemist and a report on the value of the product is expected immediately. If the analysis proves that the stone has a commercial value a stock company will be formed here for the mining of the deposits.

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## TAPPING THE SOURCE OF CHEAP MONEY

EDITOR'S NOTE.—This is the third of a series of Articles on AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS prepared by Judge S. A. Lindsey, chairman of the Texas Farm Life Commission.

There are land loan and trust companies throughout this nation. They operate in this way: they will take up land notes drawing 8, 9 and 10 per cent and sell them in the East at a rate which will net the investors 5 and 6 per cent. In this way they make from 2 to 5 per cent per annum on each note. This is legitimate. I only mention it to prove that our land securities can and do find cheaper money than the local market's offer.

The bill now before Congress proposes to authorize the organization of Land Mortgage Banks, with Federal supervision same as National Banks. These Land Mortgage Banks will make loans on land notes where the title is good, to the extent of half the appraised value of the land. The mortgage bank will see that the title is good and the value is there, just as banks usually do. They will file these notes with Uncle Sam who will authorize the bank to issue its own bonds or promises to pay in such denominations as are easiest sold, not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of the mortgages and notes held. On these Uncle Sam, who is known as a square man all over this and European countries, will affix some kind of stamp or sign which will mean that the bank issuing it is under his supervision, and that no fake methods have been used. The capital of the bank will be involved and will insure great care on the part of the bank taking the land note and mortgages, and Uncle Sam's supervision will give the investors confidence.

Uncle Sam requires that these banks must lend money on land notes and mortgages at not exceeding 1 per cent above what they can sell their bonds for. So if the bank pays 5 per cent on its bonds the borrower will pay the bank 6 per cent which is from 1 to 3 per cent less than other loan companies now make. You say no one would organize one of Uncle Sam's banks when he is allowed to make but 1 per cent on loans. But Uncle Sam is going to encourage his land banks. He now lends his Postal Savings funds to banks at 2 per cent, and that money is used in commerce. Henceforth he is going to lend it to the mortgage banks, who are to let the farmers have it. He is going to let his land banks take mortgages and land notes and sell their bonds up to fifteen times their capital and surplus. You see these mortgage banks are nothing but a kind of note-broker concern for the farmers, and their compensation for finding the source of cheap money and keeping that class of securities in good standing is 1 per cent per annum to be paid by the farmers whom they serve. They can make over 15 per cent on their capital and surplus. That is pretty good.

But before one of these banks can be organized in Texas we will have to adopt the Torrens system of land title registration. We should have done this long ago. The money people pay to record titles would build up a fund ample to insure all land titles and leave an immense surplus besides. But the land mortgage banks will not entirely enable the landless man to buy a home. In my next article I will suggest an easy and feasible method by which this can be done.

Plainview, Tex., May.—In order to accommodate the heavy traffic that is being handled over the Santa Fe's line between this city and Canyon, the officials of that road have ordered that the 56 pound rail be replaced with a 72 pound rail. The work will commence immediately and be rushed to an early completion.

## BACK TO THE PULPIT WITH THE PREACHERS

Officials of the Farmers' Union Oppose Politicians and Preachers Exchanging Occupations.

Laymen Make a Stirring Appeal For Old-Time Religion.

Fort Worth, Texas.—There have appeared in the public prints many articles criticizing the action of the Farmers' Union in discussing economic affairs and desperate efforts have been made to disrupt the Union by some of the most able politicians and every artifice known in political chicanery has been used to spread dissension in our organization without success.

The Farmers' Union will continue its battle for principles until it plants its colors in the state capitol and any politician who wants to raise a rough house with the Union will be accommodated on application to the headquarters of the organization.

We want to say a few words to those who have been trying to destroy the Union as we deem it our duty to defend our noble organization against the attacks of its enemies. We will devote this article to pulpit politicians as we consider the attacks which the political preachers have made against the Union the most unprincipled and diabolical of all the unscrupulous attacks made against us.

At least seventy-five per cent of the preachers of this state are on the payroll of the farmers; the farmers of Texas have built approximately 10,000 churches; contributed towards the support of religious institutions about \$5,000,000 per annum and the church census shows that 75 of every 100 members of the various church denominations live upon the farm. We refer with pride to the achievement of the farmers along the line of religious progress and moral development. The substantial assistance which the farmers of Texas have given the cause of religion we think authorizes the vast body of agricultural laymen who constitute the bone and sinew of the church to speak out, for certainly a layman may know as much about political theology, as a preacher.

**Keep the Yellow Peril of Politics From the Pulpit.**

What we have to say has no reference to that vast body of militant ministers who have consecrated their lives to the uplift of mankind and whose precepts and examples are a beacon-light illuminating the pathway of the human race. We address ourselves exclusively to that coterie of political clergymen who prostitute their high calling by capitalizing their reputation and by lending their occupation to designing politicians, and we appeal to the Texas laymen to use their influence in preventing the yellow peril of politics from entering the pulpit in any of its disguises.

The religious preacher is the most capable servant and the political preacher is the sorriest master the world has ever known. Wherever power is placed in the hands of the latter they invariably become intolerant, bigoted and vicious.

Civilization has many times been compelled to drive incorrigible preachers back to the pulpit at the point of the bayonet. Many of the pages of history are wet with blood shed at the hands of political preachers who wrote laws on the statute books that committed arson upon mankind, maimed human beings with the hatchet and sent helpless women to the torture rack all because they disagreed with their views. When in control of government the pulpit politicians invariably undertake to perform legislative miracles such as casting out witches with the flame of a torch, suborning conscience with shackles and enforcing opinions with the guillotine.

**Laymen Plead for a Consecrated Ministry.**

A preacher who graduates from the pulpit into politics becomes a menace to good government and likewise a politician who occupies the pulpit debauches the church and becomes a menace to religion. These occupations will not blend. No free government can long exist

or the church perform its missions to society when preachers and politicians temporarily exchange callings and a civilization that will countenance such conduct will soon decay. Such a traffic in occupations is as unsound in principle as the white slave trade is immoral in practice.

The hand that passes the sacrament should not collect slush funds for political purposes. The gentle voice that comforts us in sorrow and pronounces the last sad rites

upon our departed loved should not rave and rant on hustings. We do not believe that a preacher can manipulate political machinery and be righteous any more than he could become a burglar and be honest. It is no more wicked for a priest to sell penance than for a preacher to grow rich selling political newspapers. We think it is as immoral for a preacher to seek to lobby while he prays as it would be for him to gamble while he preaches.

There never was a time when preachers and politicians formed an unholy alliance that civilization did not shriek out and christianity cry aloud.

We appeal to the laymen of Texas to demand that political preachers give their congregations more old-time religion and less political clap-trap; that they display a more earnest effort to reach the hearts of men and play less to the galleries; that they more often hold fellowship with the members and fewer caucuses with the politicians. Certainly the laymen cannot perform their full duty to the church by singing songs, paying church dues and voting tickets handed down from the pulpit by political evangelists. The laymen should become a dominating factor in the policies of the church. Let all the brethren unite in lifting fallen ministers from the sloughs of politics back into the pulpit.

**The Laymen's Problem.**

It is as important that the politicians be driven out of the pulpit as that the preachers be forced back to the pulpit. We think it sacrilegious for anyone to get his call to the pulpit from campaign managers, to get his inspiration from the cesspool of politics or to get his articles of faith from political conventions. It pollutes the church, mocks christianity and is a heinous crime against society.

We can conceive of no more diabolical hypocrisy than a politician in the pulpit shouting for votes and can imagine nothing more damaging to public conscience than a preacher saying "Amen" to his deceitful antics.

Political leaders may live wet and vote dry and the low standard of statecraft is not offended but when the church turns over the pulpit to office-seekers and their henchmen, true christianity has received a crushing blow and hypocrisy runs rampant in the altar for it is written "Ye cannot serve two masters."

Since the beginning of government politicians have sought to decoy the ministry into the meshes of politics and make them carry banners in political processions. They have taken the ministry to the mountain top of power and offered to make them monarch of all they surveyed and while most of them have said "Get thee behind me Satan" a few have fallen with a crash that has shaken every pulpit in Texas.

The ministry, unsophisticated and confiding, is no match for the politician versed in artful persuasion and skilled in deceit and it is the duty of the laymen to protect the ministry against the onslaught of these wolves in sheep's clothing and drive the politicians from the pulpit with the lash of public scorn. It is the laymen's problem to keep the ministry free from unholy alliance for it is said on divine authority that we are our brother's keeper.

There is a political machine in this state that would put Tammany to shame and make Thurlow Weed turn over in his grave with envy, and the pulpit politician is one of the component parts of its mechanism. In our next article we will discuss this political machine.

W. D. Lewis, President, Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union of Texas.

**NOT SURE OF HIS SCIENCE**

"What do you understand about the bible fungi?"

"It has something to do with mushrooms an' toadstools," replied Farmer Cornstossel. "But whether it's what you swaller or what happens to you swallerer I wouldn't like to say without writin' to the department."

**ECONOMY.**

She—What did you think of Mrs. B's new gown at the ball?

He—She must be a great economist.—Vermont Crabbe.

**HEARTY KIND.**

"Do you give your earnest assent to this movement to suppress slang in daily talk?"

"Well, I should cackle!"

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No. 8, southbound.....9:00 p. m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

**Memphis Commercial Club meets every second Tuesday night in each month at Club Rooms**

**Announcements**

- For District Attorney  
HUGH D. SPENCER
- For Sheriff and Tax Collector  
J. E. KING
- For Tax Assessor  
R. E. PAINTER  
C. R. WEBSTER  
A. G. POWELL  
T. D. GEE, Estelle
- For District and County Clerk  
SAM HOLT  
MISS FRANCIS ROBERTS
- For County Attorney  
SAM J. HAMILTON
- For County Treasurer  
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CONLEY WARD
- For County Judge  
S. G. ALEXANDER  
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- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1  
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- For Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
H. W. BLANKS, Lakeview  
J. A. MERRICK, Lakeview
- For Justice of Peace, Precinct No. 1  
R. E. STAFFORD

**The Cow, A Foster-Mother of Civilization.**

The action of the Fort Stockton Commercial Club in purchasing a hundred and fifty Jersey cows for the benefit of the farmers of that section, while somewhat out of the usual scope of commercial club work, has proved a profitable investment to the town of Fort Stockton, as well as to the farmers who profited by the transaction. The cows were purchased last winter by the Commercial Club at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars and were sold to farmers on the installment plan. The movement was started for the purpose of stimulating the dairy industry in that section of the state, and as a result one of the most flourishing creameries of the state is operating in that city.

The cow is the foster-mother of civilization and by furnishing sustenance to thousands of helpless babies annually, she is contributing her share towards building the human race. Also she is the most valuable of all

domestic animals and in encouraging its membership to invest in this line of industry, the Fort Stockton Club is pursuing a wise and profitable course.

Mrs. H. M. Gilbert of Smithfield, Texas, about 12 miles northeast of Ft. Worth, will throw open her home to the children during the hot weather, and will entertain about 25 at a time for two weeks and then receive 25 more for two weeks. She will continue this throughout the warm months.

The school boy and girl that has studied and learned their lessons well are glad that this is the last week of school but the ones that have shirked and copied are dreading the last day of school for then the parents will know how they have been spending their time.

Now that winter is over and the rainy season has set in, it is time that the building of concrete walks should be again started. There is now no danger of the walks freezing. There is nothing that adds to the beauty and value of a home like substantial concrete walks.

The Romero ranch in Hartly county containing 211,000 acres sold recently to J. M. Shelton of Amarillo, for something like \$850,000. This is the largest land deal made in the Panhandle in a long time. Parties at Clarendon assisted in the deal.

PROPERTY valued at \$900,000 was destroyed when the cotton warehouse of the Merchants and Planters Compress and Warehouse at Galveston burned Friday night. About 11,000 bales of cotton was included in the loss.

COL. C. J. Crane Commander of the Ninth Infantry stationed at Laredo, advised Mexicans they were safer without arms than they were with them. The possession of them might lead them to do things that would get them into trouble.

EVERY home should have a nice concrete walk on all street sides of the lot. Let the good work advance.

**State Meeting of Druggist.**

The annual meeting of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association in El Paso June 16, 17 and 18, promises to be one of more than ordinary interest to the "pill rollers" of the state. A special trip is promised to Cloudcroft, the "Sky Mountain" and besides this if conditions will permit an excursion will be made over into Mexico, where a bull fight and a cock fight will be put on, and many other amusing features will be added for their entertainment. For further information address Scott White, El Paso.

**Largest Wheat Crop in Ten Years Predicted.**

Wichita Falls, Tex., May—Agents of the United States Department of Agriculture have completed their estimates of the 1914 wheat crop of Texas, after a careful survey of the wheat

belt of this state. The 1914 yield is estimated at 15,600,000 bushels which is approximately 2,000,000 bushels more than last year. If the final figures come up to this estimate it will be the largest production in Texas since 1903, when the yield was 19,580,000 bushels.

Only five per cent of the Texas acreage has been abandoned on account of crop failure and 1,082,000 acres remain to be harvested.

The Texas crop on May 1st was 90 per cent of normal, or 12% above the average condition on the same date last year.

The average price per bushel paid to farmers on May 1st was 93 cents, or 3 cents above the May 1st, 1913 quotation.

**STUDENTS WANTED BY FARMERS.**

Announcement by A. & M. College Brings Quick Results.

College Station, Tex., May 16.—Do people read the newspapers? On April 29 the publicity agent at the Texas A. & M. College sent to the semi-weekly editions of the Dallas and Galveston News an article advising farmers and stockmen that if they needed help on their farms or ranches during the summer months that they could find plenty of talent among the agricultural students at the A. & M. College. Since the publication of that article E. J. Kyle, dean of the school of agriculture at the college, has received requests from farmers for 144 men. One man, A. H. Starr of Jeffrey, Tex., has asked for fifty young men for the summer and has offered wages of \$2 per day and board. And still letters asking for young men are pouring in. Dean Kyle says that he will be able to fill about 150 requests for men. The cadets are anxious for employment during the summer months. Many of the agricultural students have never lived on farms and they are looking forward to this summer's work to strengthen their knowledge, gained in College.

There are plenty of young mechanical, civil and electrical engineers who are anxious for employment and those who are looking for help along those lines would do well to communicate with D. W. Spence, dean of the school of engineering, A. & M. College, College Station, Texas.

**TERRELL NOT A CANDIDATE.**

Speaker of House Won't Try for Slayden's Seat in Congress, so He Says.

San Antonio, Tex., May 16.—Chaster H. Terrell, Speaker of the lower house of the Texas Legislature and formerly a candidate for the governorship of this State, who had been regarded as a likely contestant for James L. Slayden's seat in Congress, announced tonight, upon his return from a fishing trip on Devil's River that he did not desire the office and would, therefore, not enter the race.

Mr. Slayden has one opponent in the person of Judge Oceola Archer, "the blind orator," whose candidacy was recently launched at a caucus of Bexar County business men and political overseers.

Mr. Terrell said tonight that a third man would probably enter the race within a few days.

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**RECEIVES PAROLE AS REWARD**

Parole Is Issued to Man Who Helped Authorities in Prison Riot

Oklahoma City, Ok., May 14.—One of the prisoners in the State penitentiary who helped the authorities at the time of the outbreak there in January was today rewarded by Gov. Cruce by being paroled.

"Parole is granted upon the ground that his services during the recent outbreak at the penitentiary deserve this clemency." This was the statement of Gov. Cruce in granting a parole to Claude Morton, serving a five-year term in the penitentiary at McAlester. Morton gave assistance to the authorities in the outbreak at the institution in January when seven men were killed.

Morton is an expert telephone man and he was in charge of the prison exchange when the riot occurred. The convicts rushed into the telephone room and attempted to destroy the exchange succeeding in putting it out of commission temporarily. As soon as they left Morton, with swift and expert fingers, repaired the breaks and telephoned the pump station, outside the walls. The prison authorities agree that it was this action which enabled Guard Ritchie to overtake the fleeing convicts, probably resulting in saving several lives that might have been sacrificed had the prisoners remained at large.

**Two Million Dollars Worth of Hogs Die.**

Fort Worth, Tex., May—Swine breeders of Texas lost 196,400 hogs, valued at nearly \$2,000,000 last year by diseases, according to a report issued today by the Census Bureau. This is an average death rate of 75 per 1,000 head. Last year the ratio was only 45 deaths to every 1,000 head and a total of only 112,200 head were lost.

The Texas death rate is much lower than that for Continental United States, which in total number of swine, and the six states that are ahead of Texas in hog production all have higher death rates than this state. The ratio in these states runs from 85 in Ohio to 255 per 1,000 in Iowa.

The farmers of the nation lost 7,004,800 head of hogs from disease last year. They were valued at \$75,000,000.

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**Car Turns Over.**

Mr. and Mrs. Adams Julch and children, August Vaughn and W. W. Stephenson narrowly escaped a serious accident Tuesday afternoon when a Ford car, in which they were riding, turned over.

August Vaughn was at the steering wheel and a sudden twist of the wheel tilted the car, when it was going at a speed of about 25 miles per hour. Fortunately none of the occupants received any serious hurt, Wade Stephenson, however, tore a big hole through the top as he went out. One wheel of the car was smashed, which was the only serious damage.—Tulla Inter-prise.



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**Locate Quartermasters Department in Fort Worth.**

Fort Worth—The United States War Department has begun the establishment of a quartermasters department in this city and this means that Fort Worth will be the base of all supplies for the soldiers on the Mexican border and in the interior. A vast sum will be expended every month for these supplies. It is also rumored that in case of intervention Fort Worth will be designated as mobilization point for Uncle Sam's forces.

**Citation by Publication.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS.  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Hall county—GREETING:  
You Are Hereby Commanded, That you summon, by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Hall if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 46th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 46th judicial district, for eight weeks previous to the return day hereof, T. J. Woods Jr. and E. E. Churchill, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Hall at the Court House thereof, in Memphis, Texas, on the seventeenth Monday after the first Monday in February 1914, the same being the first Monday in June the first day of June 1914, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court, on the 7th day of April A. D. 1914, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 776, wherein Mrs. Lizzie Denny executrix is plaintiff and T. J. Woods Jr. and E. E. Churchill, are defendants. The nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for the title and possession of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block No. 26 of the original town of Memphis Hall County Texas, and for damages.

Plaintiff pleads that she is the owner in fee simple of said lots and that she has had and held peaceable continuous adverse possession of said lots claiming same for more than ten years before the filing of this suit. Plaintiff also pleads the statutes of three and five years limitation. Plaintiff prays judgment for the title and possession of said lots, for damages and for cost of suit.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Memphis this, the 7, day of April A. D. 1914.  
S. G. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk District Court Hall County, Texas.  
41-Stc By M. F. ROBERTS, Deputy.

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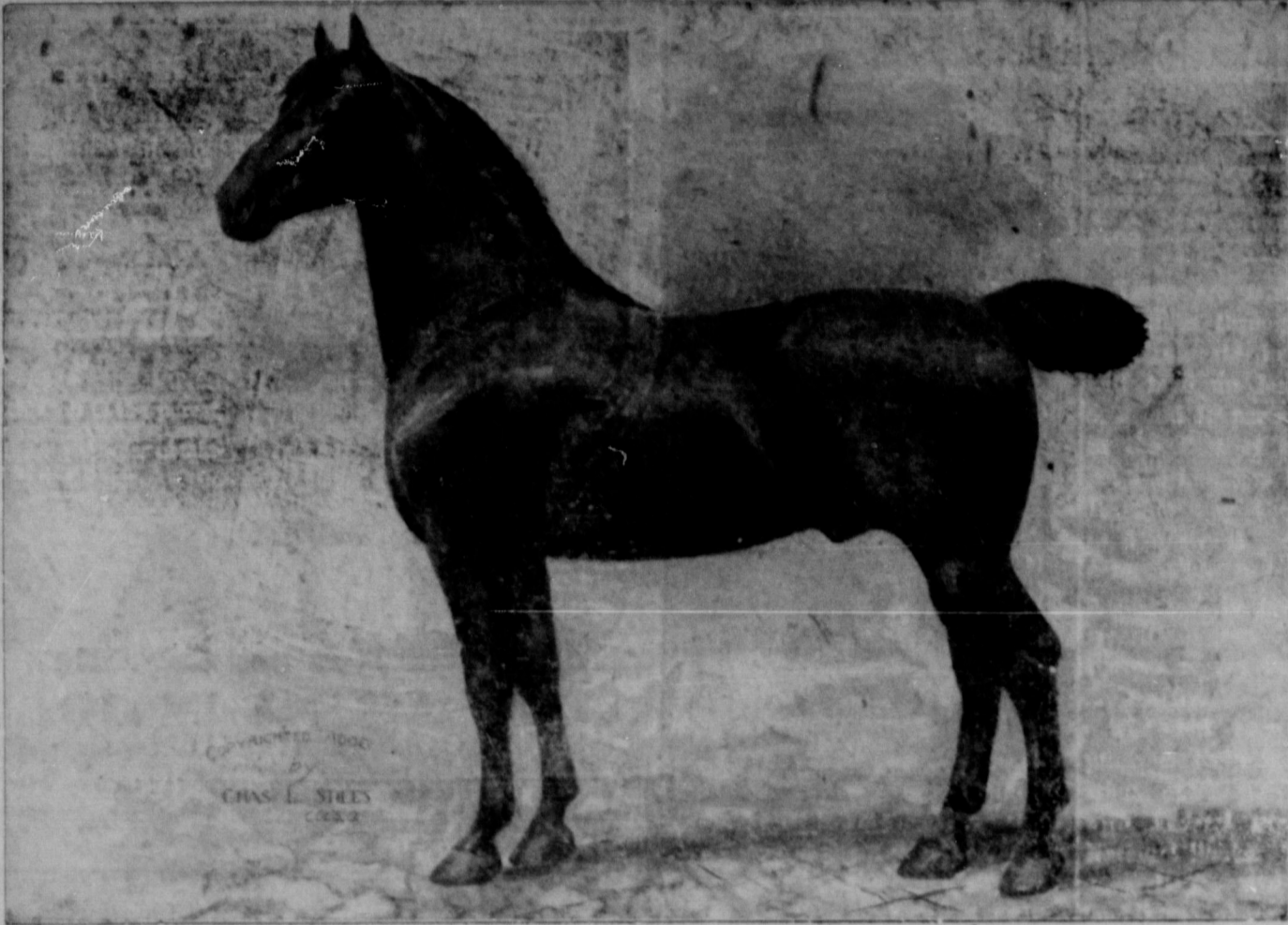
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## DEBATING AND ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

That people of Anglo-Saxon breed continue to enjoy contests, athletic and intellectual, is well illustrated by the success of the Debating, Declamation and Athletic League among Texas schools that has been fostered by Professor E. D. Shurter of the University of Texas. The old-fashioned tournament that flourished until recently in Texas was but a survival of the knightly contests



Prof. E. D. Shurter

of the days of the Crusades. In these days, instead of winning a ribbon to present to his lady love as in days of old, the young debater, or declaimer, or athlete wins a golden medal which may also soon be worn by his sweat-heart.

The fourth annual meeting of this League will be held at Austin on May 1 and 2. Preparation is being made to entertain six hundred persons interested in declamation, in debating and in the various forms of out-door athletics, such as jumping, running, hurdling, throwing the hammer, putting the shot, and pole vaulting. In preparation for this final contest, county meets have been held in more than one hundred counties in the State.

## DECREASING IN EFFICIENCY?

In the opinion of several heads of higher institutions of learning in the State, the graduate of the average high school in Texas today is not so well prepared to take advantage of a college education as was the graduate of the average high school in Texas fifteen years ago.

Professor Thomas Fletcher, who inspects for the University of Texas, has concluded, after interviewing the heads of various colleges and universities in Texas, that the training given in a great number of high schools in the State has deteriorated in the last fifteen years. In speaking of the causes of this deterioration, Prof. Fletcher says that the chief reason is the over-expansion of the high school programs of study, resulting in the overtaxing of both teachers and students. With a view to correcting this evil, the questions arise of how many classes a teacher can teach with a maximum of efficiency under given conditions, and how many recitations a day can the average high school student attend with profit? The practice in sixteen high schools in Texas was examined and it was found that eight of them require students to carry four subjects at a time.

The Springfield (Mass.) High School requires a minimum of three recitations per day; the St. Louis High School, four; the New York High Schools, the same. The Iowa Board of Education requires of its accredited list of schools that not more than four recitations be allowed per day. In short, the overwhelming verdict of pedagogical authority in the United States would limit the number of recitations per day per pupil to four. The trend is toward a less number.

Now, let us see what the practice is in this regard in 143 high schools of the rank and file in Texas. In thirty-eight of these schools pupils recite four times a day; in ninety, five times a day; in fifteen, six or more times a day; so, in the large majority of the ordinary high schools of the State the practice is against the great weight of reliable authority—the practice of over-burdening the pupils with work.



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## Farm Facts.

By Peter Radford

Excessive interest is sucking the life-blood of the Texas farming industry.

The whole machinery of our credit system is directed toward the aid of the city and not the country.

When the business of farming is placed beyond the thrall of grasp and greed, then the farmer will become economically independent.

The strength and vigor of the state is as much dependent upon conserving the fertility of the soil as upon the intelligence of the people.

W. E. HUMPHREY



Mr. Humphrey has represented Washington in congress for 11 years. He was born in Indiana and is a lawyer.

Varying Meat Consumption.  
As meat enters the people of Australia and New Zealand carry off the prize. The former eat 262 pounds of meat a year each; the latter 212 pounds, the Americans 185 pounds, and the British 130 pounds. The consumption of meat in this country is on the decrease, owing to the scarcity of the supply.

San Angelo—A number of cattlemen of this county are interested in tick eradication and are striving to get an election called to vote on an appropriation for this work. It is thought the proposition would carry by a large majority.

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## MRS. J. FRANK NORRIS SPEAKS

Tells Mothers to Rear Their Children in the Old-Fashioned Way.

Nearly 1,000 women heard Mrs. J. Frank Norris speak on "Stewardship" at the Central Baptist Church in Oak Cliff at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She spoke of the great influence that parents always exert on their children. She said: "Often times parents do and say things in the presence of their children, believing that those actions will not find lodgment in the lives of

their children, yet at the very first opportunity the children imitate their parents. If a child is reared under the guiding influence of a praying mother, even though that child may go off into sin, yet some time, some where, that good influence will manifest itself."

Mrs. Norris said that she is first a mother, and being a wife takes second place in her life. "Too many mothers today are spending their time in worldly attractions, in trying to win fame and honor, and as a result they are neglecting the foundation of all government—the home,

she said. "It is the duty of every mother to know where her children are. Children should be reared in the old-fashioned way; spare not the rod. If a mother must make a distinction between church and children and home, by all means the children should come first."—Dallas News.

## Third of a Million Catholics in Texas.

Dallas, Texas, May—There are 313,000 Catholics in Texas, according to the new 1914 official Catholic Directory, copies of which have just been received here. Compared with other states, Texas ranks 14th in number of Catholics.

There are 24,224,609 Catholics under the protection of the Stars and Stripes, which is an increase of nearly 1,000,000 over last year. In the entire United States there are 18,568 Catholic priests, an increase of 623 during the past year. One new Catholic church was built in the United States every working day of 1913. The Catholic Church of the United States now number 14,651. There are also seminaries, 230 colleges for boys; 680 academies for girls and 5,403 parochial schools in the nation. Approximately 1,669,000 young people are receiving Catholic instruction in the United States.

A new cotton has been developed in Egypt which is said to be stronger than any variety heretofore produced in that country. Careful selection of seed and particular attention to securing the best plants of each successive growth, after the best modern agricultural practice, is responsible for the long fiber and the silky texture. The plants are short and are covered with bolls, as many as a hundred having been found on a single plant. The cotton is brown in color and its superior strength, together with its abundant bearing, makes it a most valuable addition to this important family.—Farm and Ranch.

Here is the view held by the Prime Minister of Sweden: "I personally, cannot understand how people can think that it is possible to reach the goal of universal temperance, except by means of Prohibition. By universal temperance, I mean, certainly not a State where no use of strong drink occurs, for prohibitive legislation must always

reckon with evasion and clandestine trade, but a State where temperance is so universal that the filling of jails and lunatic asylums, the degradation of marriage and family life—is short, the calamities and miseries on a large scale which arises from drink—shall have vanished"—Home and State.

## Annual Convention of Retail Merchants Association.

Indications now are that the annual convention of the Texas Retail Merchants' association, which is to be held in Galveston July 7, 8 and 9, will surpass all previous occasions in point of attendance. There will be a meeting of the secretaries of the various local organizations of the state on July 6.

News comes from Galveston that arrangements for the convention have been practically completed. There will of course be a great deal of business for the merchants to transact at the convention, but business will not occupy all of the time by any means. There will be a number of entertainment features for the members of the association and for the members of their families who may accompany them.

Very attractive railroad rates for the convention have been secured.

## Dead Letter List.

List of dead letters remaining in Postoffice at Memphis, Texas, May 19th, 1914, which will be delivered on payment of 1 cent.

Allen, Birt.  
Brooks, R. S.  
Cobb, Mrs. Eena.  
Cox, Dr. W. R.  
Hubbard, Mrs. Mabel.  
When asking for these letters state advertised.

BEN. F. SHEPHERD, P. M.

## HUMBLE BRITISH POETS.

Workingmen poets, like Matthew Tate, the pitman, to whom Lord Ridley has offered a free house for life, are by no means rare. One of the most gifted is Mr. Alfred Williams of Swindon, who works at the forge by day and studies the classics and writes poetry in the evenings. Mr. McGill, too, a young navy on the Caledonian railway, recently published a volume of verses, including some very creditable translations from the French and German. Constable Mitchell, author of "Ballads in Blue," is only one of several policeman poets, and Miss Ethel Carron, whose "Songs of a Factory Girl" have reached a second edition, was until recently a Lancashire mill hand.

## What You Should Know About Beaver Board

**Discription** Beaver Board is Pure Wood Fibre wallboard which takes the place of lath, plaster and other wall building materials. Because of its superior surface for decorating, it makes wallpaper unnecessary.

It is made from selected woods reduced to fibrous form and pressed into panels three-sixteenth of an inch thick and in a variety of lengths and widths.

**Application** Beaver Board is nailed to the studding (wall and ceiling beams) of new rooms or directly over the lath and plaster of old rooms. The seams formed by the joining of the panels are covered with decorative strips of wood making an artistic panel arrangement. Anyone handy with tools can get a nice Beaver Board job by following instructions. Beaver Board is easily cut with a fine tooth saw, sharp knife or

chisel.  
**Uses** Beaver Board is used chiefly for walls and ceilings in new houses and over lath, plaster and other materials for remodeling. It is used extensively in residences, public buildings, theatres, offices, factories, etc. It is also used for rest-rooms, telephone booths, consultation closets, display booths at fairs and exhibitions. Barren attics or cellars can be converted into comfortable rooms or may be remodeled for play-rooms, work-shops, etc.

**A Few of its 41 Advantages** Beaver Board does not chip, crack or disintegrate. It makes rooms warmer in winter and cooler in summer. It retards fire; is a sound deadener, withstands shocks, strains and vibrations which crack and bring down plaster. Beaver Board improves with age; never needs re-pairing or replacing.

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P. P. Major of McLean, is visiting with his son, S. E. Major.

Sid Stone of Alanreed, was a visitor in Memphis this week.

Take your watch repairing to Wherry. East side.

Bruce Frankum has had the measles the past week.

Sheriff Jim King was in Estelline Tuesday.

Try a sack of that Good flour at the Cash Grocery. Phone 114.

Mrs. Paul James is visited home folks in Childress this week.

Commercial Banquet next Tuesday night. Get your ticket early.

Let Sullivan at the Connally Shoe Co., do your shoe repairing.

Master Elbert Stephens has been confined to his bed this week with the measles.

Byron Gist and wife came Saturday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Before buying corn chops See MEMPHIS MILLING CO.

Commercial Club Banquet Tuesday night May 26th. Only \$1.00 a plate, come and help to lay plans for the further development of Memphis.

O. B. Burnett returned this morning from Wichita Falls where he attended a meeting of the Farmers Institute which held a meeting there Tuesday.

"Queen of the Pantry" flour as good as ever brought to Memphis at the Davis Grocery Co.

If you haven't put up your screens yet go to the Quarles Lumber Co. and inspect their stock of screen doors and windows. They keep all kinds.

Mrs. M. McNeely will give her expression and music recital at the Presbyterian church on Monday night, May 25. Everybody invited. No admission.

Trade at the Davis Grocery Co., and get good goods at rock bottom prices.

Several trains loaded with cattle passed through Memphis on the Denver last week being transferred from South Texas to pastures in Wyoming.

Memphis is steadily forging to the front and her Commercial Club is a strong factor in her success. Be at the banquet Tuesday night, May 26 and help celebrate.

We are glad to report that Robert Cumming who was oper-

here in Memphis by these people this year.

Mrs. T. E. Elliott who has been visiting her son, J. M. Elliott, went down to Estelline Thursday morning to visit her daughter, Mrs. Burk, who lives about five miles west of that place.

J. C. Ross has the best line of samples in town. See him before you buy. 36-1f

Miss Lizzie and Grandpa Cunningham who have been visiting at Pilot Point and are on their way home to Amarillo, will stop off in Memphis Friday and will visit with Mrs. Billy McNeely Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. B. Norwood returned from Somerville, Monday where she has been visiting the last three weeks with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Morris, who accompanied her home and will spend the summer here.

WANTED—Nice clean cotton rags. 2 1/2 cents per pound, at the DEMOCRAT OFFICE.

The information we received last week in regard to the 7th grade picnic being chaperoned by Prof. McNally was erroneous. Prof. and Mrs. Claggett and Mrs. Pope acted in that capacity, as Prof. McNally was sick and could not go.

Ike Grundy received word this morning that his brother-in-law, Hugh Irby of Electra, had

staying at the front, especially in school matters.

Bring your old Hats to O. K. Tailor and have them cleaned and blocked. 46-1f

J. T. Nail, Jim and Craver Browder returned from Texline Friday morning. Several days before they had gone to Ft. Stockton to transfer about 3000 head of cattle belonging to John Browder to pastures near Texline. They report a great trip and while there got caught in a hail storm that made it very interesting for them for a while. For further particulars of this trip ask Jim Nail.

Cleaning and pressing at Herod's Sample store, at all hours. Phone 293.

The enterprising little town of Lakeview will in the near future build a new \$6000 brick school house. This improvement is in keeping with the sentiment of the people of that community. They believe in having the best of everything and want their children to have all the advantages there is in having good and well equipped school buildings.

Just received two cars of the very best ALFALFA HAY at the Memphis Milling Co.

Dick Moore a telephone lineman of Wichita Falls, fell from a pole last Friday at Iowa Park and fractured his skull and died Monday from the effects of same.

Mrs. E. L. Houghton left on the south bound train this morning on an extended trip in the interest of the Eastern Star order. She will go to Graham and hold a school of instructions, from there to Henrietta where she will institute a lodge of this order and then on to Spur and other points. Mrs. Houghton is considered to be one of the best posted Deputy Grand Matrons in the state of Texas and her services are very much in demand.

Big Four Fancy Lump Coal \$7.25 per ton. Nut coal \$6.75 per ton, at the Farmers Union Warehouse.

Secretary A. W. Read received the following telegram from A. W. Henderson, publicity superintendent of the Colorado autoist on their sociability run over Colorado-to-the-Gulf highway: Houston, Tex., 17-1914. A. W. Read. Secretary Colorado to Gulf Highway Association. Greetings from the Gulf of Mexico. Colorado sociability run reached Galveston Saturday afternoon demonstrating possibility motor trip from Pikes Peak to Gulf even under adverse conditions delayed in start north expect to reach San Antonio Tuesday and Dallas Thursday. A. W. HENDERSON.

Rev. M. L. Kimmel will preach for the Church of Christ at the I. O. O. F. hall at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on each Third Sunday of the month.

**INTERESTING MEETING OF EASTERN STAR LODGE**

The Eastern Star lodge held a very interesting meeting at their hall Tuesday night. Three candidates were initiated. Mrs. E. L. Houghton in behalf of the lodge presented Mrs. B. W. Dodson the retiring Worthy Matron a beautiful Pat Matrons pin. Mrs. Crozier also in behalf of the lodge presented to D. A. Neely the retiring Worthy Patron, with a Masonic pin. This was the last meeting that Mrs. Dodson will meet with the Eastern Star here for some time as she will leave for Sweetwater this week where she will make her future home. Rev. and Mrs. Dodson have always been very enthusiastic workers in this order and will be very much missed by the lodge here.

**Hail Insurance.**

Farmers interested in hail insurance on their crops will do well to see me and I will appreciate the business if I can write your application in a good Mutual Co., with a good record and a good reserve fund. 5-4tc F. A. HUDGINS, Agent.

If your suit needs cleaning and pressing, call 186. All work guaranteed. FRANK GREENE, Tailor.

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New piano, used three months, sold for \$398.00. Will take \$200 one-half cash, balance on time. Phone 385. 47-1f

## It Will Go Farther Than Any Other Dollar

Mauldin & Wilkins are still doing all kinds of blacksmith and repair work.

J. C. Conn of Lodge, was a business visitor in Memphis Wednesday.

W. A. Bennett came up from Fort Worth and spent a few days the past week on business.

The next time you go to the country get an Eastman kodak. Wherrys and bring home sale pairs of your trip.

May Major left Wednesday on a trip of last week for the soil where she is employed stenographer.

Joe Lemons returned from a three weeks stay at Mineral Wells last Thursday, very much improved in health.

The Big Tea Sale is now on. Good tea 20c per pound at the Davis Grocery Co.

The men who mean most for the development of this community are always found at the front. Get in now for the Commercial Club Banquet next Tuesday night.

ated on for appendicitis a few days ago is able to be up and around the house and will in a few days be well again.

Call 262 for a perfect job of cleaning and pressing. 36-1f J. C. ROSS.

Dr. J. M. Ballew returned Saturday night from Houston where he attended a meeting of the State Medical Association last week. He reports a fine meeting and a splendid time.

Commercial Club Banquet Tuesday night May 26th. If you believe in Memphis you'll be there. Give your dollar to the committee today, it might be too late if you wait longer.

Don't forget the O. K. Tailor when you have Cleaning and Pressing. Phone 38. 46-1f

H. D. Tent of Frederick, Okla. visited with D. L. C. Kinard a few days last week. Mr. Tent and Mr. Kinard were old school mates at Baylor University and had not met since leaving school.

Miss Wylie and Donald will leave Friday night for Amarillo where they will visit relatives for a week. They will return to Memphis and then go to their respective homes in Justin' and Henderson.

Cleaning and pressing at Herod's Sample store at all hours day or night. Phone 293.

On Monday Allen & Bivans of Amarillo, shipped five cars of cattle to the Oklahoma markets. This makes about 35 cars fed and shipped from the Oil mill

been shot and killed. Mr. Grundy stated that he had not learned the particulars of the shooting. He left for Electra on this morning's train.

We want to sell you good yellow corn chops. MEMPHIS MILLING CO.

The many friends of W. A. Thompson, formerly a Memphis citizen, but now living at Edinburg, Hidalgo county, Texas, has been recently commissioned as fourth class postmaster at that city. Walter is a fine young man and we are glad he has been commissioned as postmaster.

Good Home made syrup 50c per gallon at Farmers Produce Co., Memphis, Texas.

Prof. L. Q. Sparks closed a very successful six months school out at Lodge Friday and left Friday night for Chillicothe. He stated that he hopes to teach school again in Hall county next year. We are sorry to have him go and hope he will be with us next year.

Remember the O. K. Tailor will give you the best clothes for the money that can be had. 46-1f

The trustees of the Pleasant Valley district are adding a new \$1200 room to their school house. The addition will be built of brick which will give them three rooms for school purposes. T. Kittenger has the contract and Art Jaynes will do the brick work. This is one of the most progressive districts in Hall county and the people believe in

Mr. Moore was an employee of the Telephone Co., here for several months last year and also for a time at Hedley and will be remembered by many people. He leaves a wife and one child.

Have you visited the cash grocer. You can save money. South side square. Phone 114

Two sections of the Canadian bridge on the Denver went out Friday night. This is not the part that went out a few days ago but was a part of the old bridge. The Denver is having hard luck with this bridge which is interfering very much with all kinds of traffic.

LATER—We are informed that another section went out with the rise in the river Tuesday night.

FOR SALE—Two sections of grazing land, four miles north of Giles. J. S. BEARD, 300 Lamar Ave. Wichita Falls, Tex., 47-5tp

Word was received in Memphis last week of the death of the three year old baby of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wallace at San Antonio, Texas. It was a very sad affair, this being the third child these estimable people have had to part with. Mr. Wallace was manager of the Cameron Lumber Co. here in Memphis for a number of years and they have a large circle of friends who sympathize with them in their loss.

We have a nice line of cut glass diamonds, rings, all kinds of novelties, watches, clocks, etc. Call and see them. WHERRY.

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Red Cross Flour.  
Corn Meal.  
Cottor Seed Meal.  
Wheat Bran.  
Corn Chops.  
Milo Maize Chops.  
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Cold Pressed Cotton Seed Cake.  
Dixie Cream.  
Steam Cooked Horse and Cow Feed.  
Stock Salt.  
Alfalfa Hay.  
Prairie Hay.  
Shelled Corn.

Also carry a complete line of field seeds and "The Old Reliable Oakdale Coal." Deliver any of the above to any part of the city. W. P. DIAL.

Time to begin thinking about that Spring Suit. I have 1500 samples to select from. Come in and let me show you through. FRANK GREENE, Tailor.

**Bring in Your Hogs.**

The Huchton Meat Co., will ship a car of hogs Saturday, May 23, 1914. Will pay within once cent of Fort Worth market. D. H. ARNOLD.

**Hail Insurance.**

I am now ready to write hail insurance in the old reliable St. Paul Fire and Marine Ins. All losses adjusted promptly. This policy holds good until October 1, 1914. Adjuster located in Memphis. See R. P. BRUCE. 3-1c.

The Memphis Democrat and the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News one year for \$1.75. Tell your friends.

**Piano Instructor.**

I wish to announce that I will be at home in Memphis after June 3rd, to remain permanently. Will accept students at any time who wish to take advantage of the summer vacation to study music. Miss McCarroll informs me she will not return to Memphis and very graciously recommends me to her pupils as her successor. I take this method of expressing my appreciation to her. I am not a stranger among you and you know of my work and shall appreciate your consideration if you wish Piano Instruction.

Respectfully  
MRS. MARY ROBERTSON.

**Farmers Institute Program**

Following is the program for the meeting of the Farmers Institute which will be held in Memphis at the court house on May 23, 1914, at 2:00 o'clock. Everybody invited to attend this meeting.

Meet at court house at 2:00 p. m.

Organization of Institutes throughout the country.—Pres. E. M. Ewen.

The Relation of the Banks to the Farmers.—S. S. Montgomery.

Farm Management—Judge J. F. Bradley.

Round Table Talks by all who are interested.

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# The Case of Jennie Brice

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## CHAPTER VI.

THE newspapers were full of the Ladley case, with its curious solution and many surprises. It was considered unique in many ways. Mr. Pitman had always read all the murder trials and used to talk about the corpus delicti and writs of habeas corpus, corpus being the legal way, I believe, of spelling corpse. But I came out of the Ladley trial—for it came to trial ultimately—with only one point of law that I was sure of. That was that it is slightly hard to prove a man a murderer unless you can show what he did.

And that was the weakness in the Ladley case. There was a body, but it could not be identified.

The police held Mr. Ladley for a day or two, and then, nothing appearing, they let him go. Mr. Holcombe, who was still occupying the second floor front, almost wept with rage and despair when he read the news in the papers. He was still working on the case in his curious way, wandering along the wharfs at night and writing letters all over the country to learn about Philip Ladley's previous life and his wife's. But he did not seem to get anywhere.

The newspapers had been full of the Jennie Brice disappearance, for disappearance it proved to be. So far as could be learned she had not left the city that night or since, and as she was a striking looking woman, very blond, as I have said, with a full voice and a languid manner, she could hardly have taken refuge anywhere without being discovered. The morning after her disappearance a young woman, tall, like Jennie Brice, and fair, had been seen in the Union station. But as she was accompanied by a young man, who bought her magazines and papers and bade her an excited farewell, sending his love to various members of a family and promising to feed the canary, this was not seriously considered. A sort of general alarm went over the country. When she was younger she had been pretty well known at the Broadway theaters in New York. One way or another, the Liberty theater got a lot of free advertising from the case, and, I believe, Miss Hope's salary was raised.

The police communicated with Jennie Brice's people—she had a sister in Olean, N. Y., but she had not heard from her. The sister wrote—I heard later—that Jennie had been unhappy with Philip Ladley, and afraid he would kill her. And Miss Hope told the same story. But—there was no corpus, as the lawyers say, and finally the police had to let Mr. Ladley go.

Beyond making an attempt to get ball, and falling, he had done nothing. Asked about his wife, he merely shrugged his shoulders and said she had left him and would turn up all right. He was unconcerned, smoked cigarettes all day, ate and slept well and looked better since he had had nothing to drink. And two or three days after the arrest he sent for the manuscript of his play.

Mr. Howell came for it on the Thursday of that week. I was on my knees scrubbing the parlor floor when he rang the bell. I let him in, and it seemed to me that he looked tired and pale.

"Well, Mrs. Pitman," he said, smiling, "what did you find in the cellar when the water went down?"

"I'm glad to say that I didn't find what I feared, Mr. Howell."

"Not even the onyx clock?"

"Not even the clock," I replied. "And I feel as if I'd lost a friend. A clock is a lot of company."

"Do you know what I think?" he said, looking at me closely. "I think you put that clock away yourself in the excitement and have forgotten all about it."

"Yes," he said, "I was very much in a hurry. You knew the water was to be moved up to the second floor front, where the clock stood. You went in there and looked around to see if the room was ready, and you saw the clock. And knowing that the Ladleys quarreled now and then and were apt to throw things—"

"Nothing but a soap dish, and that only once."

"You took the clock to the attic and put it, say, in an old trunk?"

"I did nothing of the sort. I went in, as you say, and I put up an old splasher, because of the way he throws ink about. Then I wound the clock, put the key under it and went out."

"And the key is gone, too?" he said thoughtfully. "I wish I could find that clock, Mrs. Pitman."

"So do I."

"Ladley went out Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock and got back at 5?" I turned and looked at him. "Yes, Mr. Howell," I said. "Perhaps you know something about that."

"I?" He changed color. "Twenty years of changing borders has made me pretty sharp at reading faces, and he looked as uncomfortable as if he

owed me money. "I" I knew then that I had been right about the voice. It had been him.

"You?" I retorted. "You were here Sunday morning and spent some time with the Ladleys. I am the old she devil. I notice you didn't tell your friend, Mr. Holcombe, about having been here on Sunday."

He was quick to recover. "I'll tell you all about it, Mrs. Pitman," he said smilingly. "You see, all my life, I have wished for an onyx clock. It has been my ambition, my great desire. Leaving the house that Sunday morning and hearing the ticking of the clock upstairs I recognized it was an onyx clock, clambered from my boat through an upper window and so reached it. The clock showed light, but after stunning it with a chair—"

"Exactly!" I said. "Then the thing Mrs. Ladley said she would not do was probably to wind the clock?"

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I tried to say that I wouldn't have him, but the old habit of the ward asserted itself. From taking a bottle of beer or a slice of pie to telling one where one might or might not live the police were autocrats in that neighbor-

I had plenty to think of when I was cooking Mr. Reynolds' supper—the chance that I might have Mr. Ladley again and the woman at Horner. For it had come to me like a flash as Mr. Graves left that the "Horn—" on the paper slip might have been "Horner."

After all, there was nothing sensational about Mr. Ladley's return. He came at 8 o'clock that night, fresh shaved and with his hair cut, and, although he had a latchkey, he rang the doorbell. I knew his ring, and I thought it no harm to carry an old razor of Mr. Pitman's with the blade open and folded back on the handle, the way the colored people use them, in my left hand.

But I saw at once that he meant no mischief.

"Good evening," he said, and put out his hand. I jumped back until I saw there was nothing in it and that he only meant to shake hands. I didn't do it. I might have to take him in and make his bed and cook his meals, but I did not have to shake hands with him.

"You, too?" he said, looking at me with what I suppose he meant to be a reproachful look. But he could no more put an expression of that sort in his eyes than a fish could. "I suppose, then, there is no use asking if I may have my old room—the front room. I won't need two."

I didn't want him, and he must have seen it. But I took him. "You may have it, as far as I'm concerned," I said. "But you'll have to let the paper hanger in tomorrow."

"Assuredly." He came into the hall and stood looking around him, and I fancied he drew a breath of relief. "It isn't much yet," he said, "but it's better to look at than six feet of muddy water."

"Or than stone walls," I said.

He looked at me and smiled. "Or than stone walls," he repeated, bowing, and went into his room.

So I had him again, and if I gave him only the dull knives and locked up the breadknife the moment I had finished with it, who can blame me? I took all the precaution I could think of—had Terry put an extra bolt on every door and hid the rat poison and the carbolic acid in the cellar.

Peter would not go near him. He hobbled around on his three legs, with the splint beating a sort of tattoo on the floor, but he stayed back in the kitchen with me or in the yard.

It was Sunday night or early Monday morning that Jennie Brice disappeared. On Thursday evening her husband came back. On Friday the body of a woman was washed ashore at Beaver, but turned out to be that of a stewardess who had fallen overboard from one of the Cincinnati packets. Mr. Ladley himself showed me the article in the morning paper when I took in his breakfast.

"Public hysteria has killed a man before this," he said when I had read it. "Suppose that woman had been mangled or the screw of the steamer had cut her head off? How many people do you suppose would have been willing to swear that it was my—was Mrs. Ladley?"

"Even without a head I should know Mrs. Ladley," I retorted.

He shrugged his shoulders. "Let's trust she's still alive, for my sake," he said. "But I'm glad, anyhow, that this woman had a head. You'll allow me to be glad, won't you?"

"You can be anything you want as far as I'm concerned," I snapped and went out.

Mr. Holcombe still retained the second story front room. I think, although he said nothing more about it, that he was still "playing horse." He wrote a good bit at the washstand, and from the loose sheets of manuscript he left, I believe actually tried to begin a play. But mostly he wandered along the water front or stood on one or another of the bridges, looking at the water and thinking. It is certain that he tried to keep in the part by smoking cigarettes, but he hated them, and usually ended by throwing the cigarette away and lighting an old pipe he carried.

On that Thursday evening he came home and sat down to supper with Mr. Reynolds. He ate little and seemed much excited. The talk ran on crime, as it always did when he was around, and Mr. Holcombe quoted Spencer a great deal—Herbert Spencer. Mr. Reynolds was impressed, not knowing much beyond silks and the National league.

"Spencer," Mr. Holcombe would say—"Spencer shows that every occurrence is the inevitable result of what has gone before and carries in its train an equally inevitable series of results. Try to interrupt this chain in the smallest degree and what follows? Chaos, my dear sir, chaos."

"We see that at the store," Mr. Reynolds would say. "Accustom a lot of women to a silk sale on Fridays and then make it tooth brushes. That's chaos, all right."

Well, Mr. Holcombe came in that night about 10 o'clock, and I told him Ladley was back. He was almost wild with excitement, wanted to have the back parlor, so he could watch him through the keyhole, and was terribly upset when I told him there was no keyhole, that the door fastened with a thumb bolt. On learning that the room was to be papered the next morning he grew calmer, however, and got the paperhanger's address from me. He went out just after that.

Friday, as I say, was very quiet. Mr. Ladley moved to the back parlor to let the paperhanger in the front room, smoked and fussed with his papers all day, and Mr. Holcombe stayed in his room, which was unusual. In the afternoon Molly Maguire put on the striped fur coat and went out, going slowly past the house so that I

could see her. Beyond banging the window down, I gave her no satisfaction.

At 4 o'clock Mr. Holcombe came to my kitchen, rubbing his hands together. He had a pasteboard tube in his hand about a foot long, with an arrangement of small mirrors in it. He said it was modeled after the something or other that is used on a submarine, and that he and the paperhanger had fixed a place for it between his floor and the ceiling of Mr. Ladley's room, so that the chandelier would hide it from below. He thought he could watch Mr. Ladley through it, and as it turned out he could.

"I want to find his weak moment," he said excitedly. "I want to know what he does when the door is closed and he can take off his mask. And I want to know if he sleeps with a light."

"If he does," I replied. "I hope you'll let me know, Mr. Holcombe. The gas bills are a horror to me as it is. I think he kept it on all last night. I turned off all the other lights and went to the cellar. The meter was going around."

"Fine!" he said. "Every murderer fears the dark, and our friend of the parlor bedroom is a murderer, Mrs. Pitman. Whether he hangs or not, he's a murderer."

The mirror affair, which Mr. Holcombe called a periscope, was put in that day and worked amazingly well. I went with him to try it out, and I distinctly saw the paperhanger take a cigarette from Mr. Ladley's case and put it in his pocket. Just after that, Mr. Ladley sauntered into the room and looked at the new paper. I could both see and hear him. It was rather weird.

"Gee, what a wall paper!" he said.

(To be continued)

An Ohio traveling man suggests that if places authorizing saloons were alone required to meet the expenses of crime growing out of saloons it would put thousands of tax-payers against saloons who are now for them. He also says such a law would practically destroy saloons in the whole nation. That is something to think about. Tax-payers in all our dry territory are compelled, under law, to help defray the expenses of crime, created in saloon cities. There is no "local self government" nor "local option" on the tax-paying feature of the saloon question. The cities have saloons, saloons create crime, and all Texas taxpayers foot the bills. It is unjust, politically, and morally wrong.—Home and State.

Odell—This city now has a commercial club, one having been organized last week at a gathering of a number of local citizens. C. P. Ross is secretary of the new organization.

Everywhere We Hear Good Reports of Doan's Kidney Pills.

Memphis is no exception. Every section of the U. S. resounds with praise of Doan's Kidney Pills. Thirty thousand persons are giving testimony in their home newspapers. The sincerity of these witnesses, the fact that they live so near, is the best proof of the merit of Doan's. Here's a Memphis case.

W. D. Morgan, Memphis, Texas, says: "Some months ago I got Doan's Kidney Pills at the Montgomery Drug Co., and they proved most effective in relieving lameness across my back that had annoyed me for a long time. Doan's Kidney Pills acted quickly and removed the annoyance, also restoring my kidneys to a normal condition. Doan's Kidney Pills live up to representations."

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Our enthusiasm for agricultural education must not obscure our vision for other courses indispensable to a cultured man or woman. Nor should our agricultural college be fostered to the detriment and neglect of our universities, normals and state industrial and trade schools. All of these institutions are needed to train the young people of the various states and the states cannot afford to neglect any of them; and least of all should we neglect the public schools, the foundation of our educational system.

Let us place all of our schools upon an efficient basis and make it possible for every boy and girl regardless of wealth to secure training for efficiency, but in the special line that he or she prefers. Every dollar the state spends upon the education of the industrious boys and girls is an investment that will bring adequate returns. The state cannot afford to permit its citizens to be reared without training nor can it afford for its best talent to be educated in other states. That other states have educated many of our young people has caused the Southwestern states to lose leaders that are needed at the present time.—Farm and Ranch.

Kindness to a vicious horse, which converted it into a valuable animal, saved Richard Coates a civil war veteran, his job with a lumber firm, in Riverside, New Jersey, when the company laid off many employes. Coates was told he had been retained because of his kindness to the horse.

When first employed in the company's stable, Coates was warned against one of the horses the ugly temper of which had

become a byword. He tried sugar instead of slaps and was soon able to coax the horse into working. The animal gained three hundred pounds in weight under Coates' care and is now one of the most tractable at the plant.—Our Dumb Animal.

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Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil was recommended and, after using, the pain left and has not returned; says A. M. Coffey, 316 Van Buren, Street, Litchfield, Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere. A. B. RICHARDS Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

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"Yes. But it was upstairs that he—" "I see. Tall woman, Mrs. Ladley?"

"Tall and blond. Very airy in her manner."

He nodded and stood looking in and whistling. "Never heard her speak of a town named Horner, did you?"

"Horner? No."

"I see." He turned and wandered out again into the hall, still whistling. At the door, however, he stopped and turned. "Look anything like this?" he asked and held out one of his hands with a small kodak picture on the palm.

It was a snapshot of a children's frolic in a village street, with some onlookers in the background. Around one of the heads had been drawn a circle in pencil. I took it to the gas jet and looked at it closely. It was a tall woman with a hat on, not unlike Jennie Brice. She was looking over the crowd, and I could see only her face, and that in shadow. I shook my head.

"I thought not," he said. "We have a lot of stage pictures of her, but, what with false hair and their being retouched beyond recognition, they don't amount to much." He started out and stopped on the doorstep to light a cigar.

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"Not here," I protested. "The very thought of him makes me quake."

"If he comes here better take him in. I want to know where he is."

I tried to say that I wouldn't have him, but the old habit of the ward asserted itself. From taking a bottle of beer or a slice of pie to telling one where one might or might not live the police were autocrats in that neighbor-

I had plenty to think of when I was cooking Mr. Reynolds' supper—the chance that I might have Mr. Ladley again and the woman at Horner. For it had come to me like a flash as Mr. Graves left that the "Horn—" on the paper slip might have been "Horner."

After all, there was nothing sensational about Mr. Ladley's return. He came at 8 o'clock that night, fresh shaved and with his hair cut, and, although he had a latchkey, he rang the doorbell. I knew his ring, and I thought it no harm to carry an old razor of Mr. Pitman's with the blade open and folded back on the handle, the way the colored people use them, in my left hand.

But I saw at once that he meant no mischief.

"Good evening," he said, and put out his hand. I jumped back until I saw there was nothing in it and that he only meant to shake hands. I didn't do it. I might have to take him in and make his bed and cook his meals, but I did not have to shake hands with him.

"You, too?" he said, looking at me with what I suppose he meant to be a reproachful look. But he could no more put an expression of that sort in his eyes than a fish could. "I suppose, then, there is no use asking if I may have my old room—the front room. I won't need two."

I didn't want him, and he must have seen it. But I took him. "You may have it, as far as I'm concerned," I said. "But you'll have to let the paper hanger in tomorrow."

"Assuredly." He came into the hall and stood looking around him, and I fancied he drew a breath of relief. "It isn't much yet," he said, "but it's better to look at than six feet of muddy water."

"Or than stone walls," I said.

He looked at me and smiled. "Or than stone walls," he repeated, bowing, and went into his room.

So I had him again, and if I gave him only the dull knives and locked up the breadknife the moment I had finished with it, who can blame me? I took all the precaution I could think of—had Terry put an extra bolt on every door and hid the rat poison and the carbolic acid in the cellar.

Peter would not go near him. He hobbled around on his three legs, with the splint beating a sort of tattoo on the floor, but he stayed back in the kitchen with me or in the yard.

It was Sunday night or early Monday morning that Jennie Brice disappeared. On Thursday evening her husband came back. On Friday the body of a woman was washed ashore at Beaver, but turned out to be that of a stewardess who had fallen overboard from one of the Cincinnati packets. Mr. Ladley himself showed me the article in the morning paper when I took in his breakfast.

"Public hysteria has killed a man before this," he said when I had read it. "Suppose that woman had been mangled or the screw of the steamer had cut her head off? How many people do you suppose would have been willing to swear that it was my—was Mrs. Ladley?"

"Even without a head I should know Mrs. Ladley," I retorted.

He shrugged his shoulders. "Let's trust she's still alive, for my sake," he said. "But I'm glad, anyhow, that this woman had a head. You'll allow me to be glad, won't you?"

"You can be anything you want as far as I'm concerned," I snapped and went out.

Mr. Holcombe still retained the second story front room. I think, although he said nothing more about it, that he was still "playing horse." He wrote a good bit at the washstand, and from the loose sheets of manuscript he left, I believe actually tried to begin a play. But mostly he wandered along the water front or stood on one or another of the bridges, looking at the water and thinking. It is certain that he tried to keep in the part by smoking cigarettes, but he hated them, and usually ended by throwing the cigarette away and lighting an old pipe he carried.

On that Thursday evening he came home and sat down to supper with Mr. Reynolds. He ate little and seemed much excited. The talk ran on crime, as it always did when he was around, and Mr. Holcombe quoted Spencer a great deal—Herbert Spencer. Mr. Reynolds was impressed, not knowing much beyond silks and the National league.

"Spencer," Mr. Holcombe would say—"Spencer shows that every occurrence is the inevitable result of what has gone before and carries in its train an equally inevitable series of results. Try to interrupt this chain in the smallest degree and what follows? Chaos, my dear sir, chaos."

"We see that at the store," Mr. Reynolds would say. "Accustom a lot of women to a silk sale on Fridays and then make it tooth brushes. That's chaos, all right."

Well, Mr. Holcombe came in that night about 10 o'clock, and I told him Ladley was back. He was almost wild with excitement, wanted to have the back parlor, so he could watch him through the keyhole, and was terribly upset when I told him there was no keyhole, that the door fastened with a thumb bolt. On learning that the room was to be papered the next morning he grew calmer, however, and got the paperhanger's address from me. He went out just after that.

Friday, as I say, was very quiet. Mr. Ladley moved to the back parlor to let the paperhanger in the front room, smoked and fussed with his papers all day, and Mr. Holcombe stayed in his room, which was unusual. In the afternoon Molly Maguire put on the striped fur coat and went out, going slowly past the house so that I

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### Salisbury Gossips.

Good rains fell throughout this vicinity for the past few days.

Mrs. W. W. Richards is reported on the sick list this week.

Miss Belva Solomon returned home Sunday from Deep Lake where she has been the past few months teaching school.

C. C. Johnson of Deep Lake was in our midst Sunday and Sunday night.

Pierce Taylor was visiting in Hedley Sunday.

Ernest Norwood and Miss Mamie Saunders were visiting in the home of J. D. Harrison Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Richards of Friendship were visiting their son, W. W. Richards Monday night. **OLD MAID.**

### Pleasant Valley.

Weather cold, cloudy and raining.

We have had an excess of cold rainy weather the past week and it is about to put a long face on the farmers in the place of the smile that formerly was there.

Health is still improving, Mr. Messer is able to be about again, also Mrs. A. J. Lambe is much improved.

Cotton was looking fine before the cold weather but it is changing its color from green to yellow.

Lodge and Eli played a game of ball Saturday evening which resulted in favor of Lodge with a score 7 to 8 on a ten inning game.

Creed Lambe has been confined to the house the past week on account of sickness.

Mrs. S. L. Lindly has returned home from a visit to relatives who live in eastern Texas.

Mrs. Winnie Weaver is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dur-

ing. One of Mr. Halls children has a case of the mumps.

Don't forget that P. V. has a base ball club. Call and play them a game. **P. V.**

### Newlin Items.

C. A. Crozier was in town on business one day last week.

Dr. A. L. Johnson went to Memphis on business last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Rushing went to Memphis one day last week shopping.

A few days back B. L. Gresham put one by his neighbors by slipping off to Memphis and being quietly married to Miss Bates the bride and groom will make their home at Mr. Gresham's fathers old home. We wish them a long and happy married life.

Their was quite a number of the Newlin singers went to Lakeview last Sunday to the singing convention.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Ballard re-

turned a few days ago from Ft. Worth where they attended the Bankers convention.

Rev. Morgan and Mr. Brumley of Memphis was down looking after their ranch east of town last week.

T. E. Bryant went to Hedley to attend the singing convention last Sunday.

The W. O. W. intends to pull off their play some time this week the proceeds are going to buy uniforms for the degree team of this camp.

T. R. Franks of Memphis was in town on business one day last week.

CORRESPONDENT.

### Y. P. S. C. E.

Subject: The Meaning of Recent Events.

A Current Moral Issue—Ellsworth Howell.

Prayer.

The Hand of God in Mexico—Fay Baird.

God's Hand in Current History—Cleo Bradley.

Song.

China and Christianity—Lucille Craft.

Japan and Christianity—Orene Lane.

Sentence prayer.

Some Incidents Concerning the Cause of Temperance—Mit-

tie Rice.

Why we Should Read the Daily Papers—Eunice Herd.

Song.

Happening in the Religious World—Benton Fair.

Bible Reading, Ps, 11—Tula Leak.

Mizpah.

Leader—Emma Moreman.

### Good Roads.

By Homer D. Wade.

A good road turneth away wrath.

Good roads, like salvation, are costly, but are a permanent joy when once secured.

It is wilful waste of money to spend it upon roads that are not given proper drainage.

The town that is lost in the shuffle is the one that has no good roads leading into it. The town that is not upon the map is the one that is without good roads and good streets.

If it is possible to build permanent roads by the issuance of bonds, this is the thing to do. If this cannot be done, then the next best thing is a systematic use of the split log drag.

**The Tenant Problem.**  
The Texas farmer is the man of the hour. Besides furnishing campaign material for gubernatorial aspirants, he is claiming attention from other sources and his welfare is becoming the paramount issue of both political and commercial bodies.

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A man who drives over a bad road and is contented with it is a moss back.

Good highways are essential to the highest development of prosperity.

A road constructed with a bad constitution cannot be permanently benefitted with all the doctoring in the world.

A farmer situated alongside bad roads is seriously hampered in getting to the markets with his products.

The average farm haul is nine miles and it takes two horses five hours to haul 600 pounds this distance over unimproved highways.

### Christian Church.

The pastor will deliver two special sermons next Sunday.

Morning subject: "Longer Visions"  
Evening subject: "Five Great Things"

The presense of every member is urgently requested. All cordially invited.

### Sunday School Picnic.

We are requested to announce that there will be a Sunday school picnic held in the grove at Giles, Saturday, May 30. There will be a nice Sunday school program in the morning. The afternoon will be devoted to outdoor amusements such as sack races, foot races, tennis game, base ball, etc. Hedley, Lelia and several of the small schools of Donley county and several persons from Clarendon will take a part. Everybody is invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

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Thursday, May 28, 8:20 p. m., Young Ladies Contest in Expression.

Friday, May 29, 8:20 p. m., Concert by Departments of Music and Expression.

Saturday, May 30, 8:30 p. m., The Annual Inter Society Debate

Sunday, May 31, 11 a. m., Commencement Sermon by Rev. R. B. Morgan, Memphis, Texas.

Monday, June 1, 10 a. m., Young Men's Contest in Oratory.

8:30 p. m., A Drama in Five Acts by the Department of Expression.

Tuesday, June 2, 10 a. m., Final Commencement Exercises.

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