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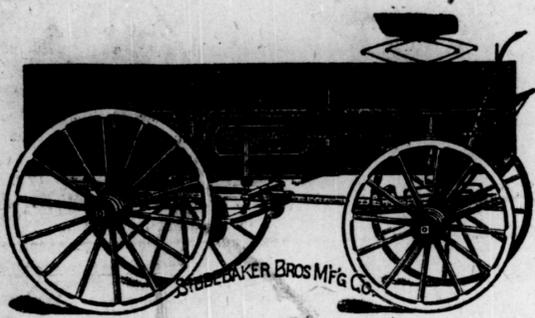
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### ALFALFA.

#### How and When to Plant and Many Other Useful Hints Regarding This Splendid Forage Crop.

A very large acreage will be planted in alfalfa this fall. If the land has not already been plowed the sooner this is done the better. Plow deep and follow with the harrow, going over the land several times until the ground is thoroughly pulverized and made as level as possible. Much of the success depends on the preparation of the soil. "Alfalfa Smith" of Sherman, before the Farmer's Congress stated that in his opinion alfalfa would grow on any soil and in any county in Texas, and this being the case every farmer should make it a point to plant at least an acre or two of this valuable feed. We believe that it is better to broadcast the seed when planting in the spring. Twenty-five pounds of seed to the acre is sufficient. Buy pure seed it is not always the cheapest that is the most economical. Healthy alfalfa seed has an olive green color, dead seed has a brown although all brown seed is not dead. If you have time test

it by the following method which is recommended by the Texas experimental station.

"After having extracted the weeds, chaff, dirt, etc., from the sample, the remainder should be again mixed and one hundred seeds counted out at random from the pile, in order to test germinating power. Place these upon a small piece of clean cotton canton flannel of clean blotting paper and lay in the bottom of a common dinner plate. Wet the whole thoroughly with lukewarm water and cover with another plate, placing in a warm corner in the sitting room or kitchen. After three days count the number of seeds sprouted, removing each as counted. Cover again and repeat the process on the sixth day. The sum of the two counts will give the percentage of germinating seed. Thus, if at the first count, the number found sprouting be 36, and the second 58, the sum 94, indicates that that per cent of the seed have germinated. For the sake of accuracy, two plates, each containing one hundred seeds, should be prepared."

In planting you should be governed by conditions, for if the surface is dry the seed should be

covered about one inch, at any time it is a safe proposition to plant at least one inch deep.

Alfalfa should be cut when about one fourth is in bloom. With a good stand it will yield a ton per acre to the cutting and no better feed can be grown on the farm.—Irrigation Aid

#### Country Boy No Fool.

A boy sat on a rail fence enclosing a corn field. A city chap passing by, said:

"Your corn looks kind of yellow ba b."

"Yep, that's the kind we planted," replied the boy.

"It don't look like you'll get more than a half crop," said the city chap.

"Nope, we don't expect to, the landlord gets the other half," retorted the youngster.

The stranger hesitated a moment, and then ventured:

"You are not very far from a fool, are you boy?"

"Nope, not more than ten feet" said the boy, and the city chap moved on.—Exchange.

#### He Got The Place.

Secretary Bonaparte, speaking before a meeting of the U. S. at Baltimore recently, told the following story:

"A young minister who was to preach on trial before a congregation of multi-millionaires at a very fashionable watering place, ran over his most carefully prepared sermons with a judicious friend to select one suitable. He thought himself a discourse on 'The Evil of Divorce' might do, but his adviser shook his head—every third woman in the congregation had been divorced at least once—that sort of talk wouldn't fill the bill at all.

"He offered in its place one on the Evils of Gambling," but this was pronounced even worse; all

his expected hears of both sexes played 'bridge' during most of their spare time, and three-fourths of the men put out big money at poker besides.

"He had a third on 'The Evil of Drink,' but the wise counsellor turned it down likewise. Too many of the parish every night walked into the casino, and were carried out of it; the topic would seem 'personal.'

"At last he fished out an old thesis of his college days on 'The Sin of the Scribes and Pharisees.' 'That's it, exactly,' cried his delighted friends. 'Pitch into the Scribes and Pharisees for all you're worth; hit 'em hard, the harder the better, for they ain't got no friends nowadays.' So the young man gave the Scribes and Pharisees hail Columbia, hurt nobody's feeling, pleased everybody and got his place.

President Roosevelt has discharged from the interior Department, a young man for marrying a chorus girl. The young man got acquainted with her at 12 o'clock a night, after the show was over, and married her before one in the morning.

"Yes," said the old man to his young visitor, "I am proud of my girls, and would like to see them comfortably married; and as I have made a little money they will not go penniless to their husbands. There is Mary, 25 years old, and a really good girl. I shall give her \$1,000 when she marries. Then comes Bet, who won't see 35 again, and I shall give her \$3,000. And the man who takes Eliza, who is 40, will have \$5,000 with her. The young man reflected a moment and then inquired: "You haven't one about fifty have you?"—Ex.

Advertising is the life of trade.

#### Wrong Train.

A Lancashire man, much the worse of drink was waiting at a certain station in Liverpool for a train. The first that came to the platform he got into, not showing his ticket. The collector inquired: "Where are you going, my man?"

"Oudham," said the man. "Then come out; you are in the wrong train."

Shortly afterward another train arrived, which was again boarded by him. The collector, noticing the man again, said: "Where did you say you were going?"

He replied: "Oudham." "Then come out; you are on the wrong train. The next train is yours."

On arrival of the next train, the man entered a carriage in which was seated a minister. This gentleman, seeing the state the man was in, said to him:

"My good man, do you know where you are going to?" "Aye! Aw'm going to Oudham."

"No," said the minister, "you are going to hades fast." "Wrong train again; wrong train again," and he got out.

My sister was taken out in the country when she was three years

old. One day she went out to the hay stacks and found a nest of eggs. She put them in her basket and started for the house, but just then some guineas came cackling, "put rack." The little girl ran back to the nest, and put the eggs all in as she had found them. When asked why she did not take them to the house, she said:

"The guineas told me to 'put 'em back, put 'em back,' so I did."—Little Chronicle.

An old lady was carefully brushing her hair one morning in winter in the presence of a small grandson. As is usual when the hair is cold and crisp, "Why, grandmother, what makes your hair stick out like that?" asked the small boy in wonder. "Only the electricity that gets into my hair these cold days" she replied. "Well, if we haven't got the funniest family I ever saw. You've got electricity in your hair and ma has gas in her stomach."—Ex.

#### Notice to Trespassers.

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**Noblesse Oblige**

As the ladies and gallants of Florence  
 Beguiled the black days of the plague,  
 Telling tales to forget the abhorrence  
 Of the specter horrible and vague;  
 So we in the City of Pleasure,  
 In the Carnival place of the land,  
 Shall bow to misfortune's full measure  
 And true to our colors shall stand.

As the good that the days have provided  
 We took in the joy of our hearts,  
 Our loyalty never divided,  
 In woe we are true to our parts.  
 No moaning nor any complaining  
 Shall tell of the sorrow we spend;  
 Our fathers' traditions maintaining,  
 We take what the Heavens shall send.  
 —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**THE MOSQUITO'S BITE**

BY HAYS BLACKMAN

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The bank had failed and all that Dr. Maguire had in the world was swept away in the failure—literally all, for with the savings of his young manhood went the hope of making a home for the girl he loved. If it had been an honest failure, a money panic or anything save a defaulting cashier, it seemed to the doctor that he could better have borne it. But to feel that his work and his economy had gone for naught, that the savings of the hard years of his profession and the hope that had lightened the work were gone, while another man had gotten away in peace to live with the woman for whose pleasure this theft had been done, was maddening. The papers made the sensation of a day of the departure of the cashier and the woman who went with him. Then the depositors who had lost went back to their work forgotten but not forgetting.

Dr. Maguire gave up his practice in his home town in Missouri where there were memories to haunt him and where the accumulation of riches was slow, and went down to an unhealthy little spot in Louisiana where disease was always present and where medicine was a profitable profession. He prospered and again he began to hope that some day the home and the girl would be his.

One day—it was in July and the mercury registered a temperature seldom reached back in Missouri—the papers began to be full of rumors of the yellow fever. The plague was stealthily creeping across the South. The next day the rumors had become facts and from a city plague-ridden the ignorant masses were beginning to flee. On the third day two refugees came into the town where Dr. Maguire had taken up his abode. They were Italian laborers, and one man was sick when they reached the place. Before night the town had established a quarantine station and the two Italians were held there. The one in the clutches of the fever, and the other so badly frightened that he easily fell a victim to the disease. The first man died and the second followed his example, but not before the town, in spite of all precautions, had become another of those pest centers whence the line of the plague swept steadily onward, like the creeping evil of a prairie fire through dry grass.

Thenceforth there was work for the doctor's hands. Early and late through the fever-fretted town he went to his errands of mercy. He had given but little study to the fever, but now, with ample opportunity for study afforded him he was too busy bringing healing or closing the eyes of the dead to give time to experimenting with the bites of mosquitoes, or the danger of infection through contact with the disease.

One evening the doctor went in answer to a summons to a house without the town. The place was a lonely one, five miles from the city, just within the cordon that the quarantine had drawn about the town. Evidently the house was the home of people of wealth. It was a handsome structure, but it was seemingly deserted.



"Tell me his name."

The doctor found in an upper room a woman dying of the plague. Before the end came that night she was able to tell the doctor something that he had long wanted to know. Little by little she whispered her story. She had left the North with a man who had done much evil for her sake. He had betrayed a trust reposed in him. He was a thief and a fugitive from justice. They had lived there very quietly to avoid discovery, so quietly and so alone that they had not known of the coming of the fever until the quarantine lines had been drawn around them. The man was a craven coward, shuddering in fear of the dis-

ease and when the woman had shown symptoms of the plague he fled, leaving her to die alone. She paused, apparently unable to go on. "His name," Dr. Maguire urged, "tell me his name." He shook the dying woman roughly, all else forgotten in the eagerness that was upon him. She roused sufficiently to whisper the name. And the doctor knew that his revenge was near. Somewhere, in the vicinity of the town, with the quarantine lines drawn tightly about him, caught like a rat in a trap, was a man



"If you die, I shall have given you what you deserve."

who fled from a town in Missouri with the savings of his neighbors and his friends. Dr. Maguire was almost happy as he rode back to town.

Skirting the streets of the plague ridden town a man crept, hiding in dark corners, crawling along the ground, terrified at the death that threatened old and young, nor spared for prayers and promises the man who feared to die. Dr. Maguire, riding in late that night, almost overrode the crouching figure. And when he had stooped from his saddle to set the groveling wretch upon his feet he knew who it was that crawled in the dark. His revenge was at hand. The defaulter, too, recognized the doctor. And in Dr. Maguire's eyes he read that the time of reckoning was at hand. He fell on his face at the doctor's feet, all manhood fallen from him, leaving him only a groveling, frightened, abject thing that crawled in the dust. "Mercy," he begged, his face hidden.

"Mercy," the doctor repeated. "Did you think of mercy when you robbed men and women of their all, when you stole the widow's mite and left orphaned children to go hungry? Did you think of mercy when you blasted a man's hopes and left him hard and merciless and with the passion of revenge eating at his heart? Mercy for such as you? Never! And the woman for whom you sinned—you could not even keep faith with her. You deserted her when she was dying and left her to meet the end alone. Mercy? I am going to kill you like the dog that you are. It's what I have been wanting to do these many months."

The man at his feet licked the dust and tore his hair with impotent fingers. "My life," he begged again. "Spare my life. Only let me live. I'll give the money back to you."

Dr. Maguire smiled a diabolical smile. "So be it," he said. "You shall have your life since you are so fearful of death. I will give you a chance. You shall try your luck with fate. They say that the mosquito's bite breeds the fever. For me, I do not know. But you shall take the chance. We'll let the mosquito bite you, and if you live well and good. But if you die, I shall have given you what you deserve."

He drew the cowering fugitive roughly to his feet and with his horse's bridle thrown across his arm led his captive down the street to the office of a fellow physician who had been experimenting with the mosquito theory. The fugitive saw the doctor place one of the mosquitoes near and nearer his arm. He turned his head away, shivering. There was the sharp sting of the insect's bite, and the fugitive slipped to the floor in a faint.

The doctor kept his enemy with him in the days that followed, watching the man's every movement. In due time the fever developed. Dr. Maguire seemed surprised that it should be so. The patient was hysterical with fright. He had worked himself into a frenzy of fear and so had made himself an easy prey to the

plague. And he died, died of the fever in its worst form.

Dr. Maguire's friend, the physician who was interested in the mosquito theory, rubbed his hands complacently. "This proves the experiments absolutely in my opinion," he said. "The man had positively no symptoms of the disease. Its development and his subsequent death were due to the bite of the mosquito." Dr. Maguire smiled strangely. "What would you say," he said slowly, "if I told you that the man was not bitten by a mosquito? At the last moment, when he turned his head aside as I held the insect above his arm, I thrust the point of a pin into the flesh instead of allowing the mosquito to bite him. The man died of fright, pure and simple. Or else he took the fever from infection. The woman had the plague, you know, when the man fled from her."

**PROPER CARE OF HEADGEAR.**

**How Hats May Be Worn Long and Always Look Well.**

No article of dress becomes shabby so quickly, for want of a little care as a hat; light, air and dust all tend to turn it brown, if it is exposed to their influences; it ought therefore to be kept in a hat box whenever it is not in use. On ordinary occasions a soft brush should be used.

When the hat is wet it should never be wiped with a pocket handkerchief (unless a clean one is specially used for that purpose), but the superfluous moisture should be taken off with a dry soft cloth.

If it has received only a partial sprinkling, and a rough mottled appearance is left, dip a hat brush lightly in cold water and pass it gently round in the same direction as the nap.

When all parts are uniformly damp, take a hard brush, and with that bring the nap to its former state of evenness; then lay the hat on its side on a clean cloth for the night to dry.

After it has been brushed with the ordinary hat brush next morning, it will look little the worse for the wetting it has undergone. The better the quality of the hat, the more times may this be repeated without injuring it.

Bulges or indentations may be removed by warming the hat (by steam is preferable) and taking them out with a hot iron. Any attempts to restore the shape by other means will probably result in cracking the hat.

Gloss may be removed, when after some wear the nap becomes dull and gray looking, by brushing with a hot brush, or, better, by gently pressing a three times round in the direction of the nap, ordinarily heated, two or three times.

**Pure Obstinacy.**

A little girl who reads nature books, studies natural history and is devoted to pets, was discovered holding bunny in her lap, trying to direct his attention to a book that she had and ever anon boxing his long ears vigorously. Auntie was shocked, of course, and inquired what was the moving cause of such cruelty.

"He's so stubborn," replied the little teacher.

"A rabbit stubborn! Why, child, I never heard of such a thing. What is he stubborn about?"

"I'm trying to teach him the multiplication table, and he just won't try to learn, nor even say it over after me. Now, you say it, sir. 'Three times two are six—three times three are nine.'"

But the rabbit didn't say it, and again auntie inquired into her little niece's conduct as two or three more cuffs were administered to the poor creature's all too convenient ears.

"Why, auntie," explained the girl, "the books all say that rabbits multiply faster than any other animals, and this obstinate little creature won't even go through the three times three with me."—Lippincott's.

**Had Faith in It.**

Admiral William G. Buehler, at a dinner at Hot Springs, Va., said of a Philadelphia editor:

"He is a good man, an enthusiast. His paper prospers because he believes in it, because he has faith in it."

"And what faith in it he has! He reminds me of the Yankee with the accurate watch."

"This Yankee, an elderly man, had a watch that for thirty or forty years had never once gone wrong. Hence he boasted about it at all times."

"With a guest from Boston he rose one August morning to see the sun rise, and as they waited for its rising the Yankee kept consulting first his watch, which was in his right hand, and then a farmers' almanac, giving the sun's schedule, which was in his left."

"There was a long wait in the pale, vague dawn. Then, tapping his watch with his forefinger, the Yankee said: 'If the sun ain't over that hill in a minute and a half he'll be late.'"

—Buffalo Inquirer.

**Will Return for Cincinnati Festival.**

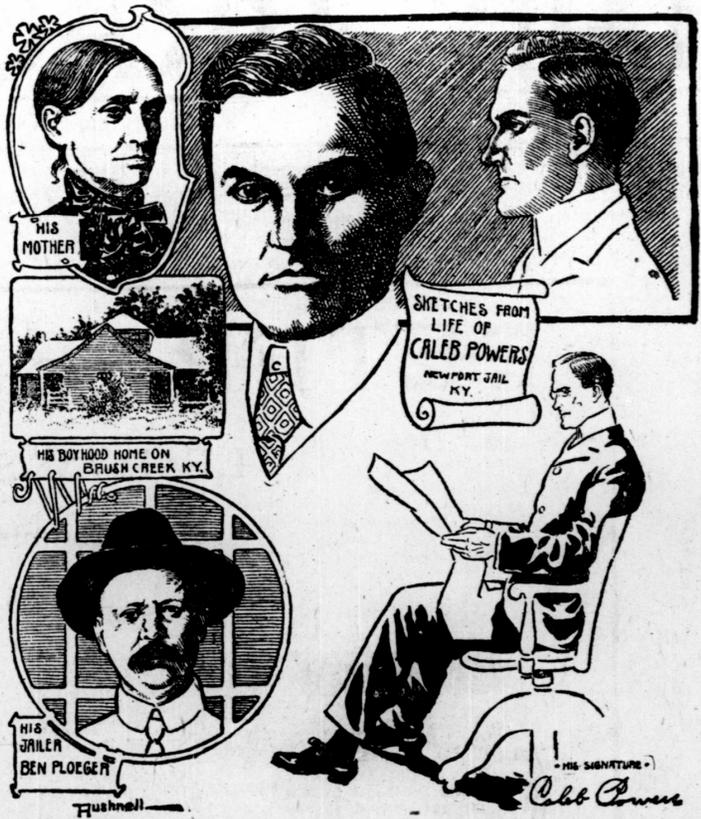
Sir Edward Elgar, the composer, who sailed recently for Europe, will return to this country next spring to serve as one of the conductors of the Cincinnati Hay biennial festival. This is the result of a series of negotiations conducted by the Cincinnati Musical Festival association. An important clause in the agreement provides that the well-known English composer is not to appear as conductor elsewhere during this visit.

**Rumors and Roomers.**

"I just heard of a fellow who took a room up at that big hotel," said the first summer man, "and when he got a chance stole a lot of money from the other inmates."

"Yes?" said Jokeley; "another case of a bad roomer gaining currency."

**CALEB POWERS, KENTUCKIAN, NOW IN JAIL, HIS MOTHER, KEEPER AND BOYHOOD HOME**



Caleb Powers, once secretary of state of Kentucky, now in a cell in the Newport, Ky., jail for complicity in the murder of Gov. Goebel, receives the homage of many Kentuckians, though he has been convicted of an infamous plot. His cell is furnished plentifully, but plain. A typewriter and desk, trunks, chairs and a rug help some. A cheap curtain tries to hide the iron bars of his cage.

Powers looks like a highly educated southern gentleman. Five years of prison life and suffering have wilted him. His voice is weak and he has that awful prison pallor and purple lips.

The following is his daily routine of prison life:

Arises 5:30 a. m. Shave and toilet. Commences work at 6:30 a. m., answering correspondence.

Breakfast at 8 a. m. on whole wheat cakes, wafers, malted nuts, toast and milk.

Reads until 9 a. m. Rests until 10 a. m. in the jail corridor.

Rests half an hour. Works from 10:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. Pitches baseball in corridor and runs soldiers' double time until 2 p. m.

Rests half an hour. Works until 4 p. m. Dines at 5 p. m.

Walks until 6:30 p. m. Rests half an hour. Works until 9 p. m.

Exercises with Indian clubs and machine and pneumameter until 10 p. m.

Retires at 10 p. m. Receives visitors from 2 p. m. to 7 p. m.

His work consists of reading and writing. His correspondence averages five to twenty-five letters a day.

Powers says this about his mother: "A braver, nobler, more generous heart has never found lodgment in human breast than my mother's. There's scarcely enough cruelty in her whole being to brush the down from a butterfly's wing. Her life is as unselfish as the kiss of the summer's sun. Her children have been her world; for them she has lived."—Chicago Journal.

**GREAT FEATURE OF LATE WAR.**

With Modern Armies Decisive Victories Seem Impossible.

The great feature of the war has been the huge masses engaged. Leipzig itself in this respect compares poorly with Mukden. The hosts of 1812 were not so numerous as those that invaded Manchuria, and Bordinno may outrival Liaoyang in horrors but not in numbers of guns or men that fought. Yet it is surely remarkable that after an unbroken record of defeat on such a huge scale the Russians still can show an army fully equipped and organized in position. Liaoyang and Mukden were truly enough to break the spirit and dissolve the ranks of the stoutest troops in the world.

In spite of the list of killed and wounded, of the prisoners, of the guns and trophies the war could still have been carried on. Yet Marengo, a mere skirmish in comparison to these battles of giants, decided the fate of a nation. Jena laid a kingdom in the dust. Even Friedland compelled a czar to come to terms.

What is it that made Mukden indecisive and could allow the czar still to dream of victory when for a year and a half not a gleam of success had shone for a moment on his bayonets? The terrain in which the battles were fought had, of course, much to do with it, but the very vastness of the armies had more. An army of several

hundreds of thousands cannot be moved like one a third of the size. The telegraph may do much, but it cannot annihilate space where movements of men are concerned, and to pursue a beaten foe requires prompt action and energy, which are only possible where events take place under the eye and within the direction of a supreme leader.—Saturday Review.

**As Many Chances as Ever.**

There are unquestionably many opportunities for success now, the same as there have been since the creation of the world, but now, as ever, they must be searched for. Everyone encounters obstacles, but it should be borne in mind that failures are intended to serve as stepping stones to success. Most successful men have been "broke," have met with failure, have been discouraged and have thought, as many others probably do to-day, that "life is not worth living," yet their perseverance and determination aroused their latent power and helped them to turn adverse conditions to good account. Those who struggle manfully and keep up their courage will not die without having achieved a measure of success befitting their intelligence and talents.—Boston Globe.

**ORIGIN OF TARTAR HORDES**

**Are a Composite Race With a Leading Strain of Turkish Blood**

Two proverbial expressions keep alive the memory of the terrible people who were once the scourge of all Europe: "Catching a Tartar" and "Scratch a Russian and you find a Tartar." "One of the puzzles of history has been the origin of the fierce nation, which, under the conqueror Genghis Khan, once grabbed Russia by the nape of the neck and shook the life almost out of it, as a dog seizes and shakes a rat.

Most of the Tartar hordes swept back to their Asiatic fastnesses; some remained and mingled and intermarried with the Muscovite people—enough, indeed, to justify the saying, "Scratch a Russian and you find a Tartar." And that phrase expresses the notion that the clothes of the Russian conceal the heart of a savage.

The Tartars are usually regarded as a Mongolian people, but there is not much Mongol blood in the present race of Tartars. It is true they get their name from the ancient Mongol tribe of Ta-Ta, so to be strictly correct you should omit the first "r" from the tribal name. But the Tartars are a composite race, and the leading strain in them is Turkish. They are scattered over much of Western Asia—in Siberia, Turkestan, Persia and the northern part of Turkey in Asia, besides the Caucasus region, where they are now making trouble. They are Mohammedans, hence their proclamation of a "holy war" against Russia. Yet polygamy is dying out in this sturdy race in spite of their hatred of Christians.

Of course, large numbers of Tartars still lead a roving life like Bedouins and Kurds, taking their herds of cattle from one pasture land to another. But it may surprise you to hear that most of the race in the Caucasus region are quiet, steady and usually peaceable farmers and gardeners and herdsmen. And when they are gardeners they are excellent ones, far surpassing their Russian neighbors. They almost live on watermelons, which they eat with that other staff of life, bread.

**STATES WITH MANY COUNTIES.**

Georgia Has Added to Her List—Texas Still a Record Breaker.

The Georgia legislature, which recently adjourned after a long session, made a further addition to the number of counties in the Cracker State, bringing up the whole number from 137 to 145.

New York with its great population is able to get along with sixty-one counties, while California, more than double the size of Georgia, gets along with fifty-seven.

What political necessity there can be for 145 independent counties in Georgia, each with a separate government, organization and expense, is a problem, but perhaps the reason is the same which has added to the number of counties in Texas, until there are now 246. In one of them at the presidential election of last year only twenty-two votes were cast, in another 120, in another 180 and in a fourth sixty. The propensity to create counties in the South and Southwest has always been marked. There are seventy-six counties in Mississippi, 119 in Kentucky, seventy-five in Arkansas, forty-five in Florida and ninety-six in Tennessee.—New York Sun.

But the Tartars are only one of an amazing number of nationalities that dwell in the mountain region of Russia. There are sixty or seventy tribes inhabiting the Caucasus, speaking a bewildering variety of languages and dialects, and of all grades of civilization except high civilization.

No wonder. The Caucasus is near the original stamping ground of the human race. It is in that part of the world where the primeval nations separated and whence they spread over the earth. The region gave its name to the white race—so called, though it includes people as dark as the Hindus. Mount Ararat, where Noah's ark rested after the Deluge, and whence his sons repopulated the globe, is in the Caucasus mountain system. So it is not strange that that ancient cradle of humanity is a very cosmopolitan country. And it is this venerable land that is the home of the vast oil industry of the Russian empire.

Tiflis, the capital, and Baku are the two leading towns of the Caucasus. Tiflis is about the size of Pittsburg. Surrounding the city are rocky hills on which monks have made their communal homes—a queer contrast from the intensely modern and strenuous petroleum traffic that within a very few years has sprung up at their feet.

Baku, which has about as many inhabitants as Toledo or Reading, is an old, old Persian town made assertively new. The Russians helped themselves to the place in Peter the Great's time, some 200 years ago, at the expense of Persia.

Baku is worse off even than Pittsburg and Allegheny for good water. The townsmen are forced either to bring their supply from far distant wells on the backs of camels, or to transport in tank cars from far-away rivers brackish water which must be distilled before it can be drunk.

The old wall of the inner Persian city remains, jostled by the modern architecture of an oil town.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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W. L. DOUGLAS MAKES AND SELLS MORE NEW & SO SHOES THAN ANY OTHER MANUFACTURER.

**\$10,000** REWARD to anyone who can improve this statement.

W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes have by their excellent style, easy fitting, and superior wearing qualities, achieved the largest sale of any \$3.50 shoe in the world. They are just as good as shoes that cost you \$5.00 to \$7.00—the only difference is the price. If I could take you into my factory at Brockton, Mass., the largest in the world under one roof making men's fine shoes, and show you the care with which every pair of Douglas shoes is made, you would realize why W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes are the best shoes produced in the world.

If I could show you the difference between the shoes made in my factory and shoes made by other makers, you would understand why Douglas \$3.50 shoes cost more to make, why they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer, and are of greater intrinsic value than any other \$3.50 shoes on the market to-day.

W. L. Douglas Strong Made Shoes for Men, \$2.50, \$2.00. Boys' School & Dress Shoes, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50

**CAUTION**—Insist upon having W. L. Douglas shoes. Take no substitute. None genuine without his name and price stamped on bottom.

**WANTED**. A shoe dealer in every town where W. L. Douglas shoes are not sold. Full line of samples sent free for inspection upon request.

Fast Color Eyelets used; they will not wear brassy. Write for Illustrated Catalog of Fall Styles. W. L. DOUGLAS, Brockton, Mass.

A few years ago everybody stood in awe of the word diplomacy. In these enlightened days the fact is generally realized that a skillful diplomat is only a horse trader in disguise.

The largest flour mill in the British empire is in Montreal. It turns out 5000 barrels of flour a day.

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

**W. N. U., HOUSTON—NO. 40, 1908**

**PAXTINE TOILET ANTISEPTIC**

**FOR WOMEN**

troubled with ill peculiar to their sex, used as a douche is marvellously successful. Thoroughly cleanses, kills disease germs, stops discharges, heals inflammation and local soreness.

Paxtine is in powder form to be dissolved in pure water, and is far more cleansing, healing, germicidal and economical than liquid antiseptics for all

**TOILET AND WOMEN'S SPECIAL USES**

For all drugs, 50 cents a box. Trial Box and Book of Instructions Free. THE R. PAXTON COMPANY, BOSTON, MASS.

**AGAINST THE STORM THERE IS NO PROTECTION IN THE WORLD LIKE TOWER'S SLICKERS**

FOR SALE BY ALL THE BEST DEALERS

A. J. TOWER CO. ESTABLISHED 1836  
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**RHEUMATISM CURED WITH RADIO-SULPHO**

More than 10,000 people have cured themselves at home using Radio-Sulpho for Rheumatism. Radio-Sulpho can be used by any and everybody. Easily used and applied. Hundreds of cases cured with one bottle, thousands with five and six bottles. Thousands of testimonials received from grateful patients. Only on the market a year and a half. Has made a great record. Our patrons do the advertising for us. Sent by mail postage paid, \$1 per bottle, six bottles \$5, express paid. Full directions with each order. Write to-day. Pamphlets sent free. 40,000 bottles sold in 18 months. We started the first day, 18 months ago, with six bottles. This is how our patrons are recommending Radio-Sulpho. Get Radio-Sulpho and Cure Yourself. We have our own sanitarium and physicians.

**THE RADIO-SULPHO CO.**  
210 Mack Bldg. Denver, Colo.  
Please Mention this Paper.

Clara—"Did you have pleasant weather at the springs this summer?"

At any rate, Adam wasn't afraid to tell Eve any secrets.

Now that we have the seedless orange and apple and stoneless peach, won't some scientist please develop an appendixless man?—Life.

**Not a Pipe Dream.**

Oil—some kinds—are conveyed by a system of pipe lines, but the Oil that makes all other Oils insignificant is conveyed in bottle. It's **Hop's Lightning Oil**, and its mission is to cure your sprains, cuts, burns, bruises, aches, and pains—and it does it.

Dying in poverty is easy enough; it's living in poverty that comes hard on a fellow.

**Johnson Grass Killed.**

Mr. T. C. Davis, of Austin, Texas, writes: Dear Sirs—The 10 gallons of "DINAMINE" that you sent me has proven very satisfactory, and does all you claim for it, having killed Johnson Grass and Bermuda Grass.

Five gallons of "DINAMINE" will make 100 gallons of treating solution, cost \$2.00. A trial order will convince the most skeptic. Ask your dealer for it "NOW," or send us the money and we will ship at once.

Sharks have made their appearance in the Adriatic sea, having come by way of the Suez canal.

**Interesting to Students.**

The schools and colleges are now open for the fall term, and there will be many self-reliant young men and women who will be looking for a good way to earn their expenses. The Four-Track News, the great illustrated monthly magazine of travel and education, appeals to intelligent readers, and students will find it easy to secure subscriptions for it. The terms to persons soliciting subscriptions are extremely liberal, and offer a very generous margin of profit. It will pay any one interested to write to the publisher, George H. Daniels, 7 East 42d street, New York, for full particulars.

"Literary man wants to buy or borrow old love letters: no names used." This cold-blooded advertisement has appeared in the Sydney (Australia) Morning Herald.

**Important to Mothers.**

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*  
In Use For Over 30 Years.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought.

The sound of a bell which can be heard 45,200 feet through the water can be heard through the air only 456 feet.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all the other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3-4 pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then, again, because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

In the course of the trial of a case in a London court recently it came out that imported canned fruit is often stored in London warehouses for ten years.

**Medicines Have Stood Test of Time.**

"The leading proprietary medicines that have stood the test of time are of known therapeutic value," says a medical authority. "They are prepared in laboratories of the highest grade, under the care of skilled pharmacists, and they are made from approved formulas which, in many instances, have been the special pride and specific of some successful physician. They have been tried in the crucible of public opinion and they have been found satisfactory by the people, for otherwise the people would discontinue using them."

An advertisement in a German newspaper contains this tempting offer: "Anybody who can prove that my taploca is damaging to health will at once receive three packets gratis."

Hundreds of dealers say the extra quantity and superior quality of Defiance Starch is fast taking place of all other brands. Others say they cannot sell any other starch.

Beware of effusiveness. The hand-shaker may also be a leg-puller. Cynics and pessimists have a hard row to hoe in this contrary old world.

Do you know where the deepest and hottest artesian well in the world is? It is at Marlin, Texas. Depth 5350 feet, temperature 147 F. Analysis similar to the famous Carlsbad, better than Hot Springs. Hotel and bathing facilities unsurpassed in the south. Write for free booklet. Address Joe Levy, Marlin Sanitarium, Marlin, Texas.

Love is a bird that sings in the heart of a woman.—Karr.

Nothing so good as Red Cross Bag Blue. Housekeepers are delighted with results and want no other. Grocers sell it.

Native—You find it hard to understand our language?"

A physician in Berlin is doing a great business in "correcting" noses. He alters the shape by an internal operation, using a local anesthetic. No trace or mark of the operation shows on the nose.

**Here is Relief for Women.**

Mother Gray, a nurse in New York, discovered a pleasant herb remedy for women's ills, called AUSTRALIAN-LEAF. It is the only certain monthly regulator. Cures female weaknesses, Backache, Kidney and Urinary troubles. At all Druggists or by mail 50cts. Sample mailed FREE. Address: The Mother Gray Co., LeRoy, N. Y.

Some people are so in love with themselves that they haven't room for any more.

Storekeepers report that the extra quantity, together with the superior quality of Defiance Starch makes it next to impossible to sell any other brand.

Happy is the woman who has as many change of gowns as she has of mind.

**McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY.**  
Houston, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South. They render written opinions in cases not handled by them. Reasonable rates.

The average man meets temptations about three-fourths of the way.

If you wish beautiful clear, white clothes, use Red Cross Bag Blue. You will be well satisfied. At grocers.

Heaven won't seem much like home unless those golden streets are torn up occasionally.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOWEN, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Some new men never seem to know their own minds until the day after.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

Judging from recent experiences, when a man can't do anything else he ought to make a good war correspondent.

A small boy's idea of the board of health is six meals a day.

Of sheep's wool, one pound is sufficient to produce a yard of excellent cloth.

Too many glasses today means a large pain tomorrow.

Revenge is sweet when it isn't a case of sour grapes.

**WORKING WOMEN**

Their Hard Struggle Made Easier—Interesting Statements by a Young Lady in Boston and One in Nashville, Tenn.

*Miss Frankie Orser* *Miss Pearl Ackers*

All women work; some in their homes, some in church, and some in the whirl of society. And in stores, mills and shops tens of thousands are on the never-ceasing treadmill, earning their daily bread.

All are subject to the same physical laws; all suffer alike from the same physical disturbance, and the nature of their duties, in many cases, quickly drifts them into the horrors of all kinds of female complaints, ovarian troubles, ulceration, falling and displacements of the womb, leucorrhoea, or perhaps irregularity or suppression of "monthly periods," causing backache, nervousness, irritability and lassitude.

Women who stand on their feet all day are more susceptible to these troubles than others.

They especially require an invigorating, sustaining medicine which will strengthen the female organism and enable them to bear easily the fatigues of the day, to sleep well at night, and to rise refreshed and cheerful.

How distressing to see a woman struggling to earn a livelihood or perform her household duties when her back and head are aching, she is so tired she can hardly drag about or stand up, and every movement causes pain, the origin of which is due to some derangement of the female organism.

Miss F. Orser of 14 Warrenton Street, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Succeeds Where Others Fail.

Boston, tells women how to avoid such suffering; she writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—  
"I suffered misery for several years with irregular menstruation. My back ached; I had bearing down pains, and frequent headaches; I could not sleep and could hardly drag around. I consulted two physicians without relief, and as a last resort, I tried Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and to my surprise, every ache and pain left me. I gained ten pounds and am in perfect health." I gained ten pounds and am in perfect health."

Miss Pearl Ackers of 327 North Summer Street, Nashville, Tenn., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—  
"I suffered with painful periods, severe backache, bearing-down pains, pains across the abdomen; was very nervous and irritable, and my trouble grew worse every month. My physician failed to help me and I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I soon found it was doing me good. All my pains and aches disappeared, and I no longer fear my monthly periods."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the unfailing cure for all these troubles. It strengthens the proper muscles, and displacement with all its horrors will no more crush you.

Backache, dizziness, fainting, bearing down pains, disordered stomach, moodiness, dislike of friends and society—all symptoms of the one cause—will be quickly dispelled, and it will make you strong and well.

You can tell the story of your sufferings to a woman, and receive helpful advice free of cost. Address Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass.

**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 any garment without ripping apart. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. **MONROE DRUG CO., Unionville, Missouri.**

**WINCHESTER**

"NUBLACK" BLACK POWDER SHELLS

The "Nublack" is a grand good shell. It is good in construction, primed with a quick and sure primer, and carefully loaded with the best brands of powder and shot. It is a favorite among hunters and other users of black powder shells on account of its uniform shooting, evenness of pattern and strength to withstand reloading.

**ALL DEALERS SELL THEM**

**ANTI-GRIPINE**

IS GUARANTEED TO CURE GRIP, BAD COLDS, HEADACHE AND NEURALGIA.

It won't sell Anti-Gripine to a dealer who won't guarantee it. Call for your MONEY BACK IF IT DOESN'T CURE.

**F. W. Diemer, M. D., Manufacturer, Springfield, Mo.**

**"DAY" MALARIA CURE**

**DESTROYS FEVER GERMS**  
Stops Chills at Once

One dose stops aching bones and hot and chilly sensations, gives an appetite and renews ambition. Positive, quick and harmless cure for Malaria, Ague, and Chills and Fever in Three Days. Druggist will show you testimonials and circular around the bottle.

Francis S. Ott, Sacramento, Cal.

**Sold by all Druggists, 75c**

**Decision in Cotton**

Cotton will be moving rapidly from now on, and you will have to decide quickly what to do with each lot, according to the circumstances of the moment.

Our services and our facilities are at your command, and you will make no mistake by shipping to us.

**Wm. D. Cleveland & Sons, Houston, Texas**

**Botanist's Favorite Flower.**

The great botanist Linnaeus had for his favorite flower the fragrant rose-tinted little twin flower. Concerning it he is quoted to have answered, when asked by a friend if it grew by the shores of a Swedish lake, "Nay, she lives not here, but in the middle of our largest woods." She clings with her little arms to the moss and seems to resist very gently if you force her from it. She has a complexion like a milkmaid, and oh! she is very, very sweet and agreeable. The only painting of Linnaeus which is in existence shows a small sprig of this flower in his buttonhole.

It doesn't matter if beauty is only skin deep so long as the skin is worn on the outside.

One is as easy to manage as the other—when asleep.

Hand-spun thread, used for the very finest Brussels lace of all, costs sometimes as much as £240 per pound.

Come to Marlin and get rid of your rheumatism, catarrhs, constipation, indigestion and other blood and skin troubles. An ideal winter resort with every accommodation for the comfort and health of chronic invalids. Write for free booklet right now. Address Joe Levy, Manager Marlin Sanitarium, Marlin, Texas.

Out of evil comes good. The apple Eve swiped has furnished employment to thousands of tailors and dressmakers.

**It Quenches the Fire.**

"Your Hunt's Cure is beyond doubt the most remarkable remedy for skin diseases ever formulated. For eight years I suffered almost constantly from an itching trouble the doctor called Eczema—my skin was on fire, but less than one box of Hunt's Cure quenched that fire. Many of my friends have since used it on my recommendation and it never fails. Where there's an itch rub it on. It does the work—that's all."

Mrs. Helen Whitmore, Clarendon, Ark.

If you lack sense, it will show when you get a gun in your hands.

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries Defiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

Wise is the man who can be silent on any subject.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 20c a bottle.

About 90,000 tons of butter are made yearly in Great Britain.

**Plantation Chill Cure is Guaranteed**

To cure, or money refunded by your merchant, so why not try it? Price 50c.

# Will Open For Business Monday Morning Oct. 16th.

THE WHITE STAR STEAM LAUNDRY of Brackettville will be in operation Monday Morning.  
**PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.**

We can do work equal to any Laundry. We have had the experience and we guarantee our work.  
**FAMILY WASHING A SPECIALTY.**

We will take family washing at a price cheaper and better work than can be done anywhere.  
**CALL AND INSPECT OUR LAUNDRY.**

Everybody is cordially invited to call and visit us and be convinced that we are equipped to do your work satisfactory.

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**GEORGE KAUFHOLTZ** Proprietor

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### LOCAL.

Use Holmes Pink Pills for the  
Liver. 25c.

Doc Anderson returned to  
Dryden Tuesday.

Willis Randus, of Mud Creek,  
was in town Saturday.

Sam Jeffries, of Mud Creek,  
was in the city Saturday.

Chas. Yeates, of Tularosa,  
was in town for supplies Saturday.

Hugh R. Robertson, of Del  
Rio was in Brackett Monday on  
business.

Rev. D. W. Matthews returned  
Monday from Comstock where  
he had been assisting in a protracted  
meeting.

Jeff Hutchison, of the Nueces,  
was in town Saturday greeting  
his many friends. This was  
Jeff's first trip to town in five  
months.

Max Herbst, of the Pinto,  
was in town Tuesday.

O. F. Seargeant returned Saturday  
from San Antonio.

Andrew G. Shely, of Nueces,  
was in town for supplies Saturday.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Doc  
Anderson, a girl Wednesday  
Oct. 11.

Geo. Houston, of Uvalde, was  
visiting in Brackett several days  
this week.

The Best made is—the Re-  
served D. Whiskey Sold by  
F. S. Fritter.

Jas Murphy, of Del Rio, was  
in town with a load of vegetables  
and fruit this week.

Holmes corn cure never fails  
to remove corns. Every bottle  
guaranteed 25c.

Dave Rose, of Nueces, was  
transacting business at the  
county seat Saturday.

The Telephone Co. are busy  
at work in town. The poles are  
all up and they are busy putting  
up the wire now.

The man with only six bits in  
cash and a willingness to help in  
any enterprise for the improve-  
ment of his town is worth more to  
the community than a millionaire  
who knocks. The former will at  
least say a good word to stran-  
gers, but the latter is frequently  
too miserly to give his town even  
a good verbal donation.—Eye-  
Witness.

T. B. Allen is back from the  
ranch at Cline. "You remember  
the boy that took his hatchet  
and got busy with his father's  
favorite cherry tree, don't you?"  
said he to The Express Monday  
morning. "Well I have one of  
the characteristics of that boy,  
and the truth of the matter is  
we haven't had all the rain we  
wanted. We have been lucky  
enough to get some very good  
showers right recently on the  
district that was burned off some  
weeks ago, but we are ready for  
more, and there is no law for-  
bidding us from hoping that we  
will get it in time."—San Anto-  
nio Express.

Mrs. F. A. Rose went to San  
Antonio Sunday to see her moth-  
er who is seriously ill.

Ice cream, cakes and all ingre-  
dients used, warranted fresh and  
pure.—Brackett Hotel.

Mrs. Will Bunting returned to  
Uvalde Tuesday after a pleasant  
visit with Mrs. W. G. Miller.

Satisfaction guaranteed mon-  
ey refunded for anything in the  
line of eatables at the Brackett  
Hotel.

Mrs. Jas Bayers, wife of Dr  
Bayers of Bay City, returned home  
Friday after a pleasant visit with  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Perry.

J. F. Fuller, who is with the  
Guggan Piano House, of San  
Antonio was in Brackett several  
days this week.

W. S. Hutchison, of Tularosa,  
was in town Saturday. He is  
doing some surveying for B. F.  
Ilegig this week.

California Fruit Co's. goods  
Highest grade, broadest variety,  
lowest price.—Pauline Matthew,  
Agent, Brackett Hotel.

Jim Palmer who has been visit-  
ing Andrew Shely for the past  
two weeks returned to his home  
near Pleasanton Sunday.

Mrs. Danna Robertson, who  
has been visiting Rev. D. W.  
Matthews and family returned to  
her home in Uvalde Monday.

J. G. Blackman, a wealthy  
stockman of Kinney county,  
was in Del Rio a few days this  
week.—Del Rio Herald.

20,000 Acres ranch land, Pre-  
sidio county, Texas, for sale-  
cheap, well watered, perfect title,  
easy terms, Box 221, Coffey  
Illinois.

Rev. E. L. Pierce and wife  
of the Gospel Wagon, are in  
Brackett and Rev. Pierce will  
assist Rev. Matthews in a pro-  
tracted meeting for a few days.

J. F. Nance the Belgium hair  
and poultry "King" has bought  
the entire flock of leghorn hens  
of Josh Keene. Mr. Nance has  
also just received 18 leghorn  
cockrels from Georgia the finest  
that money can buy. Mr. Nance  
now ranks among the biggest  
poultry raisers in Texas.

Mr. James McLymont was  
taken sick quite suddenly yester-  
day while sitting in the Del  
Rio National Bank conversing  
with friends. A physician was  
immediately summoned and Mr.  
McLymont was removed to his  
home in the eastern part of town.  
We were informed late yesterday  
evening that he was some better,  
but was still quite a sick man.  
We sincerely trust that his illness  
will be of short duration and that  
we will have the pleasure of see-  
ing him on the streets again  
soon.—Del Rio Herald.

If parents required their boys  
to study their lessons after dark  
instead of allowing them to roam  
the streets, the parents as well  
the boys would be benefited.  
The streets are a mighty pool  
school for young boys.—Del Rio  
Mirror.

Miss Lulu Racer has resigned  
her position with Petersen & Co.  
She will leave Sunday for  
Uvalde where she has accepted  
a position with Zachry & Co.  
Miss Lulu has many friends in  
Brackett who wish her suc-  
cess.

"There is too much system in  
the school business," growled  
Jimmy. "Just because I sniked  
a little the monitor turned me  
over to the principal, and prin-  
cipal turned me over to pa."  
"Was that all?" "No pa turned  
me over his knee."

L. B. Allen, the well known  
stockman was in from his ranch  
on Tuesday. He said he had  
nothing new for the printer man  
this trip and if any thing startling  
happened on the ranch he would  
send us a wireless.—Uvalde  
Leader-News.

### Tie Bids.

General Land Office, Austin,  
Texas, September 22nd 1905.

To the Editor of the Brackett  
News, Brackett, Texas.

Dear Sir:—The State had sec-  
tion 4 block V7, certificate 1306  
C, C, D, & R, G. N. Ry, Co  
640 acres, and section 34 block  
3, certificate 064, T. W. N. G.  
Ry. Co. 610 acres, in Edwards  
county, valued at \$1.25 per acre.  
The bids have been received for  
each of these sections, two appli-  
cants having offered \$1.55 per  
acre each for section 4 and two  
or applicants having \$1.50  
per acre each for section 34.  
No reward could be made of  
either section on account of tie  
bids. This land will be open  
for other bids from anyone else  
as well as the former applicants  
until ten o'clock, a. m. Wed-  
nesday, October 25th. Those  
sending applications for this  
land should write on the envelope  
enclosing the application as fol-  
low: "To be opened October  
25." Such envelopes will be  
held unopened until the time  
named and then the land will be  
awarded to the one who offer  
the highest price above \$1.55 per  
acre for section 4 and \$1.50 per  
acre for section 34, if no legal  
obstacle prevents.

JOHN J. FERRELL,  
Commissioner of the General  
Land Office.

Ladies visiting cards printed  
in neat form at this office.

Jim Winn and family were in  
from the West Prong for the  
racing event this week.—Rock  
Spring Rustler,

### Warning To Boys.

Boys who have been custom-  
ed throwing rocks in my yard at my  
rabbits will be prosecuted to the  
full extent of the law. To avoid  
further trouble boys, stop throw-  
ing rocks.

J. F. NANCE.

### NOTICE.

Several complaints come into  
his office each week, of dead  
stock on the hill northeast of the  
school house. Some of this  
stock die there and some are re-  
hauled there. Owners are re-  
sponsible for such nuisances and  
must abate them. Owners  
must remove such stock or be  
prosecuted to the full extent of  
the law.

This is a duty to public health  
and as such must be regarded.

F. J. GILSON JR.,  
County Health Officer.

A Kansas farmer came to the  
pastor of his congregation, says  
the Sante Fe Monitor and asked  
that his name be taken off the  
church books. "What is the  
trouble Brother Jones" asked the  
surprised pastor. "I supposed  
you was a faithful follower of he  
Lamb." "Well, I sorter believ-  
ed that myself, but there is no  
use talkin' a man can't serve  
the Lord where he has to milk  
four cows in fly time. After the  
first heavy frost I'll try this  
church business again, but just  
active and steady.

now I either have to sell the  
cows, or give up the church or  
be a hypocrite.

Mr. Max Herbst, cattle king  
of the Sycamore country, was  
transacting business in our city  
Saturday.—Del Rio Herald.

### Kansas City Live Stock Market As Furnished by Stroller Live Stock Commission Co.

October, 4th 1905.

Cattle receipts in the Southern  
division 600; calves 100. The  
market for steers today was slow  
and steady. The offerings were  
medium to common. The trade  
in cows was active and prices  
ruled steady to strong as compar-  
ed with Tuesday. An early  
clearance was made. The supply  
of calves was limited and mostly  
heavy weights. Prices ruled  
practically steady. Some of the  
sales were: Government agency,  
I. T., 16 steers 1133 at \$3.35 B.  
Miller, I. T., 66 steers 1133 at  
\$3.30; F. M. Rucker, I. T., 50  
steers 1001 at \$2.95, L. G. Beck,  
I. T., 36 steers 847 at \$2.60, 14  
steers 850 at \$2.40. K. Bevins, I.  
T., 22 cows 887 at \$2.45 L. C.  
Wantland, I. T., 83 cows 850 at  
\$2.30, J. K. Hill, I. T., 26 cows  
843 at \$2.25, 23 cows 690 at \$2.15  
15 cows 720 at \$2.00, J. M. Jam-  
ison, I. T., 40 heifers 551 at \$2.20,  
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### SCHOOL NOTES.

Miss Mittie Jones, teacher of Grade 1, has been absent some this week on account of sickness.

James Nolan who stopped school about two years ago to work on his father's ranch has decided to take up his studies again and complete his education as much as possible. Jim will never regret what learning he gets at school. A good education will enable him to hold better situations in life and to be less a slave to others.

The following is a program for a County Teachers Institute to be held here on Wednesday night Oct. 25.

A. H. Horn.—"The Nerves of a Teacher."

Miss Martha Petersen.—"Discipline."

Miss Beulah Wilson.—"How to Teach Arithmetic."

Miss Lucy Windus.—"How to Prevent Tardiness."

Miss Mittie Jones.—"The Best Methods of Teaching Reading to Beginners."

Miss Lizzie Bronaugh.—"The Phonic Method of Teaching Reading and Spelling."

Parents and friends are invited to be present.

Patrons please set your timepieces by our nine o'clock and one o'clock bells, which never vary over one minute from the proper

time. The time may also be gotten from the firing of the cannon at Ft. Clark which occurs at half past six. The school clock is set by the firing of the cannon.

All the pupils of the school excepting Grade 1 were assembled in Miss Wilson's room last Monday and the school regulations were read to them by the Supt. The pupils were cautioned to be obedient and to remember the rules. The Supt. paid the pupils a compliment by saying that nearly every one in the school seemed to be studying and trying to learn. Only a very few seemed idle and troublesome to teachers. These were cautioned to reform or else leave the school. Teachers were encouraged to be strict and enforce the regulations carefully.

### Cavalry on Practice March.

A squadron of cavalry, consisting of four troops of the First Cavalry stationed at Fort Clark, commanded by Maj. O. J. Brown arrived here at noon Sunday and occupied Fort Duncan. They remained until Tuesday when they left for Del Rio.

The command is on a practice march and are on a war footing as regards equipments and rations.—Eagle Pass Guide.

### Advertise in the News.

Hellow, Pard! What's the rush? I'm bound for the Brackett Hotel.

### FROM THE POST.

Tuesday was pay day in the post.

A change in lists of call makes reveille 15 minutes later (6:15)

Private Morris, post baker was discharged Tuesday by purchase. Another detachment has gone Eagle Pass. Left Wednesday from 1st squadron

Capt. Guy A. Carleton Pay Dept. arrived in the Post Tuesday and paid the troops Tuesday evening.

Col. M. B. Hughes left Wednesday for a few days leaving Maj. O. J. Brown in command of the post.

Private Todd troop E 1st Cav. was discharged Monday per expiration of term. He left Wednesday for his home in Philadelphia, Pa.

Troops E, F, G and H are under orders to leave for Fort Sam Houston Texas, the 21st. Inst. Preparations are in progress for the change of station.

Regimental drills are being held daily. Saturday and Sunday excepted on the drill ground west of the post. Maj. O. J. Brown is regimental commander and instructor. Captain Wright commands the 1st and Captain Leadis the 2nd squadron.

### Liberty of the Press.

The Houston Chronicle quotes the following:

"Great men have made striking utterances on the subject of newspaper. Bryant said:

"The press is good or evil, according to the character of those who direct it. It is a mill that grinds all that is put into its hopper. Fill the hopper with poisoned grain and it will grind into meal, but there is death in the bread."

"This is true, yet it is also true that newspapers taken in the aggregate constitute an institution that indubitably makes for good. Parton said:

"The newspaper press is the

people's university. Half the readers in Christendom read little else."

"Napoleon said: "Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets."

Jefferson said:

"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

"Cardinal Gibbons has added his testimony to that of those who affirm the positive value of newspapers to the community. He regards publicity as the surest antidote for graft, and declares:

"The dread of exposure in the public press keeps many a man sticking close to the path of rectitude who otherwise would stray off into the by ways of graft."

"The cardinal paints a dark picture of the corruption which has fears always existed and which he fears always will exist, and then observes:

"The bright spot is the fact that the degradation is made known. Corruption cannot exist nowadays without being discovered after a while. The greater the evil the greater the possibility of remedy. And that possibility of remedy has now become such an assured fact that it counterbalances almost the evil which the present condition of money madness creates."

"Seldom has the social usefulness of the newspaper press been placed in a stronger light than in this utterance of Cardinal Gibbons."

### Diphtheria in Del Rio.

We are informed by one of our physicians that there are several cases of diphtheria in town. Parents should use every precaution and prevent the spreading of the disease if possible.—Del Rio Herald.

Advertising is the life of trade.

### LAGUNA LOCALS.

We had a fine rain and everybody is feeling good. Bees are making a little honey now and if the weather stays fine will make a little surplus.

Mr. Jim Yancy has returned from Del Rio where he has taken his wife for treatment and reports her getting better.

Mr. Buck Yancy has returned from Sabin where he went to meet some relatives that are moving to this section.

Mr. John Yancy and family, of Brackett is spending a few days on the ranch of his father.

Mr. Jim Yancy reports the loss of 16 stands of bees while at Del Rio.

### RAMBLER.

### Brackett Moving.

The business men of Brackett this week organized a league for the purpose of securing for their town the Orient railroad, and will ask the co-operation of the business men of Eagle Pass.—Eagle Pass Guide.

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my Mariposa ranch for the purpose of hunting or fishing without my permission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

### G. DIETZEL.

Not to pull down our neighbors, but lift up our trade by giving the best in quantity and quality for the least money is our motto. Come and be convinced.—Brackett Hotel

### Ethics of the Publishing Business.

"Your home paper never loses interest in you." To this, possibly, you have not given a passing thought.

No matter if you like the newspaper man or if he likes you, it he is true to his profession and publishes a paper for the people he allows no personal matters or petty spites to interfere with his news-gathering.

He may meet you as a stranger yet along with his best friends, chronicles your success and sorrows wherever you may be, and those who would otherwise forget you are ever and anon reminded of your existence by an item in your home paper. Others may deceive and defraud you; but your home paper never forgets you.

Possibly you do not deserve decent treatment by the paper, but you get it just the same, and if it should at any time say things to cause your fur to turn the wrong way, study a moment and see if it has not at various times said many nice things for which you fail to give it credit.—Portland Oregonian.

A girl who has been very successful at college came home the other day and said to her mother:

"Mother, I've graduated, but now I must inform myself in psychology, philology, bibli-

"Just wait a minute," said the mother. "I have arranged for you a thorough course in roasting, boiling, stitching, darnology, patchology and general domestology. Now put on your apron and pluck that chicken."—Ex.

## COME AND DRINK 20th Century Sanitary Soda.

From our New Soda Fountain.

The Fountain selected for exclusive use at the World's Fair, St. Louis, because of its Absolute Protection to Health. Syrups in sterilized glass containers on ice in plain sight. No corrosion, no germs, delicious, healthful.

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and Patent Medicines.

Complete Stock of Pure Drugs Always on Hand.  
Toilet and Fancy Articles, Stationery and Cigars...

Mannsville, I. T., Masons are building a lodge or temple.

Lawton, Okl., Pythians are arranging to build a Pythian temple in that city.

A tin box filled with powder of some kind was found under the staircase of the hotel in which a coalition of leaders were meeting at Buda Pest.

Negotiations for real estate on which to erect one of the largest bag mill in the South are going on in Dallas by the Fulton Bag Company.

Alderman Walter Vaughan of Morgan was elected lord mayor of London for the ensuing year. Mr. Vaughan is a septuagenarian banker and bachelor.

Smith College, Northampton, Mass., has been offered a million dollars to move to Joliet, Ill., and is taking the affair under serious consideration.

Several of the wealthiest and most influential business men of Chickasha, I. T., practically entered into an agreement to build a \$50,000 hotel in that city.

Miss Alice Roosevelt arrived at Shimonezaki, Japan, and went aboard the steamer Minnesota without going ashore. The Minnesota left for Yokohama.

The members of the imperial family, who have been cruising in Finnish waters on the imperial yacht Polar Star, have returned to Peterhoff, Russia.

The scarcity of dynamite in Mexico, owing to accidents to the dynamite works in that country, will be relieved, it is believed, by heavy importations from the United States.

A mountain near Ajello, Italy, called Pietra Colombia, 300 metres high, split in two, owing to shocks of earthquake, and threatens to bury the town. All the inhabitants have fled.

Burglars entered the private bank of Burnett & Sons of Eldorado, Ill., wrecked the vault and carried off between \$8,000 and \$10,000 in currency and gold.

Fire damaged the McIntosh Hemp-hill Company of Pittsburg to the extent of between \$100,000 and \$200,000, fully covered by insurance.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, with part of the North Atlantic fleet, returned to New York Sunday, the vessels anchoring in the North river.

The skeleton of a woman, whom the coroner believes to have been killed more than two years ago, was unearthed by workmen at St. George, Staten Island, last week.

With a forged check a thief got possession of securities from the National City Bank of New York amounting to \$350,000. The forger has not been apprehended.

The governor has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of Mrs. Condit and four children Thursday afternoon two miles south of Edna, in Jackson county.

A complete fusion has been effected by the democratic and republican municipal conventions of San Francisco and a joint ticket nominated. John S. Partridge (republican) was nominated for mayor.

The finance department of Mexico City is investigating the abuses in the rule in the price of corn, which is the basis of the diet of the poorer classes. Should it prove that corn is likely for any cause to remain at the present high price, it is quite probable that the duties may be abated on American corn, allowing heavy shipments into that country.

Alderman W. H. Davis of Waco has resigned as a member of the democratic executive committee in compliance with the new state law forbidding any person holding a position of public trust while a member of the executive committee of any political party.

While walking in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, Vincent Girione, 23 years old, shot and mortally wounded his companion, Kate Daly, 33 years old. The cause of the act is thought to have been jealousy.

Lieut. Gen. Stossel, who commanded the Russian forces at Port Arthur, is suffering from a stroke of paralysis, which affected his entire left side. The general's recovery is hoped for.

The jokers tell of a lady in Mississippi whose plantation is divided by a county line, and whose house is in one county and garden in another. These counties maintain a strict quarantine against each other, so it takes ten days for her to get home with a "mess o' greens."

Congressman O. W. Underwood of the Birmingham, Ala., district was taken suddenly very ill at his home in that city and his condition is such as to cause alarm to his friends.

SHOCKING CONDITIONS IN THE ARMY FORM OF RATIFICATION DISCUSSED

Preponderance of Diseases From Immoral Habits of American Soldiers in Philippines.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Surgeon General R. M. O'Reilly of the army has submitted an exhaustive report on the health conditions of the army to Secretary Taft. The report says that the enlisted strength of the army as shown upon the monthly sick reports was 58,740 and on returns of the military secretary 60,139, and calculations are made upon the latter figures.

There were 20,246 "admissions to the sick report" during the year, 406 deaths from all causes, and 1,377 discharges from disability. The figures, he says, show steady and progressive improvement in the health of the army.

The report says that by far the most important diseases affecting the efficiency of the army during the year have been those resulting from immoral habits, which caused 16 per cent of all admission. This class of disease advanced from third to first place in the number of admissions to the sick report.

There are constantly on the sick report for this class of diseases 715 men, equal to the loss for the entire year of the services of eleven full companies of infantry.

"The control of these diseases," says Gen. O'Reilly, "lies largely in the hands of the civil authorities, and one of the most important steps to that end would, it appears, be the classing of them with other infectious diseases and the requirement that they shall be reported as such and controlled by the health departments."

"In the military service a similar course should be followed. As to the cause of death, pneumonia advanced to first place and tuberculosis second."

"There were 206 admissions for gunshot wounds with 44 deaths, and 2,850 admissions for wounds other than gunshot with 15 deaths. Twenty-one men were killed in action and 42 wounded; of killed two were by gunshot, of wounded eight were by gunshot."

"There were 45 soldiers drowned, 11 per cent of total deaths from all causes, indicating how important it is all soldiers should have systematic instruction in swimming."

JORDAN SAYS "HOLD."

President of Southern Cotton Association Issues Statement. Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 7.—President Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton Association yesterday issued an open letter to the farmers of the South, in which he urges them to hold their cotton for at least two weeks.

He states that if the farmers of the South stand together for two weeks and hold their cotton they will win the fight against those who are endeavoring to depress the price of the staple.

In his letter President Jordan refers to the advice of former Vice President Peters of Texas to sell cotton. He reminds the farmers of the South of the fact that the resignation of Mr. Peters as vice president of the Southern Cotton Association was demanded by the executive committee September 6, contending that Mr. Peters is no longer vice president of the association, and has no right to sign himself as such.

President Jordan refers to Peters as "a traitor to the South and an enemy to legitimate business interests."

President Jordan closes his letter to the farmers with a strong appeal to "stand together and resist to the very last the attempt to break the present organized effort of the producers to secure fair prices for their staple."

Cherokee Lands Claimants. Washington: The papers in five different cases involving the rights to the Cherokee Indian lands of outside persons who have married into the Cherokee tribe, were filed yesterday in the Supreme Court of the United States. The Cherokee lands embrace 4,500,000 acres, and there are many claimants whose rights will be determined by the conclusion reached in these cases.

Reward for Arrest of Bandits. Olympia, Wash.: Governor A. E. Mead has offered a reward of \$1000 for the arrest of the bandits who robbed the Great-Northern near Ballard on Monday.

Sixty Divorce Suits. Waco, Texas: At one fell swoop yesterday Judge Sam Scott of the Fifty-fourth District Court dismissed sixty divorce cases and there is mourning in the camp of unhappy married people today. Most of the cases dismissed, however, had been on the docket two years, and after finding that attorneys would not give them attention and after warning them that the cases would be dismissed, Judge Scott dismissed them as indicated.

It is the biggest batch of cases of the kind ever dismissed here.

"Twenty-seven soldiers committed suicide. Ten deaths were due to homicide. Notwithstanding that a large part of the army was serving in the tropics, there were no admissions for snake bites."

"The strength of officers was 3,432 from the medical department reports, and 3,815 from the military secretary's. There were 2,275 admissions, 27 deaths."

"Comparisons with foreign armies show that the highest rate of admissions is in the American army and the lowest in the Russian."

"The highest death rate was in the American army and the lowest in the Prussian. The highest non-effective rate was in the American army and the lowest in the Prussian."

"The very high proportion for alcoholism in the American army as compared with the British is partly due to the fact that in the latter service only admissions to hospitals are counted. It is notable that while the British have less than one-half the American admission rate for dysentery, their death rates are practically the same, and that while the rate for admission for malaria is about the same their death rate is nearly three times as great."

"The American admission rate for malaria is nearly eighty times that of the French, while the death rate is only five times as great."

"These facts point to a difference in the method of computing admissions. The figures for measles and mumps compare very favorably with other armies, except the French."

"The comparatively high American death rate for tuberculosis is explained by the fact that in the United States army tuberculosis patients are sent to a sanitarium and retained in service for long periods, while in other armies they are promptly discharged."

"The strength of the army in the Philippines was 11,996, and there were 20,246 admissions to the sick report and 105 deaths."

"The strength of the Filipino troops was 4,610 and there were 5,242 admissions and 103 deaths."

FEDERAL CONTROL

Would Like to See National Control of State Quarantine.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 7.—Governor N. C. Blanchard of Louisiana went on record yesterday favoring Federal control of maritime quarantine at the mouth of the Mississippi river; also of all regulations between the states.

Replying to a letter of Gen. T. W. Castleman, Governor Blanchard declares himself thus: "I think your suggestion a good one, viz., to request the Surgeon General of the United States, when the present yellow fever work is over, to leave Dr. White in the state as advisor to the state and local health boards and to the governor on matters pertaining to the public health."

"I agree with you that the Federal Government should take charge of the maritime quarantine, and I am inclined to think that it should take charge also of interstate quarantines."

Aged Negro Found Dead. Navasota, Texas: The body of Henry Randall, an old colored fisherman, was found at Templeman's sandbar on the Brazos yesterday. The body was in an awful state of decomposition, and life had evidently been extinct for ten days. Exposed portions had been eaten by buzzards. The old negro lived alone and fished for a livelihood, hence his absence was not noticed.

\$100 Fine for Local Option Violator. Belton, Texas: The second local option case tried this week was closed Wednesday afternoon, and in a short time the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, assessing the penalty at \$100 and sixty days in jail. This is the limit punishment. The defendant, Ben Adams, was released on an appeal bond.

Five Years for Forgery. Nacogdoches, Texas: W. D. Heath was tried in the District Court here yesterday on a charge of forgery. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the punishment at five years in the penitentiary.

Cotton Crop Estimates. New York: The cotton market was active and weak yesterday under a renewal of liquidation and bearish operations inspired by increased crop estimates and apprehensions of a freer selling movement among holders. Opening weak at a decline of 9 to 12 points. The market was generally weak and unsettled, with prices showing a net loss of 29 to 33 points. October sold at 9.60 and January at 9.95, or about 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cents below the high level touched by the October condition report.

Russian and Japanese Ministers Have Power to Ratify Treaty of Peace in Washington.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Diplomatic relations between Russia and Japan were resumed at the State Department for a short time yesterday while Baron Rosen, the Russian Ambassador, and Mr. Takahira, the Japanese Minister, discussed the forms of ratification of their respective countries. The call was made by appointment at the request of Mr. Takahira, who desired to see the Russian form of ratification. Accordingly Secretary Root sent for Mr. Smith, Chief of the Diplomatic Bureau of the State Department, who brought to the diplomatic room a copy of the Russian extradition treaty, which gave Mr. Takahira the information he desired. The envoys remained for a few minutes in conversation with Secretary Root, and then left the department without further exchanges. They bowed pleasantly as they passed outside the diplomatic room.

It would seem certain from this that the ratifications of the peace treaty are to be exchanged at Washington. As soon as the date of the exchange of these ratifications has been agreed upon special plenary powers, will be cabled to Baron Rosen and Minister Takahira by the respective Emperors. The exact form which these powers shall take was discussed at yesterday's conference, both envoys being anxious that there should be no difficulty on that point. The form of the powers necessarily will be identical.

CALL ON ROOSEVELT.

New Orleans Party Tell Him of Health Conditions There.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Representatives Meyer and Davis and Postmaster Thomas J. Woodward, of New Orleans, called upon the president yesterday to discuss with him his approaching visit to New Orleans. They told him he would be as safe in New Orleans from yellow fever at the time of his visit there as he was today in Washington from smallpox or typhoid fever. They assured the president that at the time of his visit there would undoubtedly be a perceptible diminution in the yellow fever cases. They said that during last week twenty-three deaths were attributed to yellow fever, but indicated that many deaths now ascribed to yellow fever unquestionably were caused by other diseases.

The president is scheduled to arrive at New Orleans on the morning of the 26th inst. It was the desire of the New Orleans people that he should remain overnight in the city and be the guest of honor at an elaborate banquet, but the probability is that he will sail for Washington on the evening of the 26th.

Both Duellists Dead. Shreveport, La.: A report received here yesterday evening from Winfield states that Oscar Lawrence, who, with Will Tedley, engaged in a street duel on the public square, is dead of his wounds, inflicted by officers attempting his arrest. Tedley, who was first wounded, died at 4 o'clock in the morning. Tedley had a family, while Lawrence was unmarried.

Conductors Charged With Smuggling. El Paso, Texas: The Federal grand jury at Las Cruces yesterday indicted William B. Atkin and John Goddard, conductors employed by the Southern Pacific railroad, for smuggling Chinese from Mexico to California. It is alleged that wholesale smuggling was conducted in Southern Pacific freight cars from this place to San Francisco.

Bought 559 Acres. Harwood, Texas: Cotton receipts to date, 434 bales, against 300 bales this date last season. The yield will be about 30 per cent better than last season on a reduction of about 25 per cent acreage.

T. F. Hubbard has just closed a deal whereby he secures from the L. G. Lum estate 559 acres of fine prairie land.

Tammany Approves It. New York: Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, said yesterday that a strong municipal ownership plant would be inserted in the Democratic county platform this fall. "He made this statement in response to a question about a visit paid to him yesterday by labor leaders, who asked for such a plank."

Texas Central Extension. Waco, Texas: It is learned on what is considered excellent authority that an engineering corps will tomorrow take the field at Stamford for a fifty-five mile extension of the Texas Central Railway to the northwest of that place. The road wants to push on beyond the influence of the Orient & Wichita Valley.

Standard Oil Advances. Pittsburg, Pa.: The Standard Oil Company yesterday advanced the price of Pennsylvania and Tiona oil 5c. The other grades of oil were not changed.

Slump Stopped Marketing. Giddings, Texas: The slump in cotton yesterday has just about stopped the marketing of it here, and farmers will now hold unless they can get 10 cents or over.

Bell and Colquitt. Bremond, Texas: C. K. Bell and O. B. Colquitt addressed the people of Bremond yesterday evening for about two hours, both from the same text: "Anti-Free Pass" and freight regulation of railroads.

Martial Law Repealed. Tokyo: An order abrogating martial law at Sasebo, Nagasaki and Tsushima was passed by the Privy Council.

LOSS OF APPETITE

Cold Sweats, Twitching Nerves and Weakness Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Nature punishes every infraction of her laws, and careless habits easily lead to the condition described by Mr. William Brown, of No. 1019 Lincoln street, St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Brown is an expert tinner in the employ of the National Biscuit Co. He gives the following account of a trying experience:

"In the spring of 1902," he says, "while I was regularly working at my trade, I grew somewhat careless in my habits of eating and drinking, and finally found that my appetite was fickle, a bad taste lingered in my mouth, my nerves twitched and were beyond my control, my kidneys were out of order and cold sweats would break out over my body at odd times. Perhaps, while I stood talking with some one, this trembling of the limbs, and profuse sweating, and a severe chill would seize me. I became alarmed at my condition and, having read an endorsement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I got a box and began to use them. They helped me at once. After I had used one box the twitching of the nerves, the trouble with the stomach and the cold sweats stopped and have not reappeared, and my appetite is good. I have told all my friends that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured me and I recommend them to everybody."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured Mr. Brown because nothing can strengthen the nerves except good rich red blood—and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make new blood. They don't act on the bowels. They don't bother with mere symptoms. They drive from the blood the cause of anemia, indigestion, nervous disorders, general weakness and the troubles of growing girls and women. The pills are guaranteed to be free from opiates or harmful drugs. Sold by all druggists, or by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Finances of Great Britain.

Some curious facts are disclosed in a blue book dealing with the revenue of Great Britain during the year 1904-5. Fines for slave-dealing brought in about \$200, while "conscience money" came to over \$5,000. The revenue on playing cards amounted to over \$1,000,000. The sweepings of the gold and silver rooms in the mint realized \$5,890, while some of the properties left over from the coronation of King Edward were sold for \$35. Nearly a dozen pensions on the civil lists of George IV. and William IV. are still being paid.

Had Poor Opinion of Lawyer.

One of the quaint characters well known to old-timers of Portland, Ore., was Robert E. Bybee, familiarly known as "Bob" Bybee. He was a justice of the peace in Portland for many years. On one occasion, when a jury was being impaneled, one of the jurors, a well known attorney, asked to be excused because he was a lawyer. "Well," said Bybee, "I guess that all the law you know isn't going to disqualify you from serving."

It's surprising how much a woman can say about herself without telling anything.

It doesn't matter if beauty is only until the early bird has eaten his

Cured Her Rheumatism.

Deep Valley, Pa., Oct. 2d.—(Special.)—There is deep interest in Green county over the cure of the little daughter of I. N. Whipkey of Rheumatism. She was a great sufferer for five or six years and nothing seemed to do her any good till she tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. She began to improve almost at once and now she is cured and can run and play as other children do. Mr. Whipkey says: "I am indeed thankful for what Dodd's Kidney Pills have done for my daughter; they saved her from being a cripple perhaps for life."

Dodd's Kidney Pills have proved that Rheumatism is one of the results of diseased kidneys. Rheumatism is caused by Uric Acid in the blood. If the kidneys are right there can be no Uric Acid in the blood and consequently no Rheumatism. Dodd's Kidney Pills make the kidneys right.

Perhaps more people would go to heaven if there were Sunday excursions.

BABY ONE SOLID SORE.

Could Not Shut Eyes to Sleep—Spent \$100 on Doctors—Baby Cured Worse—Cured by Cuticura for \$5.

"A scab formed on my baby's face, spreading until it completely covered her from head to foot, followed by boils, having forty on her head at one time, and more on her body. Then her skin started to dry up and it became so bad she could not shut her eyes to sleep. One month's treatment with Cuticura Soap and Ointment made a complete cure. Doctors and medicines had cost over \$100, with baby growing worse. Then we spent less than \$5 for Cuticura and cured her. (Signed) Mrs. G. H. Tucker, Jr., 333 Greenfield Ave., Milwaukee, Wis."

Many a man never has any bouquets thrown at him until he is dead. Trouble seldom visits those who do not expect it.

The Norwegian parliament is called the storting, that of Sweden the riddag, of Serbia the shupstina, of Greece the boule, of Bulgaria the sobranje.

The wise worm doesn't crawl out until the early bird has eaten his breakfast.

Woman was born to love and be loved—and she fights it out on that line.

Failures should be used as stepping stones to future success.

# For the Truckers.

## Poultry and Plums.

A. M. Ragland.

The poultry yard is one of the most valuable adjuncts to successful farming. The success or failure of the farm often hinges on apparently small things. The cost of producing a crop is little or no-margin for profit. It is just here that a frugal housewife who supplements the income of the farm by sending to market two or three times a week a basket of fresh-laid eggs, or in their season, a crop of nice, young broilers, bears no small part of the burden of maintaining the current expenses of the home.

I am persuaded that some of you rural readers have never tried fruit production in combination with poultry raising. The writer has, for 15 or 20 years past, combined poultry raising with plum growing and obtained gratifying results. From the beginning of our experience, we found plum growing hedged about with serious difficulties, when perchance our crop escaped the ravages of late spring frosts, we still had to run the gauntlet of insect enemies that lay in wait to pounce upon and destroy the young fruit. The curculio and gouger appeared, ready to puncture and destroy, as soon as the bloom had fallen. Brood after brood of these prolific insect foes continued to prey upon the crop till the time of ripening, so only a small part reached maturity, and much of this scarred or wormy. Then came the happy suggestion, from whom we do not now recall, that poultry allowed to run in the plum orchard, would curtail the damage done by these insatiate foes; so we made runs for "Biddy and her bairns" in the plum orchard, using poultry wire-netting for enclosure and partition fences. Our crop of plums each season since the adoption of this method has demonstrated to our satisfaction the wisdom of the combination. Now, when the "little turk," is shaken from her hold and drops on the ground, she finds "biddy" waiting for her, and prematurely ripened fruit, carrying Mrs. Curculio's babies to mother earth for their final transformation, are trampled upon and destroyed by Madam Hen and her brood.

Our neighbors often express wonder when they look upon our heavy laden plum trees, maturing fine crops of perfect fruit. To those who want choice fruit, we say try poultry in your plum orchard.

Pilot Point, Texas.

**Government Crop Report, Alabama.**—Sweet potatoes, sorghum and field peas are making satisfactory yields; cane continues generally promising; turnips and fall gardens are doing well, though needing rain in some localities; pastures continue good.

**Government Crop Report, Georgia.**—Fall crops and gardens are fair to excellent, but are needing rain. Streams and wells are drying up in some localities. Very little fall plowing has been done, owing to the dry and hardened condition of the soil. General rains would prove very beneficial.

**Government Crop Report, Mississippi.**—An unusually large amount of hay has been saved in fine condition. Potatoes, sugar cane, turnips and other minor crops are generally promising, but beginning to need rain in many eastern and southern counties.

**Government Crop Report, North Carolina.**—Peas are doing well as a whole, but in some places in the central and west districts the vines are good but have few peas, a great deal of pea vine hay is being saved in the east. Peanuts are generally reported a good crop, but in the east the crop will be short in some sections. Most all of the minor crops are doing well, except white potatoes, which are rotting to a considerable extent in the ground. Sweet potatoes, turnips, rutabagas, buckwheat are doing well.

**Government Crop Report, South Carolina.**—Haying made good progress. Truck is coming up well in the southern districts and poorly in the northern ones. The general condition of minor crops is less promising though still fairly good.

**Will Develop Truck Lands.** Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 3.—The Carolina Trucking Development Co., with a half million dollars capital stock, has been incorporated for the purpose of developing the trucking industry in eastern North Carolina.

**Muskogee, I. T., Potatoes.** Muskogee, I. T., Oct. 3.—The second crop of potatoes in this section will be large. The acreage between this place and Fort Gibson in the Arkansas river valley, which exceeds 500, will produce fully, from what can be learned at this writing.

**C. Rogers, a heavy grower here,** estimates that his crop will run 200 bushels to the acre. The first crop on his land ran 150 bushels per acre, and was not very profitable.

## Winter Killing of Fruit Trees.

The following is taken from the Ohio station Bulletin 157: About once in each decade and sometimes oftener an unusually severe winter kills a large number of fruit trees. An examination of the orchards after such winters shows many irregularities as to the extent of the injuries in orchards differently located and managed. Some varieties of fruit are uniformly less hardy than others, and the injury to them is traceable directly to this tenderness. Other trees, normally hardy, in a locality may suffer serious injury during "test" winters, while others, in other localities, may escape uninjured. Many theories have been advanced by orchardists as to the cause. Generally speaking, it was found that where the vitality of the tree, or orchard, had been lowered by any cause during its previous history, the chances of injury by cold are much increased.

There was a marked contrast in the extent of winter injury on bare soils—soils given clean cultivation—and on covered soils. The bare soils froze deeper and the injury was much greater than on soils covered with mulch or other material. The trees in the bare ground were very slow in starting into growth the following spring. All of the trees in this ground were seriously injured by the cold, many branches died, and in some cases entire trees were killed. The trees in the sod did not suffer in the least.

The value of an annual cover crop compared with clean cultivation has been found in favor of the cover crop. Another grower stated that not a single orchard, or section of an orchard, of which he knew, that had received even a light dressing of barnyard manure within a year or two, suffered from cold. A simple, easy, and very effective method of preventing winter killing of peach trees is, just before winter sets in, to haul manure to the orchard, and to bank up each tree with a few forkfuls, immediately around the stem of the tree. When manure could not be procured, straw was used. Every tree that received this treatment survived the winter without injury from the cold, while the few trees left unbanked died, almost without exception. The trees were extremely vigorous and made a rank growth, which made them peculiarly susceptible to injury by freezing.

The experiments brought out the necessity of such continuous and thorough cultural practices as shall maintain the trees in a vigorous, healthy condition. The fertility of any vegetable matter of the soil should be maintained by the application of manure or the growing of cover crops. Trees on very rich or on undrained soil weakened by over-bearing or by borers, are susceptible to winter injury. Cover crops, sod and banking up trees, all have a marked favorable influence. Epk.

## The Missouri Heroine.

It is back in old Missouri. In a peaceful farming vale, And the folks are plunged in trouble— Hushed the music of the fall.

There a villain held a mortgage On the dear old farmhouse roof; Much he loved the widow's daughter And betrayed the cloven hoof.

But, alas! there was no hero To arrive with manly grace, And with ringing cries of "Dastard!" Flung the gold into his face.

Yet the villain paled and faltered, While he muttered "Foiled again!" For his ear had caught the cackle Of the mortgage lifting hen. —McLanburg Wilson in N. Y. Sun.

## Tomato Catsup.

The cool rains of autumn will soon be here, and when they begin the tomato vines will commence bearing again, and frost will find bushels of green tomatoes still on the plants. A delicious catsup may be made of these by the following recipe:

One bushel tomatoes, 1 gallon vinegar, 1 1/2 pints salt, 2 ounces cloves, 1-4 pound allspice, 3 ounces cayenne pepper, 3 tablespoonfuls black pepper, 5 heads garlic or 3 large onions. Boil the tomatoes until soft; squeeze them through a fine wire sieve; add vinegar, spices, garlic or onions and boil about three hours, or until reduced one-half; bottle without straining. This is a most excellent recipe and has been in use in our family nearly fifty years. One-half of the above quantities make enough for a small family.—Texas Farmer.

## Has Fine Pecan Crop.

Asher, O. T., Oct. 3.—The pecan crop in this section is one of the largest for many years. Shippers estimate that about 500 bushels will be shipped from this place and Romulus.

## To Ship Poultry.

Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 3.—The Muskogee Poultry Co. is to be organized at Muskogee with a capital stock of \$10,000. The company will operate an extensive duck and chicken ranch.

## MILEPOSTS

From "Down Country Lanes," by Byron Willams



My ma she reckons time by almanacs, Two years fr'm th' v-e-r-y day I cum! Or else th' next spring after sister died— She figers it all out by cryin' some!

My pa he estermates th' facts by books, He's kep' a "dairy" now fer thirty years, An' knows when things was so, an' sich, an' thus, 'Thout dependin' on "I guess" er "It appears!"

Aunt Sue she 'members fr'm th' awful snow Of '88, er thereabouts somewhere! The day afore this mos' terrific storm The big, warm sun was shinin' jest as fair!

Grandma she kalkerlates 'at she can tell Fr'm when she married my own Grandpa Pine! She sez th' birds was singin' jest as sweet As now—away back there in '49!

But my grandpap he figers best of all! He counts fr'm when the pie-plant up an' froze! "There wa'n't a gol darn pie-plant pie that spring!" That's what my grandpap sez—an' grandpap knows!!!

## JEALOUSY OF WOMEN'S FINERY.

New Charge Brought Against the Generation of Men.

A lady writing in a daily paper attacks man for a weakness which he has hitherto considered the peculiar affliction of the other sex. He is much given, according to this lady, "to finding food for thought and a target for ridicule in contemplation of the doings of that mysterious entity which decides upon the changes" in feminine fashions. Whereas all the time it is jealousy which prompts his gibes. The fact is that he would really like to change his own fashions as frequently, only he is not allowed to do so by some unwritten law. And this is pathos. He may try to conceal the fact, but, says our authority, "ever he yearns in secret for the golden days of masculine dress, when fortunate man basked in the sunshine of velvet and fine lace." It is quite true. The secret is out at last. We can no longer keep up a pretense of being satisfied with life. Why should we go about making the world hideous with our black coats and corrugated trousers? Why should we not look noble and dashing? For over a quarter of a century man has had no change of costume, in a manner of speaking. Always the same dull, monotonous round of blacks and grays. Why does not some hero walk down Bond street in a mauve frock coat or a crimson lounge suit? At present it is only in our sportive moments, at golf or cricket, that we can escape from the trammels. Why should we not wear striped blazers in ordinary life?—London Globe.

## Watching the Market.

It is quite evident that some persons are born for a business career. This is demonstrated in some cases in very early life. The other day Mrs. Cobb saw her ten-year-old son Edward going out the gate with a neighbor's boy.

"Where are you going?" she called from the window. "We're going down to have our pictures taken at the tintype place," answered her boy, tossing a ten-cent piece in the air.

Mrs. Cobb had been wondering what queer train of thought had awakened this vain desire, when suddenly she heard once more the click of the gate. Looking out, she saw Edward coming in alone, munching a banana.

"Was it too cloudy to have the tintype taken?" she asked. "No, ma'am."

"What was the matter?" "Well," said Edward, "Tommy had his taken, but I didn't. I found that bananas had dropped to three for ten cents. So I bought 'em. You can never tell the price of bananas, but tintypes is always the same."—Youth's Companion.

## UNSATISFACTORY SPOT FOR GRAVE.

Somewhat Peculiar Objection to Last Resting Place.

When Mr. and Mrs. Grant removed from the big city and purchased a home in a country village one of their first visits was to the cemetery. "We want to select a burial ground," Mr. Grant remarked, "and life is uncertain, so we had better attend to it during this dry spell while the walking is good."

It occurred to Mrs. Grant that this was hardly a sufficient reason for so prompt a decision, but she made no objection to the plan, and their first walk was to the cemetery.

"There seems to be a good deal of room on high land," remarked Mrs. Grant. "We can easily find a good place there."

"It's too high," objected Mr. Grant; "that's too much of a hill to climb. Let's look down toward the loch."

The lots toward the loch pleased Mrs. Grant even better than the hill. "There, Fred," she said, "let's decide upon one of these."

Mr. Grant looked at his wife in surprise. "Why, Mildred," he replied, "I did think you had better judgment! I shouldn't think of being buried in this low, marshy place. It's the unhealthiest spot in the whole cemetery."—Weekly Scotsman.

## Dr. Savage's Eugene Field Story.

The Rev. Minot J. Savage, on being introduced to speak before a large Boston assembly a short time since, told a story about Eugene Field and vouched for its truth, because he heard Seth Low tell it.

Field sat down at a table in a New York restaurant and presently was approached by a voluble waiter, who began to rapidly enumerate the articles upon the menu—"Coffee-tea-chocolate ham'n'eggs-beefsteak-mutton chop-fishballs-hash'n-beans," etc. Field looked at him with fixed eye and solemn visage, and said with marked deliberation: "I want none of these things. All I desire is one orange and a few kind words."

"Now," observed Dr. Savage, "I don't know as I can bring to you the flavor of an orange, but I feel sure I can serve you with a few kind words."

**Instead of Swearing.** A Holton man who had never been known to warble a note was heard the other day singing in a loud and remarkably clear voice "Wait Till the Clouds Roll By, Maggie."

A surprised neighbor asked him the cause of such an outbreak. "I will tell you," he said. "I knew I could sing, but I did not know I could sing until I tried it one day. Now when I feel like swearing I take to singing, and I expect there will be music in our neighborhood most of the time."—Kansas City Journal.

## ALL OVER TEXAS.

A postoffice has been established at Robstown, Nueces county, with August Keuhm, postmaster.

A much needed rain fell at Sherman Sunday evening, putting the soil in good condition for the fall crops.

The board of directors of the Waxahachie Chautauqua held their first meeting Friday in preparation for the season of 1906.

The first consignment of cotton for the season, thirty days late, was made Saturday at Monahan by Sweatt Bros. of Grand Falls to parties in Galveston.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company will improve Sutherland Springs, in Bexar county, so as to furnish bathing and swimming on a large scale.

Ward county was thoroughly soaked again by heavy rains Saturday. This will insure heavy fodder over the ranges for live stock during the winter.

The gin belonging to the Redwood Gin Company, five miles from San Marcos, was badly damaged by fire. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Bryan has received to date 13,000 bales of cotton. The gin men, who are in a position to know the trade conditions, state the bulk of the crop is out, and from now on the receipts will be light.

L. F. Powell, who fell down an elevator shaft some ten days previously, died in West Dallas Friday. Mr. Powell is an old time and well known newspaper man.

Alvy Brannon, the 17-year-old son of V. I. Brannon, had his arm caught in a gin at Bangs and it was torn up so badly that it had to be amputated close to the shoulder.

The building of the Cuero extension of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad will open up a good timber country tributary to San Antonio.

Grundy Lotinds sold a bale of cotton at Clarksville for 13-1/2c, that being the highest price paid for cotton there this season. The staple measured 1-1/4 inches.

The Stone & Webster syndicate of Boston, Mass., recently sent an engineer to Austin who made a thorough study of the dam and he has just returned to Boston to make his report.

Sherman is excited over the report that a wild man is hiding out in the suburbs of that city, who is seen only at night or dusk, and who goes about on both hands and feet.

The contract for the new Broadway Baptist church, Fort Worth, has been let. The new edifice will be on the old Broadway site and will cost something like \$30,000. It will be of red brick, trimmed in white limestone.

Hon. Robert A. John of Jefferson county has notified his friends that he is a candidate to succeed Judge John N. Henderson of Brazos county on the Court of Criminal Appeals before the democratic primaries next July.

President Harrington of the A. & M. College has announced that all the rooms in the dormitory are now full except a few that are being held for old students who are expected to arrive during the next few days.

A slow, quiet rain began falling at 2 o'clock Saturday at Sanderson, continuing till late in the evening, the fall being 1.10. News reached Sanderson that the rain was general, and will mean good rain for stock this winter. Rain was very much needed and same just in time.

Joseph W. Fifer, former governor of Illinois, will retire from the Interstate Commerce Commission next January to return to the practice of law in Illinois. This is in line with the president's determination to reorganize the commission.

Quite a great deal of cotton is being brought into the compress at Hearne, and the plant is making several runs per week. The farmers marketed their cotton as fast as it was gathered, and took advantage of the prices which have been paid during the past month.

Sullie Powers, a Grayson county negro, sometimes called "Grundy," broke the record at cotton picking last week. Between suns she picked 631 pounds. It was Red river bottom lands. Men have exceeded this record but no woman reached it.

The formal consolidation of the Beaumont National and Gulf National Banks took place last Thursday, and the Gulf National paid all checks and handled all business next morning that was formerly handled by the Beaumont National.

It is reported that a company is now being organized in Dallas for the purpose of drilling for oil near Riley Prairie, a small station on the Texas and New Orleans Railroad, about 13 miles south of that city.

Public Weigher Orchard of Gonzales reports 10,894 square bales of cotton received to date. This is over double the receipts to same date last year. The weather has been most favorable for picking cotton, but hands are scarce in some places.

## A DESPAIRING WOMAN.

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Mrs. Henry A. Reamer, Main and Garst sts., South Bend, Ind., says:

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A Berlin landlord has not only sued a tenant for loss sustained through her excessive use of water for bathing purposes, but has promulgated the extraordinary theory that "no respectable woman takes a bath every day."

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It is only in accord with the eternal fitness of things that miss, kiss and bliss rhyme together.

## Takes Ink Out of Fabric.

The quickest way to remove an ink spot from a white fabric is to cover the blemish with crushed crystals of oxalic acid, drop on water enough to moisten them, rub them well into the fabric, and then turn on boiling water and rub gently until the spot fades. Then wash out the acid with soap and water and the last trace of the ink will go with it. The knack of using oxalic acid in this way without weakening the textile lies solely in the quickness with which the work is done and its thorough removal immediately.

Four hundred and twenty million eggs and 1,780,000 hundredweight of butter were exported from Denmark to the United Kingdom during 1904.

## STAIRCASE A HIGH ONE.

By 20,000 Steps Cut in the Rock, Mt. Omi is Climbed.

For the ascent of Mt. Omi, on the borderland between western China and the Tibetan plateau, there is an artificial staircase consisting of 20,000 steps, cut in slippery limestone.

Who made these steps is largely a matter of surmise, but they were probably formed by religious enthusiasts, to provide a means of access from the hot plains, out of which the mountain mass rises abruptly to the heights, 5,000 to 11,000 feet above, amongst which the Buddhist abbey of Omi embodies some of the holiest traditions of the religion professed by its inmates.

Anyhow, the staircase is there, and by it many pilgrims attain the shrine. —Stray Stories.

## To Harness the Stars.

A man who is fond of working out statistics and astronomical calculations, figures that the cotton factories of Lancashire, England, at present spin about 155,000,000 miles of thread a day, so that in six seconds they make enough to go around the earth. In one month they spin enough to reach from here to the moon. The product of eighteen days would reach from the sun to Neptune. Counting 310 working days in the year, it would take them, at this rate, 600 years to spin enough thread to reach the nearest star.

## NOTICED IT.

A Young Lady from New Jersey Put Her Wits to Work.

"Coffee gave me terrible spells of indigestion which, coming on every week or so, made my life wretched until some one told me that the coffee I drank was to blame. That seemed nonsense, but I noticed these attacks used to come on shortly after eating and were accompanied by such excruciating pains in the pit of the stomach that I could only find relief by loosening my clothing and lying down.

"If circumstances made it impossible for me to lie down I spent hours in great misery.

"I refused to really believe it was the coffee until finally I thought a trial would at least do no harm, so I quit coffee in 1901 and began on Postum. My troubles left entirely and convinced me of the cause.

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**Where "Did He" Come From?**

"Hello!" That's a funny word. We use it a hundred times a day and yet we never think where it came from. Hello isn't as many people think, a transposed warm exclamation used in heated discussions by hot headed people. It's French. Way back in the eleventh century the word was born, the Normans in England coined it. They had great wolf hunts in Britain just after they had conquered the country, and while they were beating the brush of course they had a yell. Had the Normans spoken Anglo-Saxon, probably when we used the telephone we would say, "Truth-wool" a corruption of "the wolf." As they spoke French, they cried the French for "the wolfe" or "le loup," pronounced "luhloo." The Anglo-Saxons picked up the word and it was corrupted into "hello." Remember, when you telephone the next time, that you are giving the old Norman wolf hunt cry, "the wolf."—Atchison Globe.

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A Hard Shell preacher wished to bring forth a good illustration as he thought, and hence he took a walnut, as he called it, into the pulpit with him and something to crack it with. On holding it up in the course of his sermon he said: "My friends you see this walnut—well, this outer hull here is like the Methodist, soft and spongy, with no strength into it; see I even break it with my fingers," and putting the actions to the words, he disposed the inner nut and said: "This is like the Missionary Baptist, hard and dry with no substance in it; but the kernel—the kernel, my friends, is like the good old primitive hardshell Baptist faith, full of fatness and sweetness." He then proceeded to crush the walnut and give his hearers an ocular demonstration, but he hold it was w otter; and to the utter astonishment of his hearers, he cried out: "By jinks! its rotten.—Ex.

**THE SAN ANTONIO FAIR.**  
The Jates as finally agreed upon for San Antonio International Fair this year are Nov. 18 to 29 inclusive.

The changes in dates by the Management was made because of the change of date of the Dallas Fair.

The postponement of the opening day from October 21st, as originally announced, to the new date, Nov. 18 will cause the Fair Association great loss of time and money but the change was made entirely in the interest of exhibitors and visitors, especially those coming long distances.

As a rule, the month of November in San Antonio is the most pleasant of the entire year it being neither too warm nor too cool.

The postponement will not drive away a single exhibitor in any department, but, on the contrary, it will make necessary the construction of additional stables and buildings to accommodate those, desiring to show their products from ranch, field, orchard, garden, or factory.

The railroads entering San Antonio, and all connecting lines, have already announced rates to this Fair far below any heretofore made by them, and they will make every effort and preparation to bring more people than ever before.

Crops have been abundant in almost every neighborhood in Texas this year, and as people always like to come to San Antonio when there is "something special to see"—to say nothing of our all-the-year round attractions—the attendance at this year's Fair will be a record breaker.

For carpenter work windmill building and repairing see C. M. SLATER Brackettville, Texas.

**Well Paid for Sermon.**

Perhaps the highest sum ever paid for a sermon goes each year to a lucky German preacher, who receives \$4,000 for his effort. In 1690 a wealthy French baron named Fayart, who lived in Elberfeld, died and bequeathed his money to the Protestant church there on the condition that it should be invested and the interest given annually to some clergyman chosen haphazard from those holding the poorest livings in the section in which he preached a short sermon extolling the good deeds of the dead baron.

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