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Coahoma News

Local and Personal News Items Gathered by our Special Correspondent.

The fur flies tomorrow.

John Gilmer has typhoid fever.

Wanted—A fat man and 13 dogs to meet No. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook of Morris were here Friday.

Fred Rice of Green Valley was here on business last week.

Miss Cora May Rowland of Colorado is visiting friends here this week.

Howard county has gone wet, much to the delight of everybody.

G. C. Yell, a leading farmer of R—, was transacting business in Coahoma Saturday.

Ben Miller, a prosperous farmer of the Salem community, was here Saturday after supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Musgrove and family of R— attended the arbor meeting here Monday.

Henry Wheeler will leave this week for a long visit with relatives and friends in Dallas county.

Harley Crocker of Sweetwater, who has been visiting his father, H. B. Crocker, returned home Monday.

Tom Berry of Morgan Heights was here Monday and brought good news of fine rains in his locality.

C. D. Read of Big Springs was here Monday and brought good news of fine rains in his locality.

Rev. McGabe of Ira closed a ten day meeting at Salem Baptist church Sunday night. The effort was without visible results.

Mrs. C. D. Read came out from Big Springs Monday by private conveyance to spend a month on the ranch with Noble Read and wife.

J. E. Adams and J. S. McCright were in town Monday jubilating over the fine rains which they say came just in time to save the country.

J. H. Hechler of the Gay Hill community passed through here Saturday on his way home from Rannels county, where he had been on a several days visit.

Jim Yell is slated for a ten days tour with the base ball boys at an early date. It is understood that they are to "do" a number of towns west of Big Springs.

C. J. Robinson, one of the pioneer farmers of Howard county, was here Monday from his home near Big Springs. He reported crops in fine condition in his neighborhood.

Kansas is doing a work that West Texas ought to do; namely, planting trees. According to a report, western Kansas, which was nothing but a desert, is rapidly becoming a region of forests and orchards. In the last year the farmers have planted two million catalpa trees which in six years attain a growth large enough for fence posts. There is no reason why West Texas may not be transformed in the same way. Trees should do equally as well here as in western Kansas. There are several varieties of deciduous trees which are said to be drought resistors and adapted to this section. It seems that there is room for some missionary work along this

Save the Birds

J. W. Neill of the state agricultural department was here Wednesday, and left in the afternoon for his farm eighteen miles northwest of town. He will return here Saturday and in the afternoon will address the citizens of Howard county on the boll worm and how to destroy it and other insects that destroy the crops. He says the people are making a great mistake in killing the birds as they are a great protection to crops as they destroy the worms, grasshoppers and other insects feed upon cotton and other crops. Birds, he says are the natural protectors vegetation has from these pests and should be protected. He has several timely and interesting suggestions to make to the agriculturists of this part of Texas and we hope everyone who can will here him Saturday.

Progressive Farming

If all other lines of business had adopted the ideas of many farmers that the old system of farming could not be improved on, we would still be using the forked stick, with a one eared ox, one man driving and one holding the plow, while the old reaper hook would still be used instead of the modern binders and the old flail instead of the threshing machine. A remarkable condition is that farmers have had their machinery improved on but will not listen to the soil culture theories, conservation experience and results of demonstration work.

Be Patriotic

The Commercial Secretaries have been conducting an investigation into the patronage of home industries by the citizens of Texas.

The cotton factories were the line of industry first taken up, as cotton is our leading product, and the mills reporting indicate a woeful lack of patriotism on the part of the home people in buying their goods. Only 17 per cent of the Texas made product finds a market in Texas, the bulk of the output going to the North Central tier of states, and goods are shipped to all states in the union. The bulk of the cotton goods consumed in Texas is manufactured in Massachusetts a portion of it comes from England.

The Texas cotton manufacturer with goods and prices equal to his foreign competitor, is compelled to fight for local trade and finds northern and eastern states look with more favor upon his product than the home people.

The secretaries urge all citizens of the state to demand the Texas made product, as the most effective way to build up the manufacturing industry in Texas is to take care of factories we now have.

Has Enough

S. T. Rowland was in town Saturday and wore a smile that has come to stay on account of the fine rains last week. He said he has had enough rain for this season and hopes he won't get any before fall. His cotton is very fine and he fears if more rain comes the worms will injure cotton.

C. E. Talbot and A. B. Winslow took a drive of several miles through the country north and northwest of town Tuesday afternoon, and were delighted with what they saw in the way of fine crops, in fact, they both declare they never saw better crops.

Plant Fruit Trees

We have on more than one occasion advised the people of this county to plant fruit trees, and some of them have taken our advice and are now glad they did. The fruit that is being marketed here this season is ample evidence that this is a fine fruit country.

Good fruit always brings a good price and when the supply gets too great for the local market there is lots of good markets to ship it to. There is money in raising fruit and nearly all kinds do well in this locality. One of our farmers told us Saturday that he sold \$1.00 worth of plums last year and this year he has sold \$60 worth and still has some on hand. This man says he is going to put 200 acres in fruit trees, and that one of his neighbors is calculating on putting 640 fruit trees of various kinds.

If more of our land owners will plant fruit trees it won't be many years until this will be known as the great fruit belt of West Texas and buyers will come here from all parts of the country to buy the fruit in the orchards, and the Big Spring country will be well known and celebrated by the fruit it raises. Nothing on a farm pays better than a well kept orchard.

Cotton Carnival

On July 29th the third annual Cotton Carnival of Galveston will be open and hundreds of visitors will worship at the shrine of King Cotton. This exposition was planned and carried out by the public spirited citizens of Galveston for the purpose of increasing the cotton production and interest in the South's greatest staple, and has been made a permanent organization. Cotton in every shape and form will be on display and a replica of the Galveston sea wall will be an interesting feature of the exposition.

The State University

The idea of a university supported by taxation is distinctly of western growth. The big western state universities, such as Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, California, and Illinois, now rival in their facilities and annual income the older institutions of the East, such as Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia and Princeton.

A state university, as a part of the public free school system, makes no charge for tuition, and it is, therefore, the least expensive institution for higher education in the state. Moreover, a state university attracts a more varied class of students than any other institution of higher education. Boys and girls come to it from every social station in life, from families of wealth, from the homes of the poor, and from every religious denomination. Such a student body is necessarily democratic. A state university thus inevitably becomes a melting pot for the classes, where the dross is thrown aside, and where the really vital elements of human character are recognized as worth while. This description perhaps fit only an ideal state university, but it can truthfully be said of the University of Texas that its tendencies lie in this direction.

Out of such a student body coming from practically every county in the state, grows a strong sentiment to weld Texas together in one indissoluble commonwealth. This influence will perhaps ultimately become one of the valuable and permanent contributions of the University of Texas to the life of the state.

Phone No. 1 for Drugs and Medicines—B. Reagan.

Postal Savings Bank to

Open on 27th

Postoffice Inspector A. C. Helmer was here this week instructing the force at the postoffice in the operation of the savings bank department which will be opened for the use of the people here next Thursday, July 27th. Pamphlets giving full and complete detailed information in regard to this matter can be secured at the postoffice at any time, and Postmaster Sporenberg and his clerks will be glad to answer all inquiries or give any information in regard to same. We hope our people will take an active interest in the savings bank department and that the reports from this office will show a good business being done.

The postal savings system is established for the purpose of providing facilities for depositing savings at interest with the security of the United States Government for payment.

Any person 10 years of age or over may open an account in their own name. A married woman can have an account in her own name free from interference or control by her husband. No person can open a postal-savings account at any post office unless he is a patron of the office. One person cannot open an account in trust for another. The service is free and no fee or charge is collected. No one connected with the post office department is permitted to disclose the name of any depositor or give information concerning an account.

Deposits are evidenced by postal savings certificates issued in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. No account can be opened for less than \$1, and no person can deposit more than \$100 in any one month nor have a total balance of over \$500. Savings certificates cannot be transferred and will only be paid to the person to whom issued. Interest will be allowed on all deposits at the rate of two per cent per annum.

New Schedule

A new train schedule will go into effect on the T. & P. railroad Sunday. Passenger trains Nos. 4 and 6, eastbound and Nos. 3 and 5 westbound will run from St. Louis to San Francisco, and will be equipped with dining cars, electric lights and fans.

D. E. G. Campbell met with a painful accident Tuesday afternoon while running his horse after another. The loose horse, which was blind in one eye, attempted to pass Mr. Campbell, and as the horse he was riding was also minus an eye, a collision occurred and in the scuffle and mixup Mr. Campbell received several pretty bad bruises.

J. W. Neill, who owns a fine farm eighteen miles northwest of town, has some black locust trees growing on his place and says they are doing fine. He is so well pleased with his success in growing these trees that he intends to raise more of them and wants three thousand seed to plant.

Kodak at Home

"At Home with the Kodak" is the title of an illustrated and clearly written little book that the Kodak people have issued on home portraiture.

Whether you have a camera or not we will be glad to give you a copy. Drop us a postal, or if convenient call at the store.

WARD'S

The Price is The Thing.

Medicos Here

Tuesday the Big Spring-El Paso District Medical Society met here and the attendance was good. A very interesting and instructive program had been arranged for the occasion. The morning and afternoon sessions were taken up by the special work of the society. The evening session which was held at the Methodist church was public, was well attended and proved very interesting and entertaining to our citizens.

Among the speakers at the evening session were Revs. E. S. Bledsoe and D. A. Sanford of this city. Several of our local musicians were on the program and rendered some excellent vocal and instrumental music.

The day proved one of both profit and pleasure to our citizens as well as to our visitors.

Experimental Farms

One of the wisest laws enacted by the 32nd, or any other legislature, was the one which authorized the commissioners' court of any county to make an appropriation of not to exceed one thousand dollars to be used in farm experiment and demonstration work.

Every county in Texas will make a good investment by appropriating the whole thousand dollars and demonstrating to the farmers what crops and what manner of cultivation will be most successful to local conditions and to educate the farmers to farm by the most improved methods and to discontinue the system of the long ago.

Farm and Factory

There is no better way of helping the farmer than by building factories. The farmers of Texas are compelled in many instances to ship products across the ocean in order to reach the factory. We are world factors in agriculture. Our cotton and wool clothes the human race, our meats supply the larder of nations and our cereals fill the granaries of the world, but we are in the main dependent upon other states and countries to manufacture our raw materials.

The farmers of Texas ship an average of \$1,200,000 worth of raw material to the foreign factory per day. Load these products on wagons and they will form a procession 220 miles long and our annual production on its way to the foreign factory will form a gigantic parade that will reach around the world three times and it will require eleven years to pass a given point. It is a golden stream of prosperity flowing out of the state and on its bosom floats factories, cities and millions of happy homes. It is laden with opportunities destined for the people of the whole world and it furnishes life giving substances to the withering veins of European nations.

The parade costs \$200,000 per day and \$75,000,000 per annum and is paid for by the sweat of those who till the soil. Our public servants who desire to do something more than swim around undevoured in the waters of public life should watch the parade. Our raw material on its journey to the foreign factory forms one of the most colossal pageants in the history of the human race and is the commercial tragedy of the Twentieth century. Watch!!!

Credit Farming

The credit system used by many farmers in the state is more damaging to agricultural interests than the boll weevil. No farmer can thrive and pay the debts of his neighbors which is the inevitable result of the credit system. Debt is a hard taskmaster and it saps the vitality of every man and every line of industry that is within its clutches. The merchant and banker should help the farmer get on a cash basis. When the farmer has a good bank account we are all prosperous.

Road Building

"Road building is a science," said G. E. Cooley, representing the good roads department of the Federal government at the Good Roads Convention at the Dallas Fair last fall. "There is no more reason why a man should work out his road tax than that he should teach out his school tax. We lose millions of dollars annually by lack of intelligent application of road funds."

What It Means!

The Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution to be voted on July 22

"Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas;

"Section 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by striking out and repealing Section 20 thereof and substituting in lieu of said Section 20 the following:

"Section 20. The manufacture for purpose of sale, barter or exchange, and the sale, barter and exchange of intoxicating liquors on and after the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1912, is hereby prohibited within the State, except for medicinal, scientific and sacramental purposes. The Legislature of the State of Texas shall, at noon on the second Tuesday in January A. D. 1912, by authority of this section, meet in session in the city of Austin and pass efficient laws to enforce this section; but nothing in this section shall prevent any session of the Legislature from passing any law to enforce the same and all laws in force when this amendment is adopted providing remedies, penalties or forfeitures in relation to the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors shall remain in full force and effect until modified or repealed."

Texas Industrial Notes

The buildings and other improvements for the big gin plants at Franklin are well under construction. The deep well which is to supply the plant with water has been completed to a depth of 250 feet. It will be one of the most up-to-date gin plants in the state.

A charter has been issued by the Secretary of State to the Idaho Texas Land Company permitting them to do business in Texas. The company has a capital stock of \$50,000.

A building permit has been issued for 600,000 to the Dallas Hotel Association for the erection of a 22 story steel-concrete fire-proof hotel building in that city.

Houston is to erect a young woman's home at a cost of \$200,000. The building will be modern and up-to-date, and will be equipped with all conveniences and comforts of a home for the use of the business women of Houston.

The secretary of state has issued a charter to the Elks Building Association of Galveston with a capital stock of \$25,000.

Smith Brothers Grain Co. of Fort Worth will erect a large grain elevator at Brownsville, preparatory to doing a large export business.

Austin county has voted bonds to the amount of \$175,000 for building the Austin county link of the Red river to the gulf highway.

At an election at Teague a bond issue to the amount of \$34,000 was carried, only 40 votes being cast against the issue.

The Texarkana Shingle Crostoning Co. of Texarkana has begun operations. It is one of the large enterprises of that city and gives employment to a large number of people.

Clay county is to vote on August 5th on the proposition of issuing \$200,000 for bonds for building good roads.

Angleton is to have an up-to-date cotton gin. The engine will be 70 horse power and the boiler 80 horse power. Work will begin on the building in a few days.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

THE SPEED MANIA.

Since Phaeton tried to drive the chariot of the sun and darkened the skins of the Ethiopians, the human race has paid its annual toll of death to the mania for speed. Paedalus and Icarus and Darin Green and a host of others did their share. The three-banked galleries of the Romans, their chariot races and their morals alike paid tribute to this human characteristic. We hardly know which is the more dangerous, says the Charleston News and Courier, the automobile race or the aeroplane. Both are typical and both reap their harvest of death with startling regularity. The disaster at Indianapolis failed to startle because it was anticipated. People take it for granted that death will follow speed trials. And yet we speak of these things as accidents. How can that be an accident which we all feel certain will happen? Rather it is an accident when automobile races are held without the accompanying tribute of human life. We suppose that the mania will continue. It is hard to eradicate it from the human heart. Just as it is hard to eradicate the passion for gambling, which has been a distinguishing feature of the Teuton since first he appeared in history. At the same time, it is altogether wise that the state should take some means to control these speed contests and to insist on the most careful precautions.

The German shoe manufacturers, in convention assembled, appointed a committee to prescribe rules for the making of shoes, the object being to rule out freak shoes. This is a sensible movement. Freak shoes are the cause of ugly and sore feet. There is a deal of complaint among women on this account, and the only remedy is for the manufacturers to refuse to make them. The sad results are not local only, for the effect of a freak shoe extends to the general health. The best test of a woman's good sense is the shoe she wears. These French heels are an abomination. They strike at the entire nervous system. They tend to make a woman morose, quarrelsome and peevish. The intelligent, independent and sweet-tempered woman never bends under her heels and roomy toes. The man looking for a bribe had better recognize this fact.

One of the first things for each of us to learn is the fact that life is not one long dream of pleasure, but a stern discipline, and a discipline that is so severe and so exacting for some of us that we become seasoned campaigners long before the struggle is over. The severe discipline, however, affects us in different ways. To some of us the hard training brings also hard feelings and the desire for retaliation, while to others the exacting experiences open the springs of their human nature and arouse only the tenderest sympathy. Much depends on one's nature, of course, and if a man is naturally resentful it is more than likely that he will take advantage of every opportunity to retaliate. To such a person time only will bring the realization of the folly of trying to avenge past affronts.

A doctor in Boston is defending two damage suits in which the respective patients accuse him of leaving gauze by the yard and a tube in their bodies after operating. One would suppose that such continuous loss of property would counteract even such absent-mindedness as this.

A policeman in Richmond with a strong sense of duty, arrested himself. But this standard of a noble Roman Brutus is a little too classical for our everyday modern life, and probably will not be set up to any perceptible extent.

The latest argument in favor of automobiles is that those who use them need not fear pickpockets. New tires, repairs, gasoline, fines and garage charges are great little pickpocket preventers.

Jupiter and the moon are credited with causing the recent severe quake. Jupiter ought to have his celestial hands full attending to his own moons without getting ours to make trouble for us.

Often we are led to suspect that when a millionaire pays a fortune for an old picture he thinks more of the publicity than of the picture. It is somewhat akin to philanthropy with a corps of press agents.

The Chicago woman who won her husband on a bet reminds us of the old wheeze that marriage is a lottery. News from the divorce court leads us to believe that she drew a blank.

From the number of replies received by a lighthouse keeper who advertised for a wife, it is apparent that light housekeeping is preferred to the other kind.

TO MAKE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN EXPENSE

THE SENATE BILL GOES THE LIMIT OF PUBLICISTS.

SOURCES AND EXPENDITURES

Candidates for Both Houses Limited to Spend Sum Equal to 10c Per Voter.

Washington, July 18.—The most drastic campaign publicity legislation ever passed in either branch of Congress was adopted by the Senate, practically without a dissenting vote. Using the pre-election publicity bill passed by the House as a basis, the Senate constructed during the day a proposed law with the following important features:

No candidate for the Senate or House shall spend in the election more than a sum equal to 10c for each voter in his district or State. No Senatorial candidate shall spend a total of more than \$10,000 in the primary and general election and no candidate for the House shall spend more than \$5,000. Publicity must be given to all preliminary campaign contributions and expenses. All general election expenses must be made public before the election, beginning fifteen days before election and making publication each six days until election. All promises of political jobs must be made public. The bill further makes it illegal to promise political places to secure election support or to aid in the influencing the election of any member of the State Legislature.

The Republicans in the House unsuccessfully attempted to extend the bill to cover primary elections. This did not take well by those from sections where primaries are tantamount to elections.

THE SCHOOLMASTER IN TEXAS

Keen Interest in New Buildings and Adequate Maintenance.

Houston: The Conference for Education in Texas has been collecting statistics from the counties in the State with reference to the number of districts voting maintenance and bond taxes in 1911, and the number of school houses constructed or in process of construction in 1911. Reports from ninety-five counties, representing all sections of the State, have been compiled, and the number of districts in these counties voting maintenance taxes during the year 1911 is 364, the number of districts voting bond taxes is 135, making a total of 499 districts for these ninety five counties.

If the rate be maintained for the 240 counties of Texas, more than 110 school districts in the State have voted local taxes during the year 1911. These reports also show that 245 school houses will be constructed during the year 1911 in the counties reported, which, assuming that the same ratio will obtain for all the counties of the State, indicates that at least 500 new school buildings will be constructed in Texas the present year.

Collin county reports seven new school buildings; Houston County, eight new school buildings; Erath County, nine new school buildings; Hopkins County, nine new school buildings; Jack County, nine new school buildings; Nueces County, eleven new school buildings; Harris County, twelve new school buildings. These facts can have but one meaning—that the people of Texas are rapidly coming to the conclusion that modern, convenient and sanitary school buildings are absolutely necessary to assure efficient schools.

ON TO FORT STOCKTON.

Orient Railway is Making Great Progress.

Houston: Twenty-eight miles or Orient track between Merton and Barnhart will be placed in operation within a few weeks, according to Orient railroad men. The company has enough steel in San Angelo to complete the track to Barnhart. Several hundred tons of steel rails are also on the road to be used on the line. The company has pledged to have the road in operation as far as Fort Stockton by Christmas. Fort Stockton is 175 miles from San Angelo and 119 miles from Barnhart. The grade between Fort Stockton and Barnhart is almost finished. Work is also being pushed on the San Angelo-Del Rio extension, and this line will be completed on contract time.

Mail Over the Cut Off.

Goldsboro: Mail service will soon be inaugurated on the Santa Fe cut off as a United States postal inspector has just completed a trip over the new line. This will give Goldsboro Silver Valley and other towns on the cut off railway mail service. Express, telegraph, freight and passenger service has been in operation for some time past and these larger towns have all been supplied with local railroad agents.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

Winnboro let last week a contract for a \$12,000 high school building.

A soil find in Oldham, some 40 miles west of Amarillo shows a single stratum 170 feet thick and of a uniform good quality.

The discovery of gas at Lueders has set to work a proposition to pipe it to Abilene, a distance of some twenty-five miles.

Nine brick stores and a brick home for the Paul Bank are among many new improvements nearing completion at Slaton, the new Santa Fe town.

The Farmers' Gin Company has been organized and are erecting a \$5,000 gin plant at Ripley, eight miles northwest of Mt. Pleasant. The new gin will be ready for business by Aug. 20 next. There are four 70-aws.

Petitions are being circulated in Potter County, looking to asking the Commissioners' Court to place a proposition of voting \$300,000 bonds for building a new court house before the people.

The third annual reunion of W. B. Plemons Camp of United Confederate Veterans will meet in the city of Amarillo Aug. 1, 2, and 3, and in Glenwood Park, the use of which has been granted the camp.

Work on the construction of a \$75,000 Federal Building at Wichita is expected to start Aug. 1, according to John Wenzl of Joplin, Mo., who is one of the firm of contractors securing the contract for the building.

The election held in Henrietta for the purpose of voting waterworks bonds in the amount of \$18,000, with which to dam the Little Wichita River north of town and build a pumping station, resulted in a vote of 161 for and 16 against the bonds.

Plans are being drawn for a vaudeville theater for the Interstate Amusement Company in San Antonio to cost \$150,000. Work of construction will begin in September.

The first official train over the new Hamilton-Comanche line of the Cotto Belt arrived at Comanche July 13, a 7-p. m., having on board Chief Engineer Purden and party.

Heart disease caused the death of William McCarthy, of Canal Dover, O., aged 40, said to have been the largest man in Ohio. During the last year he had gained flesh at the rate of five pounds a month and at the time of his death weighed 495 pounds.

Word has been received from James Bertram of New York City, secretary to Andrew Carnegie, that Mr. Carnegie has donated \$10,000 for a public library for Pecos. The citizens have donated site and books. Work will commence soon on the new building.

About one hundred teams are at work on the Dallas road between Sterrett and the Dallas County line. The road is being graded and put in shape for the gravel. This work will complete the pike between Waxahachi and Dallas.

Mr. J. F. Peck of Sulphur Springs has just marketed nine acres of potatoes which brought one hundred bushels to the acre. The net profit which Mr. Peck realized from his nine acres, after deducting the cost for cultivating, fertilizer, etc., was six hundred and ninety-four dollars, and the land is now planted in cotton.

A Peacock (Stonewall Co.) dispatch says: The new cotton gin being put in here by the Rule Cotton-Oil Company is nearing completion and when finished will be one of the finest gin plants on the W. V. Railway. The outlook for a cotton crop in this part of the country is very promising.

Paris is to get an entirely new post-office building, and the present building will be used as a court house and for general government purposes.

The Durango Land and Timber Co. of Waco, capitalized at \$570,000 has filed its charter with the Secretary of State. The concern was incorporated for the announced purpose of operating 66,204 acres of timber land in the State of Durango, Mex.

Contract has been signed for a new \$100,000 gas plant for Temple, which calls for complete distribution within 12 months.

The Commissioners' Court of Wichita County has been numerous petitioned to call a road bond election for the issuance of \$300,000 road building bonds.

Bonham is arranging to spend \$100,000 for street improvements, the bond issue voted some time since having been duly approved.

The East Texas Brown Ore Company is the name of the newly chartered company which has quarters at Fort Bolivar. The capital stock is \$2,500,000, and East Texas ores will be exploited.

Practically all material is on the ground for the McKinney street car line, and the track laying is started.

Miss Annie Clark, twenty-three years of age, native of Alabama, and for the past twelve years a resident of Dallas, died at the home of her parents in Dallas last Wednesday from pellagra.

GOOD ITEMS OF NEWS

ENTIRE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS THAT ARE WORTH PASSING NOTICE.

WHOLE WORLD THE FIELD

Current Domestic and Foreign News Boiled Down to Readable and Small Space.

The Methodist church at San Marcos has installed a \$3500 organ.

Madisonville citizens have raised \$3000 for the purpose of boring an artesian well.

Dallas has produced a case where in a child was held by a landlady for a \$9.00 board bill.

A bomb factory has been unearthed in Buenos Ayres, Brazil, and several men are under arrest.

Dallas County Criminal District Court has 100 cases on the docket, and according to usual progress is ten years behind.

The St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico railway is arranging to install a motor service between Brownsville and Matamoros at an early date.

A barn at Orro, Ellis County; one at Lone Oak, Hunt County, and one at Waskom, Harrison County, were destroyed by lightning last Thursday and Thursday night.

George Gosnell, a contractor and grader, who was making a tank for C. T. Terrell in Victoria County, was murdered near the line of Goliad and Victoria counties. The motive was evidently robbery, as the dead man's pockets were turned inside out, and everything of value taken.

In every direction, says a dispatch, in the county work is being done on laying up-to-date macadamized roads, and in a few months Caldwell County will enjoy the distinction of having as much or more good substantial roads than any of the counties not having a large city in it in the State.

Judge J. M. Dickinson, former secretary of war, has been offered and has accepted a professorship in the Vanderbilt University law department.

The Bryan Candy Company has opened for business. They have a complete factory, equipped with the most modern machinery for turning out the finest quality of candies of all kinds.

The brick work on the two-story Howell business house and the three-story Derriden hotel has been completed, and that of the three-story dormitory for the Bryan Baptist Academy is about completed.

Representatives of the Southern Traction company have made a proposition to the city of West. As a consideration for running the inter-urban line through this city they ask right-of-way for five miles and a subscription of \$20,000 worth of stock.

Miss Ruby Thurber, a 15-year-old Dallas girl took a mouthful of carbolic acid, mistaking the bottle for a bottle containing a gargle. She immediately spat out the acid and quickly took half a bottle of olive oil, and so saved her life.

The citizens of Bellfalls, an inland town near Temple, carried an election for the issuance of \$12,500 bonds for the building of a school house. The election carried by a two to one majority.

While he was making his rounds in his grocery delivery wagon D. W. McCarthy, of San Antonio, died from heart disease. With the body hanging over the seat the horse continued on its way until one of the customers where the horse stopped discovered the body and had it taken to an undertaker.

Parties are arranging to install a steam laundry at Smithville.

Work is now being rushed on the new oil mill at Sealy, so that the full benefit of this year's crop may be enjoyed.

With few exceptions, perhaps, every public road traversing the Hempstead precinct and within the town limits has been graded and worked to an almost perfect state of uniform smoothness and drainage, as the fruits of the recent good roads campaign inaugurated, which compassed a bond issue of \$25,000.

Bryan is enjoying a season of growth. Contracts for six fine two-story residences will be let within the next few days to be built in Bryan and vicinity.

Portland, Ore., has been selected as the meeting place of the Elks in 1912.

A cotton fire in the port section of St. Petersburg destroyed \$500,000 worth of the staple.

The Frisco is introducing a new style motor car, and a sample is now in Texas doing stunts looking to its use on various sections of the system in this State.

Milwaukee promoters announce that they have practically concluded a match between Matt Wells, the English lightweight, and Paddy McFarland of Chicago to be staged before the Badger Athletic Club in September.

Up to last Wednesday about three miles of the Stone & Webster inter-urban grade between Dallas and Waxahachie have been completed. The grading in Ellis County began at Bear Creek and has almost reached Red Oak. Contractor Castrell has a large grading crew at work.

Grading on the Ardmore, Duncan & Lawton railway started last week.

E. A. Hasha, a Dallas boy, won the ten mile motorcycle race at Buffalo last week. The time was 8:57 1/2.

An unknown negro jumped from the Franklin Street bridge into the bayou at Houston last Saturday with suicidal intent and was drowned.

Grand Prairie is moving to close pool rooms in that city on account of their demoralizing influence on the young.

The State Bank and Trust Company of Tyler, capitalized at \$100,000, has filed its charter with the Secretary of State.

An interlocking guide wire in the Rock Island yards at Bowie threw brakeman William Love of Fort Worth under a moving freight train where his head and shoulders were crushed, and he died instantly.

The dates for holding the Gonzales County annual fair were set by the central committee to be held October 25, 26 and 27. About \$750 in prizes will be awarded and one of the new features is that the management has contracted for 1200 catalogs showing a complete list of the prizes offered.

Failure of Texas shippers to properly support an independent line of steamships was given as one of the reasons for the discontinuance of the service of the Baltimore-Texas Steamship Company, according to Harri Bernheimer, Texas representative of the line.

Willacy County, formed of the northern end of Cameron County, by the last Legislature, will hold an election for county officers August 12. Sarita is agreed upon as the county seat.

South Houston has just recorded among its important completed improvements the completion of the handsome new depot, 50x75, for the Galveston-Houston Interurban rail way.

G. G. Braden, a contractor of San Antonio, Saturday was on his way home with his wife when a highway man stepped in front of them and struck Braden with a rock, knocking him unconscious. He threatened to kill Mrs. Braden if she screamed. The highwayman got \$20.

Captain Wm. W. Woodhull, a retired pay director of the United States navy, who had seen service in all parts of the world, fell fifty feet down an air shaft in an apartment house in West Philadelphia and was instantly killed.

E. G. Lewis of St. Louis, whom the government persecuted under a dozen prosecutions, all of which failed, but which finally practically destroyed Lewis' business, has dug up a number of new indictments charging unlawful use of the mails, as usual.

Dangling at the end of a rope, suspended from the limb of a tree in his back yard, the lifeless body of Charles F. Mayer of San Antonio, fifty-four, a retired merchant, was found by his wife Monday morning. He had long been in ill health.

Twenty thousand Elks took part in the great parade in Atlantic City, N. J., last Thursday. The parade was divided in ten divisions.

James Whitcomb Riley, the "Hoosier poet," has given real estate valued at \$100,000 to the board of school commissioners, as a site for a public library and administration building for the public school of Indianapolis.

The old Harrison Street police station of Chicago, which shared a fame equal to that of the New York Tombs, has been abandoned and the department has moved into new quarters.

Lightning struck a "nickel" piano in a Louisville, Ky., saloon and started it to playing "The Grizzly Bear." Not once, but five times the selection turned out, while eight patrons of the place stood dazed by the shock of the bolt.

Except signing the articles, everything has been arranged for the match between Jack Johnson and Bombardier Wells for the biggest purse ever offered in Great Britain. Johnson is to receive \$30,000, win, draw or lose. The sum of \$15,000 is to be handed to Johnson an hour before the contest, which is to take place in London probably in September.

The Negro Normal School at Prairie View has adopted a uniform for all students, as heretofore some of the pupils have dressed so extravagant, as to embarrass poorer pupils.

William Z. Hays, former State Bank Examiner under Governor Campbell, has been elected vice president of the Merchants and Planters' National Bank at Mt. Pleasant.

An engine house and boiler factory at Silsbee, to be erected soon, will cost the Santa Fe about \$25,000.

Mark Twain left actual property worth \$471,136. An appraisal of his estate filed with the surrogate places this value on securities and real estate the humorist bequeathed to his only surviving child, Mrs. Gabrieliowith when he died on April 21, 1910.

The revised Anglo-Japanese alliance is hailed in many quarters in Tokio as a practical triple alliance between the United States, England and Japan.

Will Love, aged 24 years, a Rock Island brakeman, was decapitated at Bowie when he fell beneath the wheels of a car being switched at that station.

Mart is completing a new high school building. There will be a large auditorium, twenty class rooms, steam heat, modern lavatories and up-to-date fixtures throughout. The cost of the building alone is \$50,000.



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Personal. Garrulous Barber—As the sayin' goes, "There's always room at the top."

Sensitive Customer—How dare you refer to my baldness?

Pandemonium. "Nature knew what she was doing when she deprived fishes of a voice." "How do you make that out?" "What if a fish had to cackle over every egeg it laid?"

Might Help. Mrs. Willis (at the Ladies' Aid society)—Now, what can you do for the poor boys at the front?

Mrs. Gillis—I was reading today where the soldiers are always making sorties. Now, why can't we get the recipes for those things and make them ourselves and send them to the boys?—Puck.

Old Map of America. Claude Vautin, an English mining engineer, who has been prospecting in Peru, returned the other day on the steamship Zaccapa. Besides looking after mining property, he has been collecting interesting antiquities of the country.

One of the most interesting things he brings back with him is a map of South America made by the Jesuits in 1592. It gives an outline of the land as far north as Cuba and is apparently accurate. Its purpose is evidently plain, for every missionary station in the country at that time is indicated on the map, and the line of travel necessary to reach them is marked out. This map was obtained by Mr. Vautin at Puno, Peru.

Another interesting collection he brought back is the death masks of the Incas. These were hammered out of metal and placed over the faces of the dead. Three of them obtained by Mr. Vautin are of sheet gold.

A SPOON SHAKER. Straight From Coffesdom.

Coffee can marshal a good squadron of enemies and some very hard ones to overcome. A lady in Florida writes: "I have always been very fond of good coffee, and for years drank it at least three times a day. At last, however, I found that it was injuring me."

"I became bilious, subject to frequent and violent headaches, and so very nervous, that I could not lift a spoon to my mouth without spilling a part of its contents."

"My heart got 'rickety' and beat so fast and so hard that I could scarcely breathe, while my skin got thick and dingy, with yellow blotches on my face, caused by the condition of my liver and blood."

"I made up my mind that all these afflictions came from the coffee, and I determined to experiment and see."

"So I quit coffee and got a package of Postum which furnished my hot morning beverage. After a little time I was rewarded by a complete restoration of my health in every respect."

"I do not suffer from biliousness any more, my headaches have disappeared, my nerves are as steady as could be desired, my heart beats regularly and my complexion has cleared up beautifully—the blotches have been wiped out and it is such a pleasure to be well again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in page "There's a reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

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Autumn Stock of Wilson Bro.'s Shirts which will soon begin to arrive, we offer this week all \$1.25 and \$1.50 Wilson Bro.'s Shirts, all sizes,

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Dry Goods and Groceries—Grain and Hay
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WRIGHT & CO. PHONE 64

Local and Personal

B. S. Cox of Sweetwater was here Monday.

Furniture repairing a specialty. S. R. Morton.

F. M. Coffee of Odessa was here Saturday.

Mrs. Gussie Davis is visiting relatives at Colorado, Texas.

The cleanest fountain in Big Spring at Reagan's Drug Store.

C. D. Read made a business trip to Fort Worth this week.



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WARD'S PHONE 35
JEWELRY
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Z. T. Joyner of Stanton was here today.

Free ice water at Reagan's Drug Store.

Ellis Douthitt is here today from Sweetwater.

Mrs. G. T. Walker of Auto was shopping here Monday.

E. B. Gambell and wife of Vincent were here Monday.

No mistake is made if you bring your prescription to Reagan's Drug Store.

T. H. Johnson returned Monday evening from a business trip to New Mexico.

The best equipped drug store in West Texas for your needs—Reagan's Drug Store.

F. O. Allen is here from Lyon county and reports crop prospect good up there.

Go to Thomas Brothers shop or your barber work. They are first-class workmen.

Mrs. W. B. Farmer of Temple came in yesterday morning on a visit to sister, Mrs. Ray Wilcox.

For new and second-hand furniture, see S. R. Morton, or phone 414.

Mrs. L. L. Stephenson left Monday evening for Mineal Wells where she will spend some time for the benefit of her health.

C. F. Morris has 70 acres in peanuts on his farm north of town that are very promising. He brought in some vines the other day that show to be well filled.

Wanted

Some one who understands the millinery business to join me at once; fine opportunity. Must have some cash. For particulars apply at this office.

R. V. Davis came in Tuesday from Tennessee where he spent the last thirteen months.

Do you believe in the "Golden Rule?" If so it will pay you to do your trading at Reagan's Drug Store.

J. A. Baggett returned the first of the week from Houston where he attended the sheriff's convention.

Phone 325 for clearing, pressing, repairing and alteration. J. O. Gibson.

Thomas Brothers shop is the place to go for first-class tonorial work. Try them if you are not already a customer.

R. A. Boswell has been appointed assistant superintendent of the T. & P. from Baird to Toyah to succeed F. B. Gilbert, who resigned.

Storage room for rent in the Ward basement as much as you like or as little as you want at reasonable rates.

Clarence L. Parker and wife returned Thursday night from a months visit to relatives and friends at Bluff Dale and other points in Texas.

The A. P. McDonald Co's store room in the Ward building for rent August 1st 1911. A No 1 business location, just opposite the Post Office. See J. L. Ward at once.

J. A. Kinard brought in a sample of his peaches Saturday that were the largest we have seen this season, but we can't say anything as to their quality as we only examined them through a glass jar. Fruit grows well in this country and some day will develop into a great fruit belt.

Robert Burns, The eminent Scottish poet,

died at Dumfries, Scotland, July 21, 1796, at the age of thirty-seven. He was a favorite among his people.

We are the Favorite of the thrifty housewife because we sell groceries of the best quality at prices that are within reach of all. Surely a better lot of things to eat were never priced so reasonably. The quality of the

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The Big Spring Baptist Association will meet at Spade on the 28 and hold a two days meeting.

Reagan's Drug Store has always needed the period of the farmer and his business has always been appreciated.

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You are cordially invited to come to Reagan's Drug Store—there to meet your friends and walk home.

Jap Darby was here Tuesday from Morris and said all tanks and lakes out there were filled with water by the rains last week.

25 per cent off on all straw and panama hats. We have a good assortment yet. See them. A. P. McDonald & Co.

I. B. Cauble was here Tuesday and seemed happier than usual and when asked the cause, said a good rain fell on his farm Monday afternoon.

S. A. Hartman, who lives two or three miles west of town, was here Saturday and said the rain at his place last week was sufficient to make good crops.

The old reliable—The Reagan Drug Store. It has been your friend for many years, it will remain your friend for many years to come.

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Men, women and children—in all walks of life—suffer at some time or other, or are threatened with nervous breakdown. They lose their appetite, become weak and anemic, lose all energy, the nerves become shattered and are easily irritated—this condition finally results in complete collapse.

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Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Junior League at 4 p. m. Senior at 5 p. m. Preaching at 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8:15 p. m. Choir practice Thursday night at 8:15 p. m. Come and bring some one with you.

CHAS. W. HEARON, Pastor.

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Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. Preaching at 8:00 p. m. All are invited to attend. E. S. BLEDSOE, Pastor.

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All farmers who have produce they wish to exhibit at the Dallas fair bring it to R. D. Matthews or Dr. I. E. Smith as they have a room in which to store it.

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"Yes," Mr. Bliggins said; "it's a little disappointing to find my boy so big that he is no longer an excuse for my going to the circus."

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Fond Mother—And has mamma's angel been a peacemaker today?

Mamma's Angel—Yes, ma. Tommy Tuff was a-lickin' William Whimpers, an' when I told 'im to stop he wouldn't, an' I jumped in an' licked the stuffin' out o' both of 'em.

An Eight Years' Walk.

Hiram Davis of Newburg went for a walk with his father eight years ago. The father stopped to talk with a friend, and Hiram, then about ten years old, walked on. He was never seen after that until he walked into his parents' home recently.

The police all over the east were on the lookout for him, the Hudson river was searched and finally he was given up for dead. When he greeted his mother it was some hours before she could be calmed.

Davis has been out west.—New York Sun.

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These pills contain no calomel, no dope; they are soothing, healing and stimulating. They school the bowels to act without physic.

Regular size bottle, containing 45 pills, 25 cents. Munyon's Laboratory, 533 & Jefferson Sts., Philadelphia.

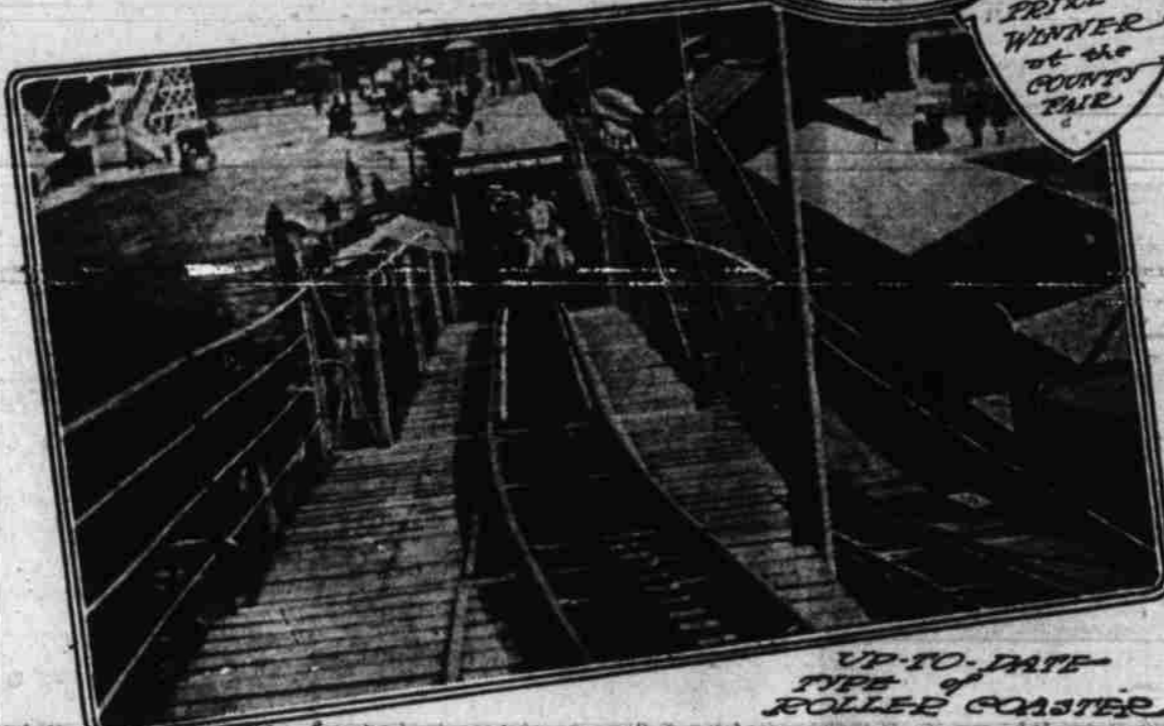
Getting Ready for the County Fair



It is a trifle early perhaps you are saying, to begin talking about the county fair. Maybe so, if you are looking forward to the autumn event merely from the standpoint of a cold, calm, casually interested spectator. But just remember, please, that there are thousands upon thousands of people all over the country for whom the annual neighborhood fair means much more. They are the prospective exhibitors, and no wonder they begin to plan and speculate and anticipate almost from the time the snow is off the ground.

Indeed, if a person is ambitious for success in the competitions at the county fair, it is absolutely necessary to be forehanded in preparation. This applies with equal force whether it is a case of John seeking blue ribbons for his sheep and cattle or Mary seeking the grand prizes for her cakes and pies and preserves. And of course it is, true in yet greater measure of Cousin Sue who has a plot to "capture" the diploma for the handsomest silk quilt or the most beautiful pillow top—for, be it known no prize-winning piece of fancy work, no more than Rome, was built in a day.

It is a matter of congratulation that the old-fashioned county fair has remained unchanged, in its main features, since the days of our grandfathers. It is one of the most cherished memories of every man whose boyhood was spent within lure of its magic—one of the memories that after residence in the city he half fears to rekindle by renewed association, lest the twentieth century



the venturesome colored boy who pokes his head through a hole in a sheet. The time-honored "slide show" or carnival is there with its snake charmers and giants and dwarfs and the fortune tellers and popcorn vendors have the old elusive way of inducing you to part with your coin. Even the fans and badges and tiny flags and "gold" medals of yesteryear look and cost the same as they did as far back as memory can carry you. About the only new things at the county fair, in fact, are the moving picture shows in their somber black tents and the ice cream cones that have supplanted the one-time "five-cent dish with two spoons."

The men who have been conducting county fairs long enough to make comparisons will tell you that, all in all, it costs just about as much to hold a fair nowadays as it did a decade or two ago, presuming, that is, that you "hang up" about as much in prizes for the show and speed classes. Some items have been cut over the expenses in the old days, whereas other outlays have increased, owing to the increased cost of living or some other new influence. For one thing, the fair managers save some money in heralding the fair. For the sentiment of the thing, they still have to make use of some of those gaudy posters in blue and red and yellow that from time out of mind have filled childish dreams every autumn, but they don't spend money to plaster these posters on every barn and fence and covered bridge in the county, as they were wont to do in the old days. As the number of country newspapers has increased they have provided a better and cheaper way of telling the people of the delights of the coming fair. On the other hand, the "star attraction," if the fair management wants to be right up to date and have an airship flight each day, will cost more than in the old days. A parachute jumper or an acrobat who did the thrilling "slide for life" did not demand half as much money, usually, as the expert aeroplanist who wants a fee of \$500 and upward.

A feature of the county fair that hasn't changed with the lapse of time is the season for holding the event. The conclusion of the harvest, which leaves the farmer comparatively care-free and, let us hope, with money in his pocket, dictates the date of this annual festival. In some parts of the country September is the favorite month for fairs, but elsewhere October has the call and quite a few of these agricultural shows and trotting meets are held in early November. Active preparations at the fair grounds begin a month or six weeks earlier for the up-to-date fair association repairs its buildings each summer and has everything spick and span for the three or four day attraction.

The Old Order Changeth

A critic declared that twentieth century people tell their private affairs much more readily than used to be the custom. If marriage turn out unfortunately the world learns it from the parties chiefly concerned, and what the old-fashioned woman would have called the secrets of her inner life, not to be confessed even to herself, the new woman tells boldly in order to surround her personality with a halo of interest, for it seems certain, if you do not say you have troubles, nobody will notice them. The instinct of family loyalty is diminishing, that clanish sentiment which caused relatives to hide their internal dissensions from others as carefully as they would bodily infirmities; children criticize their parents and vice versa; brothers and sisters quarrel in the street; the black sheep is openly discussed by his relations. No toleration is granted on the score of blood, and as all of us require as much toleration as we can get, it seems a pity so fruitful a means of supply is cut off. Yet, if a man has a brother a blackguard, why should he not say so, just as much as if he were a stranger? There seems no real reason, except that it does not sound nice, and public opinion long ago decided that a family disgrace must be shared by all the members.

brand won't be the least bit like the old-time event that was awaited with more anticipation than was bestowed even upon the Fourth of July or the annual visit of the "monster and mastodontic united shows." Perhaps this cherished idol of youth may not have been a really and truly "county fair," for not all county fairs can enjoy the prestige of location at the county seat, but after all, that is a minor matter in the eyes of the outsider and no man can ever be convinced that the world ever held a more important "agricultural exposition" than the one at which as a youngster he exhibited his chickens or peddled peanuts or sold scorecards.

That, as has been said, the old-fashioned county fair hasn't been changed beyond recognition, even to this day, is all the more a matter of surprise when we take into account the revolutionary changes that have taken place in other phases of rural life. The introduction of rural free delivery, for instance, has done away with the necessity and the opportunity for those friendly gatherings at the cross-roads store when the farmers who drove over for the mail stole a little leisure in which to swap stories. Similarly a phonograph in every farm house has somewhat dulled the appetite for those periodic concerts at the little red school house, even as the presence on the roads of those zipping, screeching automobiles has knocked all the romance out of those buggy rides in the moonlight when old Dobbin was allowed to find his own way and set his own pace.

Not only has the county fair withstood the ravages of time, and the onslaught of modern invention, but in some respects it has benefited by a lapse of time. That is, many a fair of the present day is vastly bigger and better than was the corresponding event on the same grounds a score or more of years ago. It is not due solely to the natural increase of population, either, nor yet to that "back-to-the-soil" crusade which has swept over the land. The latter has helped, however, because it has added to the population of many a rural district men and women who are engaging in farming for pleasure as well as for profit and who enter their products at the nearby fairs as a matter of pride just as a breeder of fine dogs will travel all over the country to display his blooded canines at the big dog shows, even though the prizes would not pay the express charges on the animals.

The automobile, despised though it be in many quarters, has had a big influence in bringing greater prosperity to our latter-day county fairs. The advent of the horseless vehicles and the fed for touring, taken in conjunction with that improvement of country roads which has been going on this past decade or so, has made it possible for farmers to travel greater distances to the fairs. The tiller of the soil who in the old days was content to take his family to one fair—the one nearest home, may now, if he has one of those automobiles that are constructed especially

for the use of farmers, "take in" anywhere from three to half a dozen fairs held within a radius of say twenty or thirty miles. Of course, this swells the gate receipts and it also results in the exhibit classes being better filled.

On the other hand, the motor car has brought to the county fairs a certain patronage from city folk who almost never attended these rural exhibitions in the old days. Some of the city folks are those who have friends or relatives in the country, with whom they hold a reunion at the fair. Others are one-time rural residents who, having gone to town and "made their pile," find that they can come back via the automobile when they would not take the trouble if it meant getting up early in the morning to catch an excursion train. And finally there are the city folk who have neither kin nor kin nor the ties of old associations to draw them to the fair, but who motor to the autumn mecca as a sort of "lark" and who find it quite as novel an experience in its way as the rural resident does to journey to the city to inspect an exposition or a great amusement park. This latter portion of the influx from the city may not add to the gaiety of the occasion, particularly for the country people at the county fair, but their contributions at the ticket window are well worth having and generally appreciated, for, be it known, the average county fair is conducted by farmers and other members of the community who can't wholly overlook the financial side.

Yet another new influence that has helped the county fair in our time is the suppression of betting and the abandonment of racing at most of the race courses near the large cities. Racing of one kind or another goes on at almost all our county fairs and whereas it is not supposed to be accompanied by betting there are opportunities for quiet wagers, whereas the mere racing in itself is sufficient to attract horse owners and others who love the sport for itself. Just here, it may be added, that most fairs throughout the United States are now conducted on a clean, moral basis. Liquor selling on the grounds or nearby has long been prohibited in most localities and out-and-out gambling devices have been barred from many fair grounds these many years, but latterly, in response to the moral awakening that has swept over the country, fair managers are showing a disposition to keep out most of those raffles and games of chance which, perhaps innocent in themselves, might have a bad influence on the youthful mind.

This banishment of some of the old-time catch-penny schemes has not, however, so altered things that the man who has been out in the world cannot recognize the county fair of his youth when he comes back to it. He will see at the old stand all the weight-testing and lung-testing machines, the old-fashioned merry-go-round and the stands selling peanuts and sandwiches and red lemonade. He can test his skill, as of yore, in tossing rings over cans or trying to hit

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and "In Death They Were Not
Separated."

Dubois, Pa., July 17.—Twenty-one miners were killed in an explosion in the shaft of the Cascade Coal and Coke Company's mine at Sykesville, nine miles from here. The explosion occurred at 9:30 o'clock, but it was after midnight before the extent of the disaster was known. All of the dead but three were foreigners.

The explosion was slight, as evidenced by the small damage done to the mine, but the deadly after-damp is responsible for the most of the deaths.

Three sets of brothers and a father and son are numbered among the dead. George and John Heek, Nick Pavelick and his 14-year-old son were found by the rescuers locked in each other's arms as though they had embraced each other in their dying moments.

None of the bodies were mutilated and few showed any burns. Eleven of the men apparently had made ready to escape, for they carried their dinner pails and were headed for the opening.

Neither mine officials nor mine inspectors can assign any cause for the explosion, as there are no survivors from which to gain an explanation, but it is the general belief that some of the men drilled into a pocket of gas.

COOKE COUNTY'S PROGRESS

Help Out Those Who Are Trying to
Utilize Nature's Gift.

Gainesville: The Commissioners' Court of Cooke County has voted unanimously to give four hundred dollars to be used in farm demonstration work in this county. This will be supplemented by like amount by the Federal government, making eight hundred dollars to promote practical farming methods.

Some of the members of the Boys' Corn Club, acting under supervision of Agent Wilkins, will raise, as high as sixty bushels of corn to the acre, in spite of the drought, while farmers in the same vicinity using the old methods will not make twenty. Steps will be taken soon to organize cotton and hog clubs in Cooke County, owing to the success brought about by the Corn Club.

Baseball Claims Two Victims.
Bonham: The 15-year-old son of G. W. Taylor, a farmer, was killed Friday afternoon at Duplex, twelve miles north of here, by being hit in the head by a pitched ball in a ball game. The young man was struck just above the ear by the ball and for a short time appeared not to be seriously hurt, resuming his position at third base. Shortly afterward he retired from the game and sat down under a tree, where he died before medical assistance could be secured.

Coriscana: During a game of baseball Friday at Richland, in this county, Cleveland Chapman, a negro, was instantly killed. He was running the bases and just as he reached second base a thrown ball struck him over the heart. He fell and died without uttering a word.

Progressive Farming in East Texas.
Mount Pleasant: G. H. Maggard, a farmer of the Green Hill community, this county, said to the correspondent that he had discovered a remedy for chopping cotton. He has a drove of twenty-five geese that he turned loose in his cotton field and they have kept his crop perfectly clean all this year, besides the geese have invaded his neighbors' cotton fields occasionally and assisted them in keeping down the grass for them.

Morning Paper for Waco.
Waco: J. G. Murphy and C. H. Wampler, proprietors of the San Angelo Standard, have announced that they will within ninety days begin publication of a morning newspaper in Waco. They will also continue the publication of the Standard. The Waco paper will be called the "News."

Terrible Tragedy in Alamo City.
San Antonio: C. A. R. Campbell, son of Dr. C. A. R. Campbell, former city bacteriologist, Saturday morning at 12:30 shot and killed his wife and then himself. They were married last May.

Lightning Kills Man and Team.
Weatherford: During the rain Saturday afternoon, W. D. Davis, who lives four miles north of Weatherford, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. He was plowing when the rain came up, using a cultivator, drawn by two horses. The same bolt struck him killed both horses and wrecked the cultivator. The deceased was the son of Monroe Davis, and leaves a widow and one child.

New sixteen-room hotel is going to be built in the new town of Slaton.

The BRONZE BELL

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SYNOPSIS.
In the end, however, he knocked stoutly enough.

CHAPTER IV.
A shadow swept swiftly across one of the windows, and the stranger at the door was aware of a slight jarring, as though some more than ordinarily brutal gust of wind had shaken the house upon its foundation, or an inner door had been slammed violently. But otherwise he had so little evidence that his summons had fallen on aught but empty walls or deaf ears that he had begun to debate his right to enter without permission, when a chain rattled, a bolt grated, and the door swung wide. A flood of radiance together with a gust of heated air struck him in the face. Dazzled, he reeled across the threshold.

Three paces within the room, Amber paused, waiting for his eyes to adjust themselves to the light. Vaguely conscious of a presence behind him, he faced another—the slight, spare silhouette of a man's figure between him and the lamp; and at the same time felt that he was being subjected to a close scrutiny—both searching and, at its outset, the reverse of hospitable. But he had no more than become sensitive to this than the man before stepped quickly forward and with two strong hands clasped his shoulders.

"David Amber!" he heard his name pronounced in a voice singularly resonant and pleasant. "So you've run me to earth at last!"
"Amber's face was blank with incredulity as he recognized the speaker. "Rutton!" he stammered. "Rutton—why—by all that's strange!"
"Guilty," said the other with a quiet laugh. "But sit down." He swung Amber about, gently guiding him to a chair. "You look pretty well done up. How long have you been out in this infernal night? But never mind answering; I can wait. Doggott!"

"Yes, sir."
"Take Mr. Amber's coat and boots and bring him my dressing-gown and slippers."
"Yes, sir."
"And a hot toddy and something to eat—and be quick about it."
"Very good, sir."
Rutton's body-servant moved noiselessly to Amber's side, deftly helping him remove his shooting jacket, whereon snow had caked in thin and brittle sheets. His eyes, grey and shallow, flickered recognition and softened, but he did not speak in anticipation of Amber's kindly "Good evening, Doggott." To which he responded quietly: "Good evening, Mr. Amber. It's a pleasure to see you again. I trust you are well."

"Quite, thank you. And you?"
"I'm very fit, thank you, sir."
"And"—Amber sat down again, Doggott kneeling at his feet to unlace and remove his heavy pigskin hunting boots—"and your brother?"
For a moment the man did not answer. His head was lowered so that his features were invisible, but a dull, warm flush overspread his cheeks.

"And your brother, Doggott?"
"I'm sorry, sir, about that; but it was Mr. Rutton's orders," muttered the man.
"You're talking of the day you met Doggott at Nokomis station?" interposed his employer from the stand he had taken at one side of the fireplace, his back to the broad hearth whereon blazed a grateful driftwood fire.
Amber looked up inquiringly, nodding an unspoken affirmative.

"It was my fault that he—pre-arranged, I'm afraid; as he says, it was by my order."
Rutton's expression was masked by the shadows; Amber could make nothing of his curious reticence, and remained silent, waiting a further explanation. It came, presently, with an effect of embarrassment.
"I had—have peculiar reasons for not wishing my refuge here to be discovered. I told Doggott to be careful, should he meet any one we knew. Although, of course, neither of us anticipated . . ."

"I don't think Doggott was any more dumfounded than I," said Amber. "I couldn't believe he'd left you, yet it seemed impossible that you should be here—of all places—in the neighborhood of Nokomis, I mean. As for that"—Amber shook his head expressively, glancing round the mean room in which he had found this man of such extraordinary qualities. "It's altogether inconceivable," he summed up his bewilderment.
"It does seem so—even to me, at times."
"Then why—in heaven's name—"
"I see I must tell you something—a little; as little as I can help—of the truth."
"I'm afraid you must; though I'm damned if I can detect a glimmer of either rhyme or reason in this preposterous situation."
"In three words," Rutton said deliberately: "I am hiding."

"Hiding!"
"Obviously."
Amber bent forward, studying the elder man's face intently. Thin and dark—not tanned like Amber's, but with a native darkness of skin like

that of the Spanish—it was strongly marked, its features at once prominent and finely modeled. The hair intensely black, the eyes as dark and of peculiar fire, the lips broad, full, and sympathetic, the cheekbones high, the forehead high and somewhat narrow; these combined to form a strangely striking ensemble, and none the less striking for its weird resemblance to Amber's own cast of countenance.

Indeed, their likeness one to the other was nothing less than weird in that it could be so superficially strong, yet elusive. No two men were ever more unlike than these save in this superficial accident of facial contours and complexion. No one knowing Amber (let us say) could ever have mistaken him for Rutton; and yet . . .

Amber lifted his fragrant glass. "You're joining me, Rutton?"
"With all my heart!" The man came forward to his glass. "For old sake's sake, David. Shall we drink a toast?" He hesitated, with a marked air of embarrassment, then impulsively swung his glass aloft. "Drink standing!" he cried, his voice oddly vibrant. And Amber rose. "To the king—the king, God bless him!"
"To the king!" It was more an exclamation of surprise than an echo to the toast; nevertheless Amber drained his drink to the final drop. As he resumed his seat, the room rang with the crash of splintering glass;

the flames. And silently studying his face—the play of light from lamp and torch throwing its features into salient relief—for the first time Amber, his wife warmed back to activity from the stupor the bitter cold had put upon them, noticed how time and care had sworn upon the man since they had last parted. He had never suspected Rutton to be his senior by more years than ten, at the most; tonight, however, he might well be taken for fifty. Impulsively the younger man sat up and put a hand upon the arm of Rutton's chair. "What can I do?" he asked simply.

Rutton roused, returning his regard with a smile slow, charming, infinitely sad. "Nothing," he replied; "absolutely nothing."
"But surely!"
"No man can do for me what I cannot do for myself. When the time comes—he lifted his shoulders lightly—"I will do what I can. Till then . . ."

He diverged at a tangent. "After all, the world is quite as tiny as the worn-out aphorism has it. To think that you should find me here! It's less than a week since Doggott and I hit upon this place and settled down, quite convinced we had, at last, lost ourselves . . . and might have peace, for a little space at least! And now," concluded Rutton, "we have to move on."
"Because I've found you here?"
"Because you have found me."
"I don't understand."
"My dear boy, I never meant you should."
"But if you're in any danger—"
"I am not."
"You're not! But you just said—"
"I'm in no danger whatever; humanity is, if I'm found."
Again Rutton smiled wearily. "I didn't expect you to, David. But this misadventure makes it necessary that I should tell you something; you must be made to believe in me. I beg you to; I'm neither mad nor making game of you." There was no questioning the sane sincerity of the man. He continued slowly. "It's a simple fact, incredible but absolute, that were my whereabouts to be made public, a great, a staggering blow would be

struck against the peace and security of the world. . . . Don't laugh, David; I mean it."
"I'm not laughing, Rutton; but you must know that's a pretty large order. Most men would—"
"Call me mad. Yes, I know," Rutton took up his words as Amber paused, confused. "I can't expect you to understand me; you couldn't unless I were to tell you what I may not. But you know me—better, perhaps, than any living man save Doggott . . . and one other. You know whether or not I would seek to delude you, David. And knowing that I could not, you know why it seems to me imperative that this hole being discovered, Doggott and I must betake ourselves elsewhere. Surely there must be solitudes—"
He rose with a gesture of impatience and began restlessly to move to and fro.

Amber started suddenly, flushing. "If you mean—"
Rutton's kindly hand forced him back into his chair. "Sit down, David. I never meant that—never for an instant dreamed you'd intentionally betray my secret. It's enough that you should know it, should occasionally think of me as being here, to bring misfortune down upon me, to work an incalculable disaster to the progress of this civilization of ours."
"You mean," Amber asked uncertainly, "thought transference?"
"Something of the sort—yes." The man came to a pause beside Amber, looking down almost pitifully into his face. "I dare say all this sounds hopelessly melodramatic and neurotic and tommyrot, David, but . . . I can

tell you nothing more. I'm sorry."
"But only let me help you—any way in my power," Rutton. There's nothing I'd not do."
"I know, David, I know it. But my case is beyond human aid, since I am powerless to apply a remedy myself."
"And you are powerless?"
Rutton was silent a long moment. Then, "Time will tell," he said quietly. "There is one way . . ." He resumed his monotonous round of the room.

Mechanically Amber began to smoke, trying hard to think, to penetrate by reasoning or intuition the wall of mystery which it seemed, Rutton turned to the fire, his head drooping despondently.

ton chose to set between himself and the world.
Presently he grew conscious that Rutton was standing as if listening, his eyes averted to the windows. "What is it?" he inquired at length, unable longer to endure the tenacity of the pause.

"Nothing. I beg your pardon, David," Rutton returned to his chair, making a visible effort to shake off his preoccupation. "It's an ugly night, out there. Lucky you blundered on this place. Tell me how it happened. What became of the other man—your friend?"
The thought of Quain stabbed Amber's consciousness with a mental pang as keen as acute physical anguish. He jumped up in torment. "God!" he cried chokingly. "I'd forgotten! He's out there on the bay, poor devil!—freezing to death if not drowned. Our boat went adrift somehow. Quain would insist on going after her in a leaky old skiff we found on the shore . . . and didn't come back. I waited till it was hopeless, then concluded I'd make a try to cross to Shampton by way of the tidal bar. And I must—"
"It's impossible," Rutton told him with grave sympathy.

"But I must; think of his wife and children, Rutton! There's a chance yet—a bare chance; he may have reached the boat. If he did, every minute I waste here is killing him by inches; he'll die of exposure! But from Shampton we could send a boat—"
"The tide falls about midnight tonight," interrupted Rutton, consulting his watch. "It's after nine—and there's a heavy surf breaking over the bar now. By ten it'll be impassable, and you couldn't reach it before 11. Be content, David; you're powerless."
"You're right—I know that," groaned Amber, his head in his hands. "I was afraid it was hopeless, but—"
"I know, dear boy, I know!"

With a gesture of despair Amber resumed his seat. For some time he remained deep sunk in dejection. At length, mastering his emotion, he looked up. "How did you know about Quain—that we were together?" he asked.

"Doggott saw you land this morning, and I've been watching you all day with my field-glasses, prepared to take cover the minute you turned my way. Don't be angry with me, David; it wasn't that I didn't yearn to see you face to face again, but that . . . I didn't dare."
"Oh, that!" exclaimed Amber with an exasperated frown of his hand. "Between the two of you—you and Quain—you'll drive me mad with worry."
"I'm sorry, David. I only wish I might say more. It hurts a bit to have you doubt me."
"I don't doubt," Amber declared in desperation; "at least, I mean I won't, if you'll be sensible and let me stand by and see you through this trouble—whatever it is."

Rutton turned to the fire, his head drooping despondently. "That may not be," he said heavily. "The greatest service you can do me is to forget my existence, now and henceforth, erase my friendship from the tablets of your memory, pass me as a stranger should our ways ever cross again!" He flicked the stub of a cigarette into the flames. "Kismet! . . . I mean that, David, from my heart. Won't you do this for me—one last favor, old friend?"
Amber nodded.

"Then . . ." Rutton attempted to divert the subject. "I think you said Quain? Any relation to Quain's Afghan Invasion of India?"
(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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Height of Meanness.
"Our new neighbor must be a very suspicious character." "Why so?" "She employs a maid who is deaf and dumb, the mean thing!"

Amber looked up inquiringly, nodding an unspoken affirmative.



Rutton Turned to the Fire, His Head Drooping Despondently.



In the End, However, He Knocked Stoutly Enough.

Rutton had dashed his tumbler to atoms on the hearthstone.
"Well!" commented Amber, lifting his brows questioningly. "You are sincere, Rutton. But who in blazes would ever have suspected you of being a British subject?"
"Why not?"
"But it seems to me I should have known—"
"What have you ever really known about me, David, save that I am myself?"
"Well—when you put it that way—little enough—nothing." Amber laughed nervously, disconcerted. "But, seriously now, this foolish talk about hiding is all a joke, isn't it?"
"No," said Rutton soberly; "no, it's no joke." He sighed profoundly. "As for my recent whereabouts, I have been—ah—traveling considerably; moving about from pillar to post." To this the man added a single word, the more significant in that it embodied the nearest approach to a confidence that Amber had ever known him to make: "Hunted."
"Hunted by whom?"
"I beg your pardon." Rutton bent forward and pushed the cigarettes to Amber's elbow. "I am—ah—so preoccupied with my own mean troubles, David, that I had forgotten that you had nothing to smoke. Forgive me."
"That's a matter, I—"
Amber cut short his impatient catechism in deference to the other's mute plea. And Rutton thanked him with a glance—one of those looks which, between friends, are more eloquent than words. Sighing, he shook his head, his eyes once more seeking

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Mrs. R. L. Northcott of Atlanta Louisiana, left for her home Monday evening after a weeks visit here with sisters, Mesdames L. L. Stephenson and Lilly Brown

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Mrs. Edna Roberson and little daughter of Fisher County are visiting her brothers, J. A. and Sidney Davis, and her sister Mrs. W. M. Fletcher, on rural route one east of town.

THE ENTERPRISE

W. V. ERVIN, Editor.

Big Springs, Texas

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West Texas is evidently coming back and the farmers will come into their own this year. Reports from all directions says rains have fallen and crop prospects are fine.

The antis have made a hard fight during the present campaign, but to judge by some of the statements they made the last few days, they have been playing losing game. It sound very much like the last wail of a forlorn hope.

Habit is hard to overcome, but it can be done with practice and persistence. Instead of telling strangers what a poor town and ornery neighbors you have, try dilating for a time on the many fine points of both and then notice how soon this will be swell old world to live in. Begin today.

The orange growers of the coast country are planting tree around their orchards for wind-breaks to protect them from the wind. It would be a good thing if the farmers of this county would plant rows of trees around their farms as a protection from the wind. There are several varieties of trees that grow well here and are of a quick growth attaining in a few years a size that will afford lots of protection to growing crops.

The Ballinger Ledger reports a net profit of \$200 from three acres of onions on Runnels county land, that was formerly used for grazing purposes only. The land belongs to Judge B. B. Stone and was only recently brought under cultivation. Only a little over half the crop has been harvested, which will give a net profit of about one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre when the entire onion crop has been sold. The onion belt of Texas is rapidly spreading and the onion is one of our leading commercial crops.

Bill Nye had the truth well told when he said: "A man may use a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button, ride in the back coach of a railroad train to save interest on his money till the conductor gets around, stop his watch at night to save wear and tear, leave his 'i' or 'l' without a dot or cross to save ink, pasture his mother's grave to save corn, but a man of this sort is a gentleman and a scholar compared to the fellow that will take a newspaper two or three years and when asked to settle for it puts it into the post-office and has it marked "refused."

Mrs. A. B. Narrell, son and daughter arrived Tuesday night from Brownwood and will make their home here. Rev. Narrell will join them later.

Mrs. Z. R. Stephens returned Wednesday morning from a visit to her daughter at Ft Worth, and says she is the grandmother of the finest little baby in Texas. The little lady was born while Mrs. Stephens was in Ft Worth and is the daughter of G. F. Elderige and wife.

J. D. McDonald has decided to again engage in the merchantile business in Big Spring and will open up a stock of hardware and racket goods in the Masonic Temple. He will occupy the Lester building, corner of Main and Second streets, and expects to be ready for business by the 25th.

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Texas has more live stock than any other state in the union. We have 15,991,000 head of live stock, valued at \$312,857,000 by the Federal Government Agricultural Department on January 1st, 1909. We have four head of live stock per capita. We lead all other states in production of cattle and mules; Illinois and Iowa lead us in horses and we stand third in hogs. To increase the value of our live stock we must raise the grade, improve the market condition and increase the market price.

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We have 3,304,000 head of hogs valued at \$5.60 per head while Illinois hogs are valued at \$7.00 per head as shown in the cut below.



"Comparative Value in Texas and Illinois."

We have 1,853,000 head of sheep valued at \$2.70 while the Illinois sheep are valued at \$4.80 per head. This difference is due to difference in grade and accessibility to the market. By raising the grade of the live stock of Texas to the Illinois standard we can increase values \$50,000,000 per annum, says the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association.

The spirit of progress that makes the farmers want better public highways, more factories, more railroads will stimulate them in improving the grade of live stock.

Texas Corn

Texas is a world's force in agriculture. Withdraw our farm products from the market and the people of two hemispheres will go hungry and shiver with cold. Out of the soil and from the air our farmers take annually nearly a billion dollars of wealth. In plowing the land the Texas farmers walk 330,000 miles per annum, which is equal to traveling around the globe 12,200 times.



The chief products of Texas in order of their value, as estimated by the Federal agricultural department for 1910, are cotton, corn, wheat, oats, hay, rice, potatoes, etc. Cotton as the leading product is far ahead of its rivals. Corn occupies second place without challenge. Wheat and oats have been disputing for third place, but the separation this year is so pronounced that there can be no longer any controversy over their respective positions. An examination of our cereal products dispels the idea that Texas is a one-crop state. In 1910 we harvested 233,000,000 bushels of grain. Although a bushel of oats weighs less than a bushel of any other grain, yet there is some significance in the total quantity of all cereals produced. Our cereal belt is following closely behind the plow as it turns the virgin soil, and we have so far found no geographical limitation placed upon it by nature.

Our corn acreage in 1910 was 2,500,000 and production 181,250,000 bushels and it had a farm value of \$114,306,000. This corn was raised in 121 days, making an average production of approximately 11,000 bushels per acre. We raised 20 1/2 bushels per acre at a farm value of \$12.25 per acre. The corn crop of 1909 and 1910 will purchase the railroads of Texas using the railroad commission's valuation on railroad property.

This giant industry has scarcely begun its development in Texas and the possibilities of extending the corn area and increasing the yield per acre present a wide field for enterprising farmers and there are millions of acres of idle land in the corn belt.

IT'S ALWAYS BAD

The Best of Backs are Bad When They Ache, and Big Spring People Know It

A bad back is always bad. Bad at night when bedtime comes. Just as bad in the morning. Ever try Doan's Kidney Pills for it? Know they cure backache—cure every kidney ill? If you don't, some Big Springs people do.

Read a case of it: Theodore Scholz, Big Springs, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills cured me of a severe attack of kidney trouble after everything else had failed to give me relief. I could do very little work as the result of a bad back, and the kidney secretions were too frequent in passage, causing me much annoyance, especially at night. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at J. L. Ward's Drug Store, rid me of my trouble, and I believe they will do the same for other sufferers."

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

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

Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the sheriff of any constable of Howard county greeting:

You are hereby commanded that you summon J. S. Dublin, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county, if there be no newspaper published in your county, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Thirty-second Judicial District of the State of Texas; but, if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then, in a newspaper published in the nearest district to this, the Thirty-second Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the county court of Howard county, Texas, to be holden at the court house in said Howard county, Texas, on the 1st Monday in August, A. D. 1911, the same being the 7th day of August, A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1910, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court, No. 190, wherein K. H. Pringle is plaintiff and J. S. Dublin, F. F. Gary and M. F. Burns are defendants, in which said cause, plaintiff filed his amended original petition on the 20th day of June, A. D. 1911, said amended original petition alleging that F. F. Gary and M. F. Burns compose a co-partnership firm of Gary & Burns Company, and that heretofore, to-wit: on or about the 31st day of December, A. D. 1908 the said Gary & Burns Company at the special request of the defendant, J. S. Dublin, sold and delivered to said defendant, certain goods, wares and merchandise to the amount of \$221.88, on which account there is a credit of \$290 leaving a balance of \$218.98, said account was to draw interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the 1st day of January, A. D. 1909. J. S. Dublin by reason of the premises became indebted to the said Gary & Burns Company as above stated, and that heretofore Gary & Burns Company transferred said account to R. H. Pringle for a valuable consideration, by a written transfer, and agreed to guarantee payment at Big Springs, Texas. That by reason of the premises, J. S. Dublin became liable to and promised to pay plaintiff said sum of money, and that defendants, F. F. Gary and M. F. Burns as guarantors of said account, became liable and promised to pay plaintiff said sum of money. That defendants, though often requested to pay same, have hitherto failed and refuse to pay same, or any part thereof, to plaintiff's damage, \$250.

Hurin fail not, but have before said court on the said first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Witness: J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk of the County Court of Howard County, Texas.

[SEAL] Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in the city of Big Springs, this 29th day of June, A. D. 1911.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk, County Court, Howard Co. Texas.

Issued this 28th day of June, A. D. 1911. J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk, County Court, Howard Co. Texas. A true copy, I certify,

M. W. HARWELL, Constable of Justice precinct No. 1, Howard County, Texas.

A team hitched to a surry ran away Wednesday afternoon and brought up in the rear of Stokes-Hughes store by running into their delivery wagon, smashing it up pretty badly, knocking their horse down and bruising him up considerably. The team belonged to T. A. McGowan and got away from him when he starts to get in the surry. His father was seated in the surry when the team started but got out without injury.

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To take care of your every want in our line, for our stock is second to none in the West and our clerks are conversant with all the latest advancements of our store, and further we have two registered men who have made the drug business a life study.

WE WANT YOUR TRADE

and are now making a stronger effort to reach you in your wants than ever before.

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For Sale.

Unlimited scholarship in the Big Springs Business Academy will sell it or trade for a horse or good milk cow. This is the only scholarship of this kind that is for sale in this school and no more will be issued. Inquire at this office.

Start a Home Now and Join the Ranks of the Independents

Never has it been easier to build than right now; and there is no enterprise more worthy than home building. It opens the purse strings of the banker quicker than anything else, because it means that you have decided to become a part of the community in which you live. Thus almost before you start you find the ownership of a home carries a significance. Start it today—you'll be glad if you do and sorry if you don't. When you're ready to talk lumber we'll be waiting for you, because we have just the lumber you will need, besides a lot of suggestions that may be helpful to you without any extra charge.

Burton-Lingo Co.

Thomas Brothers union barber shop will appreciate your patronage and guarantee good work.

For Sale—Two nice lots in the Cole & Strayhorn addition. Inquire at this office.

Sprains require careful treatment. Keep quiet and apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. It will remove the soreness and quickly restore the parts to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

FOR RENT Four room house on east Second street, at \$8.50 per month. Apply at this office.

Special Clubbing

Offer Every intelligent man wants to keep up with the news of his own community and county. Therefore he needs a good local newspaper. He also needs a paper of general news, and for state, national and world-wide happenings, he will find that

The Semi-Weekly Farm News

has no superior. The secret of its great success is that it gives the farmer and his family just what they need in the way of a family newspaper. In addition to its general news and agricultural features, it has special pages for the wife, the boys and the girls. It gives the latest market reports and publishes more special crop reports during the year than any other paper.

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we will send THE SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS and THE ENTERPRISE, both for one year. This means you will get a total of 156 copies. It's a combination which can't be beat and you will secure your money's worth many times over.

Subscribe at once at the office of this paper.

Stick To It

John Wanamaker, the Big Philadelphia merchant, says: Advertising is not an enterprise for a "quitter." If there is one enterprise on earth a quitter should leave alone, it is advertising. To make a success of advertising one must be prepared to stick like a barnacle to a boat's bottom.

He should know before he begins that he must spend money—lots of it. Somebody must tell him that he cannot hope to obtain results commensurate with his expenditures early in the game.

Advertising does not jerk. It pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day and year until it exerts an irresistible power.

For summer diarrhoea in children always give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil, and a speedy cure is certain. For sale by all dealers.

The election voting \$200,000 for good roads in Cameron county carried by a vote of 61 to 11.

Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed and cannot be obtained when board the cars or steamships. For sale by all dealers.

A new school building is being erected at Loraine at a cost of \$20,000. The building will be completed by November.

Right in your busiest season when you have the least time to spare you are most likely to take diarrhoea and loose several days time, unless you have Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand and take a dose on the first appearance of the disease. For sale by all dealers.

The Demagogue

The passing of the demagogue has marked an important epoch in the progress of Texas. Like the desperado and the cowboy he has had a thrilling and exciting career and like them he has been compelled to give way to the trend of civilization.

He was the product of the times and the harder the times the more perfect the product. A Prince Albert coat, a slouch hat and a strong pair of lungs and he was ready for the hustings to warn the people against the approach of capital. He thrived best upon strife and dissension and his principal occupation was in shrewdly araving class against class and then leading the stronger against the weaker force. With star defining audacity he would publicly attack the character of a prosperous industry and argue its destruction with all the logic and sincerity of a Plurim father pleading for the burning of a witch. He was a mixture of ignorance and genius, and would hunt out prosperous corporations and make their success a sore-board on which he could bound into the spotlight by denouncing capital as sapping the life blood of the people and then proceed to argue hypothetically the cause of the down-trodden masses with the earnestness of a starving lawyer pleading his first case. He was a patriot for applause and a politician for revenue and he sought the goal of his desire with the intuition of a gifted criminal and he would track his prey with the instinct of a hungry beast. But he is gone and may his shadow never again darken the threshold of Texas.

Good Roads

A farm with bad roads is worse off than a farm with bad water. It is hard to understand how a farmer, otherwise enterprising, should be backward in building roads. Travel through some of our rural districts and you will find farmers with blooded stock, land highly cultivated and premises well kept and with public highways that bog up an empty wagon six months in the year. Build roads and keep up with the procession.

Back to the Soil

There is too much money going for the luxuries of city life and not enough for country improvement.

The cry of "back to the soil" should apply to money as well as to men. It takes the coin of the realm to improve farms, build public highways and make farm life profitable and attractive.

What's the Use of Raising Cain

After you have made a bad bargain, and some slick storekeeper has "stuck" you on a purchase? Wise buyers have their eyes open, and know what is being sold them. Patrons of this store can afford to take chances, because they know I never have anything else but bargains as compared with the values offered elsewhere. To prove this, just try me once.

S. R. MORTON,

New and 2nd-hand Goods,
Phone 414.

How Does This Strike You?

THE ENTERPRISE One year,	\$1.50
Fort Worth Semi-Weekly Record,	1.00
6-Page Wall Chart, with 1910 census, worth	3.00
Total	\$5.50

Hand us \$2.00 in CASH and the Goods are yours. Send orders to

THE ENTERPRISE

Who said West Texas wouldn't come back?

A protracted meeting to continue two or three weeks will be commenced at Coahoma on August 18.

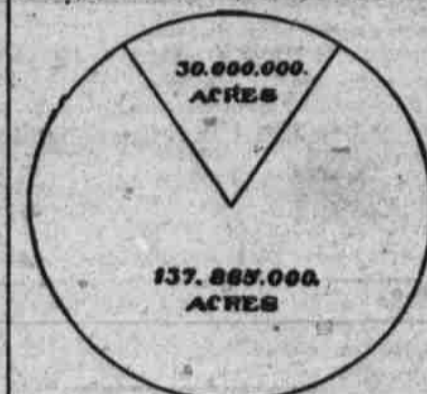
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Idle Lands.

The prosperity of a community depends upon the activity of its property and the people. Improved public highways afford facilities for marketing production, stimulate commercial activity and otherwise encourage agricultural development. To increase agricultural production we must bring under cultivation idle land and increase the yield per acre.

We have in Texas 157,865,000 acres of land. Of this area there are 118,000 acres of water surface. All our land is susceptible to a high degree of cultivation except the city area and a small portion of our land which is mountainous. We now have less than 30,000,000 acres of land under cultivation, leaving 127,865,000 acres of land that has never been plowed. Idle land is of course no value to a community, and to increase our prosperity we must put activity into our vacant lands. The following cut illustrates the relative proportions of our cultivated and uncultivated areas:



Texas Land Comparison.

There are 109 counties that have less than 10 per cent of their land under cultivation. There are 43 counties that have a larger uncultivated area than the total area of the State of Rhode Island. The uncultivated area of Texas, says the Commercial Secretaries' Association, exceeds the total area of the thirteen original colonies, excepting Georgia and North Carolina. We need 3,000,000 farmers to develop our agricultural resources, and no country on the globe affords the opportunities to the homeseeker that Texas now offers. The land agent is an important factor in the development of agriculture. There are 100 people moving to Texas daily, and remain here permanently and of this number probably half of them go on the farm.



People Coming to Texas.

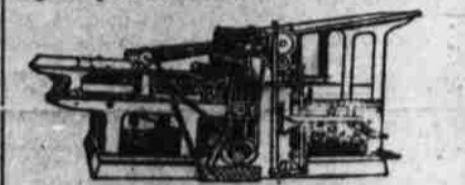
At the present rate of agricultural immigration it will take 400 years to secure a sufficient number of farmers to bring under cultivation our idle lands. We must get farmers from other States and countries more rapidly, and the improvement of our public highways will influence the homeseeker by making farm life attractive.

The agents of Texas are contending that prohibition has not decreased the sale of whiskey and beer, but rather increased it. This claim is the veriest rot, even the American Brewers Association, New York, say in their annual report that the consumption of liquor has increased the sales but admits that prohibition cuts down business considerably.

The Texas Newspapers

The dissemination of information has largely to do with the prosperity and development of a country. In no country on the globe does Nature possess such astounding possibilities, and reveal them in such rapid and cumulative order as in Texas, making an imperative necessity for newspapers in the home of every farmer who desires to profit by the gifts of Nature and the experience of his neighbors.

There are 950 publications in Texas, of which 90 are dailies, 705 weeklies, and the remainder are issued at regular intervals. The total listed circulation of all papers in Texas is 3,379,513 copies, an average of four papers for each family in the State. In the number of papers published within the State we rank sixth in the Union; Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa and Missouri leading in the order named. The Federal Government census for 1905 reports capital invested in printing and publishing in Texas of \$6,074,319, a pay roll of \$2,063,935 per annum, and the annual output is valued at \$7,783,247. Among the industries of the State it ranks sixth in capital invested, fifth in pay rolls and sixth in the value of products. One issue of all the papers in Texas approximates one copy per capita, and making the comparison from a population basis we lead all States in the Union in the number of periodicals issued and the number of copies printed.



Circulation 3,379,513.

Texas stands first in intelligence, first in progress and first in industrial opportunities of all the States in the Union, says the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association.

The newspaper is the channel of communication between the producer and consumer; brings the city to the farm, and the farm to the city; gives information of the markets and of the development of the country; carries warnings of impending danger and gives the farmer the advantage of the experience of all his neighbors and informs him of the general condition of affairs so essential to his success. The improvement of our public highways and the establishment of rural free delivery routes have extended the zone of circulation of the press to the remotest sections of the State, and reading the papers is as much a part of the work of the Texas farmer as feeding his stock.



Four Papers Per Family.

The ability of a farmer can be as easily judged by the literature he reads as by the crops he harvests. The printing press is the industrial educator of the age.

Patronize Home Industry

We are now in our new concrete building with ample floor space for all our up-to-date machinery, and are now prepared to do the Laundry Work for Big Springs in prompt and satisfactory manner. We are prepared to handle all work instructed to us and guarantee to turn out as good work as any laundry in the state. Visit us in our new quarters.

Home Steam Laundry

Phone 17

Big Springs, Tex.

The Baptist people will hold a protracted meeting at the Elbow school house, beginning the first Sunday in August.

Lamar Smith, engineer on the T. & P. Ry., had the misfortune to get his hand badly crushed, while working about his engine last Friday, and was unable to continue his run. He will not likely be able to work for a week or so.—Baird Star.

Happiest Girl in Lincoln

A Lincoln, Neb., girl writes, "I had been ailing for some time with chronic constipation and stomach trouble. I began taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and in three days I was able to be up and got better right along. I am the proudest girl in Lincoln to find such a good medicine." For sale by all dealers.

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