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A regrettable affair occurred at the W. C. Fullilove ranch, in this county, Friday evening Matt Hill made some joking remarks to a Mr. J. Pearce, whereupon the latter struck young Hill on the neck with a gun and knocked him into insensibility, for a half hour or more. Hill, though his neck was bruised, was not seriously hurt. Pearce plead guilty to assault in Justices Court last Saturday and was mulcted in fine and cost about \$15.00

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Upchurch will have a grand rally of the Berachah band at the Union church in Gail Monday night. He invites everybody to come and assures them they will not regret doing so.

J. B. Stokes, proprietor of the Stokes house went to Lamesa Tuesday with Dr. J. F. Riggs, a visiting dentist.

Birthday Party.
Last Friday night, July 19th., Miss Nellie Hale entertained a number of her friends at Mr. J. D. Brow's, in a highly pleasing manner.

After engaging in forty-two, the guests were invited in the dining room to a table prettily decorated where refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake were served. They were then entertained with graphophone music and pleasant conversations. The following had the honor of invitations:

Miss Kate Turner and Prof. W. S. McClung, Miss Fannie Whittington and Mr. J. B. Cotten, Miss Layton and Mr. Gibbs Doyle, Mr. Tom Cotten and Mr. Thad Durst.

This entertainment was to celebrate Miss Hale's birthday and owing to the extensive pleasure, it was very late when the guests

thanked their fair hostess for a pleasant evening and departed, may she live to celebrate many more happy birthdays.

M QUAD:

High Peach Prices.

The J. H. Adams fruit farm is probably in the lead among those in the environs of Tyler. Several shipments of Mamie Ross peaches were made last week. The peaches that went to Dallas and elsewhere, brought net returns of \$1.50 per crate, and Mr. Adams is hopeful of getting 3000 crates from his 2500 Mamie Ross orchard.—Tyler Courier.

Mrs. Josie Edwards and son of New Boston, Texas, are visiting the family of J. E. Eubanks on the plains. Mrs. Edwards is the mother of our young townsman Thad Durst.

W. S. McClung was out Monday surveying in the Durham neighborhood and was again called out yesterday, to do some work for W. P. Coats.

Mr. Jim Henderson and daughter Miss Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chambers all of Tahoka, Texas stopped at H. D. Pruett's Monday night en route to Sterling County, to visit relatives who reside there.

The Baynes show of Monday evening was liberally patronized. The big tent was crowded beyond its seating capacity, many having to stand up. The audience probably numbered about 500. There was a side show and a concert, respectively before and after the principal show. Entertainments of this kind always attract the average Bordenite and we will be ready for the next.

Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea.

Eort Dodge, Iowa—The message of Mayor S. J. Bennet to the city council, urging that every male or female of marriageable age, who persists in remaining single, should be penalized, was taken in earnest by the council, and this ordinance passed:

"All able-bodied persons between the ages of 25 and 45 years, whose mental and physical propensities are normal, and who are not now married, shall be required to obtain a license and wed within 60 days or be subject to a fine of from \$10 to \$100."

The ordinance passed to its third reading amid great applause.

Mayor Bennett said: "If there are any who desire to escape the penalty described, I will be at my office at all hours to preform the marriage ceremony free of charge. The day is coming when every up to date city in the land will pass a similar statute. The act is in the interest of good morals and a sound public policy."

It was supposed the mayor's message was intended as a joke. All officials say the ordinance will be enforced to the letter.—Southwestern farmer.

The Power of the Local Press.

The immense power a local newspaper possesses in attracting trade to the town in which it is published or diverting it into other channels can hardly be estimated. Further, it is a matter that is seldom considered as an important factor in a town's prosperity, for the simple reason that business men generally do not give it a thought. He who will impartially consider this assertion will be convinced of the truth of it. The local paper is very naturally biased in favor of the place of its publication and if given a fair living patronage by home business men will guard well their interests just as the merchant guards the interests of his individual customer. But if a niggardly support is doled out to it, and it is compelled to solicit custom from neighboring cities it cannot in justice to those patrons exert itself in behalf of its own town as it otherwise would.

The newspaper is the greatest promoter of the interests of any town, and there is no time when the editor may not in all modesty insist upon this truth.

DUTY OF NEWSPAPERS.

A man engages in the newspaper business to make a living, just like any one else in any other business. It is not the duty of a newspaper man to ferret out any mean or contemptible act any more than it is the duty of a citizen. The citizens of

a community are responsible for the immorality of a town, for dishonest elections, for the breaking of the law—not the newspaper. How many business men are there in a town who condemn a wrongdoer when they know it will injure them? And yet that's what some persons expect papers to do. The trouble is the so called honorable people of a community haven't the moral courage to stand up for the right. A majority of them if they endorse an article condemning the wickedness of some scion, will come around to the editor in private and tell him he has done right, yet when it comes to talking it on the streets and elsewhere their nerve fails them and the editor is left to fight the battle alone. It is the

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individual and not the newspaper that hasn't moral courage. Newspapers reflect the wishes of the people and are the result of existing conditions, which must be changed, if at all, by individual effort.

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There was a moment of profound silence. He was the first to speak.

"You are richer than I am," he faltered, with emotion.

She bowed her head, replying nothing. But now the true nobility of his character manifested itself.

"Yet for all that I am no better than you are!" he cried, and folded her to his breast.

And when her conscience accusing her, she tried to tell him that not only her father but four of her uncle were Pittsburg millionaires, he sealed her lips with kisses, and would hear nothing—Puck.

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CHAPTER I.

THERE was unwonted bustle in the usually sleepy and dignified New York offices of the Southern and Transcontinental Railroad company in lower Broadway.

It was the regular quarterly meeting of the directors of the Southern and Transcontinental Railroad company, but it was something more than mere routine that had called out a quorum of such strength and which made today's gathering one of extraordinary importance in the history of the road. That the business on hand was of the greatest significance was easily to be inferred from the concerned and anxious expression on the directors' faces and the eagerness of the employees as they plied each other with questions.

"Suppose the injunction is sustained?" asked a clerk in a whisper. "Is not the road rich enough to bear the loss?"

The man he addressed turned impatiently to the questioner.

"That's all you know about railroad-ing. Don't you understand that this suit we have lost will be the entering wedge for hundreds of others? The very existence of the road may be at stake. And between you and me," he added in a lower key, "with Judge Rossmore on the bench we never stood much show. It's Judge Rossmore that scares 'em, not the injunction. They've found it easy to corrupt most of the supreme court judges, but Judge Rossmore is one too many for them. You could no more bribe him than you could have bribed Abraham Lincoln."

"But the newspapers say that he, too, has been caught accepting \$50,000 worth of stock for that decision he rendered in the Great Northwestern case."

"Lies! All those stories are lies," replied the other emphatically. Then, looking cautiously around to make sure no one overheard, he added contemptuously: "The big interests fear him, and they're inventing these lies to try and injure him. They might as well try to blow up Gibraltar. The fact is the public is seriously aroused this time, and the railroads are in a panic."

It was true. The railroad, which heretofore had considered itself superior to law, had found itself checked in its career of outlawry and oppression. The railroad, this modern octopus of steam and steel which stretches its greedy tentacles out over the land, had at last been brought to book.

John Burkett Ryder, the richest man in the world—the man whose name had spread to the farthest corners of the earth because of his wealth, and whose money, instead of being a blessing, promised to become not only a curse to himself, but a source of dire peril to all mankind—was a genius born of the railroad age. No other age could have brought him forth. His peculiar talents fitted exactly the conditions of his time. Attracted early in life to the newly discovered oil fields of Pennsylvania, he became a dealer in the raw product and later a refiner, acquiring with capital, laboriously saved, first one refinery, then another. The railroads were cutting each other's throats to secure the freight business of the oil men, and John Burkett Ryder saw his opportunity. He made secret overtures to the road, guaranteeing a vast amount of business if he

could get exceptionally low rates, and the illegal compact was made. His competitors, undersold in the market, stood no chance, and one by one they were crushed out of existence. Ryder called these maneuvers "business." The world called them brigandage. But the Colossus prospered and slowly built up the foundations of the extraordinary fortune which is the talk and the wonder of the world today. Master now of the oil situation, Ryder succeeded in his ambition of organizing the Empire Trading company, the most powerful, the most secretive and the most wealthy business institution the commercial world has yet known.

Yet with all this success John Burkett Ryder was still not content. He was now a rich man, richer by many millions than he had dreamed he could ever be, but still he was unsatisfied. He became money mad. He wanted to be richer still, to be the richest man in the world, the richest man the world had ever known. And the richer he got the stronger the idea grew upon him with all the force of a morbid obsession.

Yet this commercial pirate, this Napoleon of finance, was not a wholly bad man. He had his redeeming qualities, like most bad men. His most pronounced weakness, and the one that had made him the most conspicuous man of his time, was an entire lack of moral principle. No honest or honorable man could have amassed such stupendous wealth. In other words, John Ryder had not been equipped by nature with a conscience. He had no sense of right or wrong or justice where his own interests were concerned. He was the prince of egoists. On the other hand, he possessed qualities which, with some people, count as virtues. He was pious and regular in his attendance at church, and, while he had done but little for charity, he was known to have encouraged the giving of alms by members of his family, which consisted of a wife, whose timid voice was rarely heard, and a son Jefferson, who was the destined successor of his gigantic estate.

Such was the man who was the real power behind the Southern and Transcontinental railroad. More than any one else Ryder had been aroused by the present legal action, not so much for the money interest at stake as that any one should dare to thwart his will. It had been a pet scheme of his, this purchase for a song when the land was cheap of some thousand acres along the line, and it is true that at the time of the purchase there had been some idea of laying the land out as a park, but real estate values had increased in astonishing fashion, the road could no longer afford to carry out the original scheme and had attempted to dispose of the property for building purposes, including a right of way for a branch road. The news, made public in the newspapers, had raised a storm of protest. The people in the vicinity claimed that the railroad secured the land on the express condition of a park being laid out, and in order to make a legal test they had secured an injunction, which had been sustained by Judge Rossmore of the United States circuit court.

These details were hastily told and retold by one clerk to another as the babel of voices in the inner room grew louder and more directors kept arriving from the ever busy elevators. The meeting was called for 3 o'clock. An-

other five minutes and the chairman would rap for order. A tall, strongly built man with white mustache and kindly smile emerged from the directors' room and, addressing one of the clerks, asked:

"Has Mr. Ryder arrived yet?"

The alacrity with which the employee hastened forward to reply would indicate that his interlocutor was a person of more than ordinary importance.

"No, senator, not yet. We expect him any minute." Then with a deferential smile he added, "Mr. Ryder usually arrives on the stroke, sir."

The senator gave a nod of acquiescence and, turning on his heel, greeted with a grasp of the hand and affable smile his fellow directors as they passed in by twos and threes.

Senator Roberts was in the world of politics what his friend John Burkett Ryder was in the world of finance—a leader of men. He started life in Wisconsin as an errand boy, was educated in the public schools and later became clerk in a dry goods store, finally going into business for his own account on a large scale. He was elected to the legislature, where his ability as an organizer soon gained the friendship of the men in power, and later was sent to congress, where he was quickly initiated in the game of corrupt politics. In 1885 he entered the United States senate. He soon became the acknowledged leader of a considerable majority of the Republican senators, and from then on he was a figure to be reckoned with. A very ambitious man, with a great love of power and few scruples. It is little wonder that only the practical or dishonest side of politics appealed to him. He was in politics for all there was in it, and he saw in his lofty position only a splendid opportunity for easy graft.

He did not hesitate to make such alliances with corporate interests seeking influence at Washington as would enable him to accomplish this purpose, and in this way he had met and formed a strong friendship with John Burkett Ryder. Each, being a master in his own field, was useful to the other. Neither was troubled with qualms of conscience, so they never quarreled. If Ryder interests needed anything in the senate, Roberts and his followers were there to attend to it. Just now the cohort was marshaled in defense of the railroads against the attacks of the new rebate bill. In fact, Ryder managed to keep the senate busy all the time. When, on the other hand, the senators wanted anything—and they often did—Ryder saw that they got it, lower rates for this one, a fat job for that one, not forgetting themselves. Senator Roberts was already a very rich man, and, although the world often wondered where he got it, no one had the courage to ask him.

But the Republican leader was stirred with an ambition greater than that of controlling a majority in the senate. He had a daughter, a marriageable young woman who, at least in her father's opinion, would make a desirable wife for any man. His friend Ryder had a son, and this son was the only heir to the greatest fortune ever amassed by one man, a fortune which at its present rate of increase by the time the father died and the young couple were ready to inherit would probably amount to over \$6,000,000,000. Could the human mind grasp the possibilities of such a colossal fortune? It staggered the imagination. Its owner or the man who controlled it would be master of the world! Was not this a prize any man might well set himself out to win? The senator was thinking of it now as he stood exchanging banal remarks with the men who accosted him. If he could only bring off that marriage, he would be content. The ambition of his life would be attained. There was no difficulty as far as John Ryder was concerned. He favored the match and had often spoken of it. Indeed, Ryder desired it, for such an alliance would naturally further his business interests in every way. Roberts knew that his daughter Kate had more than a liking for Ryder's hand-

some young son. Moreover, Kate was practical, like her father, and had sense enough to realize what it would mean to be the mistress of the Ryder fortune. No, Kate was all right, but there was young Ryder to reckon with. It would take two in this case to make a bargain.

Jefferson Ryder was, in truth, an entirely different man from his father. It was difficult to realize that both had sprung from the same stock. A college bred boy, with all the advantages his father's wealth could give him, he had inherited from the parent only those characteristics which would have made him successful even if born poor—activity, pluck, application, dogged obstinacy, alert mentality. To these qualities he added what his father sorely lacked—a high notion of honor, a keen sense of right and wrong. He had the honest man's contempt for meanness of any description, and he had little patience with the lax, so called business morals of the day. For him a dishonorable or dishonest



It was John Burkett Ryder, the Colossus.

action could have no apologist, and he could see no difference between the crime of the hungry wretch who stole a loaf of bread and the coal baron who systematically robbed both his employees and the public. In fact, had he been on the bench he would probably have acquitted the human derelict who in despair had appropriated the prime necessary of life and sent the overfed, conscienceless coal baron to jail.

The hands of the large clock in the outer room pointed to 3. An active, dapper little man with glasses and with books under his arm passed hurriedly from another office into the directors' room.

"There goes Mr. Lane with the minutes. The meeting is called. Where's Mr. Ryder?" asked one of the directors.

There was a general move of the scattered groups of directors toward the committee room. The clock overhead began to strike. The last stroke had not quite died away when the big swinging doors from the street were thrown open and there entered a tall, thin man, gray headed and with a slight stoop, but keen eyed and alert. He was carefully dressed in a well fitting frock coat, white waistcoat, black tie and silk hat.

It was John Burkett Ryder, the Colossus.

CHAPTER II.

AT fifty-six John Burkett Ryder was surprisingly well preserved. With the exception of the slight stoop already noted and the rapidly thinning snow white hair, his step was as light and elastic and his brain as vigorous and alert as in a man of forty. Of old English stock, his physical makeup presented all those strongly marked characteristics of our race which sprung from Anglo-Saxon ancestry, but modified by nearly 300 years of different climate and customs has gradually produced

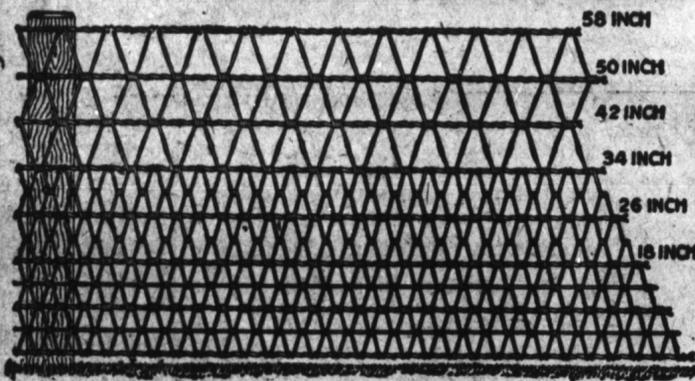
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"I forgot there were other people in the car who might notice me. Soon a woman got up from across the car and came to me.

"I see, sir," said she, "that you are in some trouble. Can I do anything to help you?"

"Lord bless you, no, madam," I told her, hastily wiping away my tears, "I am a professional entertainer, and was practicing on myself. That's all."

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Church of Christ: Preaching every second Sunday. Eld. H. D. Pruett, Pastor.

Presbyterian: Preaching every third Sunday. Rev. W. W. Werner, Pastor.

Baptist: Preaching day every fourth Sunday.

Baptist Sunday School, at 3 p. m. T. P. Mauldin, Supt.

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Prayer Meeting every Wednesday.

Jim Weathers brought a back load of peaches to Gail Saturday and found ready sale for them. Mr. Weathers orchard bore a good crop this year.

H. B. Murray and J. I. Wilbourn of Garza were in Gail Saturday. H. B. Murry County Clerk of the newly organized County of Garza, was here to get the records of the county.

A LITTLE THING

That Lay on a Washington Sidewalk Responsible for many Happenings.

People are inclined to poo-hoo "little things," yet little things are often big things. For example, a banana peel lay in wait on a Washington sidewalk not long ago. It was a little thing, indeed, a castoff, a despicable thing; yet Destiny had placed it there for her own purposes.

A near-sighted tourist came along with his nose buried in a guide book; he stepped on the banana peel; his heels flew up and the rest of him came down with a d. s. t. (for "dull, sickening thud") on the sidewalk. In his fall his legs got complicated with a ladder which a painter was using, leaning against a house, the ladder slipped and came down, and a pail of red paint was doused over the recumbent tourist, covering him as thoroughly as if you had got it done by the day. The painter in his descent struck

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on a big bundle of washing that a passing colored "wash lady" was carrying on her head. Thus cushioned, the painter escaped without serious injuries but the "wash lady" was sent sprawling on the walk and with her bundle of washing had gone a wig that she had been wearing revealing her to be a man instead of a woman.

By this time the police had, by some mistake, arrived, and they recognized the erstwhile "wash lady" as a well known fugitive from justice who had been eluding them in this disguise. A reward of \$200 had been offered for him and the painter got his half of this for bringing about the discovery.

To go back a little, when the accident happened the lady who occupied the house rushed out and assisted the prostrated and paint-soaked tourist to his feet and into her spare bed room where after sending out for some new clothes, he eventually made himself presentable again. To make a long story short, the tourist, who was a well to do bachelor, was so affected by the attentions of the lady, that the two soon made a match of it.

After all that, who could say that a banana peel is a "little thing"—Pathfinder.

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Gall, Texas, July 2^d, 1907.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING.

The advantages of diversified farming have been the subject of much discussion of late years and the Dallas and Galveston News, the ables paper in the State, have been foremost in pressing it upon the attention of the farmers of the Texas. Whether right or wrong the News cannot be accused by selfish motives in this work, for the prosperity of the News depends entirely upon that of the people, in a word of the State itself. Farmers may admit the truth of this statement, but question the opinion of the editor of the News on matters in which he has had no practical experience. There might be good grounds for this objection, if its Editor were the sole author of all that is written in that paper, but the News has its able staff of reporters, and contributors all over the State, who are getting information for its columns of all kinds for publication, Newspaper articles are usually written by those who are best informed on subjects of which they write. There are but few farmers now who believe in the one crop system, but the opinion is growing, that the more diversified the farming, the more profitable it becomes, for if we devote almost all our time and labor to one crop, the seasons may be unfavorable to it, or it may be destroyed by hail, or its market price may decline, and the result in either case, is failure. If on the other hand we have a variety of crops, if some fail, the season or soil may suit others, and we may cultivate and gather them in detail as they ripen. The most successful farmer is the farmer who raises something of everything the farm will produce of field crops, fruits, vegetables, poultry and dairy products, and all kinds of stock. Under this system the farmer after supplying his table will enjoy as good an income, with as little risk as he would incur in any other business in life.

The following from an exchange shows up one of the most discouraging drawbacks always met with by the country newspaper, and the Democrat is certainly getting its full share of the same kind of soup.

After a newspaper has yelled itself hoarse in an attempt to persuade people to patronize home merchants and then accidentally stumble onto the fact that some of these self same business men he is endeavoring to protect are sending away for job printing, or else seldom have an advertisement in the paper, it rather shakes his faith in mankind, and makes reciprocity look like a lead dime with a hole in it.

In every town editor and merchant are supposed to co-operate in pushing along the car of progress, but of about 16 business concerns in Gall who should advertise, we have only seven advertisers and most of the job work is done abroad, and this too in spite of the fact that there is no complaint of the quality of our work. It is a suicidal policy to send away money, that should be expended in home enterprises.

The time is not distant when stall feeding of cattle will be practiced in this country. Packing houses and butchers want stall fed cattle, and they are always in good demand. Grass fed cattle loose heavily in weight when shipped, and cost more to ship in proportion to value than stall fed stuff. We have a good grazing country and a variety of nutritious grasses, but our country has proven to be well adapted to grain and forage, crops and beef cattle if taken from the pasture in good fix and stall fed six or eight weeks could be put in fine condition and marketed at a better profit we think than grass fed cattle. Besides we can convert grain and forage into beef, which on account of the distance and bad roads, would not be profitable to market.

Collieries Under the Sea.

At Cape Breton there are immense collieries being worked under the ocean. These submarine mines cover a thousand acres, and are being increased steadily. The mines are entered at the shore, and the operators follow the vein beneath the water for more than a mile. It might be expected that the weight of the water would force its way into the mine. The bed of the ocean is as tight as a cement cistern. A sort of fire-clay lines the submarine roof of the mine, and the sediment above is held in place and packed down by the water pressure until there is not a crevice nor a drop of water from overhead.

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LYNN.

LYNN COUNTY,

TEXAS

**HOW I CAME TO
EAT HUMBLE PIE**

[Original.]

While making a journey recently I fell in with a married couple who for urbauity, cheerfulness, kindness, indeed every trait calculated to make their own and other lives pleasant, beat anything I had ever met.

"I have been trying," I said to the gentleman, "to fix in my mind what your calling may be. I can't quite make you out. You are neither a lawyer, a doctor nor a clergyman. Nor do you appear to be a man of business."

The gentleman pulled a card from his pocket and handed it to me. I read:

MR. AND MRS. WORTHINGTON
BLISS,
Healers of domestic wounds.

I looked from the card to the face of the man with surprise and inquiry.

"It is surprising," he said, "that you should be surprised. There is no profession in the world calculated to do so much good as ours. It is the only profession except medicine, of which it is in part a branch, that brings comfort out of suffering. There are matrimonial brokers and divorce lawyers. Why not peacemakers?"

"What is your clientele?"

"A wife is wretched from some disagreement with her husband. A husband is wretched from some disagreement with his wife. A daughter or a son is making his or her parents miserable either from extravagance, bad influences or an unsuitable match. We get at the cause or causes of these disagreements, then set about removing them. In this way we restore amicable relations. A better name for our profession perhaps would be 'repairers of fractured affections.' When the mechanism in which the gem love is set becomes weak or broken we make the necessary repairs."

"But how do you accomplish results?" I asked, with growing wonder, yet struck by the plausibility of the man's words.

"That will best be explained by giving you a few instances. A wife recently came to us whose husband was apparently losing his love for her, his home and his children. Mrs. Bliss, under pretense of being a former school-mate of the wife, made the family a visit. She soon discovered that the wife was turning the house into a prayer meeting. It required the greatest tact for her to convince the deluded woman of her error. A brief season of gaiety was prescribed. It worked to a charm. The husband soon tired of it, and when he did he found his home more to his taste. Mrs. Bliss possessed great skill or she could never have effected a cure in this case, for the lady in question was a veritable Puritan.

"A father came to me and engaged my professional services in the case of his son, who was bent on marrying a girl whom the father did not wish him to marry. I did not believe my client was giving me the real cause of his objection, and I set about discovering it. Diagnosis is as much the principal part of our profession as of medicine. I found that the cause of disease in this case was in my client himself. He had injured the father of the girl, who had been his friend. After much difficulty I convinced him of his fault and persuaded him to go to his friend and make reparation. After this there was no objection to the wedding, and two lovers were made happy.

"And you were well paid?"

"Very well, indeed. There are no troubles—not even at times sickness and death—so dreaded as those we remove. In this case I have just mentioned every member of both families was so delighted that, in addition to our fee of \$100, all sent us checks aggregating \$2,000."

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Snyder,

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cases?

"Certainly, and it is now a long one. We also classify them. We have thus far on our list 125 husbands and wives reunited after separation and seventy-four after legal divorce and thirty-seven sons and eighteen daughters who had left home in enmity restored. Besides these, we have a great many cases which we put down under the head of scattering. These scattering cases are very numerous."

"I see," I said, then, after some thought, continued:

"I would like your services in a case of my own. My wife has recently become infatuated with a little whippersnapper ten years her junior, neglecting me and her children. If you will restore her to her senses I will give you the biggest fee you have ever had."

Within a fortnight, by previous arrangement with me, Mrs. Bliss obtained a place with my wife as a seamstress. I not only wished the healer to influence her, but to make a note of her clandestine meetings with her lover.

At the end of a week Mrs. Bliss disappeared from my house, and I received the following note from her husband:

We regret to inform you that in your case we have found our first absolute defeat. It would be impossible to convince a man so utterly unworthy of a noble woman, so insensible to his own defects, that in him lies the cause of his domestic wound. Your wife has confessed that her supposed cavalier is really her nephew, whom you have never till recently seen. She has been pretending to flirt with him, hoping to pique you and bring you back to your true allegiance. Inclosed you will find your shortcomings listed. We would advise you to read them over every day for a month.

I took Mr. Bliss' advice and at the end of a week ate humble pie and paid a large fee for the privilege of being convinced that it was my duty to do so. But the healers earned their money.

F. A. MITCHEL.

The Amendments.

Don't forget that there will be an election August 6th and that the following amendments are to be voted on:

1. For the creation of improvement districts in cities of more than 5,000 population. This amendment would allow the levying of a certain tax to build streets, sidewalks and sewers, and allow one-third of the cost of such improvements to be charged against abutting property.
2. Provides for the election or appointment of a Commissioner of Agriculture.
3. Providing for the establishment of a home for widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors.
4. Provides for the establishment of a State printing plant.
5. Fixes the salary of members of the Legislature at not exceeding \$1,000 a year for the biennial session year, and mileage not to exceed 3c a mile each way.
6. Provides for levying a road tax of 30c on the \$100 of real estate, or may issue bonds not to exceed 20 per cent of the assessed valuation of realty.

We are representing one of the best Nurseries in the State. We make a liberal discount on large orders, replace trees that die from natural causes, at half the regular price, and supply shortages and omissions. It is best to patronize a local agent, who is always in reach.

T. M. JONES.

Local

Complete photograph outfit for sale. For particulars apply at this office.

Jim Henderson of Scurry last week bargained for W. C. Fulliloves calves, estimated at over 200 head. Mr. Henderson was here Saturday offering to buy cattle of any age fit for shipping.

A good many people in buggies, hacks and wagons, went up to the Holiness meeting at Tredway Saturday and more on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Everett and Mrs. Creighton and family were in Gail Saturday.

W. C. Fullilove, J. K. Mitchell, S. L. Jones and W. N. Collier were here Saturday.

Gibbs Doyle was up from Big Springs last week on a visit home.

J. L. Michael has bought the John Howe market building for \$200.00 cash and sold a half interest to W. J. Hester who from this date will run the market in partnership. The market will be kept open at all hours of the day, and some one be on hand to wait on customers. The new proprietors propose to conduct the market according to business methods, and by so doing to merit the patronage of the public.

Miss Edna Carter of Belton stopped here last week en route to Tahoka to visit her sister and Mrs. Stokes who reside there.

J. D. Black who was in town Friday said cotton was knee high and the pasture very fine.

Mrs. J. E. Eubanks, Mrs. L. L. Jones, and J. C. Benton were in Gail Saturday and the guests of H. D. Pruett.

Mr. J. T. Upchurch and the Berachah band of Garland in three large covered wagons, passed through Gail last Saturday, on the way to the Holiness meeting at Tredway. Mr. Upchurch had been holding meetings at Hinson, Garland, and lastly Snyder, and comes from the last mentioned point to assist in the meeting on the plains.

Miss Mary Leake is acting postmistress in the absence of postmaster Cathey.

Will Cathey, our postmaster left Gail Monday morning to visit his mother at Greenville, Hunt county.

Rev. J. W. Childers returned Monday evening with his family from his appointment at Durham.

Misses Eula and Pearl Gober left Saturday morning for a trip to Eastland County to visit relatives.

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The Mollie A. Bailey show well known all over Texas, will exhibit in Gail Aug. 5. There will be two performances, afternoon and evening. The show loving people cannot afford to miss this, as it is a good show, having a variety of interesting features, among which is a troupe of performing ponies bare, back riding, hoop leaping, racing and others too numerous to mention. Mrs. Bailey offers the free use of her tent till the evening exhibition to the barbecue, if decided to have it on the day of the show.

For Sale
A 3 room house and lot, in Ira 1 acre by 1 acre and 20 ft. With well, wind mill &c, price \$900. For particulars see J. B. Ditto, Ira, Texas

Go to W. R. Cole and Strayhorn of Big Springs, Texas, for Buggies, wagons, and the best implements on Earth.

Mrs. McClinton of Snyder, mother of Mrs. Dr. Hannabass is visiting her daughter, and will remain this week.

Mrs. H. S. Bolin will leave this evening to visit Mr. Bolins father's family who reside at Floydada in Floyd county.

Tom Cotten went off to Big Springs to buy goods Tuesday with Mr. Carpenter the freighter.

Lonnie Farris, our telephone operator left Gail yesterday evening, to see his mother who lives at Caddo Mills. Mr. Farris' time of employment is out Aug. 1st., and he will not return.

Jack Rogers and family who have been attending the Holiness meeting returned yesterday evening, two of his children having got sick. Mr. Rogers says the crops on the plains are fine, notwithstanding the dry weather.

Land Sale.
J. H. Dillahunt to J. A. Arnett, South 1-2 home section, consideration \$3360, sold through THORNTON & PEARCE.

Mrs. Rinnie Cathey of near Guion, Taylor county, her daughter, Mrs. Lindsey of Abeline, and son Jim Cathey are visitors of Mrs. N. C. Cathey of Gail. Jim Cathey who was sick before getting here is confined to his bed with slow fever.

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Painted wire	per 100	\$2.85
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18 inch per rod		16 cts.
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50 "	"	35 and 45 "
58 "	"	50 "

We have all the sizes and grades in stock. Now is the time to fence your hogs, cattle and chickens.

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Big Springs, Texas.

H. D. Pruett has improved his harness shop with a new coat of paint, and for doing harness work he has just received a fine machine. When he gets in his new stock of harness leather, he will be prepared to make harness not in stock on short notice.

There will be a barbecue at the Park School house on 16th of August. It will no doubt be a success, as this neighborhood had one last year. It will be a free for all entertainment, come and enjoy yourself.

Wanted Excuse.

"What do you take when you're coming down with a cold?"
"Whisky."
"Wife object?"
"Certainly not. She doesn't want me to be sick?"
"One more question?"
"Well?"
"What's the easiest way to start a cold."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

R. J. Pearce of Coke county passed through town yesterday on the road to his daughters Mrs. Tankersley, who lives in Dawson county.

J. T. Bullard and family of Mineral wells are here visiting their relatives, the families of D. Dorward, Jr Troy Bullard and Elmer Russell. They will spend 4 or 6 weeks in Borden enjoying our cool healthful breezes as well as association with relatives and friends.

Henry Hale with his wife and mother left this morning for Winkler county where he has a bonus.

There will be a Woodmans barbecue at Indian Canyon on the 1st of August. It is being gotten up by the camp at Plainview.