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## PRICES TALK

### Canned Goods.

Corn Per case	<b>\$2.35</b>
Tomatoes Per case	<b>2.75</b>
Hominy Per case	<b>2.50</b>

### Gallon Fruits.

Pineapple In syrup	<b>.75</b>
Apricots In syrup	<b>.60</b>
Black Berries In syrup	<b>.60</b>
Peaches In syrup	<b>.50</b>
Apples In syrup	<b>.50</b>
Pears In syrup	<b>.50</b>

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## Again Suffers Defeat

The proposed bond issue that was at the mercy of the voters last Saturday suffered a more definite defeat than on its former attempt and the will of the minority of the voters seems so well set and absolute that there is little likelihood of it ever coming up for hearing again.

With this final and lasting defeat of a bond issue the prospects of cumulative effort in road building seems to have faded away and those who favor the building of roads will have to do so out of their own funds and without the help of any alien property owners.

We have always been in favor of road building and are still in favor of it. We are willing to donate time and labor in the cause and build the roads for there is nothing in the shape of development that means more to a community.

However, we are not in favor of a fifteen cent road tax. This kind of a proposition would last forever and in the end the results gained would not be satisfactory and the roads constructed would not be lasting nor sufficient. If the theory were correct it would be just as advisable to build a home by buying a few plank and a pound or two of nails as you could scrape up the money. Before you finished the second wall the first would be rotted from exposure and neglect and in the meantime you would be living out of doors.

On the other hand, if you could secure enough money each year in this manner to build five miles of road, would it be right to build it with the money secured from Jones' taxes to serve the land owned by Smith? Why should Smith pay taxes this year and still haul his products to town over his sandy, rough roads? And why should Brown pay taxes for two years and let Smith and Jones enjoy the fruits? How can we prevent a special road tax from working a hardship on some while it benefits others?

People living east of McLean have been paying their road tax for years and in order to get any kind of roads for their use, they were compelled to build them with their own labor and time. Does this proposition present a more equitable solution of the road problem than does the bond issue? If it is a fact, as alleged, that the proposed bond issue would work a special hardship on the farmers while it at the same time rolled golden shekles into the pockets of the urban resident, would not a special tax work a similar burden?

Also would the special tax build roads? Has it done so in the past? Is there any good road in this section of Gray county that has not been built from private subscription? Yet we have been paying a fifteen cent road tax right along.

If it is the will of the people to build good roads with their own money and labor we are for it but we are "ferniust" any useless taxation.

Car of Light Crust flour, bran and shorts will be in the first of the week. Bandy & Biggers.

## Another Fine Home

We had the pleasure last Sunday of a visit and enjoyed a splendid dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Loyd thirteen miles northeast of town. Besides a large crowd of friends and neighbors the Loyds were entertaining their two sons, Hulton and Clyde, and their families, who had motored from Clovis, N. M., to pay them a visit. There were about thirty guests who enjoyed their hospitality and partook of the delicious dinner which Mrs. Loyd had prepared.

In keeping with the spirit of the times, Mr. Loyd has been making some extensive improvements on his place, which includes the erection of a fine big residence about completed. When it has been given the finishing touches it will take its place among the most modern and comfortable homes in this vicinity. Six large airy rooms, well arranged and handsomely finished. An eight foot hall separates the hall into two wings and connects the front with the back porch. A pleasing feature of this home is the fact that it has been built with an eye single to comfort and convenience and will be provided with all the modern appurtenances available for making it cozy and home-like.

Other improvements include a giant barn that has an outside dimension of thirty-two by sixty feet, besides a substantial shed on the south which is used for feeding cattle, etc. The barn sits on a solid concrete base two feet wide and projecting in the ground two feet. The lower part is divided into convenient stalls and dust proof granaries, while the entire upper portion is utilized for the storing of grain, hay, etc.

This is a splendid country home and one of which the owners might be justly proud.

### School Report.

Report of attendance and punctuality of McLean public school for month of January:

First and Second grades, attendance 83.3, punctuality 70. Second and Third grades, Miss Bush teacher, attendance 86.8, punctuality 94.4. Third and Fourth grade, Miss Hamilton teacher, attendance 91.2, punctuality 98.7. Fifth and Sixth grades, Miss Cousins teacher, attendance 90.1, punctuality 97.7. Sixth and Seventh grades, Miss Foster teacher attendance 95.9, punctuality 97.1. Eighth grade, Mr. Holloway teacher, attendance 92.7, punctuality 97. Ninth grade, Mr. Wilson teacher, attendance 92.7, punctuality 97. Tenth and Eleventh grades, Mr. Comstock teacher, attendance 93.3, punctuality 97.

Miss Foster's room wins honorable mention this month for the highest average.

Owing to considerable sickness and some bad weather, this is the worst month we have had this year for non attendance and tardiness. We hope no other month will be so low.

G. A. Comstock, Supt.

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# The Turmoil

By BOOTH TARKINGTON

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### SYNOPSIS.

Sheridan's attempt to make a business man of his son Bibbs by starting him in the machine shop ends in Bibbs going to a sanitarium, a nervous wreck. On his return Bibbs is met at the station by his sister Edith. He finds himself in an inconceivable and unconsidered figure in the "New House" of the Sheridans. He sees Mary Vertrees looking at him from a summer house next door. The Vertreeses, old town family and impoverished, call on the Sheridans, newly-rich, and afterward discuss them. Mary puts into words her parents' unspoken wish that she marry one of the Sheridan boys. At the Sheridan housewarming banquet Sheridan spreads himself. Mary frankly encourages Jim Sheridan's attentions, and Bibbs bears he is to be sent back to the machine shop. Mary tells her mother about the banquet and shocks her mother by talking of him as a matrimonial possibility. Jim tells Mary Bibbs is not a lunatic—"just queer." He proposes to Mary, who half accepts him.

Will Old Man Sheridan be able to inspire Bibbs with his own belief in Bigness and win the young man to the business standard? Or will Bibbs prove to his practical father that there is a place in the world for poetry and music and persuade the elder to let him devote his life to poetry and writing?

### CHAPTER VIII—Continued.

He seated himself in a chair at his son's side and, leaning over, tapped Bibbs confidentially on the knee. "This city's got the greatest future in America, and if my sons behave right by me and by themselves they're goin' to have a mighty fair share of it—a mighty fair share. I love this town. I love it like I do my own business, and I'd fight for it as quick as I'd fight for my own family. It's a beautiful town. Look at our wholesale district; look at any district you want to; look at the park system we're puttin' through, and the boulevards and the public statuary. And she grows. God! how she grows!"

He had become intensely grave; he spoke with solemnity. "Now, Bibbs, I can't take any of it—nor any gold or silver nor buildings nor bonds—away with me in my shroud when I have to go. But I want to leave my share in it to my boys. I've worked for it; I've been a builder and a maker; and two blades of grass have grown where one grew before, whenever I laid my hand on the ground and willed 'em to grow. I've built big, and I want the buildin' to go on. And when my last hour comes I want to know that my boys are ready to take charge. Bibbs, when I'm up above I want to know that the big share I've made mine, here below, is growin' bigger and bigger in the charge of my boys."

He leaned back, deeply moved. "There," he said, huskily, "I've never spoken more what was in my heart in my life. I do it because I want you to understand—and not think me a mean father. I never had to talk that way to Jim and Roscoe. They understood without any talk, Bibbs."

"I see," said Bibbs. "At least I think I do. But—"

"Wait a minute!" Sheridan raised his hand. "If you see the least bit in the world, then you understand what it meant to start one o' my boys and have him come back on me the way you did, and have to be sent to a sanitarium because he couldn't stand work. Now, let's get right down to it, Bibbs. I've had a whole lot o' talk with o' Doc Gurney about you, one time and another, and I reckon I understand your case just about as well as he does, anyway."

"Now, why did work make you sick instead of brace you up and make a man of you the way it ought of done? I pinned ole Gurney down to it. I says, 'Look here, ain't it really because he just plain hated it?' 'Yes,' he says, 'that's it. If he'd enjoyed it, it wouldn't 'a' hurt him.' And that's about the way it is."

"Yes," said Bibbs, "that's about the way it is."

"Well, then, I reckon it's up to me not only to make you do it, but to make you like it!"

Bibbs shivered. And he turned upon his father a look that was almost ghostly. "I can't," he said, in a low voice. "I can't."

"Can't go back to the shop?"

"No. Can't like it. I can't."

Sheridan jumped up, his patience gone. To his own view, he had reasoned exhaustively, had explained fully and had pleaded more than a father should, only to be met in the end with the unreasoning and mysterious stubbornness which had been Bibbs' baffling characteristic from childhood.

"By George, you will!" he cried. "You'll go back there and you'll like it! Gurney says it won't hurt you if you like it, and he says it'll kill you if you go back and hate it; so it looks as if it was about up to you not to hate it. Well, Gurney's a fool! Hatin' work doesn't kill anybody; and this isn't goin' to kill you, whether you hate it or not. I've never made a mistake in a serious matter in my life, and it wasn't a mistake my sendin' you there in the first place. And I'm goin' to prove it—I'm goin' to send you back there and vindicate my judgment. Gurney says

it's all 'mental attitude.' Well, you're goin' to learn the right one! He says in a couple of more months this fool thing that's been the matter with you'll be disappeared completely and you'll be back in as good or better condition than you were before you ever went into the shop. And right then is when you begin over—right in that same shop! Nobody can call me a hard man or a mean father. I do the best I can for my children, and I take the full responsibility for bringin' my sons up to be men. Now, so far, I've failed with you. But I'm not goin' to keep on failin'. I never tackled a job yet I didn't put through, and I'm not goin' to begin with my own son. I'm goin' to make a man of you. By God! I am!"

Bibbs rose and went slowly to the door, where he turned. "You say you give me a couple of months?" he said. Sheridan pushed a bell-button on his desk. "Gurney said two months more would put you back where you were. You go home and begin to get yourself in the right 'mental attitude' before those two months are up! Good-by!"

"Good-by, sir," said Bibbs, meekly.

### CHAPTER IX.

Bibbs' room, that neat apartment for transients to which the "lamidai" George had shown him upon his return, still bore the appearance of temporary quarters, possibly because Bibbs had no clear conception of himself as a permanent incumbent. However, he had set upon the mantelpiece the two photographs that he owned; one, a "kroup" twenty years old—his father and mother, with Jim and Roscoe as boys—and the other a "cabinet" of Edith at sixteen. And upon a table were the books he had taken from his trunk: Sartor Resartus, Virginius Paerisque, Huckleberry Finn, and Afterwiles. There were some other books in the trunk—a large one, which remained unremoved at the foot of the bed, adding to the general impression of transiency. It contained nearly all the possessions as well as the secret life of Bibbs Sheridan, and Bibbs sat beside it, the day after his interview with his father, raking over a small collection of manuscripts in the top tray. Some of these he glanced through dubiously, finding little comfort in them; but one made him smile. Then he shook his head ruefully indeed, and ruefully began to read it. It was written on paper stamped "Hood Sanitarium," and it bore the title, "Lecture."

For a profession adapted solely to the pursuit of happiness in thinking, I would choose that of an invalid; his money is time and he may spend it on Olympus. The world must be on the other side of the wall, and the wall must be so thick and so high that he cannot hear the roaring of the furnace fires and the screaming of the whistles. Peace—

Having read so far as the word "peace," Bibbs suffered an interruption interesting as a coincidence of contrast. High voices sounded in the hall just outside his door; and it became



"I'm Going Out."

evident that a woman's quarrel was in progress, the parties to it having begun it in Edith's room, and continuing it vehemently as they came out into the hall.

"Yes, you better go home!" Bibbs heard his sister vociferating, shrilly. "You better go home and keep your mind a little more on your husband!"

"Edie, Edie!" he heard his mother remonstrating, as peacemaker.

"You see here!" This was Sibyl, and her voice was both acrid and tremulous. "Don't you talk to me that way! I came here to tell Mother Sheridan what I'd heard, and to let her tell Father Sheridan if she thought she ought to, and I did it for your own good."

"Yes, you did!" And Edith's gibing

laughter tooted loudly. "Yes, you did! You didn't have any other reason! Oh no! You don't want to break it up between Bobby Lamhorn and me because—"

"Edie, Edie! Now, now!" "Oh, hush up, mamma! I'd like to know if he oughtn't to come here, what about his not going to her house. How—"

"I've explained that to Mother Sheridan," Sibyl's voice indicated that she was descending the stairs. "Married people are not the same. Some things that should be shielded from a young girl—"

This seemed to have no very soothing effect upon Edith. "Shielded from a young girl!" she shrieked. "You seem pretty willing to be the shield! You look out Roscoe doesn't notice what kind of a shield you are!"

Sibyl's answer was inaudible, but Mrs. Sheridan's hurried attempts at pacification were renewed.

"Oh, hush up, mamma, and let me alone! If you dare tell papa—"

"Well, we'll see. You just come back in your own room, and we'll—"

"No! I won't talk it over!" Stop pulling me! Let me alone!" And Edith, flinging herself violently upon Bibbs' door, jerked it open, swung round it into the room, slammed the door behind her, and threw herself, face down, upon the bed in such a riot of emotion that she had no perception of Bibbs' presence in the room. Gasping, and sobbing in a passion of tears, she beat the coverlet and pillows with her clenched fists. "Sneak!" she babbled aloud. "Sneak! Snake-in-the-grass! Cat!"

Bibbs saw that she did not know he was there, and he went softly toward the door, hoping to get away before she became aware of him; but some sound of his movement reached her, and she sat up, startled, facing him.

"Bibbs! I thought I saw you go out a while ago."

"Yes. I came back, though. I'm sorry—"

"Did you hear me quarreling with Sibyl?"

"Only what you said in the hall. You lie down again, Edith. I'm going out."

"No; don't go." She applied a handkerchief to her eyes, emitted a sob, and repeated her request. "Don't go. I don't mind you; you're quiet, anyhow. Mamma's so fussy, and never gets anywhere. I don't mind you at all, but I wish you'd sit down."

"All right." And he returned to his chair beside the trunk. "Go ahead and cry all you want, Edith," he said. "No harm in that!"

"Sibyl told mamma—oh!" she began, choking. "Mary Vertrees had mamma and Sibyl and I to tea, one afternoon two weeks or so ago, and she had some women there that Sibyl's been crazy to get in with, and she just laid herself out to make a hit with 'em, and she's been running after 'em ever since, and now she comes over here and says they say Bobby Lamhorn is so bad that, even though they like his family, none of the nice people in town would let him in their houses. In the first place, it's a falsehood, and I don't believe a word of it; and in the second place I know the reason she did it, and what's more, she knows I know it! I won't say what it is—not yet—because papa and all of you would think I'm as crazy as she is snaky; and Roscoe's such a fool he'd probably quit speaking to me. But it's true! Just you watch her; that's all I ask. Just you watch that woman. You'll see!"

As it happened, Bibbs was literally watching "that woman." Gleaning from the window, he saw Sibyl pause upon the pavement in front of the old house next door. She stood a moment, in deep thought, then walked quickly up the path to the door, undoubtedly with the intention of calling. But he did not mention this to his sister, who, after delivering herself of a rather vague jeremiad upon the subject of her sister-in-law's treacheries, departed to her own chamber, leaving him to his speculations.

Mary Vertrees was at that moment wondering what internal excitement Mrs. Roscoe Sheridan was striving to master. But Sibyl had no idea that she was allowing herself to exhibit anything except the gaiety which she conceived proper to the manner of a casual caller. She was no more self-conscious than she was finely intelligent. Sibyl followed her impulses with no reflection or question—it was like a bound on the gallop after a master on horseback. She had not even the instinct to stop and consider her effect. If she wished to make a certain impression she believed that she made it. She believed that she was believed.

"My mother asked me to say that she was sorry she couldn't come down," Mary said, when they were seated. Sibyl ran the scale of a cooling similitude of laughter, which she had brought up to consider the polite thing to do after a remark addressed to her by any person with whom she was not on familiar terms. It was intended partly as a courtesy and partly as the foundation for an impression of sweetness.

"Just thought I'd fly in a minute," she said, continuing the cooling to relieve the last doubt of her geniality. "I wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed meeting those nice people at tea that afternoon. You see, coming here a bride, I've had to depend on my husband's friends almost entirely. Mr. Sheridan has been so engrossed in business ever since he was a mere boy, why, of course—"

She paused, with the air of having completed an explanation.

"Of course," said Mary, sympathetically accepting it.

"Yes, I've been seeing quite a lot of the Kittersbys since that afternoon," Sibyl went on. "They're really delightful people. Indeed they are! Yes—"

She stopped with unconscious abruptness, her mind plainly wandering to another matter; and Mary perceived that she had come upon a delicate errand.

"Mrs. Kittersby and her daughter were chatting about some of the people here in town the other day," said Sibyl, repeating the cooling and protracting it. "They said something that took me by surprise! We were talking about our mutual friend, Mr. Robert Lamhorn—"

Mary interrupted her promptly. "We shouldn't consider Mr. Robert Lamhorn a friend of ours."

To her surprise, Sibyl nodded eagerly, as if greatly pleased. "That's just the way Mrs. Kittersby talked!" she cried, with a vehemence that made Mary stare. "Yes, and I hear that's the way all you old families here speak of him!"

Mary looked aside, but otherwise she was able to maintain her composure. "I had the impression he was a friend of yours," she said, adding, hastily, "and your husband's."

"Oh, yes," said the caller, absently. "He is, certainly. A man's reputation for a little gaiety oughtn't to make a great difference to married people, of course. It's where young girls are in question. Then it may be very, very dangerous. There are a great many things safe and proper for married people that might be awfully imprudent for a young girl. Don't you agree, Miss Vertrees?"

"I don't know," returned the frank Mary. "Do you mean that you intend to remain a friend of Mr. Lamhorn's, but disapprove of Miss Sheridan's doing so?"

"That's it exactly!" was the naive and ardent response of Sibyl. "What I feel about it is that a man with his reputation isn't at all suitable for Edith, and the family ought to be made to understand it. I tell you," she cried, with a sudden access of vehemence, "her father ought to put his foot down!"

Her eyes flashed with a green spark; something seemed to leap out and then retreat, but not before Mary had caught a glimpse of it, as one might catch a glimpse of a thing darting forth and then scuttling back into hiding under a bush.

"Of course," said Sibyl, much more composedly, "I hardly need say that it's entirely on Edith's account that I'm worried about this. I'm as fond of Edith as if she was really my sister, and I can't help fretting about it. It would break my heart to have Edith's life spoiled."

This tune was off the key, to Mary's ear. Sibyl tried to sing with pathos, but she failed.

"And Edith's life would be spoiled," Sibyl continued. "It would be a dreadful thing for the whole family. She's the very apple of Father Sheridan's eye, and it would be a horrible thing for him to have her marry a man like Robert Lamhorn; but he doesn't know anything about him, and if somebody doesn't tell him, what I'm most afraid of is that Edith might get his consent and hurry on the wedding before he finds out, and then it would be too late. You see, Miss Vertrees, it's very difficult for me to decide just what it's my duty to do."

"I see," said Mary, looking at her thoughtfully. "Does Miss Sheridan seem to—care very much about him?"

"He's deliberately fascinated her," returned the visitor, beginning to breathe quickly and heavily. She was launched now; her eyes were furious and her voice shook. "He went after her deliberately, the way he does everything; he's as cold-blooded as a fish. All he cares about is his own pleasure, and lately he's decided it would be pleasant to get hold of a piece of real money—and there was Edith! And he'll marry her! He told me so last night. He said he was going to marry her the first minute he could persuade her to it—and little Edith's all ready to be persuaded!" Sibyl's eyes flashed green again. "And he swore he'd do it," she panted. "He swore he'd marry Edith Sheridan, and nothing on earth could stop him!"

And then Mary understood. Her lips parted and she stared at the babbling creature incredulously, a sudden vivid picture in her mind, a canvas of unconscious Sibyl's painting. Mary beheld it with pity and horror; she saw Sibyl clinging to Robert Lamhorn, raging in a whisper, perhaps—for Roscoe might have been in the house, or servants might have heard. She saw Sibyl entreating, beseeching, threatening despairingly, and Lamhorn—tired of her—first evasive, then brutally letting her have the truth; and at last, infuriated, "swearing" to marry her rival. If Sibyl had not babbled out the word "swore" it might have been less plain.

The poor woman blundered on, wholly unaware of what she had confessed. "You see," she said, more quietly, "whatever's going to be done ought to be done right away. I went over and told Mother Sheridan what I'd heard about Lamhorn, but Mother Sheridan's under Edith's thumb, and she's afraid to ever come right out with anything. Father Sheridan'd never in the world let Lamhorn come near the house again if he knew his reputation. So, you see, somebody's got to tell him. It isn't a very easy position for me, is it, Miss Vertrees?"

"No," said Mary gravely.

"Well, to be frank," said Sibyl, smiling, "that's why I've come to you."

"To me!" Mary frowned.

Sibyl rippled and cooed again. "There isn't anybody ever made such a hit with Father Sheridan in his life as you have. And of course we all hope you're not going to be exactly an outsider in the affairs of the family!" (This sally with another and louder effect of laughter. "And if it's

my duty, why, in a way, I think it might be thought yours, too.")

"No, no!" exclaimed Mary, sharply. "Listen," said Sibyl. "Now suppose I go to Father Sheridan with this story, and Edith says it's not true; but suppose I could say 'All right, if you want proof, ask Miss Vertrees. She came with me, and she's waiting in the next room right now, to—'"

"No, no," said Mary quickly. "You mustn't—"

"Listen just a minute more," Sibyl urged, confidently. She was on easy ground now, to her own mind, and had no doubt of her success. "Miss Vertrees, listen! Don't you see we ought to do it, you and I? Do you suppose



"He Swore He'd Marry Edith Sheridan."

Robert Lamhorn cares the snap of his finger for her? Do you suppose a man like him would look at Edith Sheridan if it wasn't for the money?" And again Sibyl's emotion rose to the surface. "I tell you he's after nothing on earth but to get his finger in that old man's money-pile, over there, next door! He'd marry anybody to do it. Marry Edith?" she cried. "I tell you he'd marry her nigger cook for that!"

She stopped, afraid—at the wrong time—that she had been too vehement, but a glance at Mary reassured her, and Sibyl decided that she had produced the effect she wished. Mary was not looking at her; she was staring straight before her at the wall, her eyes wide and shining. She became visibly a little paler as Sibyl looked at her.

"After nothing on earth but to get his finger in that old man's money-pile, over there next door!" The voice was vulgar, the words were vulgar—and the plain truth was vulgar! How it rang in Mary Vertrees' ears! The clear mirror had caught its own image clearly in the flawed one at last.

Sibyl put forth her best bid to clench the matter. She offered her bargain. "Now, don't you worry," she said, sunnily, "about this setting Edith against you. She'll get over it after a while. And another thing—I guess you won't mind Jim's own sister-in-law speaking of it. Of course, I don't know just how matters stand between you and Jim, but sisters-in-law can do lots of things to help matters on like that. There's lots of little things can be said, and lots—"

She stopped, puzzled. Mary Vertrees had gone from pale to scarlet, and now, still scarlet indeed, she rose, without a word of explanation, or any other kind of word, and walked slowly to the open door and out of the room.

Sibyl was a little taken aback. She supposed Mary had remembered something neglected and would return in a moment; but it was rather a rude excess of absent-mindedness not to have excused herself, especially as her guest was talking. And, Mary's return being delayed, Sibyl looked at her watch and frowned; went to a window and stood looking out upon the brown lawn, then came back to the chair she had abandoned, and sat again. There was no sound in the house.

A strange expression began imperceptibly to alter the planes of her face, and slowly she grew as scarlet as Mary—scarlet to the ears. She went into the hall, glanced over her shoulder oddly; then she let herself softly out of the front door, and went across the street to her own house.

Roscoe met her upon the threshold, gloomily. "Saw you from the window," he explained. "You must find a lot to say to that old lady."

"What old lady?"

"Mrs. Vertrees. I been waiting for you a long time, and I saw the daughter come out, fifteen minutes ago and post a letter, and then walk on up the street. Don't stand out on the porch," he said, crossly. "Come in here. There's something it's come time I'll have to talk to you about. Come in!"

But as she was moving to obey he glanced across at his father's house and started. He lifted his hand to shield his eyes from the setting sun, staring fixedly. "Something's the matter over there," he muttered, and then, more loudly, as alarm came into his voice, he said, "What's the matter over there?"

Bibbs dashed out of the gate in an automobile set at its highest speed, and as he saw Roscoe he made a gesture singularly eloquent of calamity, and was lost at once in a cloud of dust down the street. Edith had followed part of the way down the drive, and it

could be seen that she was crying bitterly. She lifted both arms to Roscoe, summoning him.

"By George!" gasped Roscoe. "I believe somebody's dead!"

And he started for the new house at a run.

### CHAPTER X.

Sheridan had decided to conclude his day's work early that afternoon, and at about two o'clock he left his office with a man of affairs from foreign parts, who had traveled far for a business conference with Sheridan and his colleagues. Herr Favre, in spite of his French name, was a gentleman of Bavaria. It was his first visit to our country, and Sheridan took pleasure in showing him the sights of the country's finest city.

They arrived at the Pump Works, and for an hour Herr Favre was personally conducted and personally instructed by the founder and president, the buzzing queen bee of those buzzing hives.

"Now I'll take you for a spin in the country," said Sheridan, when at last they came out to the car again. "We'll take a breezer." But, with his foot on the step he paused to hail a young man who came out of the office smiling a greeting. "Hello, young fellow!" Sheridan said, heartily. "On the job, are you, Jimmie? Hal! They don't catch you off of it very often, I guess, though I do hear you go automobile ridin' in the country sometimes with a mighty fine-lookin' girl settin' up beside you!" He roared with laughter, clapping his son upon the shoulder. "That's all right with me—if it is with her! So, Jimmie? Well, when we goin' to move into your new warehouses? Monday?"

"Sunday, if you want to," said Jim.

"No!" cried his father, delighted. "Don't tell me you're goin' to keep your word about dates! That's as way to do contractin'! Never heard of a contractor yet didn't want more time."

"They'll be all ready for you on the minute," said Jim. "I'm going over both of 'em now, with Links and Sher- man, from foundation to roof. I guess they'll pass inspection, too!"

"Well, then, when you get through with that," said his father, "you go and take your girl out ridin'. By George! you've earned it! You tell her you stand high with me!" He stepped into the car, waving a waggish farewell, and, when the wheels were in motion again, he turned upon his companion a broad face literally shining with pride. "That's my boy Jimmie!" he said.

"Fine young man, yes," said Herr Favre.

"I got two o' the finest boys," said Sheridan. "I got two o' the finest boys God ever made, and that's a fact, Mr. Farver! Jim's the oldest, and I tell you they got to get up the day before if they expect to catch him in bed! My other boy, Roscoe, he's always to the good, too, but Jim's a wizard. You saw them two new-process warehouses, just about finished? Well, Jim built 'em. I'll tell you about that, Mr. Farver." And he recited this history, describing the new process at length; in fact, he had such pride in Jim's achievement that he told Herr Favre all about it more than once.

"Fine young man, yes," repeated the good Muenchener, three-quarters of an hour later. They were many miles out in the open country by this time.

"He is that!" said Sheridan, adding, as if confidentially: "I got a fine family, Mr. Farver—fine children. I got a daughter now; you take her and put her anywhere you please, and she'll shine up with any of 'em. There's culture and refinement and society in this town by the carload, and here lately she's been gettin' right in the thick of it—her and my daughter-in-law, both. I got a mighty fine daughter-in-law, Mr. Farver. I'm goin' to get you up for a meal with us before you leave town, and you'll see—and, well, sir, from all I hear the two of 'em been holdin' their own with the best. Myself, I and the wife, never had time for much o' that kind o' doin's, but it's all right and good for the children; and my daughter she's always kind of taken to it. I'll read you a poem she wrote when I get you up at the house. She wrote it in school and took the first prize for poetry with it. I tell you they don't make 'em any smarter 'n that girl, Mr. Farver. You, sir; take us all round, we're a pretty happy family; yes, sir. Roscoe hasn't got any children yet, and I haven't ever spoke to him and his wife about it—it's kind of a delicate matter—but it's about time the wife and I saw some gran'children growin' up around us. I certainly do hanker for about four or five little curly-headed rascals to take on my knee. Boys, I hope, of course; that's only natural. Jim's got his eye on a mighty splendid-lookin' girl; lives right next door to us. I expect you heard me joshin' him about it back yonder. She's one the ole blue-bloods here, and I guess it was a mighty good stock—to raise her! She's one these girls that stand right up and look at you! And pretty! She's the prettiest thing you ever saw! Good size, too; good health and good sense. Jim'll be just right if he gets her. I must say it tickles me to think of the way that boy took hold o' that job back yonder. Four months and a half! Yes, sir—"

And then, at that instant there came into Big Jim Sheridan's life a great tragedy. With this man, who had the courage to fight for power and wealth, be- came brave enough to withstand a frightful jolt!

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# INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE CITIES

## Shoplifting Business Is Declining in New York

NEW YORK.—The shoplifting business, like many other industries which formerly flourished hereabouts, but which failed to find favor in the eyes of the authorities, is in a bad way indeed, and it begins to look as if in the not distant future the shoplifter will be about as rare a specimen in and about this city as the great auk and the manufacturers of wooden nutmegs.



There are two most excellent reasons for this pleasing change. One of these is that the system of policing the larger stores of the city has been blooded almost to a science, and the other is that laws which went into effect a few months ago made it possible for the courts to inflict very severe sentences. The detective department of the average large store today is the height of efficiency, is directed by persons of skill and experience, and works so quietly and in such an unobtrusive manner that few customers, though they may be aware that the police system exists, ever suspect, among the many persons they meet, the ones who are constantly on the watch to prevent thefts.

A detective who has had years of experience in detecting crime in the larger stores of this city had this to say on the shoplifting evil:

"The old-time professional shoplifters, who used to steal thousands of dollars' worth of goods in the course of a year, are disappearing rapidly, and soon we shall have only the amateur pilferers to contend with. One of the principal reasons for the present situation is the recent changes in the law. In the old days, shoplifters, even though arrested many times for the same offense, usually escaped with a 30 days' sentence. But it is different now. If a person is arrested for this crime, and it is the prisoner's first offense, he may be released under a suspended sentence or fined from \$25 to \$1,000. If a person is arrested for shoplifting and has been before the courts before and found guilty of a crime, under the new law he or she must be sent to the penitentiary on an indeterminate sentence, which may run three years."

## School of Opportunity an Innovation in Denver

DENVER, COLO.—"If you don't see what you want, ask for it," is the principle on which the new Denver School of Opportunity is founded. From the time being made of it, Denverites seem to have met in it a real home of opportunity. It has an elastic schedule of hours which will conform to the time that the seeker after knowledge and efficiency can devote to the opportunity it affords, whether that be day or night. The teachers declare it is re-educational in the best sense of the word and if young or old have missed the master stroke of life's pursuit it will give either a new trade or ambition and with that, new hope.

Even if a person has a new system of education to test out, the opportunity school gives the chance to place that invention before the world. Between 500 and 600 day students of both sexes and all ages, rich and poor, are working in the classes between nine and five. The student roll, day and night, now numbers more than 1,500.

The inventor of a new system of shorthand is teaching a class of 25 the merits of his economical chirography. It is an opportunity given to a Denver invention. Side by side the classes of the old system, 250 strong, and of the new are at work.

A one-armed boy walked from the hospital to the school and took up the study of typewriting and stenography. Hope had not had time to get sick, much less to die.

An auto repair shop is about to be built in the basement of one of the school buildings.

## Women of Gotham Now Hang Their Hats on Dummies

NEW YORK.—If you are a woman you don't keep your hats in a flower-decorated box under the bed any more, nor on the hatrack in the hall, nor hanging on the bust of Schiller in the parlor. If you're a pampered pet of fortune, with ten hats or so to a season, you order ten headrests painted after your own image, and stand them up with the hats atop, on a shelf wherever there is room enough to accommodate them. Pupae, they call the hatrests, which are really glorified dummies.



And even if you think the sight of a row of heads on your closet shelf would remind you unpleasantly of Hildebrand, you can't escape seeing them, for they are becoming quite the smart and necessary bit of window-fitting in little hat shops where chapeaux are priced from \$20 up.

"I don't claim any credit for having invented them," Miss Frances Simpson Stevenson, said to be the only girl in America who is making the headpieces, explained when found at her studio. "They were not unknown to New York. One or two shops here import them from France. I got the idea from seeing some myself in a shop in Paris and started to make them several months after I returned."

The hatrests, four or five of them, stood in front of her on a shelf in the studio. They are made of papier-mache, are a little less than the size of a human head and are painted in oil. The features and hair are all painted on the head forms. They are very posterlike in effect and exceedingly piquant and interesting.

The idea of having them painted, often in the likeness of the owner, came originally from sailors in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. They would carve and paint up ship's heads, or round balls, to be hung from the top of gangways and name them after people.

"Sometimes, where a number of them are ordered, a character in history or a famous actress is chosen as a model, as well as one in the likeness of the wearer of the hats," Miss Stevens concluded.

## Bees Work for Women of Philadelphia's Suburbs

PHILADELPHIA.—Give women credit for putting the bees in the suburbs. Scores of women in the outlying sections of the city are becoming apiarists and the bees are earning pin money for them. Many of the woman beekeepers are wives of Philadelphia business men who live in the suburbs. The apiary takes the place of the garden as a money-making diversion. Others are wives of farmers for whom beekeeping is becoming more important as a side line.

Women usually make a success of keeping bees, experts say, because they give more diligent attention to details. You can't turn a swarm of bees loose on a farm or suburban estate and expect them to return profits without care and attention. All the suburbanite's wife has to do to become an expert beekeeper is to conquer her fear of the bees' "stingers," establish several hives in a corner of the backyard, make sure there are buckwheat or clover fields, or plenty of wild flowers within reach, and watch that the bees don't catch disease.

Beekeepers in the Philadelphia district will share \$100,000 obtained from the business during 1916. The average hive will produce about 300 pounds of honey, which sells at about ten cents a pound wholesale. This means an income of from \$30 to \$40 a hive.

Thus the woman who keeps from ten to thirty hives of bees will have from \$300 to \$900 a year for "pin money."

# Home Town Helps

CALL FOR HIGHEST ABILITY

Time Coming When All American Cities Will Employ Managers to Direct Civic Affairs.

A prediction that within a few years this city would adopt the city manager plan of government was made by Richard S. Childs, in introducing Henry M. Waite, city manager of Dayton O., as the speaker at the second Saturday afternoon luncheon of the City club of New York. Mr. Waite, who took over the direction of the affairs of Dayton on January 1, 1914—after George Goethals had refused the post—outlined to about 50 members what he had done to earn his \$12,500 yearly salary. Mr. Waite, the dean of city managers, was referred to as "logically, New York's first manager."

"Out in Dayton we run our municipal affairs this way," said Mr. Waite. "First, the people elect a council or commission of five members, whose duty it is to look about through the country and locate a man who might capably direct the city's affairs. When one such is found, the commission questions him about his experience and so forth, in much the same way a business man does when he hires a clerk. If the applicant measures up to the standard, he is hired, and he, in turn, selects the heads of the five departments of finance, law, service, safety and welfare."

"In selecting the heads of departments ability and experience and not politics count. Personally, I don't know of what political persuasion my departmental heads are. In this way we are able to get many men who otherwise would not think of running for office, under the old conditions. For example, the head of the welfare department is a clergyman, thoroughly capable to study out the park and recreation needs of our population."

"Take our finance department as an example of the efficiency obtainable under the new plan of government. We have our finances so systematized that I—or any other citizen—can tell at a moment's notice to a cent just how any of the subdivisions of our budget stand."

## NEEDS BRAINS OF ENGINEERS

Underlying All City Planning is the Necessity to Secure Health and Comfort for the People.

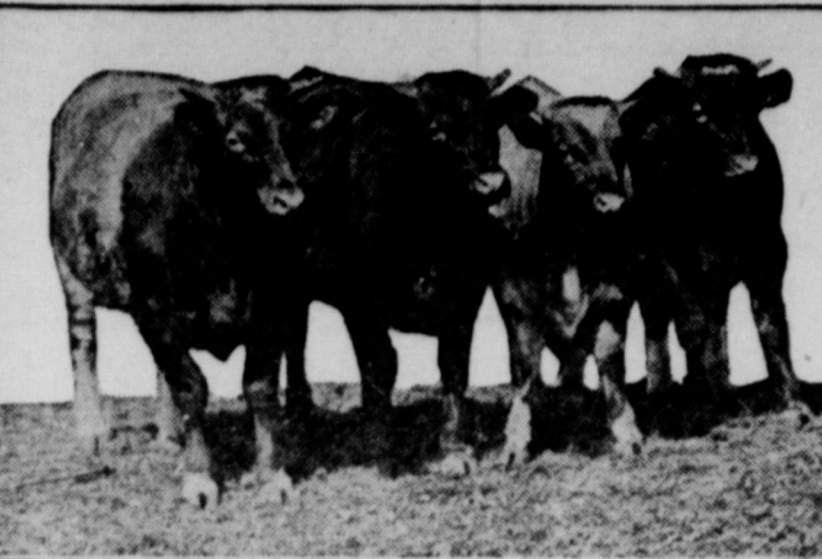
City planners are always busied with civic centers, city halls, libraries, parks, playgrounds, street trees, comfort stations, etc., all grand features, all desirable, all even necessary, yet all incidentals. The first problem to grapple with is availability. Such work is at present our greatest need, for all our so-called main thoroughfares are now too much congested during the busiest hours. This is an engineer's problem. Storm drains and also sewers are next on the program, also referred to the engineer's department. After this we need reservations for small neighborhood parks so that every resident may reach one from his home in a ten-minute's walk. Now, having made our city available and sanitary to a satisfactory degree we are ready to make it a city beautiful and consider all the commendable fads put forward by bands of energetic workers who for many years have made large noises but accomplish nothing. But let us first have the engineer and have him give us a substantial foundation on which to lay the city.—Los Angeles Times.

## How Our Cities Have Grown.

A metropolis grows up in two ways. At first it expands legitimately, adding furlong to furlong of growth. Then it leaps forward and seizes a large area overnight by act of legislature or parliament, sweeping into its net a score of villages and settlements. Then it proceeds to consolidate its position, as General Joffre might say, by filling up the intervening spaces. In European cities they have an inner ring, which is the old city, and an outer ring, which may be anything. New York, Chicago, Boston, Seattle, have their inner rings, which are the legitimate city, and the outer ring, which came by the get-big-quick method. New York succumbed to the promoter's fever in 1808. In that year the city absorbed large areas of virgin soil, and a chain of independent villages, some of them nearly as old as Manhattan itself. From the Sound to the Atlantic they stretch across the backbone of Long Island and the lower harbor of Staten Island, where the local tradition, in spite of municipal ferries and promised tunnels, has remained at its strongest.

Such frenzied expansion is the reason why the traveler in the nearer suburbs of a great city will often come across a city line which is no longer the city line. As you near the old city line from the heart of population, the solid blocks of apartments and flats thin out. There follow stretches of waste land, market gardens, cemeteries. It is across this zone between the old and the new city lines that the transit railways throw their surface lines and elevated "extensions," and close behind them are the builders, criss-crossing the raw acres with their long lines of "frame" and brick.—Harper's Magazine.

## IMPROVE CHARACTER OF BREEDING STOCK



HERD OF KANSAS SHORTHORN BULL CALVES.

Importation of first-class breeding animals improves the stock of any country and tends towards uniformity, according to E. N. Wentworth, professor of animal breeding in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

"Uniformity in any breed is obtained by an interchange of animals between different sections of the world," said Professor Wentworth. "Argentina now buys some Shorthorns from the United States instead of buying her entire supply from England, so as to keep her improved stock equal to that of this country. The introduction of high-class imported animals into any herd brings in fresh traits which will often improve the character of the animals produced."

## Regains Lost Characteristics.

"Characteristics which have been lost as a result of a change of location or modified methods of selection will be regained in many cases by the introduction of animals from the original home of the breed. The first Ayrshires that were imported into the United States were fair dairy animals, but since selection for high production did not progress so rapidly as other breeds until importation from Ayrshire assumed reasonable proportions. Now the best Ayrshire butterfat record rivals that of the Jersey."

From the advertising standpoint the importation of purebred animals is advantageous, believes Professor Wentworth. People as a rule think of imported animals as superior to home-

bred stock. This belief is not so strong as it used to be, however, for breeders are coming more and more to consider the actual value of an animal.

Inferior animals were formerly sold for much more than their real worth because they were imported. Such a condition still exists to a limited extent, but at present animals are not bought because of the place of their birth but because of their breeding and individual merit.

## Don't Depend on Importation.

As long as the demand for imported animals was greater than the supply many fraudulent pedigrees were used for animals brought into this country. This trouble with importations was greatest previous to 1910. Inspection of pedigrees of imported animals in some breeds, begun about this time, has reduced this evil greatly.

"If the practice of using imported animals is followed too closely stockmen become too dependent on foreign breeders for their breeding stock," said Professor Wentworth. "One result in this country has been to scatter the individuals of a breed so that in horses, particularly, few constructive breeding establishments have been formed. The best animals are often taken to districts where no purebred animals are available to mate to them. This is a disadvantage from the standpoint of constructive breeding but not from that of the average. Seed stock should not come from average animals, however, but from the best herds, studs and flocks."

## ATTENTION TO FEET OF GROWING COLTS

Little Care Will Prevent Development of Crooked Ankles and Unbalanced Action.

(By W. L. BLIZZARD, Department of Animal Husbandry, Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater.)

It is well to see that the colt's feet are level and the toes comparatively short. A little attention will prevent the development of crooked ankles and unbalanced action later on. The bony structure is pliable then, so that much can be done to remedy faulty action, which will be impossible after the bones have hardened and stopped growing.

It is absolutely necessary and very profitable to properly care for the feet of growing colts. If left to nature, the foot does not always grow out full and strong and of the proper shape. When the feet are left to grow, they do not wear properly, the result is that the feet split, become uneven and very often the entire leg may be altered in form. This is one of the reasons for so many bad-footed horses upon the streets of any city. The blacksmith may get the blame, but most of the trouble really began upon the farm. To grow feet in the proper way, the colt's feet should be looked after at least once a month.

## KEEPING TRACK OF ALL BREEDING EWES

Practice of Utmost Importance in Handling Purebred Stock—Painting Is Favored.

(By W. C. COFFEY, Illinois Experiment Station.)

Replying to a Southern correspondent, the only dependable way to determine when a ewe is in heat is to turn the ram with the flock. In handling a purebred flock, it is not necessary to keep an exact record of the dates of breeding. In fact, many lambs are registered as being born in the spring of a certain year. Sometimes the month is stated, but comparatively few breeders go to the trouble of giving the exact date.

For reasons aside from the requirements for registering in the various flock associations, it is well for the owner to have a memorandum of about the time the ewes are due to lamb. Such a memorandum is a great help to the shepherd in saving the lamb crop. It can be obtained by smearing paint between the fore-legs of the ram every day through the breeding season. This paint should be of a kind not injurious to the wool. Ewes come in heat about every 16 days. During the first 16 days the ram may be painted close to the right fore-leg. Ewes served during this period will be marked on the right side of the rump. For the next 16 days the paint may

be placed near the left fore-leg, and if the breeding season is prolonged, the mark may be placed midway between the fore-legs. Another scheme is to change the color of paint every 16 days. If the flock number of each ewe is branded on her sides in large figures, it is comparatively easy to book the freshly marked ewes from day to day and thus keep a fairly accurate record of the date of breeding.

## BABY BEEF PRODUCT HAS FINE PROSPECT

Even Wisconsin's High-Priced Land Offers Good Opportunity for the Producer.

"With the present unlimited demand for meat products, the raising of baby beef, even upon Wisconsin's high priced land, offers opportunity for profitable and congenial employment," says John L. Torney, secretary of the Wisconsin Shorthorn Breeders' association.

According to Mr. Torney, Wisconsin, on account of its nearness to market, its good climate, its abundance of forage grain, and good water, offers excellent opportunities of the baby beef producer.

"When raising baby beef, it is necessary," declares Mr. Torney, "to have cattle of good beef type, and the purebred sire route is the only one which safely can be taken. By feeding the youngsters well from calfhood, they will be ready to market at a year and a half, and will carry more meat with less care and feed, than raw western feeders would require to produce the same returns."

## FEEDING LAMBS TO SECURE BEST GAINS

Result of Experiment Conducted at South Dakota Station—Alfalfa Hay Best.

(By PROF. JAMES W. WILSON, South Dakota Experiment Station.)

The best gains ever secured at the South Dakota experiment station in feeding lambs was in an experiment to determine the comparative value of alfalfa and prairie hay with the same kind of a grain ration. The grain ration consisted of a mixture of 100 pounds of oats, 100 pounds of shelled corn and 25 pounds of oilmeal.

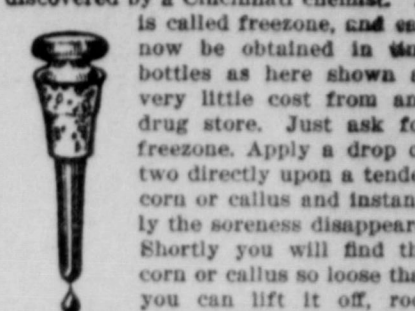
Each lot was started on one pound per head of the mixture daily, and increased until they were receiving two and two-tenths pounds per head of grain daily, and what hay they would eat.

The average daily gain per head for the lot that received the alfalfa hay was .51 of a pound, while with the lot that received the prairie hay, the average daily gain per head was .38 of a pound. These lambs were as near the same in age and weight as was possible to get them.

## PAIN? NOT A BIT! LIFT YOUR CORNS OR CALLUSES OFF

No humbug! Apply few drops then just lift them away with fingers.

This new drug is an ether compound discovered by a Cincinnati chemist. It is called freezeone, and can now be obtained in many bottles as here shown at very little cost from any drug store. Just ask for freezeone. Apply a drop or two directly upon a tender corn or callus and instantly the soreness disappears. Shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you can lift it off, root and all, with the fingers.



Not a twinge of pain, soreness or irritation; not even the slightest smarting, either when applying freezeone or afterwards.

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Better keep peace than make peace.

## AFTER 14 YEARS OF SUFFERING

This Lady Tried Cardui. Let Her Tell You in The Following Statement The Results She Obtained.

Wise, Va.—Mrs. J. M. Elam, of this place, in writing of her female troubles, says: "This trouble went on for 14 years, often I was unable to work and suffered badly at . . . times, when I could not be on my feet at all. Really in bad health all the time during those 14 years, and was never without pain, with awful backaching, had no appetite, was nervous, but at that time my husband's sister . . . recommended that I try Cardui, which I began to take . . . and which has caused me to be in better health ever since. In a few days I felt that improvement had begun. My back got stronger and less painful. I got less nervous and my appetite began to improve. In a few weeks my improvement was noticeable, and I got into better health than I had had for 14 years. . . My walking before had been very painful, and could not stand on my feet to do any good. After using these medicines, however, I could walk without pain and was able to do the work and housekeeping for an ordinary family. My back and appetite were better and also my nerves."

If you suffer as Mrs. Elam did, take Cardui. It may be just what you need.—Adv.

The best cast at dice is not to play.

## A MINISTER'S CONFESSION

Rev. W. H. Warner, Myersville, Md., writes: "My trouble was sciatica. My back was affected and took the form of lumbago. I also had neuralgia, cramps in my muscles, pressure or sharp pain on the top of my head, and nervous dizzy spells. I had other symptoms showing my kidneys were at fault, so I took Dodd's Kidney Pills. They were the means of saving my life. I write to say that your medicine restored me to perfect health." Be sure and get "DODD'S," the name with the three D's for diseased, disordered, deranged kidneys; just as Rev. Warner did, no similarly named article will do.—Adv.

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The article by J. R. Gracey, who has been elected Secretary pro-tem of the tentative organization of farmers looking to align themselves with the Federal Farm Loan system, should be read and digested by every farm owner or prospective borrower in the scope of territory proposed to be incorporated in this association. If the farm loan act is a worthy effort to help the farmers and secure to them the use of cheap money for owning and improving their farm homes, it should demand their attention and the meeting called for the tenth of February should be well attended.

The unusual real estate activity at this time is an eloquent reminder of the fact that there is a considerable element of homeseekers looking this way with the idea of selecting homes. The McLean country has not shown glaringly in the limelight of agricultural communities and has made no startling records of productivity, but for consistent

performance, dry and wet years alike, it has no superior and this fact is gradually becoming known to the men who are home builders.

ACCORDING to those authorities who have studied the elements for years in this section, the prospects are most favorable for a big fruit crop this summer and fall. When the fruit crop is allowed to mature in this section it matures the most luscious and abundant fruit of any portion of Texas.

Continue what you are and where you are and you are what and where you will always be. If you are satisfied don't read further. The world wage earners is a world of hoppers, wishers, and hesitators held down by foolish doubts and empty fears. Endless thousands of bright fine fellows whose wish bone is where their back bone ought to be, are excusably afraid halting, timid, clinging with the drowning man, grasp to their slender teaching salaries because they think business is a mystery and they can never learn to succeed in it.

You must be more, do more and have more in this life or you will always be seeing other men that are getting more out of life, more of this worlds enjoyments and comforts than you. We can point you to hundreds young men and women who are no smarter than you that are now successfully and happily engaged in a business of their own, because they attended our institution and secured a business training and prepared themselves to go into the business office and work along with trained men and become masters of the art of doing business.

Business is not a happy-go-lucky, haphazard sort of a thing if you understand it thoroughly, you are sure to succeed. If you have never been trained for it it is all left to luck and guess work.

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Posted.

The public is hereby warned that no hunting or otherwise trespassing on my place 4 miles east of McLean will be allowed. Please keep off.

I. X. Kachelhoffer.

Posted.

Take notice that no hunting will be allowed on my section south of town—keep out or take the consequences. I will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law.

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Milk In Winter.

Why do your cows give less milk in winter than they do in summer? Just because nature does not supply them with grasses and green food. But we have come to the assistance of Dame Nature with B. A. Thomas Stock Remedy which contains the very ingredients that the green feed supplies in season, only, of course, in a more highly concentrated form. We guarantee that this remedy will make your cows give more milk, and better milk, with the same feed.—McLean Hardware Co.

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Notice is hereby given, that in accordance with Title 44, and Chapter 2 thereof of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, (1911 Edition) notice is hereby given, that the commissioners' Court of Gray county, Texas will convene at the Court house thereof, in the town of LeFors on Tuesday, the 13th, day of February, 1917, to receive sealed bids, filed on or before the first day of said term, from any Banking Corporation, Association or individual Banker in Said County, desiring to act as Depository of the funds of said County for a term of two years, beginning April 9th, 1917.

All bids should be accompanied with certified check in the sum of \$75.00.

Said Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Given under my hand, at of dice in LeFors, Texas, this January 17th, 1917.

T. M. WOLFE,  
County Judge, Gray County, Texas.

JUST WHY MUSICIANS WEPT

In the Absence of Newspaper's Musical Critic, Star Reporter Wrote Up Pianoforte Recital.

The musical critic was unable to attend the pianoforte recital, but the star reporter on the paper allowed that he could do the thing easy enough. And this is how he did it: "Herr Diapason's recital last evening at Acoustic hall was the most recherche event of the musical season. Herr Diapason is a master in cantilever, and both in his automobile and in his tour de force he wrought wonders of tonic stimulation. He was especially potent in his dolce far niente passages, and in his diminuendo crescendo appoggiatura he displayed technological skill that was simply wonderful.

"There was also a marvelous musicianly abandon in the mute bars, the instrument in these parts of the score being forcefully impressive in silent fortissimo. But it was perhaps in andante capriccioso that he excelled himself. Here he discovered a coloratura, a bravura and an ensemble that fairly electrified his audience.

"Herr Diapason, it is true, occasionally erred in an overponderosity of rutabaga, and again in a too lambent lustspiel; but these lapses were hardly noticeable in his rendering of cantabilious intermezzo. The recital, upon the whole, was a marvelous exhibition of pook hontas instrumentation and incandescent cavatina."

"Slug 4," who takes lessons, said there was something wrong about it, although he couldn't say exactly what, and the managing editor, upon looking the critique over, was free to admit that it was all Greek to him; still he said it seemed to read all right, so far as he could discover to the contrary, and it was quite in the line of the regular critic's composition—more luminous, indeed—and he did not see why it shouldn't be printed. It was lucky, he said, that they had so able an all-round writer on the staff.—Boston Transcript.

IN DARKTOWN



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# Local Happenings

Items of Interest About  
Town and County

Just received car of stock salt—plenty of plain and sulfurized block, 25 50 and 100 lb packs. Also Michigan Meat Salt—Bundy & Biggers.

For Sale—Pure bred white Wyandot hens, bargain. Mrs. Lee Van Sant. 2c

For Sale at a bargain if sold Monday—Shultz piano, first class condition. Kitchen cabinet, bedstead, springs and mattress. Mrs. Richardson.

W. H. Bates was a visitor to Oklahoma City the first of the week.

"Uncle John's" tree syrup—its name. Bundy & Biggers

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, will be in McLean Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 and 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Boyett have returned from a three week's visit in central Texas.

Your child can trade at our store with the assurance of getting an honest price. Bundy & Biggers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hindman of Clayton N. M., were here several days last week.

Whole wheat and pan cake flour at Bundy & Biggers

P. J. Barnes of Salt Point, N. M., is looking after business matters here this week.

J. N. Saye of Bard City, N. M., is attending to business matters here.

The best cranberries you ever ate—"Eat more cranberries."—Bundy & Biggers.

New white goods of all kinds just arrived at Coffey's.

Found—A square. At the News office.

Jim Dougherty made a prospecting trip through New Mexico.

Handsome stripe silks for waists, new. Coffey.

Choice dried apples, peaches, apricots and grapes. Bundy & Biggers.

I will be glad to take your order for cut flowers from the Amarillo Green House. Mrs. Richardson.

A bill providing for a West Texas A & M College was passed in the House Tuesday with practically no opposition. It will likely pass the Senate in the same manner.

Ladies' and Misses' middie—new spring colors. Coffey.

We certainly appreciate all news items phoned or sent to the News office.

Men's work shoes—we have your number. T. J. Coffey.

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist will be in McLean Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 and 10 th.

Full line of spring house dresses, up to 46 bust. Let us fit you. Coffey's.

One of the coldest northers of the winter hit us Wednesday morning and by Thursday the thermometer registered almost zero.

New lot of Stetson hats at Coffey's.

Canned cabbage, and it's fine.—Bundy & Biggers.

Mr. and Mrs. Yancy Bates have returned from Sherman, Texas. Mrs. Bates was in a sanitarium at that place where she underwent a minor operation.

Our sweet potatoes are fine—Bundy and Biggers.

Forty nine young people attended the Young People's Union last Sunday. In the absence of Miss Maggie Jordan, Charlie Fournier had charge of the meeting with Mr. Ragland as teacher. Next Sunday Carl Williams will be in charge and Miss Hamilton will tell a bible story. All young people are invited to attend.

The early bird catches the worm and the early chicken brings the best price. Get a Never Fail incubator and get your chickens hatched off early. C. S. Rice.

T. E. Bugbee, one of the Panhandle's oldest citizens and cattlemen, died at his home in Clarendon Tuesday from pneumonia. Mr. Bugbee was a director in the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas and prominently connected with many different business interests.

Don't forget Coffey's when looking for something NEW—new goods arriving daily.

Friends of the Texas Company will be glad to know that a bill was finally passed in the senate giving them some relief. The bill allows them to produce and acquire stock in subsidiary companies.

A cheap article is expensive at any price. If you want rich, warm and shorts, worth the money, we've got it. Bundy & Hodges.

You don't know just how hard we try to make the McLean News a good local paper, but we cannot fulfill our efforts unless the readers will take the trouble to phone us the news items they happen to know. This means EVERY reader in this vicinity. Will you do it? Our phone is 47 or 54.

Light Crust Flour at Bundy & Biggers.

If you want good Registered Hereford bull calves see Bob Harlan. These calves were sired by Strikeout No. 371602, one of the best sires in this or any other state. If

Miss Grace Whatley entertained a party of young folks at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. C. E. A. Pollard, last Saturday night. Progressive forty-two was the principle feature of the entertainment, followed by delicious refreshments.

A large party of young folks enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Earp at their pretty home in the west part of town Saturday night.

For Sale—Baby Buggy good as new. For particulars call at the Tailor Shop or phone Mrs. J. M. Clarke. 4c

J. W. Mayfield has returned from Wellington where he was at the bedside of his brother-in-law, W. M. Tucker. The gentleman died Jan. 23rd at 8 o'clock and his remains laid in the Plymouth cemetery Thursday. Rev. Simpson of Wellington conducting the services. Mr. Tucker was a Baptist minister. He leaves a wife, three sons and four daughters, besides a host of friends, to mourn his passing.

We are exclusive agents for Panlac, a splendid tonic and system and blood purifier. Erwin Drug Co.

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### Girls' Bible Class.

The Girls Bible Class met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Boyett.

The class was divided into two divisions, the Blues and Pinks. After the contests, in which the Pinks won three out of four, delicious refreshments were served.

Every girl is invited to come to the Bible Class every Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Boyett. Be sure and bring your bibles.

Reporter.

### Woman's Auxiliary.

The ladies met at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon and had a very instructive bible study. We find in Mrs. J. O. Phillips a splendid teacher and she brings us many ideas as to the practical side of religion.

Our meetings are all instructive and inspirational and we wish to give each woman in McLean a special invitation to attend these meetings, and really expect each Methodist lady to be present.

We will have no meeting next week as the Preachers' Institute will be in progress at that time.

Reporter.

## PROGRAMME OF Clarendon District Missionary Institute

To Be Held At

McLean, Texas

On February 6th and 7th, 1917

Every pastor, local preacher, Sunday School superintendent, charge lay leader and church lay reader in the district is expected to be present.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6th

- 10:45 a. m.—Devotional ..... A. W. Hall
- 11:00 Preaching ..... John Henson
- 2:00 p. m. The "One to Win One" Method of Evangelism. To What Extent Can it Be Used in the Clarendon District ..... J. S. Huckabee
- 2:30 p. m. The Doctrines of Methodism and Evangelism ..... J. T. Howell
- 3:00 p. m. The Woman's Work: How Can We Help Them and How Can They Help Us? ..... M. E. Hawkins
- 3:30 p. m. The Epworth League and Its Possibilities for Usefulness ..... L. B. Smallwood
- 4:00 p. m. How May the Sunday Schools of the District be Improved Through:
  - Better Organization ..... C. C. Wright
  - Teacher Training ..... J. A. Laney
  - Class Organization ..... L. A. Reavis
  - Home Department and Cradle Roll ..... W. A. Hitchcock
  - Literature ..... J. P. Patterson
- 7:00 p. m. Sermon on Stewardship ..... A. J. Weeks

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7th

- 7:00 a. m. Church Finance, Importance and Methods of ..... J. H. Hicks
- 7:30 a. m. The Every Member Campaign and How to Conduct It ..... J. H. Watts
- 10:00 a. m. What Financial Goal Should be Set for Each Charge? ..... E. L. Sisk
- 10:30 a. m. How Can the Laymen's Movement Help Solve the Finances of the Church? ..... J. B. McCarley
- 11:00 a. m. Our Educational Needs, How to Meet Them ..... G. S. Slover
- 2:00 p. m. What Can We Do to Secure Better Literature in the home ..... J. C. Carpenter
- 2:30 p. m. How to Have a Live Church the Whole Year Through ..... A. W. Hall

Questions For General Discussion:

1. What are you doing with the local preachers in your charge?
2. Have you a Lay Leader, A Missionary Committee, An Evangelistic Committee, and a Social Service Committee, and what are they doing?

Clarendon District, Charges and Pastors.

- A. W. Hall, P. E. .... Clarendon
- G. S. Slove, Pres. C. C. .... Clarendon
- E. Burkhead, teacher C. C. .... Clarendon
- A. J. Weeks, P. G. .... Clarendon
- A. Reavis, P. C., Clarendon Miss ..... Clarendon
- J. H. Watts, P. C. .... Goodnight
- P. G. Huffman, P. C. .... Claude
- E. L. Sisk, P. C., Claude Miss ..... Claude
- J. H. Hicks, P. C. .... Hedley
- John Henson, P. C. .... Memphis
- J. A. Laney, P. C. .... Lakeview
- L. B. Smallwood, P. C. .... Quail
- M. E. Hawkins, P. C. .... Wellington
- J. T. Howell, P. C. .... McLean
- J. P. Patterson, P. C. .... Shamrock
- C. C. Wright, P. C. .... Wheeler
- W. A. Hitchcock, P. C. .... Zybach
- J. S. Huckabee, P. C. .... Pampa
- J. B. McCarley, P. C. .... Miami
- J. M. Carpenter, Shamrock Ch. .... Wellington

# Public Sale

## Wednesday, Feb. 7th

### Beginning at 9 a. m.

At my place one mile north of Alanreed I will sell at public auction (to satisfy the mortgage and make the mare go) the following:

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- 9 head of hogs
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- 1000 cans of fruit
- 1 good canner
- 1 incubator
- Several barrels of vinegar and wine

Household goods, stoves, beds, chairs, dressers, tables, barrels, etc. Tools, plows, cultivators, mowers, hay baler, alfalfa renovator, disc, orchard plow, wagons, hack, buggy, etc., etc., etc.

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The farmers of North Dakota paid \$14,141,640 for farm labor during 1915.

# WHERE TOWN AND COUNTRY PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER

By A.M. LOOMIS

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THE GET-TOGETHER BANQUET

This is an article about the Farm and City Get-Together Festival at Jamestown, N. Y., where some enterprising dreamers turned their talents to practical purposes :

**I**N TOO many cases country people and town and city people misunderstand one another, and both lose. As a consequence urban dwellers buy Oregon apples and California grapes, and rural folk buy their furniture, farm machinery and supplies from Chicago mail-order houses. Here and there, however, some of the more far-sighted men and women of both groups are making determined efforts to supplant distrust and contempt with fellowship and co-operation. And it works—Ladies and gentlemen, it works beautifully!

The enterprising citizens of Jamestown, N. Y., and the farm people who live in the counties surrounding the city (which have a population of about 40,000) joined hands, hearts and hands this last autumn in a great "Farm and City Get-Together Festival," and the affair was such a huge success that a permanent organization was formed and the festival will be held annually hereafter.

Here is an illustration of how misunderstanding is bred and why it persists sometimes:

James Mason, a city dry-goods merchant, drove out in the country one pleasant Sunday afternoon in October, and was astonished at the number of apples he saw on the ground in orchards along the roadside. "I cannot buy good apples at the grocery next my store," he complained, "unless I pay Alaska prices for them, 5 cents each. Yet here they are rotting on the ground."

Mason jumped to the conclusion that the farmers did not try to save the apples, or to help the city man and his family get food. "They are both selfish and lazy," he asserted when he told of the experience.

Simon Newcomb lived on a farm near where Mason drove that Sunday. He had been in town Saturday afternoon with a load of apples. The groceryman looked them over, and offered Newcomb 50 cents a bushel. Newcomb had read in his farm paper that apples were scarce, and he thought he ought to have a dollar a bushel.

"But your apples are not sorted. There are several kinds in the one crate, and many of them are inferior in size, and some badly worm eaten," objected the grocer. "You leave them with me for 50 cents a bushel or else take them somewhere else."

Newcomb looked at his watch and saw it was nearly chime time, and he sold them. But when he got home he told his wife the grocer took advantage of him and was little better than a robber.

But both men were wrong. The orchard owner was not lazy nor selfish. He had other problems worse to handle and more necessary to him than picking up and saving a few bushels of apples.



THE GRANGES EXHIBITS

Nor was the grocer a robber. He had a trade which required certain standards, and the stuff offered him did not conform to those standards. All wrong, almost from the start.

Just as the foregoing illustration makes plain the problem more than pages of generalities, so the experience of Jamestown in its first Farm and City festival will show how the effort to get together succeeds better than more pages of platitudes.

First of all Jamestown had a live board of commerce, and a secretary with a vision not bounded by the factory chimneys of the city nor its city limits. Secretary Fred Clayton Butler had been studying some United States census reports on Chautauque county, N. Y., and he discovered that most of the rural towns of the county and all its rural villages, but two or three that had a lot of factories, had decreased in population in the last three decades. He did not need to be told about the increase in cost of living. That was self-evident.

In surveying the field he found that there was an active apple growers' association in Chautauque county, also a milk producers' association, a farm bureau, a lot of big granges, and a number of farmers' clubs. The manager of the farm bureau was Hawley B. Rogers, and Mr. Rogers was called into conference with Mr. Butler.

"You do not need to tell me anything about decreasing rural populations," interrupted Rogers, when Butler started in on his pet paragraph. "I know all about that before you city people awakened. But what can we do about it?"

Right here the city man had the farm bureau man beaten. "We can get together and find out," was his reply. "I know that the city people have a double stake at issue; the cost of what they must have to eat, and the market for a large part of their goods. I think your people have something at stake also. You want good roads, and good schools, and good markets. Perhaps we can get together."

Out of this conference grew a bigger conference, present at which were representatives of most of

these rural organizations and some active business men from the city of Jamestown. The proportion at this time, and so far as possible in every succeeding step up to the big banquet which closed the festival finally and successfully held, was just "fifty-fifty"; half city people, half farm people on every committee and in every conference.

This conference, held in August, decided to hold a Farm and City festival, a real get-together, in November. "Not a county fair, but better than a county fair, with the vaudeville features omitted," was the way it was expressed. At the initial meeting it was decided to carry out this get-together idea by making the exhibits of an educational character as far as possible in every instance.

To do this and to finance it several committees were named. A street was closed and covered with tents. Other tents were put up on vacant lots, and the state armory was used. All sorts of exhibits—prize livestock, poultry, dairy products, grains, fruit, vegetables, etc.—were shown and prizes awarded. State experts in all phases of farming, in domestic science, in child welfare, in dietetics, etc., delivered lectures to the city and country people. A railroad traffic expert discussed plans for helping producer on the farm to get his products directly and expeditiously to consumer in the city. The government sent a good-roads exhibit, and motion pictures were used to make many of the lectures more graphically interesting.

And then there was a great closing dinner. Five hundred persons representing every part of the county and city attended this affair. There was fine music, for one thing—orchestral and choral work, led by Cornell university music instructors, and solos—by Gov. Charles S. Whitman, who was in the city on a campaign trip, left politics behind and he and Mrs. Whitman attended the banquet.

"Co-operation" and "get acquainted" were the watchwords of the occasion. Two weeks afterward the committees met and decided unanimously to hold another "Farm and City Get-Together Festival" next year.

# SPIDERS ARE NOT VERY DANGEROUS

The famous tarantula, reported to be one of the terrors of the arid parts of the Southwestern states and northern Mexico, and which bulks so large in the imagination and the fears of those persons who have friends on the border, is really not the tarantula of history and of fable.

One of the numerous students of spiders—and the tarantula is a spider—says of that terrifying insect that it is the Lycosa tarantula, a kind of spider found in some of the warmer parts of Italy and Spain. When full grown it is about the size of a chestnut and of a brown color. "Its bite was at one time supposed to be dangerous," says this authority, "and to cause a kind of 'dancing disease,' but it is now known not to be worse than the sting of a common wasp."

It is very likely that when the early Spanish explorers came upon the great spider of the Southwest, and seeing a good deal of resemblance to the tarantula of the old world—those explorers not having been scientific entomologists—they called the new spider a tarantula, and the name has stuck.

There is no doubt that the big spider of Arizona, New Mexico, California, old Mexico and many other places is a relative of the tarantula of Spain and Italy, and in color, disposition and in the matter of his hairy legs a layman might easily mistake him for the tarantula. But perhaps there is not much in a name so far as spiders go, and it is just as well to avoid if possible that particular spider which so many Americans call the tarantula, though it is quite certain that the meanness of his disposition has been exaggerated.

J. H. Emerton, one of the spider experts of the world, writes, after years of intimate study of

spiders: "When undisturbed, spiders never bite anything except insects useful as their food, but when attacked or cornered all species open their jaws and bite if they can, depending on the size and strength of their jaws. The stories of death, insanity and lameness from the bites of spiders are probably untrue."

The species of spider are hard to number. The spiders of North America have been studied by Hentz, Emerton, Keyserling and Thorell, and no doubt by a number of other men who have specialized in insects, and it is estimated that there are 800 species in North America. The spider has heart, liver, stomach, intestines, thorax, lungs and several other interesting organs, as, for example, the spinning glands and spinnerets.

It is recorded that a good many experiments have been made to throw light on the effect of spider bites on man. A distinguished entomologist, named Bertkau, allowed various kinds of spiders to bite his hand. Some of them drew blood, giving a sensation like that of a sharp needle prick. The wounds smarted and swelled somewhat and itched when rubbed, producing very much the sensation of mosquito bites, but no permanent ill effects followed. Another entomologist, named Blackwell, also allowed specimens of the big spiders to bite his hand. He reported that he felt no particular pain and little inflammation followed, and the wounds soon healed. Still another entomologist, named Doleischall, reported that he had shut up small birds with the Mygalis, one of the biggest and fiercest of the spider tribe. The birds soon died after being bitten. He allowed one of his fingers to be bitten by a large jumping spider. The pain was severe and his finger and then his hand and

arm became lame, but the soreness soon passed away.

The Mygalis is one of the best-known of the large and heavy spiders. It is a native of tropical and subtropical America. It is said that it catches and kills small birds with its poisonous bite and then sucks the blood of its victims. The body of this spider is pitch black and is covered with long reddish-brown hair. It has eight eyes placed close together in the front of its head. It is a close kinsman to the so-called bird spider of Surinam.

The official name of that American spider called the tarantula is Cteniza Californica, and it is one of the trapdoor spiders. It is common in New Mexico, Arizona, and California. According to John Sterling Kingsley, this spider digs its hole in a fine soil which when dry is nearly as hard as brick. These spider holes are sometimes nearly an inch in diameter and vary in depth from two and three inches to nearly a foot. The mouth of the hole is enlarged and then closed by a thick cover which fits it tightly. That cover fits into the mouth of the hole very much as a cork does in the neck of a bottle. The cover is made of dirt fastened together with threads and, like the hole, is lined with silk and is fastened by a thick fringe made of spider's silk. When the cover is closed it looks exactly like the ground around it.

This, like many other species of spider, is nocturnal in its habits, raising its trapdoor at night and sallying forth in search of food, its chief food being insects.

There is so much diversity of opinion as to the effect of the bite of those spiders that in living where they are a man should practice safety first and take no chances with them.

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The Nenana coal field, Alaska, will be tributary to the government railroad now under construction from Seward to Fairbanks. Though the coal of this field is lignite and hence of low grade, yet it has great value as a source of fuel and power for Fairbanks and other Yukon placer camps. The field is about sixty miles south of Fairbanks. It is estimated by the United States geological survey, department of the interior, that the Nenana field contains some ten billion tons of lignite. The Nenana coal field lies in what is known as the Bonfield region, which also contains some gold placers that have been mined in a small way for the last ten years.

### Said the Horticulturist.

"O, Susie," said the dear girl friend, "you should have heard what Mr. Twigg, the horticulturist, said last night when someone told him that you were one of the season's buds."

"What did he say?" asked Susie. "I don't remember his exact words, but it was something about how interesting it was to see a century plant in bud—why, Su-u-u-se, dear, how can you accuse me of offending you?"

### Military Hats.

Australia, where rabbits were not long ago so numerous as to be considered a national nuisance, is now requisitioning that country's supply of rabbit skins for use in making military hats.

Siam has resumed the cultivation of cotton, once a leading industry in that country.

## Instead of Worrying

about the high cost of living, just buy a package of

## Grape-Nuts

—still sold at the same fair price.

Enjoy a morning dish of this delicious food, and smile over the fact that you've had a good breakfast and

### Saved Money

Isn't that a fair start for any day?

### Thousands Tell It

Why dally along with backache and kidney or bladder troubles? Thousands tell you how to find relief. Here's a case to guide you. And it's only one of thousands. Forty thousand Americans are publicly praising Doan's Kidney Pills. Surely it is worth the while of anyone who has a bad back, who feels tired, nervous and run-down, who endures distressing urinary disorders, to give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial.

### An Oklahoma Case

Mrs. L. G. Ivers, "Terry Place Talk a Star" 478 W. Washington A. V. Okla., says: "My kidneys were badly disordered and I had a dull heavy ache in my back almost constantly. My kidneys acted too often, at times, and I had again they were inactive. I had dizzy spells and headaches too. Doan's Kidney Pills corrected these ailments very satisfactorily, and I have had little kidney trouble since."

Get Doan's at Any Store, 50c a Box DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

### PENSIONS

For application of U.S. Soldiers' Pensions and their widows and war widows, their widows and children under 16, inquire of Nathan Rickford, 60 La. Ave., Washington, D. C.

### GALLSTONES

A good operation. Positive Liver & Stomach remedy. (No Oil)—Results sure, home remedy. Write today. Gallstone Remedy Co., Dept. W-1, 219 S. Dearborn St., Chicago.

W. N. U., Oklahoma City, No. 2-1917.

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LAX-FOS is an improved Cascara (a tonic-laxative) Pleasant to take

In LAX-FOS the Cascara is improved by the addition of certain harmless chemicals which increase the efficiency of the Cascara, making it better than ordinary Cascara. LAX-FOS is pleasant to take and does not grip or disturb stomach. Adapted to children as well as adults. Just try one bottle for constipation. 50c.



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Doctor—"Well, what did the paragon say?"

Major—"He said that if I would sleep more on my right side I would have more doctors."

Had dreams are a good sign of poor digestion, when the head worked stomach begins to complain the whole system suffers and we have constipation, offensive breath, dyspepsia and all sorts of similar disorders every one of which if you did not know it, cries aloud for

### Green's August Flower

Which for 51 years has contributed to the health and well being of countless thousands everywhere. 25c. and 75c.

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A toilet preparation of merit. Helps to eradicate dandruff. For Restoring Color and Beauty to Gray or Faded Hair. 25c. and \$1.00 at Druggists.

### A Druggist's Advice To Kidney Sufferers

There is no better medicine on the market today for kidney, liver and bladder ailments than Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. I have been selling it for the past quarter of a century and every bottle sold produced a satisfied customer, and I know of several diseases of the kidneys, liver and bladder that were entirely relieved through the use of Swamp-Root. I have great faith in the preparation and believe there is none superior.

Very truly yours,  
M. B. SHAW, Druggist,  
Sept. 14, 1916.  
Stillwell, Okla.

### Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

An Empty Echo.  
"Money talks," observed the Sage.  
"Yes," replied the Fool. "But all some of us hear is the echo."

Always use Red Cross Ball Blue. Delights the laundress. At all good grocers. Adv.

The Kind It Was.  
"Did you have a fine kind of automobile trip?"  
"It was nothing but fines."

**DON'T SNIFFLE!**  
You can rid yourself of that cold in the head by taking Laxative Quinine Tablets. Price 25c. Also used in cases of La Grippe and for severe headaches. Remember that.—Adv.

Serious.  
"She's only flirting with him."  
"It's more serious than that. I saw her looking up his rating."

### COATS CONTINUE TO SHOW THE LIBERAL LINES THAT MARKED THE EARLIEST MODELS



LIBERAL LINES IN COATS.

The latest arrivals in coats have not departed from the liberal lines of early models, neither as to length nor width. They give the same impression of luxurious warmth and substantial comfort. Some of them achieve original touches in detail of construction and trimming and succeed in presenting something new in a world of varied coats.

Two examples that can hardly be excelled for beauty and utility are shown. They proclaim the cleverness of their designer inasmuch as they follow the mode, but by original means. At the right a coat, which might be made in any of the popular cloths, is cut with the body and sleeves in one. It is set to the figure over the shoulders by small tucks at the back which extend from a square yoke to the top of the sleeves. Wide cuffs, a convertible collar, and patch pockets, to which we



CHARMING AFTERNOON GOWN.

and finished with small pendant balls of silver. The bodice shows a little chemise of embroidered net.

A wide flat girle is made of satin veiled with georgette and ornamented with a band of needlework. It extends below the waistline, wrapping the figure loosely. The sleeves are full from shoulder to cuff. Here they are shirred to form the deep narrow cuffs that are finished at the hand with a band of needlework.

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### Suffered Several Years. PERUNA MADE ME WELL

Its My Standby for a Cold.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reuther, 1002 11th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., writes: "I am pleased to endorse Peruna as a splendid medicine for catarrh and stomach trouble, from which I suffered for several years. I took it for several months, and at the end of that time found my health was restored and have felt splendidly ever since. I now take it when I contract a cold, and it soon rids the system of any catarrhal tendencies."

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"Yes. But he always mixes something up with it so as to spoil it."

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Cure Sick Headache, Constipation, Biliousness, Sour Stomach, Bad Breath—Candy Cathartic.

No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels; how much your head aches, how miserable you are from constipation, indigestion, biliousness and sluggish bowels—you always get relief with Cascarets. They immediately cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour, fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the intestines and bowels. A 10-cent box from your druggist will keep your liver and bowels clean; stomach sweet and head clear for months. They work while you sleep.—Adv.

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Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents.

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### IF YOUR CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH, CONSTIPATED

Look Mother! If tongue is coated, cleanse little bowels with "California Syrup of Figs."

Mothers can rest easy after giving "California Syrup of Figs," because in a few hours all the clogged-up waste, sour bile and fermenting food gently moves out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

Sick children needn't be coaxed to take this harmless "fruit laxative." Millions of mothers keep it handy because they know its action on the stomach, liver and bowels is prompt and sure.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups.—Adv.

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### A Great Discovery

(BY J. H. WATSON, M. D.)

Swollen hands, ankles, feet are due to a dropsical condition, often caused by disordered kidneys. Naturally when the kidneys are deranged the blood is filled with poisonous waste matter, which settles in the feet, ankles and wrists; or under the eyes in bag-like formations.

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We want to list your land for sale, especially small tracts in this immediate vicinity at reasonable price.

### Gardenhire Realty Company McLean, Texas

### Read The News

#### Important Meeting.

The Trustees of the Goodnight College call a meeting of all Baptist Pastors, laymen and friends in the Panhandle country, to be held at Goodnight, Texas, Feb. 8, 1917, beginning at 10 a. m.

This meeting is for the purpose of determining the future of Goodnight College after its present session which closes May 3rd. Whether the school will be closed for good or continued is the matter to be settled. This can only be rightly settled by the judgment and vote of all parties whom the school hopes to serve. It is important therefore that everyone interested be present.

A social lunch will be served by the ladies of Goodnight at the noon hour. A program has been prepared and several of the leading men of the Baptist denomination have promised to be present.

Don't forget the date, Feb. 8, 1917.

#### Federal Farm Loan Meeting.

Owing to the lack of attendance in our call meeting last Saturday no business of any importance was done other than to elect a temporary president and secretary. S. A. Cousins was elected president and J. R. Gracey secretary.

Several phases of the organization was explained by C. E. Anderson. There was no lack of interest in the meeting. Several were present who were barred by the Federal Land regulations but were willing to step in and lend a helping hand and several good suggestions were made.

It was thought best not to organize at this meeting but to set a definite time and announce the date in the paper. February 10, 2:30 p. m., was the date set. There will be a good deal of business to attend to and we ask all interested, directly and indirectly, to be prompt, not later than 2:30.

Instructions from the department recommend that in our organization we refrain from making our territory too large. So as to accommodate the most people tributary to McLean it was suggested that we include the southeast quarter of Gray county, the northeast quarter of Donley county, the northwest quarter of Collinsworth county and the southwest quarter of Wheeler county. This would give those who live within this territory easy access to this association. Our board of appraisers, Secretary-Treasurer, who compose the business end of the association, will be centrally located.

I only give you a short outline that you might think this matter over and thereby be better prepared to help in the organization.

Remember the date, Feb. 10 J. R. Gracey, Sec. Protem.

#### Panhandle Press Meeting.

It has been officially announced that the Panhandle Press Association will hold its annual meeting in Amarillo on the 17, 18 and 19 May. The President of the Association, L. G. Waggoner of Miami; the secretary, Miss Ida Farrell of Glazier, and Ben F. Smith of Lockney will meet this week and arrange a program.

It is intended that the first day of the meeting will be given over to the reception of the visitors and the second day will be spent at the famed Palo Duro Canyon where an all day picnic will be enjoyed. The third day will be devoted to the discussion of the various subjects on the official program.

This Association is one of the largest district associations in the southwest and is maintaining a yearly growth that is most pleasing.

### WERE MASTERS OF WORLD

Roman Legions Subjugated Before Assimilating the Nations Their Victorious Armies Had Overrun.

The military splendor of Rome has fascinated young and old for centuries. Wherever one touches later ancient civilization there are found the evidences of the presence of the Roman legions. They are in Gaul, in England, in Germany. They are in every country around the Mediterranean basin. They are in the East, in the heart of Asia. The courier system for the dispatch of letters and messages was in their hands. The legions were the vanguard to make the newly acquired territories habitable and productive. Their stationers became the trading centers of the communities from which the adventurous merchants pushed onward to spread with their wares Roman thoughts and Roman habits and respect for the Roman sway. When the veterans completed their years of service they were colonized and continued in their retirement to carry on the labors which formed the greater portion of their active service.

The Roman army was human. Its soldiers were men, some good, some bad, some humorous, some serious, some lovable, some despicable, but all of them eminently human. The papyrus excavations of the past hundred years have given us a glimpse into the heart and soul of the Roman soldier.—Christian Herald.

### SPOUT STEAM, NOT WATER

General Idea Concerning Action of Whales May Easily Be Proved to Be Erroneous.

Since a whale breathes air, when it is below the surface the breath must be held, for if the water should be taken into the lungs the animal would drown. Thus as soon as a cetacean comes to the surface its breath is expelled and a fresh supply inhaled before it again goes down.

The breath which has been held in the lungs for a considerable time under pressure is highly heated, and as it is forcibly expelled into the colder outer air, it condenses, forming a column of steam. A similar effect may be produced by any person if on a frosty morning the breath is suddenly blown from the mouth.

That whales spout out of the blowholes water which has been taken in through the mouth is probably more widely believed than any other popular misconception. As a matter of fact such a performance would be impossible because a whale's nostrils do not open into the back of the mouth, as do those of a man, and the animal is not able to "breathe through its mouth," as can ordinary land mammals.—Roy Chapman Andrews, in New York Independent.

#### RUNS IN THE FAMILY.

Alexander Corkey of Wayne, Neb., is one of eight brothers, all of whom are Presbyterian ministers, says the Indianapolis News. The father is also a minister, and his two daughters are missionaries. The brothers are David of Dundrod, Ireland; Robert of Monaghan, Ireland; William of Belfast, Ireland; Vernon of Cullinady, Ireland; John of Belfast, Ireland; Alexander of Wayne, Neb.; James of Jefferson City, Iowa, and Joseph of Runs, Scotland.

#### AFTER THE WAR.

European Monarch (testily)—Well, what is it now?

Palace Treasurer—Your majesty, our American landlord is here for the rent.

#### NOT MUCH.

Weary Maid—Did I hear something fall?

Timid Young Man—I-I dropped a remark.

#### NOT ALWAYS.

"Like always produces like."  
"Does it? Then just you try to get some cold cash from a snow bank."

#### WHEAT AND GASOLINE.

Teacher—If a farmer sold 2,000 bushels of wheat for \$2 a bushel, what would he get?

Percy—He would get an automobile.

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L. H. Webb.

### Church Directory

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Sunday school at 10 a. m. every Sunday. Preaching at McLean 3rd, 1st and 5th Sundays morning and night; Groom 4th Sunday, morning and night; Alabred 2nd Sunday, morning and night; Heald 3rd Sunday, 3:30 p. m.; Eldredge 2nd Sunday, 3:30 p. m. Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues at 2:30 and 3:30 p. m., respectively, every Sunday. Woman's Missionary Society 2:30 p. m. every Tuesday. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. J. T. HOWELL, Pastor.

Baptist Church.

Preaching second and fourth Sundays in each month at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. every Sunday. C. S. Rice, superintendent. B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. every Sunday. Reep Lauders, president. Ladies Aid meets on Tuesdays at 2 p. m. Mrs. Myrtle Hamilton, president. Church conference on Saturday before the second Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. J. F. Hamilton, Pastor.

Nazarene Church.

Services Second and Third Sundays in each month at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Our Meeting will be held the last two weeks in April.

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