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West Texas National Bank

Big Springs, Texas

County Depository Howard County

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as it will be SAFEGUARDED BY THE BANKING LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. We are prepared to care for the needs of our customers.

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Y. M. C. A. Lyceum Course

The Y. M. C. A. is to have one of the strongest courses this season, which it has ever had.

The following talent has been secured: The Orphean Musical Club. Four people.

Elbert Foland and the Italian Boys. Six people.

The Flods Magicians. Three people.

Spillman Riggs. Lecturer. The Lichfield Trio. Three people.

Season tickets for the above five attractions will be sold for \$2.00 each. This will entitle the holder to attend all five of the attractions. There will also be a child's ticket for children under fifteen years of age to cost \$1.00 dollar each.

It is our purpose to secure the names and number of tickets desired during the present month, said ticket to be delivered before the first entertainment, which is to be Nov. 5th.

Some one will wait on you about the 15th of this month to secure your name and number of tickets wanted, however we would be pleased to have you telephone the Y. M. C. A. this information, thereby assisting us in this matter.

Attention Practorians.

There will be a meeting of Practorians at the W. O. W. hall Wednesday night, October 13th, and it is specially requested that all Practorians be there as a large class will be initiated. All visiting Practorians are cordially invited to attend.

Town site boomers are numerous these days and everyone of them will tell you their town is bound to be city or something better.

Capital City Letter

Austin, Texas, Oct. 7, 1909.

When it is remembered that complaints of short crops in all branches of agriculture are heard this year in all parts of the state it is gratifying to know that the shortage by comparison only with what might have been and not by comparison with the past. The new year book soon to be issued by the Department of Agriculture will show a wonderful development of the resources of the state. As an instance it will be shown that in 1885 the entire corn crop of Texas amounted to 45,000,000 while in 1908 it reached to 202,000,000 bushels. In this connection Falls county is shown to be remarkable as a corn growing county, the entire crop of 1908 in that one county being 1,300,000; four times what was raised twelve years before. Similar development is shown in cotton, wheat and other grains and a much more remarkable development in fruit and truck raising. The crop this year is far below last year's crop, perhaps only half as large, but it is far ahead of former crops.

Of the 502 state banks in Texas 39 have advised the state department of banking that they have decided to adopt the bonding system to secure non-interest bearing deposits; the remainder have adopted the guaranty fund plan.

It appears possible for national banks to accept the bonding system of the bank guaranty law, but the Comptroller of Currency, at Washington, has ruled that national banks may not operate under the guaranty fund plan. The Seminole National Bank, of Seminole, Texas, has asked per-

mission to adopt the bonding system and the department will grant it.

A plan has been proposed by the Texas Hardware Jobbers' Association for Texas shippers to get together and establish its own steamship line between New York and Texas ports in order to control interstate rates. The railroad commission is in favor of the plan. The steamship companies now increase their rates when the commission reduces rates in Texas to offset increased interstate rates.

The city of Brownwood has followed the example set by Van Alstyne in installing a manual training, domestic science and agriculture department and drawing upon the state for the equal of the sum expended is not less than \$500 and not more than \$2,000. Van Alstyne installed a fine department in this line, expended \$2,000 of her own money and then \$2,000 received from the state.

It is probable that the attorney general will, by agreement, bring suit against J. W. Cole, a dealer of Dallas, to test the constitutionality of the law imposing an occupation or gross receipts tax of 50 per cent on the gross receipts of dealers in pistols in Texas. Mr. Cole has certified to the comptroller the sale by him of a pistol and his refusal to pay the tax and the state will likely take action in the matter at once.

Adjutant General Newton is receiving reports from state officials in all parts of the state, that the Sunday closing and the anti-gaming laws are being rigidly enforced, except that an occasional complaint is received of a violation or two by saloons in the suburbs of one of the large cities of the state. Officers have been instructed to watch for these violations.

After denying a special rate on cement from Dallas county to the coast, the cement to be used in the construction of the Galveston cause-way in competition with cement brought from Germany by water, the commission has advised the railroad applying that if it will ask for the emergency rate upon cement to be used for all purposes to meet low interstate rates into Texas and high interstate rates out of the state, the application will likely be granted.

In Memory of John Roberts.

While loved ones of John Roberts are sorely bereaved because on Sept. 28, 1909, the reaper death came into the good home he had provided for them here, and carried him to the better home prepared for him beyond the stars, and while our entire citizenship is in sorrow at the loss of one so true, so noble and therefore so valued for his qualities, his life and his influence, we who have been more intimately associated with him for many years in business transactions and particularly as directors of the West Texas National Bank, deem it a proper tribute to say of him that though he seemed so exemplary to all who knew him, his good qualities were more evident and therefore more potent upon nearer approach and more intimate touch with him.

We are deeply sensible of our loss of this sterling business associate, but we loved him as friends, and because he was our friend true and trusted, and we sorrow too because our hearts are touched, and to those who were nearer him by the ties of affinity and whose grief is therefore keener than ours, we offer the sympathy and condolence this common sorrow enables us to bring to you.

His friends and his business associates as above indicated.

G. L. Brown,
W. P. Edwards,
R. D. Matthews,
J. W. Schnell,
W. R. Cole,
J. D. Birdwell.

Directors West Texas Nat. Bank.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, on the 28th day of September, 1909, the death angel has taken from our midst our highly esteemed and beloved brother, John Roberts, and has left us grief-stricken and deprived of the company and labors of one of our truest and noblest members;

Whereas, our brother was one of those characters that delight the hearts of humanity. His life was one that could be imitated with great benefit; he was beloved and respected by all who can appreciate the good and true.

Therefore be it resolved that we the members of Mullen Lodge No. 372 I. O. O. F. in the death of Brother Roberts our order has lost one of its purest and noblest characters;

Resolved, that we tender to his sorrowing family and relatives our deepest sympathies in this hour of bereavement.

GEO. D. LEE,
J. W. INGHAM,
E. O. ELLINGTON,
Committee.

Feed, Feed.

I have installed a complete, up to date plant for handling all kinds of feed, especially Kaffir corn and milo maize. If you have feed you want to sell I will buy it, if you want to buy feed I will sell it to you right. Have just received straight cars of new Texas bran, chops, nice bright oats, alfalfa and hay and can make you good prices on any quantity. Deliveries made promptly to any part of the city. Quality and price always guaranteed. Phone 250. Office in rear of First National Bank.

C. F. Morris.

Reagan wants to fill your prescriptions, prompt service and reasonable prices.

For Rent or Sale—A large 4-room house, newly painted and papered in the south part of town. See D. W. Christian or phone 353.

First State Bank

OF BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

CAPITAL \$35,000.

Deposit your money in the First State Bank of Big Springs, where it will always be absolutely safe. Our depositors will be protected and secured by the Guaranty Assessment Plan of the State of Texas after Jan. 1, 1910. Open an account with us.

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A. B. JONES, Vice-Prest. L. V. READ, Ass't Cash'r
C. E. BELL, BERNARD FISHER.

Nearly 100 Hurt In Train Wrecks.

Almost a hundred persons were victims of train and trolley wrecks in different sections of the country Wednesday morning, several of whom are expected to die.

Two trains collided on the Illinois Central railroad, injuring 35 persons, many fatally. Near Saline, Texas, a passenger train on the Santa Fe system overturned due to a defective rail, injuring many. During a dense fog a Rock Island and Lake Shore train crashed together near Chicago, resulting in more than a score being hurt.

Due to inexperience in handling street cars, strike breakers in Omaha were responsible for the injury of three persons by collisions in different parts of the city.

McGowan Brothers first door south of McCamant Drug Store.

At the Methodist Church.

Rev. H. A. Bourland, D. D., of Dallas, will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. You are cordially invited to be present, and assured that you will hear a great sermon.

Appointed Census Supervisor.

Jno. B. Littler received notice Tuesday that he had been appointed census supervisor for the sixteenth congressional district, and has since been receiving the congratulations of his friends. This is an important position and we think the director of census has made a good selection for this district.

S. E. Slayton was in Terry county last week looking after his cattle interests there.

Program For The Corner Stone Laying of The First Baptist Church.

Song—"How Firm a Foundation."

Remarks by the Pastor.

Invocation—Rev. W. S. P. McCullough.

Address—By Mayor George D. Lee.

Should the public take an interest in church building?—Rev. J. S. Thomas.

Is religion profitable to the commercial interest of a town?—B. Reagan.

What church houses stand for?—S. H. Morrison.

Laying of a Corner Stone. Song—"I Love to Tell the Story."

Benediction. All speeches limited to five minutes. Everybody invited to be present.

Monday Oct. 11, 4:45 p. m. WILSON C. ROGERS Pastor.

Horse and Mule Breeders' Attention.

Several of the horse and mule breeders met here Monday and after talking the matter over have decided to hold a meeting in Big Springs on the first Monday in November and organize a horse and mule breeders association, and prepare for an exhibit of fine stock some time during next year. All breeders and those interested in fine stock are requested to be here on the above date and assist in organization of the association. This is a good move and should have the support of all who are interested in improving the stock bred in this county.

J. O. Setser returned Thursday from a trip to Knowles, N. M.

THE SANTA FE RAILWAY

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

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

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

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WHERE THEY LEARN ECONOMY

Matron Knew What She Was About When She Went to Engage Maid.

The manager of the employment agency was used to hearing women in search of maids ask applicants all sorts of queer questions, says the New York Tribune, but this matron made him mildly curious. Of 14 girls in turn she had inquired: "Have you worked in a minister's family?" None of them had. "Too bad," said the matron to the manager. "None of these girls will do."

"May I ask," said the manager, "why you are anxious to know if these girls have worked in ministers' families?"

"Why, the fact is, we're very hard up just now," said the matron, candidly. "I want a girl who knows how to economize, and those who have worked in clergymen's families, I've discovered, have learned that lesson."

HIS REAL WOE



"Why so glum, old man? Won't she return your love?"

"No. But the worst of it is she won't return the presents I gave her!"

Ours and Theirs.

"A play on names unconsciously perpetrated by my youngest son was very funny," said a Flatbush man the other day. "We live next door to a family named Feltenour, and the other night while my family was busy reading in the library we heard a racket on the back porch. My son went out to investigate, and on his return my wife, always inquisitive, asked what had caused the noise."

"'Nothin' but a couple of cats,' Jim told her, and then I heard her ask: 'Did you see whose they were?'"

"'Yes; one was ours and the other was Feltenour's.'"

On a Time Limitation.

In spite of the reputation for latitudinarianism he gained from his early trial for heresy, the late Prof. Jowett of Oxford was intolerant of pretentiousness and shallow conceit. One self-satisfied undergraduate met the master one day. "Master," he said, "I have searched everywhere in all philosophies, ancient and modern, and nowhere do I find the evidence of a God."

"Mr. —," replied the master, after a shorter pause than usual, "if you don't find a God by five o'clock this afternoon you must leave this college."

CHILDREN SHOWED IT

Effect of Their Warm Drink in the Morning.

A year ago I was a wreck from coffee drinking and was on the point of giving up my position in the school room because of nervousness.

"I was telling a friend about it and she said, 'We drink nothing at meal time but Postum, and it is such a comfort to have something we can enjoy drinking with the children.'"

"I was astonished that she would allow the children to drink any kind of coffee, but she said Postum was the most healthful drink in the world for children as well as for older ones, and that the condition of both the children and adults showed that to be a fact."

"My first trial was a failure. The cook boiled it four or five minutes and it tasted so flat that I was in despair but determined to give it one more trial. This time we followed the directions and boiled it fifteen minutes after the boiling began. It was a decided success and I was completely won by its rich delicious flavor. In a short time I noticed a decided improvement in my condition and kept growing better month after month, until now I am perfectly healthy, and do my work in the school room with ease and pleasure. I would not return to the nerve-destroying regular coffee for any money."

Read the famous little "Health Class" "The Road to Wellville," in pgs "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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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

RURAL POSTAL SERVICE.

Seldom has a sapling grown to a tree in the time in which that young offshoot of the postoffice department, the rural delivery system, has attained its full dimensions, says the Baltimore American. The development of the system that found its inception in Carroll county in this state, has been a marvel of public convenience. Up to the present time the service has cost the government \$170,000,000, and the third year has not yet expired of the time of its full adoption. It now numbers daily 20,000,000 patrons and covers 40,919 routes. The advantage of the service and the extension it has made to the postal facilities have done more than any other one thing, aside from modern methods of transportation and the telephone and telegraph, to promote intelligence in the country and to break the isolation of country districts. Yet when the service was started it was bitterly opposed for interested motives and the people whom it was designed to serve lamented the innovation.

Hazing will receive a severe check in the dismissal of the Post Point cadets convicted of hazing Cadet Sutton. The punishment of ruined careers is a hard one for the folly in which the young men indulged, but they had the choice, with open eyes, between folly and a career, and if they chose the former they must, if the army service is to be maintained at a high standard of discipline, take the consequences. A young man thinks it of importance that "cocky" newcomers should have "the nonsense taken out of them." Public opinion and all experience show that it is far more important that the first lesson a soldier must learn is the great one of obedience, says the Baltimore American. If the two standard-bearers, not even the most ardent excusers of youthful folly will contend that that of military obedience must go. If it is understood that punishment in this case is irrevocable, the persistence of hazing is apt to give way to determined authority.

Hon. Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, believes there will be a tremendous increase in railroad tonnage this fall, and he doubts the ability of the carriers to handle the goods. The great crops and the general revival of business mean a big demand for freight cars, with the likelihood of scarcity and congestion similar to the conditions of two and three years ago. Prudence would dictate, as the Wall Street Summary suggests, that the railroad companies make immediate provision for an increase of equipment. Indeed, that journal maintains that there should be always a reserve of 20 per cent of the number of cars in common use, for the periods of emergency and pressure. The car builders should get a move on, and thus keep the track clear for the procession of reviving business.

As plans mature it becomes apparent that the Hudson-Fulton celebration is to be one of the greatest affairs of the kind on record. It is officially announced that the display of warships will be bigger than has ever been seen, with one or two exceptions. The representation of American naval vessels will consist of 16 battleships, three armored cruisers, three scout cruisers, 12 torpedo boats, four submarines, two parent ships attending these craft, one tender and 13 auxiliaries. When to these shall be added the foreign naval vessels there may be some conception of the imposing show that is being prepared to take place in the waters where the Half Moon explored and the Clermont first attested to the value of steam as a means of navigation.

Oyster raisers are said to be bringing the finest and fattest oysters ever taken on the coast to the markets of the east, to start the season. If this information is supplemented by oyster packers with effort to give western consumers oysters worthy the name, there will be joy in this section also. There was a big improvement in the character of the shipped oyster last year, and the trade picked up in consequence. Therefore it may be expected that the shippers will endeavor to cultivate further consumption by doing the right thing with the oyster and with the buyer in western markets.

Next to the dismay at the waste of the natural resources of America is the gratification at the extent of the movement to remedy the loss and to prevent further extravagance. Conservation congresses are being held in all parts of the country, and rightly, for north, south and east, as well as the west, have been affected by the prodigal methods.

Though the north pole has been discovered it will hardly be overrun with visitors.

THIRTY MEN KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

MEN'S LIVES SNUFFED OUT FOLLOWING EXPLOSION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA SHAFT.

RESCUE WORK HAMPERED

Fumes and Heat From Mines Drive Men Back—Death List May Be Increased.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 6.—Thirty miners are known to be dead as the result of an explosion at Extension mine No. 2 of the Wellington Colliery Company yesterday. The death list likely will be even larger, as between fifty-five and sixty miners were entombed and only part of this number were rescued, badly injured.

The shock was terrific, but its effect was confined to the slope wherein it occurred. All the men in the other slopes and levels escaped. Five bodies have been recovered. Fifty men were engaged in rescue work. Hundreds of inhabitants and miners volunteered aid, but the nature of the rescue work precluded more than fifty being engaged.

The explosion was due to fire damp, the timbers in two levels at once igniting.

Residents of Nanaimo have been prevented from going to the extension where the disaster occurred, and only rescuers, miners and officials are on the scene. Only meager details were available late last night.

Rapidly spreading fire prevented rescuers from completing their work. Rescuers are making an effort to force further entrance into the two levels affected by the explosion.

The men employed in the colliers on Vancouver Island are of the better class of British miners. All are well paid and have comfortable homes.

Walsh Case Affirmed.

Chicago: The verdict of the trial court which found John R. Walsh guilty of misapplication of the funds of the Chicago National bank, was affirmed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here Tuesday. Walsh was convicted nearly two years ago, and sentenced to five years in the Federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Flood Victims in Mexico.

Monterey, Mexico: Reports from the isolated districts of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas show that a great deal of destitution still exists throughout these districts, and the suffering has been made more acute by the sudden cold wave which has prevailed in Northern Mexico during the greater part of last week.

Find Oil in Shackleford.

Moran: The Texas Oil Company completed the derrick one mile south of town September 23. A strata of rock was struck at thirty feet, but they soon went through that. Water is bubbling up and gas escaping from the well now, necessitating casing. Oil was found.

Four Killed in Wreck.

Farmer City, Ill.: In a collision near here Tuesday night between a special from Springfield and a southbound passenger on the Illinois Central, four persons were killed and thirty injured, several fatally.

Would Sell Water.

Denton: From one artesian well the owners are advertising to sell a half million gallons a day at 15c a thousand, this offer being in excess of what the firm needs in operating a big flouring mill and a fifty-ton ice factory.

To Test Lime Rock.

Brownwood: Further tests are to be made of the lime producing rock which is found in the hill near town as indicated by the fact that certain large manufacturers of lime have asked for additional samples of the stone.

Child Burned to Death.

Houston: Theodore Flech, the 5-year-old son of Lewis Flech, was burned to death Monday afternoon while playing in the back yard of his home.

Military Surgeons Meet.

Washington: Military surgeons from all parts of the United States and from eleven foreign countries, were in attendance when the eighteenth annual meeting of the association of military surgeons of the United States began here Tuesday.

Earth Shocks Are Felt.

Salt Lake City, Utah: Three sharp and distinct earth shocks were felt here Monday night. The first occurred at 7:43 and the last at 7:45. All three were felt at points in Idaho.

Humane Associations.

St. Paul, Minn.: Delegates from 450 humane societies in the United States were in St. Paul Tuesday attending the American Humane association meetings. Governor Eberhart briefly welcomed the delegates.

Big Fire at Gainesville.

Gainesville: After burning for probably two and a half hours early Tuesday night flames were extinguished which had caused damage estimated at over \$100,000.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The most disastrous fire that has occurred in Uvalde in many years occurred Sunday morning, doing damage amounting to \$15,000.

Two men were killed and eight other passengers seriously injured, three of them probably fatally, Sunday night in a street car accident, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

With the date for the opening of the San Angelo fair a few days off, the city is rapidly filling with visitors. Texas shippers contemplate establishing an independent steamship line from Atlantic seaboard points to Texas City and Galveston.

A number of Marshall men have organized a company and will bore for oil along the banks of the Cypress Bayou, in Marion and Harrison Counties.

The Brownsville sewerage company will apply for a charter with a capital of \$30,000, which has already been subscribed and 50 per cent of which will be paid in at once.

Work is now completed on buildings of the Quansh Creamery and Butter Company, and as soon as the machine arrives, same will be installed and it is expected that the plant will be ready for business by Oct. 15.

Thursday Will Gillespie was shot and killed at Roans Prairie, Tex. Gillespie was coming into town. Four shots were fired, two taking effect, one in his temple, the other in the breast. Gillespie only lived ten minutes.

Stamford will have a committee of the Texas Postmasters' Association, which meets in Dallas Oct. 23, to invite that association to hold its next annual meeting in Stamford.

James J. Jeffries would like to fight Jack Johnson in Galveston, according to Sam Berger, Jeffries' manager, who is in San Francisco. Berger received a cablegram Friday that Jeffries will leave Paris for New York on Oct. 16.

The streets of Belton will be illuminated by the end of next week, as the work of installing the lamps is now in progress and Manager Fairweather of the power company states that he will push the work.

The Spanish force from Zelman reconnoitering Friday in the direction of Sokel Jemis, Morocco, encountered the Moors and met with a severe reverse. Gen. Blas Vicario, three other officers, and fourteen men, were killed and 132 men wounded.

The initial run of the fifty barrels of flour was made Friday by the El Paso Grain and Milling Company's flouring mill. The first 400 barrels of the mill's output are to be donated to the Young Woman's Christian Association's building fund.

The oil rig in DeKalb that has been idle for some months was sold a few days ago to parties who expect to drill at once for oil and gas. Both oil and gas is showing up pretty strong in the old wells that were abandoned but never finished two years ago.

In view of the invasion of so many railroads the Business Club has decided that San Angelo must have a union depot. A committee has been appointed to make a thorough investigation with reference to securing a suitable site.

A permanent organization of the 35,000 postal employees of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Arkansas was formed at Thursday's session of the convention in Kansas City. It will be known as the Southwest Postal Association.

Petitions are in circulation which have been numerously signed by large property owners, praying for an election to issue bonds to the amount of \$40,000 or \$50,000 for the erection of two large brick public school buildings in Mt. Pleasant.

After a five-year campaign the congregation of the Ervay Street Baptist Church in Dallas have succeeded in starting work on their new \$40,000 home, to be built on the corner of Ervay and Corinth.

The first pecans of the season are being marketed at Brownwood. The first to arrive sold to the merchants at 10c per pound, but the price to be paid will no doubt be about 7c. The crop, like others, is a spotted one, many claiming there will be a large crop, while others say the crop will be small.

The session of the German Evangelical Synod of North America, Wednesday accepted the offer of a new college at Waco, Texas.

T. J. Hillman's store and the post-office at Pinehill, near Henderson, was burglarized Tuesday night, \$400 cash being taken. There is no clue.

A sensational advance of \$4 per ton in the price of cotton seed was made at Waxahachie Tuesday as the result of competition between the oil mills and one or two local gins. The mills began paying \$27 per ton early in the morning, the gins raising the price another dollar.

One effect of the protracted drought in the Southwest was the arrival near Waco, Wednesday and Thursday, of wild fowl exhausted from thirst and in some cases in a condition too weak to escape capture at the hands of boys.

According to Dr. E. H. Harrington of Fort Worth, of locating committee selected to choose suitable locations for the experimental farms and feeding stations, there will be four experimental stations located in West Texas, instead of two, as originally planned.

It May Be Your Fate

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

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Crayon! crayon! crayon! for school, at Biles & Gentry's.

E. S. Bledsoe left Friday night for Italy where he will join Mrs. Bledsoe and from there they will go to Pittsburg, Pa., to attend the centennial convention of the Christian church. They will be absent one month.

Forget Your Feet

You do, in the Red Cross Shoe. Tired, sensitive feet find instant relief.

95 out of every 100 cases of foot suffering can be traced directly to stiff soles.

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Terry county will hold its first fair and stock show at Gomez on the 9th.

The District Christian Endeavor met at Stanton this morning and will be in session two days.

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A letter was received here this week from Mrs. L. A. Dale at Austin and she says they are well pleased there and getting along nicely.

Ramers' chocolates, the best, at Biles & Gentry's.

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

J. H. Herring and wife have gone to Snyder on a visit to relatives.

Misses Clara and Sophia Inkman have returned from a visit to Dallas and Fort Worth.

P. G. Stokes made a business trip to Dallas this week.

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Rev. H. A. Bourland and wife, of Dallas, are here on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. R. D. Mathews.

G. L. Brown started a herd of cattle to Ector county Tuesday where they will be put on pasture.

Razors from \$1.00 up, all guaranteed, at Biles & Gentry's.

Frank Jones will open a grocery store in the Ward building in the room now occupied by the Posey Music Co. He expects to be ready for business early next week.

Next year the United States census will be taken and everyone, especially the farmer, should keep a correct account of their crops for this year as they will be expected to report.

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

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

Mrs. R. L. Fore.

J. W. McCutchan returned the first of the week from a trip to east Texas and says it is very dry where he was. At Longview the forest trees and shrubbery in the yards are dying for want of water.

The Baptist ladies will pour tea with Mrs. W. C. Rogers at the parsonage 800 Greeg street, Friday, Oct. 15, 1909, from 4 to 6 o'clock and from 8 to 10 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Hot or cold drinks at Reagans fountain.

Monday morning government inspectors arrested a Chinaman who was on the eastbound passenger train. He was carried to Abilene and placed in the federal jail and will probably be sent back to China.

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County Cour Doings.

County Court convened Monday and the following cases were disposed of:

State of Texas vs J. L. Brown, violating local option law, two cases; dismissed on motion of the County Attorney as the indictments were found at an illegal term of court.

State vs Lee Cameron gaming; entered plea of guilty and was fined \$10.

State vs Chas. Simmons gaming; entered plea of guilty and was fined \$10.

State vs Jose Movino, carrying pistol; plead guilty and was fined \$100.

State vs Jesus Garcia and Modstra Trado, violation local option law, were found guilty, fined \$25 each and 20 days each in the county jail.

The jury were excused until next Monday.

The Swine or the Flower?
Ah me! I saw a huge and loathsome sty,
Wherein a drove of wallowing swine were barred,
Whose banquet shocked the nostril and the eye;
Then spoke a voice, "Behold the source of lard!"
I fled, and saw a field that seemed at first
One glistening mass of roses pure and white,
With dewy buds 'mid dark green foliage nursed;
And, as I lingered o'er the lovely sight,
The summer breeze, that cooled that Southern scene,
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FROM KEELBOAT TO AEROPLANE

PICTURESQUE PAGEANTS ILLUSTRATING THE WORLD'S PROGRESS. FEATURES OF ST. LOUIS' CENTENNIAL.

By EMERY STEELE
HUNTINGDON



THE MIGHTY activities and marvelous progress the world has seen in the past 100 years are strikingly illustrated in the centennial celebration of the incorporation of St. Louis. Picturesque pageants with everything in the way of the spectacular which is most likely to stir the imagination of the spectator into appreciating the work of the past through contrasts with the present feature the week's program.

The greater part of the history of early St. Louis is really more fit for the unwritten American epic poem than it is for mere prose. Its work as a frontier town in the first half of the nineteenth century made it the mid-continental city of the United States in the second half. Its pioneer trade routes are now the great routes of steam transportation between the Rio Grande and the Canadian border and between the Mississippi and the Pacific. It established the first water routes from the headwaters of the Ohio to the mouth of the Missouri and of the Illinois, opening the first water connection for steam transportation between the Ohio and the upper Mississippi and Missouri, developing the Ohio river states on both sides of that stream.

Every state now on the map west of the Mississippi was penetrated by its business pioneers, establishing the first centers of trade. The whole west is interested with St. Louis in celebrating this great event, because in founding the first great city of the trans-Mississippi west the pioneers made the western beginnings now explained in scores of other incorporated towns, which, if they are not already great, are not unduly modest in their expectations of becoming so. The invitation to a thousand mayors of American cities to participate in the festivities shows that St. Louis fully appreciates its position as the pioneer city of the great west.

As there were less than 200 houses, including outhouses and barns, in the St. Louis which incorporated in 1808, it could not have had much over 900 people. The town was already the chief seat of the western fur trade, with its trading stations pushed to the headwaters of the Arkansas and far towards the sources of the Missouri and the Yellowstone. Doing business wholly by barter, with almost no money in hand, in sight or in circulation, with resources represented almost wholly by the spirit of the 900 people; with the ax and rifle and blacksmith's sledge as its implements, with the one-horse cart, the keelboat and canoe as its transportation facilities, the little town, when it incorporated, already looked on its work as that of opening up the United States of the future to the Rocky mountains and beyond them to the Pacific. In 1809 it had lost Meriwether Lewis, but



WRIGHT AEROPLANE CARRYING ORVILLE WRIGHT

France. Laclède landed at the foot of what is now Market street, organized the village and resided there for 14 years. He named the new site St. Louis in honor of Louis XV, the reigning sovereign of France. The territory was transferred by France to Spain by secret treaty in 1762, but it was not announced in the new village until October, 1764. In 1803 Spain retroceded the sovereignty to France and on April 30, 1803, France sold all the territory west of the Mississippi river, known as the Louisiana purchase, to the United States for \$15,000,000. Napoleon remarking: "This accession of territory strengthens forever the power of the United States."

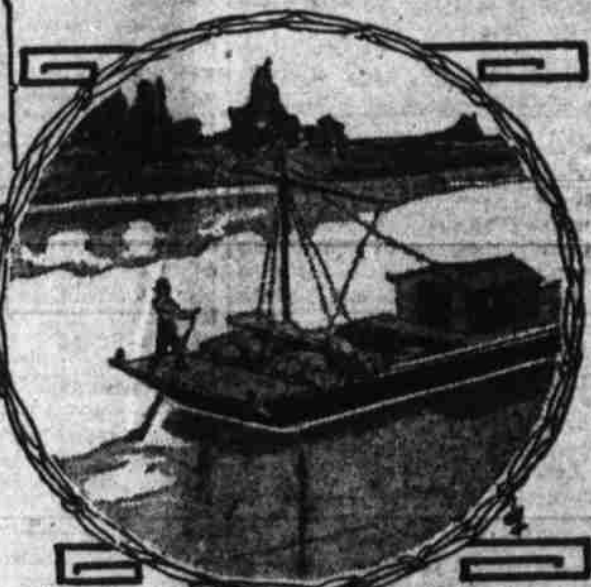
With less than a thousand inhabitants when the whole country had not quite seven and a quarter million in 1809, St. Louis emerged from the era of the keelboat and progue to pioneer the steamboat on western rivers. Leading its first



THE FOUNDING OF ST. LOUIS BY LACLEDE. BY SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE MUSEUM BY EL STODARD

mind. In point of fact in St. Louis it is only a matter of the third generation between keelboat and aeroplane. In 1907 the first airship on record as crossing the Mississippi river crossed it at St. Louis during the international contests of that year. It is something to remember now as part of the record to which belongs the history of the first locomotive crossing the Mississippi at St. Louis in 1852 to complete the work of the St. Louis argonauts of 1849, crossing to the Pacific in their "prairie schooners."

If we suppose aeroplanes and airships circling in the air above the St. Louis keelboat landing of a hundred years ago we may imagine, if we can, how they appear to the men whose



MISSISSIPPI RIVER KEELBOAT IN 1809

steamboat in 1817, it had more than doubled its population of 1810 in 1820. From 4,000 in 1820, two decades of steamboating gave it 16,469 in 1840. About that time it began its great transcontinental work with the "prairie schooner," reinforcing the steamboat in overland transit. With the transcontinental overland movement, to Oregon as well as California, growing, in 1850 it had 77,999 people and was beginning its work as the first pioneer of railroads to the Pacific. After bringing the first locomotive west of the Mississippi in 1852, it more than doubled its population in that decade, reaching 185,567 in 1860. With the foundations of the states now west of the river, already laid along its first trade routes in 1860, it advanced in the next two decades to 350,552 people. Chicago was passing it in population then, without being able to take from it its historical place as the "first great city of the west," the pioneer and founder of the west of the present. Since 1880 it has doubled its population once more, advancing from 350,000 to over 700,000. At its present rate of increase, responsive to that of the Mississippi valley, St. Louis is doubling business in a little over 10 years. Its bank clearings increased from \$22,000,000 in 1899 to \$3,074,000,000 in 1908. Its tonnage of merchandise received and forwarded was 30,163,000 tons for the first six months of this year. Its bank resources reported June 23, 1909, at \$385,881,000, more than double the total of the tenth year back.

Such figures illustrate much more than local progress. They are mid-continental before they become local, in the sense that the people of the whole area between the Allegheny and Rocky mountains are now exerting new energies and utilizing new forces of growth, unforced even as late as 10 years ago. As the percentages of this growth are of course greatest west of the Mississippi river, St. Louis has almost "made itself over" in 15 years in growing up to the new growth of the country. Since it began work for the world's fair, celebrating the Louisiana purchase, it has learned to look back on itself in the last decade of the nineteenth century as "old St. Louis." In looking back to the older St. Louis of 1809, it can boast that as a frontier outpost it led the progress of the continental United States. In looking forward, in its centennial year, it can see that the greatest results of the history it has made are only the beginnings of greater results, which belong to the immediate future of the continental United States, whose progress makes the frontier town of 1809 the mid-continental city of 1909.

GRAFT FOWL BONE ON JAW.

An unusual surgical operation was performed at St. Joseph's hospital, in Omaha, recently. A portion of the jawbone of Lucretia Norris was removed and a piece of chicken bone inserted in the place of a diseased section.

The girl is six years old, and was born with a malformed jaw. It was to remedy this that a bone from a freshly killed chicken was inserted.

HAVING FUN WITH A BANKER

Practical Jokes That Doubtless Was More Appreciated by the Player Than the Victim.

Councilman F. A. Drew is fond of playing practical jokes on William H. Lee, president of the Merchants-Ladeco National bank. Mr. Lee was for years a director in Mr. Lee's bank. While the bankers were waging their recent war upon prohibition, Mr. Drew late one night rang up Mr. Lee at his home and represented that he was a reporter assigned to get Mr. Lee's views on the situation.

Mr. Lee complained somewhat bitterly on being called out of bed at that hour of night to give an interview, but finally got warmed up to the subject and for 30 minutes pictured the deplorable situation that would result in St. Louis if Missouri went dry.

"Let me see," said Mr. Drew at the conclusion of the interview, "you are Mr. William H. Lee, whisky man, aren't you?"

"No," snapped Mr. Lee, "I am Mr. William H. Lee, the banker."

"Oh," said Mr. Drew, apologetically. "I am very sorry, but I wanted to talk to Mr. Lee the whisky expert, and not Mr. Lee the financier."

Mr. Drew hung up the receiver before the explosion occurred on the other end of the wire.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

Repertise in the Bright Family.

"The newspapers are making a great stir about men's disinclination to marry," remarked Mrs. Bright.

"The Bible says there are no marriages in heaven," commented Mr. B.

"And what has that to do with us?" Bright laughed.

"Perhaps they are figuring on having a little heaven on earth."

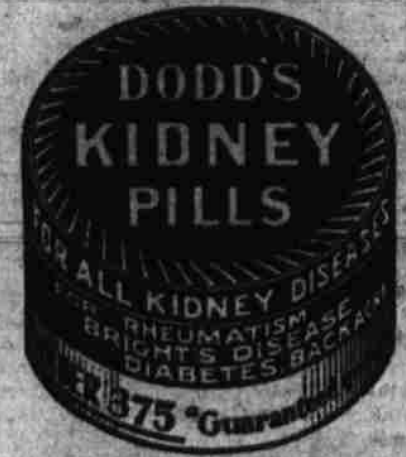
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The Minority Position.

"Saw Pelag down to the public library yesterday. He was reading all the old newspapers he could find."

"Yes; he can't remember for sure whether the Panama canal is to be sea level or lock, and whichever it is he's agin it."

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—Mrs. E. HANSON, 804 East Long St., Columbus, Ohio.

Another Woman Helped.

Graniteville, Vt.—"I was passing through the Change of Life and suffered from nervousness and other annoying symptoms. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health and strength, and proved worth mountains of gold to me. For the sake of other suffering women I am willing you should publish my letter." Mrs. CHARLES BARCLAY, R.F.D., Graniteville, Vt.

Women who are passing through this critical period or who are suffering from any of those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should not lose sight of the fact that for thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which is made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills. In almost every community you will find women who have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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OLIVE STREET, ST. LOUIS 100 YEARS AGO



OLIVE STREET TODAY

It still had his companion explorer, William Clark, to stand for the spirit of the American and French "makers of destiny" who thought little more of starting a thousand miles into the unknown west from St. Louis than the average St. Louisian now thinks of starting for the Pacific coast in a sleeping car.

From a village of 900 inhabitants to the fourth city in the United States, with a population of three-quarters of a million, is a wonderful achievement, but it sinks into insignificance when compared with the giant strides of the past century in the world of science, commerce, the arts and every field of endeavor which makes for a higher and better civilization.

It is a severe strain on the imagination to attempt to bridge over the gap between the meaning of an airship crossing the Mississippi river at St. Louis this year and what the ancient keelboats of 1809 meant, as they landed at the foot of Walnut street, where the town was founded in 1764 by the pioneers who had paddled and corded their bateaux painfully up the river from New Orleans under Laclède as he advanced in the bold attempt to control the fur trade of half a continent with his handful of men.

The keelboat then was no more out of date than the airship is now. It was the best modern boat in 1809 which could be equipped by the capital of St. Louis, of New Orleans or of Philadelphia. Because of it Philadelphia and St. Louis commanded the east and west movement of business as that north and south was commanded by New Orleans and St. Louis, as soon as their first fleets of keelboats were regularly organized. It helped to make great history, even if it did have to be pulled up stream by a rope dragged by men on the bank.

This distance in point of change in the way things are done is almost impassable for the

grandfathers not only navigated the river in keelboats, but lay flat behind the goods the boats were loaded with while they were being shot at by Indians along the banks.

It is almost if not quite as hard now to imagine what the world meant before the age of steam as it is to think out what will be its meaning in the age of the perfected airship and aeroplane. Every contrast possible in the St. Louis centennial week of pageants is a challenge to look backward and forward in the attempt to find out what a hundred years already mean, as the first success in the attempt to find what it is to mean shortly, for this generation and for the grandchildren of this generation in 2009.

The makers of the centennial week program were keenly alive to the opportunities for spectacular effect suggested by the most striking events of the world's progress. The aeronautic events such as balloon races, aeroplane and dirigible balloon contests, suggest the future possibilities of transportation in contrast with those of 1809. For comparison with automobiles and aeroplanes the bateau of Laclède's day, with its stumpy mast, its cordelle and its sweeps, is an educational feature of the water pageant, which includes crafts of all the kinds which now ply the waters of the Mississippi. The Veiled Prophet's pageant, unique and picturesque, is another feature which is full of romantic interest. The educational parade, the parade representing 3,000 of St. Louis' industries, the procession of a thousand mayors and the other events which find a place on the program all suggest that as a great week for St. Louis its centennial week is still greater, as it belongs to a hundred years of history-making for the continental United States.

The city of St. Louis was founded by Pierre Laclède Liguist in 1764. The territory west of the Mississippi river was then in possession of

WHISPERING SMITH

By FRANK H. SPEARMAN

ILLUSTRATIONS

By ANDRE BOWLES

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SYNOPSIS.

Murray Sinclair and his gang of wreckers were called out to clear the railroad tracks at Smoky Creek. McCloud, a young road superintendent, caught Sinclair and his men in the act of looting the wrecked train. Sinclair pleaded innocence, declaring it only amounted to a small sum—a treat for the men. McCloud discharged the whole outfit and ordered the wreckage burned. McCloud became acquainted with Dickie Dunning, a girl of the west, who came to look at the broken heart shortly after his wife's demise, which occurred after one year of married life. Sinclair visited Marion Sinclair's shop and a fight between him and McCloud was narrowly averted. Smoky Creek bridge was mysteriously burned. McCloud prepared to face the situation. President Bucks notified Smith that he had work ahead. McCloud worked for days and finally got the division running in fairly good order. He overheard Dickie's criticisms his methods, to Marion Sinclair.

CHAPTER IX.

Sweeping Orders.

The burning of Smoky Creek bridge was hardly off the minds of the mountain men when a disaster of a different sort befell the division. In the Rat valley east of Sleepy Cat the main line springs between two ranges of hills with a dip and a long supported grade in each direction. At the point of the dip there is a switch from which a spur runs to a granite quarry. The track for two miles is straight and the switch-target and lights are seen easily from either direction save at one particular moment of the day—a moment which is in the valley neither quite day nor quite night. Down this grade, a few weeks after the Smoky Creek fire, came a double-headed stock train from the Short Line with 40 cars of steers. The switch stood open; this much was afterward abundantly proved. The train came down the grade very fast to gain speed for the hill ahead of it. The head engineer, too late, saw the open target. He applied the emergency air, threw his engine over, and whistled the alarm. The mightiest efforts of a dozen engines would have been powerless to check the heavy train. On the quarry track stood three flat cars loaded with granite blocks for the abutment of the new Smoky Creek bridge. On a sanded track, rolling at 30 miles an hour and screaming in the clutches of the burning brakes, the heavy engines struck the switch like an avalanche, roared upon the granite-laden flats, and with 40 loads of cattle plunged into the canyon below; not a car remained on the rails. The head brakeman, riding in the second cab, was instantly killed, and the engine crew, who jumped, were badly hurt.

The whole operating department of the road was stirred. What made the affair more dreadful was that it had occurred on the time of Number Six, the east-bound passenger train, held that morning at Sleepy Cat by an engine failure. Glover came to look into the matter. The testimony of all tended to one conclusion—that the quarry switch had been thrown at some time between 4:30 and 5 o'clock that morning. Inferences were many; Trampe during the early summer had been unusually troublesome and many of them had been rigorously handled by trainmen; robbery might have been a motive, as the express cars on train Number Six carried heavy specie shipments from the coast.

A third and more exciting event soon put the quarry wreck into the background. Ten days afterward an east-bound passenger train was derailed in the night at Sugar Buttes, 15 miles west of Sleepy Cat. When the heavy train slowed up, two men boarded the engine and with pistols compelled the engineers to cut off the express cars and pull them to the water-tank a mile east of the station. Three men there in waiting forced the express car, view open the safe, and the bank rods away half an hour later loaded with gold coins and currency.

Had a stick of dynamite been exploded under the Wickiup there could not have been more excitement at Medicine Bend. Within three hours after the news reached the town a posse under Sheriff Van Horn, with a car load of horseflesh and 14 guns, was started for Sugar Buttes. The trail led north and the pursuers rode until nearly nightfall. They crossed Dutch flat and rode single file into a wooded canyon, where they came upon traces of a camp-fire. Van Horn, leading, jumped from his horse and thrust his hand into the ashes; they were still warm, and he shouted to his men to ride up. As he called out, a rifle-crack from the boy-elder trees ahead of him. The sheriff fell, shot through the head, and a deputy springing from his saddle to pick him up was shot in precisely the same way; the posse, thrown into a panic, did not fire a single shot, and for an hour dared not ride back for the bodies. After dark they got the two dead men and at midnight rode with them into Sleepy Cat.

When the news reached McCloud he was talking with Bucks over the wires. News had got into headquarters at

the river late that night, and was getting details from McCloud of the Sugar Buttes robbery when the superintendent sent him the news of the killing of Van Horn and the deputy. In the answer that Bucks sent came a name new to the wires of the mountain division and rarely seen even in special correspondence, but Hughie Morrison, who took the message, never forgot that name. Hughie handed the message to McCloud and stood by while the superintendent read:

Whispering Smith is due in Cheyenne to-morrow. Meet him at the Wickiup Sunday morning; he has full authority. I have told him to get these fellows, if it takes all the money in the treasury, and not to stop till he cleans them out of the Rocky Mountains. J. S. B.

CHAPTER X.

At the Three Horses.

"Clean them out of the Rocky mountains; that is a pretty good contract," mused the man in McCloud's office on Sunday morning. He sat opposite McCloud in Bucks' old easy chair and held in his hand Bucks' telegram. As he spoke he raised his eyebrows and settled back, but the unusual depth of the chair and the shortness of his legs left his chin helpless in his black tie, so that he was really no better off except that he had changed one position of discomfort for another.

A clerk opened the outer office door. "Mr. Dancing asks if he can see you, Mr. McCloud."

"Tell him I am busy." "Bill Dancing, close on the clerk's heels, spoke for himself. "I know it, Mr. McCloud, I know it!" he interposed, urgently, "but let me speak to you just a moment." Hat in hand, Bill, because no one would knock him down to keep him out, pushed into the room. "I've got a plan," he urged, "in regards to getting these hold-ups."

"How are you, Bill?" exclaimed the man in the easy chair, jumping hastily to his feet and shaking Dancing's hand. Then quite as hastily he sat down, crossed his knees violently, stared at the giant line-man, and exclaimed: "Let's have it!"

Dancing looked at him in silence and with some contempt. The trainmaster had broken in on the superintendent for a moment and the two were conferring in an undertone. "What might your name be, mister?" growled Dancing, addressing with some condescension the man in the easy chair.

The man waved his hand as if it were immaterial and answered with a single word: "Forgotten!"

"How's that?"

"Forgotten!"

Dancing looked from one man to the other, but McCloud appeared preoccupied and his visitor seemed wholly serious. "I don't want to take too much on myself," Bill began, speaking to McCloud.

"You look as if you could carry a fair-sized load, William, provided it bore the right label," suggested the visitor, entirely amiable.

"But nobody has felt worse over this thing and recent things—"

"Recent things," echoed the easy chair.

"—happening to the division than I have. Now I know there's been trouble on the division—"

"I think you are putting it too strong there, Bill, but let it pass."

"—there's been differences; misunderstandings and differences. So I say to myself maybe something might be done to get everybody together and bury the differences, like this: Murray Sinclair is in town; he feels bad over this thing, like any railroad man would. He's a mountain man, quick as the quickest with a gun, a good trailer, rides like a fiend, and can catch a streak of sunshine traveling on a pass. Why not put him at the head of a party to run 'em down?"

"Run 'em down," nodded the stranger.

"Differences such as be or may be—"

"May be—"

"Being discussed when he brigs 'em in dead or alive, and not before. That's what I said to Murray Sinclair, and Murray Sinclair is ready for to take hold this minute and do what he can if he's asked. I told him plain I could promise no promises; that, I says, lays with George McCloud. Was I right, was I wrong? If I was wrong, right me; if I was right, say so. All I want is harmony."

The new man nodded approval. "Bully, Bill!" he exclaimed, heartily.

"Mister," protested the line-man, with simple dignity, "I'd just a little rather you wouldn't bully me nor Bill me."

"All in good part, Bill, as you shall see; all in good part. Now before Mr. McCloud gives you his decision I want to be allowed a word. Your idea looks good to me. At first I may say it didn't. I am candid; I say it didn't. It looked like setting a dog to catch his own tail. Mind you, I don't say it can't be done. A dog can catch his own tail; they do do it," proclaimed the stranger in a low and emphatic undertone. "But," he added, moderating his utterance, "when they succeed—who gets anything out of it but the dog?" Bill Dancing, somewhat clouded and not deeming it well to be



"Fogarty, Hell!" He Exclaimed.

drawn into any damaging admissions, looked around for a cigar, and not seeing one, looked solemnly at the new Solomon and stroked his beard. "That is how it looked to me at first," concluded the orator; "but, I say now it looks good to me, and as a stranger I may say I favor it."

Dancing tried to look unconcerned and seemed disposed to be friendly. "What might be your line of business?"

"Real estate. I am from Chicago. I sold everything that was for sale in Chicago and came here to stake out the Spanish Sinks and the Great Salt Lake—yes. It's drying up and there's an immense opportunity for claims along the shore. I've been looking into it."

"Into the claims or into the lake?" asked McCloud.

"Into both; and, Mr. McCloud, I want to say I favor Mr. Dancing's idea, that's all. Right wrongs no man. Let Bill see Sinclair and see what they can figure out." And having spoken, the stranger sank back and tried to look comfortable.

"I'll talk with you later about it, Bill," said McCloud, briefly.

"Meantime, Bill, see Sinclair and report," suggested the stranger.

"It's as good as done," announced Dancing, taking up his hat, "and, Mr. McCloud, might I have a little advance for cigars and things?"

"Cigars and ammunition—of course. See Sykes, William, see Sykes; if the office is closed go to his house—and see what will happen to you—" added the visitor in an aside, "and tell him the visitor in an aside, and tell him to telephone up to Mr. McCloud for instruction," he concluded, unceremoniously.

"Now why do you want to start Bill on a fool business like that?" asked McCloud, as Bill Dancing took long steps from the room toward the office of Sykes, the cashier.

"He didn't know me to-day, but he will to-morrow," said the stranger, reflectively. "Gods, what I've seen that man go through in the days of the giants! Why, George, this will keep the boys talking; and they have to do something. Spend the money; the company is making it too fast anyway; they moved 22,000 cars one day last week. Personally I'm glad to have a little fun out of it; it will be hell pure, and undeffied long before we get through. This will be an easy way of letting Sinclair know I am here. Bill will report me confidentially to him as a suspicious personage."

To the astonishment of Sykes, the superintendent confirmed over the telephone Dancing's statement that he was to draw some expense money. Bill asked for \$25. Sykes offered him two, and Bill with some indignation accepted five. He spent all of this in trying to find Sinclair, and on the strength of his story to the boys borrowed five dollars more to prosecute the search. At ten o'clock that night he ran into Sinclair playing cards in the big rooms above the Three Horses.

The Three Horses still rears its hospitable two-story front in Fort street, the only one of the Medicine Bend gambling houses that goes back to the days of '67; and it is the boast of its owners that since the key was thrown away, 33 years ago, its doors have never been closed, night or day, except once for two hours during the funeral of Dave Hawk. Bill Dancing drew Sinclair from his game and told him of the talk with McCloud, touching it up with natural enthusiasm. The brigdeman took the news in high good humor and slapped Dancing on the back. "Did you see him alone, Bill?" asked Sinclair, with interest.

"Come over here, come along. I want you to meet a good friend. Here, Harvey, shake hands with Bill Dancing. Bill, this is old Harvey Du Sang, meanest man in the mountains to his enemies and the whitest to his friends—eh, Harvey?"

Harvey seemed uncommunicative. Studying his hand, he asked in a sour way whether it was a jackpot, and upon being told that it was not, pushed forward some chips and looked stupidly up—though Harvey was by no means stupid. "Proud to know you, Mr. Du Sang," said Bill, bending frankly as he put out his hand. "Proud to know any friend of Murray Sinclair's. What might be your business?"

Agap Du Sang appeared abstracted. He looked up at the giant line-man, who, in spite of his own size and strength, could have crushed him between his fingers, and hitched his chair a little, but got no further toward an answer and paid no attention whatever to Bill's extended hand.

"Cow business, Bill," interposed Sinclair. "Where? Why, up near the park, Bill, up near the park. Bill is an old friend of mine, Harvey. Shake hands with George Seagur, Bill, and you know Henry Karg—and old Stormy Gorman—well; I guess you know him, too," exclaimed Sinclair, introducing the other players. "Look here a minute, Harvey."

Harvey, much against his inclination, was drawn from the table and retired with Sinclair and Dancing to an empty corner, where Dancing told his story again. At the conclusion of it Harvey rather snorted. Sinclair asked questions. "Was anybody else there when you saw McCloud, Bill?"

"One man," answered Bill, impressively.

"Who?"

"A stranger to me."

"A stranger? What did he look like?"

"Slender man and kind of odd talking, with a sandy mustache."

"Hear his name?"

"He told me his name, but it's skipped me, I declare. He's kind of dark-complected like."

"Stranger, eh?" mused Du Sang; his eyes were wandering over the room.

"Slender man," repeated Bill, "but I didn't take much notice of him. Said he was in the real-estate business."

"In the real estate business? And did he sit there while you talked this over with the college guy?" muttered Du Sang.

"He is all right, boys, and he said you'd know his name if I could suggest it," declared Bill.

"Look anything like that man standing with his hands in his pockets over there by the wheel?" asked Du Sang, turning his back carefully on a newcomer as he made the suggestion.

"Where—there? No! Yes, hold on, that's the man there now! Hold on, now!" urged Bill, struggling with the excitement of ten hours and ten dollars in one day. "His name sounded like Fogarty."

As Dancing spoke, Sinclair's eyes riveted on the new face at the other side of the gambling room. "Fogarty, hell!" he exclaimed, starting. "Stand right still, Du Sang; don't lock around. That man is Whispering Smith."

CHAPTER XI.

Parley.

It was recalled one evening not long ago at the Wickiup that the affair with Sinclair had all taken place within a period of two years, and that practically all of the actors in the event had been together and in friendly relation



on a Thanksgiving day at the Dunning ranch not so very long before the trouble began. Dickie Dunning was away at school at the time, and Lance Dunning was celebrating with a riding and shooting feast and a barbecue.

The whole country had been invited. Bucks was in the mountains on an inspection trip, and Bill Dancing drove him with a party of railroad men over from Medicine Bend. The mountain men for 150 miles around were out. Gene and Bob Johnson, from Oroville and the Peace river, had come with their friends. From Williams Cache there was not only a big delegation—more of one than was really desirable—but it was led by old John Rebstock himself. When the invitation is general, lines cannot be too closely drawn. Not only was Lance Dunning something of a sport himself, but on the Long Range it is part of a stockman's creed to be on good terms with his neighbors. At a Thanksgiving day barbecue not even a mountain sheriff would ask questions.

Among the railroad people were George McCloud, Anderson, the assistant superintendent, Farrell Kennedy, chief of the special service, and his right-hand man, Bob Scott. In especial, Sinclair's presence at the barbecue was recalled. He had some cronies with him from among his up-country following, and was introducing his new bridge foreman, Karg, afterward known as Flat Nose, and George Seagur, the Montana cowboy. Sinclair fraternized that day with the Williams Cache men, and it was remarked even then that though a railroad man he appeared somewhat outside the railroad circle.

When the shooting matches were announced a brown-eyed railroad man was asked to enter. He had been out of the mountains for some time and was a comparative stranger in the gathering, but the Williams Cache men had not forgotten him; Rebstock, especially, wanted to see him shoot. While much of the time out of the mountains on railroad business, he was known to be closely in Bucks' councils, and as to the mountains themselves, he was reputed to know them better than Bucks or Glover himself knew them. This was Whispering Smith; but, beyond a low-voiced greeting or an expression of surprise at meeting an old acquaintance, he avoided talk. When urged to shoot he resisted all persuasion and backed up his refusal by showing a bruise on his trigger finger. He declined even to act as judge in the contest, suggesting the sheriff, Ed Banks, for that office.

McCloud did not meet the host, Lance Dunning, that day nor since the day of the barbecue had Du Sang or Sinclair seen Whispering Smith until the night Du Sang spotted him near the wheel in the Three Horses. Du Sang at once drew out of his game and left the room. Sinclair in the meantime had undertaken a quarrelsome interview with Whispering Smith.

"I supposed you knew I was here," said Smith to him, amiably. "Of course I don't travel in private car or carry a billboard on my back, but I haven't been hiding."

"The last time we talked," returned Sinclair, measuring words carefully, "you were going to stay out of the mountains."

"I should have been glad to, Murray. Affairs are in such shape on the division now that somebody had to come, so they sent for me."

The two men were sitting at a table. Whispering Smith was cutting and leisurely mixing a pack of cards.

"Well, so far as I'm concerned, I'm out of it," Sinclair went on after a pause, "but, however that may be, if you're back here looking for trouble there's no reason, I guess, why you can't find it."

"That's not it. I'm not here looking for trouble; I'm here to fix this thing up. What do you want?"

"Not a thing."

"I'm willing to do anything fair and right," declared Whispering Smith, raising his voice a little above the hum of the rooms.

"Fair and right is an old song."

"And a good one to sing in this country just now. I'll do anything I can to adjust any grievance, Murray. What do you want?"

Sinclair for a moment was silent; and his answer made plain his unwillingness to speak at all. "There never would have been a grievance if I'd been treated like a white man. His eyes burned sullenly. "I've been treated like a dog."

"That is not it."

"That is it," declared Sinclair, savagely, "and they'll find it's it."

"Murray, I want to say only this—only this to make things clear. Bucks feels that he's been treated worse than a dog."

"Then let him put me back where I belong."

"It's a little late for that, Murray; a little late," said Smith, gently. "Shouldn't you rather take good money and get off the division? Mind you, I say good money, Murray—and peace."

Sinclair answered without the slightest hesitation: "Not while that man McCloud is here."

Whispering Smith smiled. "I've got no authority to kill McCloud."

"There are plenty of men in the mountains that don't need any."

"But let's start fair," urged Whispering Smith, softly. He leaned forward with one finger extended in confidence. "Don't let us have any misunderstanding on the start. Let McCloud alone. If he is killed—now I'm speaking fair and open and making no threats, but I know how it will come out—there will be nothing but killing here for six months. We will make just that memorandum on McCloud. Now about the main question. Every sensible man in the world wants something."

"I know men that have been going a long time without what they wanted."

Smith flushed and nodded. "You needn't have said that, but no matter. Every sensible man wants something, Murray. This is a big country. There's a World's Fair running somewhere all the time in it. Why not travel a little? What do you want?"

"I want my job, or I want a new superintendent here."

"Just exactly the two things, and, by heavens! the only two, I can't manage. Come once more and I'll meet you."

"No!" Sinclair rose to his feet. "No—damn your money! This is my home. The high country is my country; it's where my friends are."

"It's filled with your friends; I know that. But don't put your trust in your friends. They will stay by you, I know; but once in a long while there will be a false friend, Murray, one that will sell you—remember that."

"I stay."

Whispering Smith looked up in admiration. "I know you're game. It isn't necessary for me to say that to you. But think of the fight you are going into against this company. You can worry them; you've done it. But a bronco might as well try to buck a locomotive as for one man or six or 600 to win out in the way you are playing."

"I will look out for my friends; others—" Sinclair hitched his belt and paused, but Whispering Smith, cutting and running the cards, gave no heed. His eyes were fixed on the green cloth under his fingers. "Others—" repeated Sinclair.

"Others?" echoed Whispering Smith, good-naturedly.

"May look out for themselves."

"Of course, of course! Well, if this is the end of it, I'm sorry."

"You will be sorry if you mix in a quarrel that is none of yours."

"Why, Murray, I never had a quarrel with a man in my life."

"You are pretty smooth, but you can't drive me out of this country. I

know how well you'd like to do it; and, take notice, there's one trail you can't cross even if you stay here. I suppose you understand that."

Smith felt his heart leap. He sat in his chair turning the pack slowly, but with only one hand now; the other hand was free. Sinclair eyed him sidewise. Smith moistened his lips and when he replied spoke slowly: "There is no need of dragging any allusion to her into it. For that matter, I told Bucks he should have sent any man but me. If I'm in the way, Sinclair, if my presence here is all that stands in the way, I'll go back and stay back as before, and send any one else you like or Bucks likes. Are you willing to say that I stand in the way of a settlement?"

Sinclair sat down and put his hands on the table. "No; your matter and mine is another affair. All I want between you and me is fair and right."

Whispering Smith's eyes were on the cards. "You've always had it."

"Then keep away from her."

"Don't tell me what to do."

"Then don't tell me."

"I'm not telling you. You will do as you please; so will I. I left here because Marion asked me to. I am here now because I have been sent here. It is in the course of my business. I have my living to earn and my friends to protect. Don't dictate to me, because it would be of no use."

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By a vote of over two to one the citizens of Deaf Smith County decided last Thursday to erect a modern court house to cost \$125,000.

Thomas H. Swope, millionaire and philanthropist, died suddenly at his home in Kansas City, Sunday, following a stroke of apoplexy. He was born in Lincoln, Ky., Oct. 21, 1827.

A contract to build a railroad between San Antonio and Brownville has been signed between J. F. Edwards and the Chamber of Commerce of San Antonio.

From the returns received it is now an assured fact that there will be at least 455 state banks in Texas in the guaranty fund system, which will be in operation on and after Jan. 1, 1910.

Hope Lodge No. 181 and R. A. M. Chapter No. 147 of Comanche, Texas, announce the date of the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple at Comanche as Tuesday, October 5.

C. L. Witherspoon has brought in an excellent gas well on the Stone lease at Corsicana, the pressure being so strong that water is forced 100 feet above the derrick.

While at work in the Drozda Gin near Rice's Crossing, Thursday, Charley Bryan, a young workman, nephew of W. B. Norman, was caught in the machinery and horribly mangled.

The first steps were taken Tuesday to establish a butter factory in Dalhart, about a thousand dollars being subscribed and 300 milk cows pledged to begin with.

E. A. Dryer, of Texarkana, has been experimenting with long staple cotton, and with splendid success, on his farm near town this year. A few days ago Mr. Dryer brought in a bale of this cotton and sold it for 18c per pound, and Saturday he sold another bale of it in the market for 20c per pound.

The campaign against the suffering of the Mexican flood victims is just beginning. The relief work is being continued under the direction of American Consuls, according to a dispatch received at the State Department Sunday in Washington, from Consul General Haana at Monterey.

Two cases of pellagra have been found in Travis County. One victim, a negro, died after suffering with the disease for some time. The other, a boy of 15, is in the first stage of the disease, and local physicians are to make a full study of the disease in this case.

The Green County warehouse at Eutaw, Ala., owned by the Merchants and Farmers' Bank of Eutaw, was destroyed by fire Saturday, incurring a loss of \$25,000. About 300 bales of cotton and a lot of cotton oil mill machinery, which had been put in storage, were destroyed.

Hereafter the Armenians, Turks, East Indians and other Asiatics will be put in the category with Chinese and Japanese as ineligible for American citizenship. This decision was announced Friday by Judge Campbell, chief of the division of naturalization of the Department of Commerce and Labor, in Washington.

Six persons, two pronounced fatally, were injured Friday morning when a high-power touring car coming to the city from the Hot Wells Hotel, in San Antonio, where the party had been spending the evening, leaped from a ten-foot culvert into the ditch, the gasoline tank exploding and destroying the machine.

Consolidated statement of 459 national banks in Texas, exclusive of the banks in the six reserve cities, at the close of business on Sept. 1, shows loans and discounts amounting to \$185,582,185; legal reserve money in the banks \$6,821,954; aggregate resources \$176,563,445 and individual deposits \$36,948,067. The average percentage of legal reserve to deposits was 18.94.

About 12:30 Friday the Progressive Lumber Company's mill, in Gilmer, burned. Cause of the fire unknown. Loss estimated at about \$25,000.

William J. Bryan is to have another duck hunt in Mexico this fall. As on the previous occasion, he will be a guest of Col. J. A. Robertson, proprietor of the Monterey News and a leading business man of Mexico.

Twenty million dollars is the estimate placed by well-informed banking men of the City of Mexico, on the loss resulting from the unprecedented freezing weather which has wrought destruction over a considerable section of the north central portion of the Republic of Mexico and has practically destroyed the entire corn crop in the valley of Mexico.

James Wilson, who has been Secretary of Agriculture in Washington since March 4, 1897, a longer period of service than any Cabinet officer in history, is expected to step out about about Jan. 1 next.

Worried by the responsibility of assisting in the preparation of their airship flights over Governor's Island, New York, Quartermaster Sergt. Caron of the Twenty-Ninth Infantry, committed suicide in his bunk outside the redoubt at Fort Jay Thursday, shooting himself through the head with a rifle.

J. P. Jones, one of the Justices of the Peace of Corsicana Precinct, died Monday night.

The Hopkins County colt show was held Saturday on the public square. One hundred fine colts were on display, competing for prizes.

The Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce has closed a deal with a New York capitalist for \$100,000 cotton factory here to employ 125 hands.

John Wiley Strauss, the 1-year-old son of P. H. Strauss of Diboll, near Lubbock, accidentally fell into a tub of water Monday and was drowned.

W. Harry Cottam, a wealthy rancher, who was injured with five others in an automobile accident, in San Antonio, Thursday, died Sunday. Cottam recently inherited a fortune of \$50,000.

A car load of alfalfa seed, weighing 16,799 pounds, was shipped from Texhoma Monday. It was valued at \$2,887.84 and consigned over the Rock Island to Dallas.

Work train No. 37 and local freight train No. 57 on the Trinity and Brasos Valley road came together head-on Monday afternoon a short distance north of Corsicana. Three men were injured.

Mrs. Allen H. Adcock, was killed in a street car accident Saturday afternoon, in Oklahoma City. She attempted to board a moving train on the electric railway when dragged beneath the wheels.

While working in the Southern Pacific yards in San Antonio Monday night, Carlos Wucate, aged 20 years, was run over by a freight car and both legs and one arm severed from his body. He died in a short time.

An organization known as the George Washington fund has been successfully launched in New York to help stranded and worthy Americans abroad to get back home, and worthy Germans stranded here to get back to the Fatherland.

Registration for government lands in the Cheyenne river and Standing Rock reservations began with a rush Monday in South Dakota, and within an hour thereafter 7800 persons had registered at the six registration centers. Land-seekers are here from all over the United States. A woman was the first to register.

Responding to many complaints and a number of requests from all parts of the State, the Texas Optical Association has started a campaign to prevent or to punish the fraudulent practice of optometry in Texas.

Chinamen in Pittsburg are deserting the Christian religion because the Second Presbyterian Church no longer permits a woman instructor for each scholar in the mission conducted by the church.

Superintendent of Indian Schools John D. Benedict, Okla., is on a trip into the Cherokee Nation, where he will endeavor to induce the full-blood Cherokees to send their children to school. The Government is making an effort to educate these children and would like to see more of them in the schools.

It is announced that in attendance at the annual convention of Eclectic physicians of Texas at Dallas Oct. 26-27 will be Prof. H. H. Helbing of St. Louis, Prof. W. M. Durham of Atlanta and Prof. J. C. Lloyed and L. C. Russell of Cincinnati, all prominent in the eclectic medical world.

Through streets ablaze with bunting and lined with the greatest crowds ever gathered in New York, 20,000 men and fifty-four floats paraded Tuesday before envoys of twenty-one nations participating in the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

The first day of the Dalhart Trans-Canadian Fair opened Wednesday with the heaviest attendance in its history of six years and an excellent line of exhibits. Fully 3,000 persons attend from abroad.

One life was lost, one person was seriously injured and property estimated to be worth about \$35,000 was destroyed by a fire which burned three modern flats and badly damaged a fourth in Dallas, Friday night.

A number of farmers northeast of Paris will try diversified farming by sowing a considerable acreage in wheat this fall.

Work is fast reaching its completion on the new \$25,000 depot of the Quahab, Acme and Pacific Railway in Quahab, and they are now putting on the finishing touches to the first story.

A. C. Bayless of Hill county has received notification of his appointment as a demonstration agent of the United States Agricultural Department under District Agent J. L. Quicksall, and assigned to duty in McLennan County.

Only six days in September showed any clouds at Dallas. One was productive of rain. Nineteen days the south wind prevailed. The other eleven days had north wind. Less than one-third of an inch of rain fell in the month.

The first frost of the season made its appearance Tuesday morning at Tyler. It was in low places and no damage will result from it.

Col. E. M. Wynne Tuesday, in Austin, executed his oath of office and secured his commission as superintendent of the Confederate Home, subsequently entering on his duties.

T. D. Jehn, a farmer living five miles from Midland, brought to town Wednesday five watermelons, a total weight of 405 pounds, or an average weight of eighty-one pounds.

Miss Emily Kennedy, daughter of Ed Kennedy of Anson, was accidentally shot with a target rifle Wednesday. The gun was on the wall under some clothes. She may recover.

At Congressman Morris Sheppard's request the United States Weather Bureau will establish two special river observation stations, one at Finley and one at Ringo Crossing, Texas.

THE DANGER SIGNAL



"Yes, Freddy, I'm a sick man!"
"Who's der matter?"
"Why, I'm gettin' that restless an' wakeful, dat I can't sleep, only at night!"

CHILD ATE CUTICURA OINTMENT.

Spread Whole Box of It on Crackers—
Not the Least Injury Resulted.

Cuticura Thus Proven Pure and Sweet.

A New York friend of Cuticura writes:

"My three year old son and heir, after being put to bed on a trip across the Atlantic, investigated the store-room and located a box of Cuticura ointment. When a search was made for the box, it was found empty and the kid admitted that he had eaten the contents of the entire box spread on the crackers. It cured him of a bad cold and I don't know what else."

No more conclusive evidence could be offered that every ingredient of Cuticura Ointment is absolutely pure, sweet and harmless. If it may be safely eaten by a young child, none but the most beneficial results can be expected to attend its application to even the tenderest skin or youngest infant.

And He Suffered.

Little Willie, suffering from an attack of toothache, had paid his first visit to the dentist, accompanied by his mother. Father, on his return from the office that evening, was naturally much interested.

"Didn't it hurt?" asked father.

"Sure, it hurt," replied Willie.

"Weren't you scared when the dentist put you in that big chair and started all those sizz-zizz things?"

"Oh, not so much."

"That was a brave boy. But, surely, you suffered?"

"Of course I suffered. But I just kept repeating over and over the golden text we had in Sunday school last Sunday."

"The golden text? What was it?"

"Why, 'Suffer little children to come unto me,'" replied Willie, glibly. "I kept saying that over and over to my self, and the first thing I knew it didn't hurt any more."

Feeding Farm Hands.

Every farmer's wife knows what tremendous appetites farm hands usually have; but while they eat well they work well, too.

Here's a good suggestion about feeding farm hands. Give them plenty of Quaker Scotch Oats. A big dish of Quaker Oats porridge with sugar and cream or milk is the greatest breakfast in the world for a man who needs vigor and strength for a long day's work. The man that eats Quaker Scotch Oats plentifully and often is the man who does good work without excessive fatigue. There is a sustaining quality in Quaker Scotch Oats not found in other foods, and for economy it is at the head of the list. To meet all needs, Quaker Scotch Oats is packed in regular size packages, large size family packages and hermetically sealed tins (for hot climate).

Guess Where She is From.

The head of the house had been ill for many months, and had lost his appetite entirely.

"I can't seem to fix anything that he'll enjoy, and he hardly eats anything," the mistress was saying to the maid; who was a new arrival from the old country.

"That's always the way," returned the girl. "They're all the same, them invalids. All they want is nothing at all, and then when you bring it to them they don't eat it."

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the mucous membrane of the throat, and when entering it through the mucous surface, such as the throat, it will be used up in the process of trying to get rid of it, and the result will be a permanent injury to the system.

Reasons Enough.

Father—You seem to look at things in a very different light since your marriage.

Mrs. Newly-Married Daughter—Well, I ought to after receiving 14 lamps and nine candelabra for wedding presents.—Tit-Bits.

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.

Strange how a girl's ideal can develop into merely her husband.

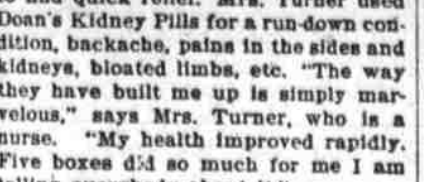
A NURSE'S EXPERIENCE.

Backache, Pains in the Kidneys, Bloating, Etc., Overcome.

A nurse is expected to know what to do for common ailments, and what she who suffers backache, constant languor, and other common symptoms of kidney complaint, should be grateful to Mrs. Minnie Turner, of E. B. St. Anadarko, Okla., for pointing out the way to find quick relief.

Mrs. Turner used Doan's Kidney Pills for a run-down condition, backache, pains in the sides and kidneys, bloated limbs, etc. "The way they have built me up is simply marvelous," says Mrs. Turner, who is a nurse. "My health improved rapidly. Five boxes did so much for me I am telling everybody about it."

Remember the name—Doan's. Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



THE DIAGNOSIS

"Anything really serious with my eye, Doc?"

"No, no—simply a pig-sty."

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

The way of it.

"But I don't love you," objected the young woman.

"Then why," howled the indignant youth, referring hastily to divers memoranda in his pocket diary, "did you eat up a total of 65 boxes of chocolates I bought you during the past year if you didn't love me?"

"Because," she said, with a rapt expression on her lovely features, "I do love chocolate."

Physicians Everywhere Use Resinol With Very Great and Unvarying Success.

During the last six months I have prescribed Resinol in numerous cases of acute and chronic skin diseases and chronic ulcerations with very great and unvarying success. It is a reliable preparation, and its action is prompt and pleasing.

A. F. Volkman, Baltimore, Md.

Weakened by Alcohol.

Dr. Bertillon, the eminent French vital statistician, has shown that tuberculosis is twice as prevalent among the retail liquor dealers of France as among other shopkeepers. He attributes it to the fact that the alcohol which they handle and use all day long weakens their bodies and thus renders them more susceptible to the disease germ.

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. It great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

Beginning Hostilities.

Mr. Perky—Oh, if you could only learn to cook as my first wife did!

Mrs. Perky—If you were as smart as my dear first husband was you'd be rich enough to hire the best cook in the land.

Ever Notice?

"Why are the children of the rich so often intractable?"

"Where you see a home without a woodshed, there you are apt to find a spoiled kid."

Many a man's honesty has saved him from becoming a politician.

Constitutions pass and seriously aggravates many diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Peppermint Cure. Try sugar-coated granules.

Gossip has a thousand tongues—and they all work overtime.

When a woman has occasion to loaf, she calls it either shopping, visiting or entertaining.

Some men never do anything on time except quit work.

Nervous Women

For nervous, tired women, we recommend Cardui. Cardui is a woman's medicine. It acts specifically on the female organs and has a tonic, building effect on the whole system. It contains no harmful ingredients, being a pure vegetable extract. If you suffer from some form of female trouble, get Cardui at once and give it a fair trial.

TAKE CARDUI

It Will Help You

Mrs. W. W. Gardner, of Paducah, Ky., tried Cardui and writes: "I think Cardui is just grand. I have been using it for eleven years. I am 48 years old and feel like a different woman, since I have been taking it. I used to suffer from bearing down pains, nervousness and sleeplessness, but now the pains are all gone and I sleep good. I highly recommend Cardui for young and old." Try it.

AT ALL DRUG STORES

You Are Not Lazy Just Bilious

---LIVER OUT OF ORDER

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

Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup

It is honestly made, contains the ingredients accurately and scientifically combined for the cure of liver, kidney and blood diseases. Don't take our word for this, however: Read the formula below, which we guarantee true under the provisions of the Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. 95.

The Formula for Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup: *Mandrake (or Mopapple), Yellow Dock, Dandelion, Hydrangea (Seven Bark), Sarsaparilla, Castain, Buchu, Senega, Coarara Sagrada.*

An analysis of this Syrup will tell you WHY IT CURES.

A FEW WORDS OF PRAISE

"It is a wonderful tonic to the whole nervous system. Its effect upon the liver is remarkable."
Mrs. W. L. Oury, Little Rock, Ark.

"I have taken six bottles in succession, and I feel today as well as I ever did."
J. Shulby Brown, Ft. McPherson, Ga.

"For twenty-five years I have lived in constant torture from rheumatism. One dozen bottles of Dr. Thacher's Liver and Blood Syrup cured me."
W. M. Thacker, Horse Creek, Ala.

All dealers sell 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Send for Dr. Thacher's Health Book.

THACHER MEDICINE CO., CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

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STRAIGHT CUT CIGAR

You Pay 10c for Cigars Not so Good.

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THE HEALTH INSURANCE MACHINE with complete instructions furnishes thorough equipment for practicing mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and other trades. It is a complete, up-to-date, and reliable system, involving appearance and maintaining perfect health without drugs, delivered complete, \$2.50. ALLYER ASSOCIATION, Box 204, New York. (Have this.)

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DEFIANCE STARCH

Never sticks to the iron.

W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 41-1909.

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink.

The germ can only prosper when the condition of the system gives it free scope to establish itself and develop. When there is a deficiency of vital force, languor, restlessness, a yellow check, a hollow eye, when the appetite is poor and the sleep is broken, it is time to guard against the germ. You can fortify the body against all germs by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It increases the vital power, cleanses the system of clogging impurities, enriches the blood, puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in working condition, so that the germ finds no weak or tainted spot in which to breed. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whisky or habit-forming drugs. All its ingredients printed on its outside wrapper. It is not a secret nostrum but a medicine of known composition and with a record of 43 years of cures. Accept no substitute—there is nothing "just as good." Ask your neighbors.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors all fibers. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can dye your garments without ripping apart. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. MORRIS DRUG CO., Quincy, Illinois.

COLT DISTEMPER

Can be handled very easily. The stick is used, and all stains in wall paper, no matter how "set" or "hard" from having the distemper on it, are removed by the use of the stick. It is a perfect and reliable remedy for all wall paper stains. It is a perfect and reliable remedy for all wall paper stains. It is a perfect and reliable remedy for all wall paper stains.

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You Look Prematurely Old

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

DID you ever look up the meaning of the words "Price" and "Cost"? We venture you'd be interested, even surprised.

"Price" originally meant not money, not cash—but Reward, Praise, Worth. In the days of Caesar they called it "Pretium."

"Cost" comes from the old Iclander word "Koster," signifying to Choose, to Test, to Prove.

So "Price" is really the Worth of the thing sold. "Cost" means how well the thing bought proves up in actual use.

So we're not so far off the track today, for when you buy paint, the Price of it should be the measure of its usefulness, in appearance and wear. Its Cost to you will be how well it stands the test you put it to. If it does well, it's cheap; if not, you paid too much.

Measured by this, poor paint costs far, far more than good paint; never worth the price asked and never stands the test of wear.

There's one house paint made that's worth the price and stands the test, and that's HORSE SHOE BRAND HOUSE PAINT,—best lead, zinc, aged linseed oil, japan, coloring matter and nothing else; honest materials, honestly prepared, sold on honor. Seven gallons of HORSE SHOE PAINT covers as much surface as ten gallons of ordinary paint and covers it longer.

There, too, there's a full line of good HORSE SHOE BRAND Paint Specialties—HORSE-SHOE BRAND Paint for the Barn, for the Roof, for the Porch, for the Floor, for Inside Walls Screens, for Buggies, Wagons—in fact, for everything.

When you're ready to buy paint or paint specialties, and want the Price and the Cost both right as well as the Paint, just remember that here is one store where you'll find what you're looking for.

B. Reagan's Drug Store.

Monday was trades day in Big Springs and there was quite a crowd of traders in town and some pretty good stock was exhibited. One of the interesting events of the day was a colt show in which a premium of \$10 was given for the best colt sired by the gray horse owned by Montgomery & Lovelace. The premium was given to a colt owned by Jno. Tooley. Jess Ryan exhibited two colts from the same horse, and some others brought in colts that would pass for good anywhere. The farmers of this county are turning their attention to raising good horses and mules and it won't be many years before the country will be supplied with them.

Jewelry, Jewelry.

We have received an elegant line of jewelry and invite you to call and see it. If you want something correct and up-to-date in jewelry, come to us.

R. L. McCamant & Co.

Rev. A. W. Baldrige left yesterday morning for Maryneal where he will preach Sunday and may hold a meeting there for several days.

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

J. M. Hull, of Coahoma, was a Big Springs visitor Monday.

Bright Prospects for Dry Farmers in Texas.

Coleman county, Texas, is one of the banner districts of the Lone Star state for agricultural results this year, according to J. B. Miller, an attorney of Coleman, Texas, who is interested in the work of the Dry Farming Congress, which will hold its fourth session at Billings, Montana, next Oct. 26-28. Mr. Miller says the crop prospects are the best in the state and there is every indication of great progress in the development of agriculture in that section. Coleman county was represented at the recent dry farming convention at Alpine, Texas, and will be represented at the Fourth Dry Farming Congress at Billings.

To get results from any great convention, a community should be represented at that convention by a live delegation of intelligent progressive citizens. This applies to the Dry Farming Congress in greater degree than to any political gathering or one which is devoted to a movement of lesser scope. The practical benefits for such an assemblage as that which will meet at Billings, Montana, the last week in October, are largely the result of the discussions which bring out the experience of men who have forged ahead along the road to the solution of the problems which that convention considers. It is not within the means of every man to visit every other section of the country where the problems that confront him are being worked out in the actual practice of his calling, but by attendance at a convention of the workers in that calling either in person or by competent representatives, he can get in contact with the workers and students and profit from their experience. In the International Dry Farming Exposition, which will be held in connection with the Dry Farming Congress, the fields are brought to the delegates and examples are shown of what has been accomplished in many lands and under various conditions, presenting in one compact, convincing picture, the lessons which would require years of travel for the individual to learn by personal research.

J. D. Earnest, of Yoakum county, was here Saturday and said everything was lovely out there.

Rev. J. P. Mason will preach at the Cumberland Presbyterian church on the third Sunday in this month and Friday and Saturday nights before.

"In union there is strength." Why not the business men of our city organize and go after some industry, that will be an improvement to the town.

At the C. P. Church.

Sunday at 11 a. m., and 8:15 p. m. Sunday school 9:30, prayer meeting every Tuesday night at 8, Ladies Missionary Society every Thursday at 3 p. m. Everybody invited and welcome. Bawacka Society Sunday 3 p. m. A. W. Baldrige, Pastor.

First Presbyterian Church.

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

John S. Thomas, Pastor.

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

Services at Christain Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and 8:15 p. m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:00 p. m. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. E. S. Bledsoe, Pastor.

A queer rule is connected with the issuing of stamps in a post-office. There is not one person in ten, on the average, who know that if the postmaster did not want to, he would not have to make change when selling stamps. If you were to go into an office to buy a dime's worth of stamps, and should present a quarter, the postmaster would not have to make the change, but could make you go out and get the change or buy a quarter's worth of stamps. This is a queer ruling, but there are lots of queer things about our government.

The best way to keep the boys at home is to make it an object for them not to go out to seek amusements, for these they will have. Every farm house ought to be made a very heaven on earth to its inmates. Not alone the farm home either, but all the houses in the land. Learn each child's nature, and then work some home charm to keep him in your circle.

W. P. Williams, of Coahoma, was here Monday.

G. T. Walker, postmaster at Auto, was in town Monday.

REXALL

The Word "Rexall" Stands for King of All—This Name Means the Best of the Best

REXALL is a trade-mark name under which is manufactured and sold, a line of special preparations—a separate one for each ailment, not a cure-all. Each formula has been proven, by long experience and successful tests to be the most efficient for the treatment of each particular ailment for which it is designed.

Guarantee On Each Package

"This preparation is guaranteed to give satisfaction. If it does not, come back and get your money. It belongs to you and we want you to have it."

Is there any value in the guarantee of the 2,000 leading druggists of the United States whose business in the aggregate amounts to about seventy-five million dollars in the year, and who are quoted in Bradstreet's as representing a capital of over thirty million dollars? If so, then you take no risk in using Rexall Remedies. There is a Rexall agent in each city—Rexall Remedies can be obtained only at these druggists. The druggist stands back of each Rexall preparation with his personal guarantee to refund the money if you are not satisfied.

R. L. McCamant & Co.

Handle Rexall Remedies.

Mens Meeting.

Rev Wilson C. Rogers will address the Men's Meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Subject, "Having a Purpose in Life."

A. G. Keneble, International Secretary of railroad Y. M. C. A., gave a very interesting stereopticon lecture here Wednesday night.

Work on the excavation for the new Tunstill building on the corner of Runnels and east Second streets was begun Monday. It is to be a one-story brick 50x100 feet.

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

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

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

S. A. Penix attended court at Garden City Monday.

Mrs. John Roberts started a herd of cattle Wednesday to Andrews county where they will be pastured through the winter.

D. R. Mitchell left yesterday for Andrews county where he goes to make settlement on land he recently purchased from the state.

Robert Boodle was in town Tuesday. He has been suffering for some time from a severe attack of rheumatism but has so far recovered as to be able to discard one of his crutches.

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

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Shortens your food—Lengthens your life

The source and making of Cottolene insures its purity. From the white, tufty tops of The Sunny Southland's cotton the seed is removed, the oil extracted, refined and made neutral in taste and odor. **From Cotton-field to Kitchen**—human hands never touch the oil from which Cottolene is made.

Compare the source of Cottolene with the source of lard, and draw your own conclusions as to the comparative cleanliness, purity and healthfulness of the two products.

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