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WEST TEXAS IS FACING GREAT COYOTE PERIL.

(BY V. L. JAMES.)

The bill before the present Texas Legislature, introduced by Messrs. Hal, Sevier, of Uvalde county and Clude Hudspeth, of Crockett county, asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the purpose of paying a bounty of 50 cents for each wolf scalp, is a matter of vital importance to San Antonio and all West Texas. The great increase of coyotes in recent years, and depredations on live stock, and loss of human lives from bites of mad wolves, have become so serious as to demand the consideration of every citizen of the State of Texas.

The principal wealth of West Texas lies in the preservation of the live stock interests. The destruction of the coyote as an economic measure is more important to its development and wealth than the destruction of the boll weevil, and should be regarded in the same light, as a blight upon our land involving a pecuniary loss annually of several hundred thousand dollars.

The history of wolves in West Texas during the twenty-five

years past is worthy of attention. The coyote is the Spanish name for the medium size prairie wolf so common over the western United States. It is possessed of a cunning and sense most extraordinary for a four legged brute. The other wild animals during the last twenty-five years have decreased to such an extent, that the enforcement of the most rigid State laws are now necessary for their preservation.

Such are our present game laws. Paradoxically the coyotes are the only animals that have multiplied during this same period until at the present they not only destroy live stock but have even become a menace to human life.

FULL GROWN CALVES DESTROYED.

The Lobo wolf is a powerful animal of twice the size and strength of the coyote. I can remember when a boy I have often seen Lobo wolves on the outskirts of San Antonio and, in fact, at that time the Lobo was common everywhere in west Texas. One powerful Lobo when aroused by hunger would attack and destroy a full grown calf. Cattle when attacked by

Lobo wolves would present a solid front of horns by forming a ring with the calves in the inside. I have seen a ranchman in early days hurriedly grab his gun in the dead of night and rush through the mesquite and cacti to the assistance of his panic stricken cattle which were bellowing loudly and desperately fighting the Lobo wolves.

When the sheep industry became so remunerative, caused by the splendid market price paid for wool and sheep, the flockmaster began to give a great deal of attention to the raising of sheep. Sheep is such a defenseless animal that it is the very symbol of meekness.

The wolf is its natural enemy.

The flockmaster's first duty in the care of his flock began with the destruction of the wolves on the home range.

A bitter and relentless war against wolves was waged by the sheep men in every county in west Texas. After a five-year crusade the powerful and dangerous Lobo was entirely exterminated from the plains of West Texas. In the mountainous district of West Texas there still remain a few Lobos.

The coyote during this time also suffered great diminution in numbers. Never in the history of Texas had there been so few wolves as in 1888. A flock of lambs could then be left anywhere on that range with perfect safety, and poultry was never disturbed. Wild game of all kinds are now safe from the depredations of the coyote and Lobo multiplied so rapidly that west Texas became famous as a hunter's paradise and never before or afterwards was game ever abundant.

Wolves were destroyed by traps or poison. Sheepmen purchased strychnine by the

pound and the poison was generally carried in his pocket in a buckskin pouch, and at every opportunity he scattered poisoned baits over the range.

BAITED MEATS WITH POISON.

To successfully poison coyotes required a great deal of care, because the coyote is a most suspicious and foxy animal. The usual dose was as much strychnine as would remain on the point of a pocket knife. This dose was enclosed in tissue paper and after an incision was made in a piece of meat the tissue paper was pushed inside. A decoy consisted of the haunch of a sheep or cow and was dragged about sun down at the end of a stake rope and the poisoned baits were scattered along the trail at intervals of every few hundred yards. These baits were placed at the end of a sharpened stick about two feet above the ground.

Every caution was previously taken that one's hand did not touch the meat for the coyote's suspicion made him reject the most daintily prepared morsel. If the poison was applied loosely its bitter taste soon permeated the meat and the coyote would not touch it. The tissue paper would not allow the poison to dissolve until in the wolf's stomach.

In 1885 the Tariff was taken off wool, which greatly reduced its price and the sheep business suffered in proportion, so much that after a few years, the greatest and most remunerative business that west Texas and San Antonio had ever enjoyed, had languished for the want of National protection and almost everybody interested in sheep was anxious to sell out. The price of wool in the spring of 1882 was 27 cents per pound, a few years after it went down to

15 cents and afterwards to 12 cents. The price of land and the hire of sheep herders in the meantime had increased to such an extent that the raising of sheep became no longer profitable.

Cattle values had now increased and it was not long until the cow had taken the place of the sheep on the range.

After the passing of the sheep man coyotes immediately begin to increase. The cow man paid little attention to wolves and seldom trapped or poisoned them.

In 1885 began the fencing of great pastures of land. Open range in West Texas in a short time became a thing of the past. The sheep industry then passed into the hand of a few men who still have faith in the business and who moved their flocks to cheaper mountainous lands on Devil's and Pecos rivers, and to this day the sheep business is almost confined to that district.

SERIOUS MENECE AT UVALDE.

Today coyotes are so numerous in the plains country south of the mountainous district in West Texas as to become, not only dangerous to domestic animals of all kinds, but even to human life. Mad coyotes, which

formerly were unknown have in recent years become so common that already several deaths of individuals have resulted from bites of mad coyotes.

It has become absolutely necessary for camping parties in Uvalde county to surround their tents with wire netting as a protection against mad coyotes. Even ranch houses have their galleries enclosed with wire netting. Some parents on the outskirts of the town of Uvalde are afraid to send their children to school without an escort. And during the summer months almost a state of panic exists in some counties.

A mad coyote is a most dangerous animal, as it is perfectly fearless and does not hesitate to viciously attack any person or animal it encounters.

The coyote also feeds upon the young game of all kinds. They kill fawns, eat quail eggs, kill the wild turkey hen and destroy her nest during setting time, and, in fact, all wild fowls that nest on the ground are liable to be attacked and destroyed by this vicious animal.

That there are very few young deer and young turkey in Western Texas at present time when

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I found them bliss;
O lips of Love, give me again
Your rose to kiss!

Springtime of love! The secret sweet
Is ours alone;
O heart of Love, at last you beat
Against my own!
—Frank Dempster Sherman in "Lyrics
of Joy."

AN ORE AND AFT MUTINY

By J. C. PLUMMER

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"Come over to loo'ard a minute, dr., whispered the mate; 'I've something to say to you."

Captain Lord gazed disapprovingly at the idle sails flapping against the masts and followed the mate to the rail amidships.

"There's a mutiny hatchin' in the forecastle," said the mate in a low voice; "they think the passengers have money with 'em and mean to seize the brig."

"The devil," groaned the skipper, "you're the only one aft that has a pistol."

"Blast the luck," snarled the mate, "I lost it at a game o' draw the night afore we sailed."

"What's to be done?" murmured the skipper. "There's no chance for us against seven murderous scoundrels with sheath knives and handspikes and only four men and a lady against 'em."

"They'll murder every mother's son of us," said the mate, despondently. The skipper, greatly perturbed, went below to consult with the passengers, and the mate, with an iron belaying pin up his sleeve, paced the quarter-deck.

The brig Palos had sailed on an unusual voyage. An incoming vessel had reported to the owners the discovery of a small island off the South American coast which gave evidences of a deposit of guano. The report was vague and barren of detail, but the house deemed it worth while investigating, and the Palos was sent out, bearing Dr. Hugh Bland, an analytical chemist of repute in the way of guano. He chose to invite Professor Euclid Simpson, a profound mathematician, to be his companion on the voyage. Not that he anticipated much call for mathematics on the island, but the professor was always accompanied by his daughter, Miss Annie, and concerning her future Dr. Bland had some ideas which, so far, he had not dared broach to the professor. On such a voyage an opportunity might arise.

The night passed without event, but in the afternoon the mate took the skipper aside and whispered: "It's comin' off to-night, cap'n. They've forced me to jine 'em to navigate the brig. I hate to do it, but it's my only chance, and I'll do what I can for you."

"I can't blame you for trying to save your life," replied the skipper gloomily, "but I hate to be killed without even having a fair try for my life. That poor girl below, too!"

When night came the mutineers laid violent hands on the mate and blind-

folded the cabin was released and sent ashore, a new crew was shipped and the brig again started on her voyage of discovery.

"A well devised plan, doctor," said the professor, "well carried out."

"Your field's the stage," retorted the doctor, "you acted a pirate to perfection. Don't you think a man of my stock of ideas would make Miss Annie a good husband?"

"Hum, we'll see about that," said the professor.

TOO MANY RED BELLS.

Theatrical Manager's Great Idea Killed Business.

"Clever ideas are sometimes expensive things to have," said Seth C. Bennett, who was formerly in the comic opera business, being the originator of the Bennett and Moulton Opera company of juvenile "Pinafore" fame. "It was a clever idea that once cost me \$10,000 at least. How much more I don't like to think. This is how it happened. We had been keeping out the juvenile 'Pinafore' company for several years with great success. I then decided to put 'The Chimes of Normandy' on the road with the same juvenile company. On account of the copyright we called the opera 'The Bells of Corneville.' Searle, who was then the big theatrical printer in Boston, was getting out the paper for us.

"To Searle I said, 'Give us nothing but paper with red bells on it, and in white letters on the bells the name of the opera.' It was all done on half sheets, so that on a twenty-four sheet stand there would be forty-eight red bells that you could see two blocks away. He agreed with me that it was a great idea, a stroke of genius.

"So the paper was put up—and it killed our business. Two weeks before we went to town those red bells were plastered all over it, but nobody came to see our show.

"Why? Because they thought we were one of those families of bell ringers."

Sees Profit in Llamas.

A visitor to the Zoological Gardens a few days ago made so many and so pertinent inquiries about the llamas kept there that the curiosity of the keeper in charge of that particular part of the garden was aroused, says the Philadelphia Press.

He finally asked why the questions were being asked. The man, who refused to give his name, said that, if he could get the animals at anything like a reasonable figure, he thought of making the experiment of stocking his ranch in the West with them. From letters written to South American friends, he said, he had learned that he could probably get a sufficient number for the experiment at a cost of not more than \$30 each. As they are fairly good wool growers, he said that there ought to be more profit in them at this price than the same number of sheep. In his opinion, the fleece of the llama is as good as that of the camel for manufacturing purposes.

The Tiger.

Now listen to a tiger tale,
The tiger is a beast
Who would consider a wee boy
Or girl or horse a feast.
He's just a cat grown awful big,
He wears a striped skin,
A cat is not a tiger skin,
But it's a tiger's kin.

There are so many tiger skins
Made up in rugs, I vow
I think the jungle must be full
Of skinned tigers now.
The tiger has two feet behind
And also two before,
Most all the rest is tooth and lung—
You ought to hear him roar!

He's a nocturnal marauder
With black bars on his hide
And yellow bars, He hunts by night,
And woe, ah, woe betide
Poor luckless man! He goes to sleep
Beneath the twinkling stars,
The tiger carries him away,
He wakes behind the bars.
—Houston Post.

The Sea Serpent.

Rear Admiral Merry, on the day he sailed from New York for Genoa, talked about the sea serpent.

"I have never seen the sea serpent," he said, "but I have met people who claim they have. It is necessary, perhaps, to answer such people as the landlord answered the tenant of the haunted house.

"The tenant described a ghost that wandered from room to room, groaning and clanking a chain.

"I don't believe it," said the landlord. "But, sir," said the tenant, "I have seen this ghost."

"In that case," said the other, "I must believe it. But wouldn't he have believed it if I had seen it myself."

"Comrades" in Quarrel.

President Roosevelt keeps rather close track of the men who served in his regiment of rough riders. He greets them all effusively when they come to Washington and has helped many of them out of trouble. Not long ago Major Llewellyn of the rough riders, who now lives in New Mexico, was at the white house. The president was talking over old times with him. "By the way," the president said, "where is our old friend comrade Ritchie of the regiment?" "Oh," said Comrade Llewellyn, "Comrade Ritchie was out in Colorado until he got too gay. Then Comrade Sheriff Bell chased him out of the state."

Women's Clubs in Buenos Ayres.

Women's clubs are flourishing in Buenos Ayres. There are twenty-seven organizations, many of which acted as powers in the arbitration treaty between Chile and Argentina. The united associations publish a Review of the National Council of Women, extracts of which have been translated by an Argentine woman for Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.

WAS CURED RAPIDLY

RHEUMATISM IN TWO SEVERE CASES MASTERED IN FEW WEEKS.

The Remedy Used by Mr. Schroepel and by Captain Laffour in Great Demand in Vicinity of Their Homes.

In the winter of 1902-3 Mr. Schroepel was confined to his bed by a severe attack of rheumatism. His doctor's treatment proved unsuccessful, but he subsequently regained his health by means which he describes with great enthusiasm.

"After five or six weeks of helplessness and pain," said he, "during which I was receiving regular visits from the doctor, I felt as bad as ever. Just then my mother, a woman eighty years of age, paid me a visit. She had received great benefit from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and she was confident they would help me. At her solicitation I gave up the doctor's treatment and took the pills in its place."

"And were you cured as the result of taking her advice?"

"Yes, quickly and thoroughly. Before the second box was finished I felt very manifest improvement, and within two weeks I was able to leave my bed and take up my neglected farm work. I continued to use the pills, however, until eight boxes had been taken, although long before that I felt that every vestige of the disease had been eradicated.

"Are there no traces left?"

"Absolutely none. For a year and three months there has never been the slightest return of the old trouble. For this happy result I and my family freely praise Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Within the bounds of China township, St. Clair county, Mich., there is no better known farmer than Mr. Henry Schroepel. His cure has therefore naturally attracted a great deal of attention. One of Mr. Schroepel's neighbors, Captain George Balfour, after hearing of the salutary results in Mr. Schroepel's case, decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for an attack of rheumatism from which he was himself suffering. He took eight or ten boxes and now declares himself free from the painful ailment.

It is little wonder that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are much in favor in the community where Mr. Schroepel and Captain Balfour are so well and favorably known. They are sold by all druggists and are equally successful in curing neuralgia, sciatica and partial paralysis.

Thieves have carried off from the Church of Sauvetat, in the French department of Puy-de-Dome, a massive and artistic copper statue of the Virgin, which is said to date from 1319.

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The Ofoten railway, the most northern railroad in the world, is now carrying immense quantities of iron ore from the great Norwegian mining districts to the coast.

Welch Tombstone. On a flat stone in Conway church, Wales, is the following inscription: "Here lieth the body of Nicholas Hookes of Conway, gent., who was the forty-first child of his father, William Hookes, Esq., by Alice, his wife, and father of twenty-seven children, who died the 20th day of March, 1637."

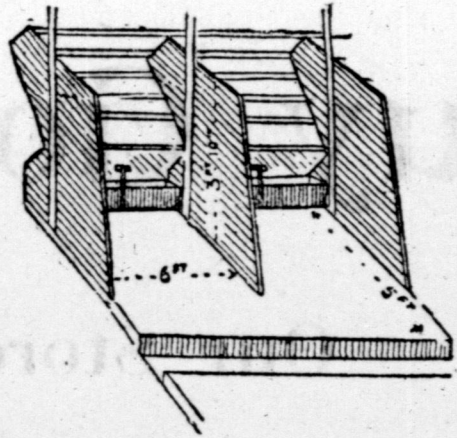
Accepts Small Deposits. A new banking system, which enables persons to make deposits of twenty-five cents and upward, interest being allowed when the amount lodged reaches \$5, was adopted by the National bank of Ireland recently. The bank has several branches in London.

A man has plenty of friends when he doesn't need them.

STALLS IN DAIRY BARN.

Arrangement That is Considered Practically Perfect.

In a barn which is considered an ideal structure the stalls are double, the cattle being tied by chains on sliding bars attached to the stall posts. The stall partitions are of light lumber, painted dark red. These are very neat, and suited to their purpose without unduly hiding the animals. They are 3 feet 10 inches high, they extend 19 inches back of the manger post, and 14 inches in front of it at the top. Back of the manger the partition slopes about three feet at the floor. This is shown in the cut. Extending the length of the passage in front of the cattle rails are attached to the edges of the stall partitions. These



Section of dairy barn, showing arrangement of partitions, mangers, water cups, etc.

are so placed that the cattle while standing have plenty of room without having to step back into the gutter. This is giving first-rate satisfaction.

Feeding Bees in the Cellar.

Sugar syrup may be given to bees in the cellar with the regular division-board feeder. It would be advisable to put the feeder in the middle of the brood nest; but a better way would be to give the bees cakes of hard candy. The candy should be made by boiling granulated sugar syrup, with a little honey in it, so that, when cool, it will form into a hard, translucent cake. A two or three pound brick of this when put on top of the brood frames will be enough to take care of any colony short of stores.

The question as to whether the empty sugar should be put on top will depend largely on the size of the entrance. If it is one inch by the width of the hive, take off the super and put the cover on top next to the frames. If the entrance is only three-eighths of an inch deep it may be advisable to leave the super on, putting in a chaff cushion. In this case the cover should be left off. In the absence of the cushion any old carpeting may do as well.—Gleanings.

Ice in Storage.

Provided the walls are constructed so as to keep out the warmth by reason of good insulation, the ice may be stored close to the walls. In order to cover the ice sufficiently fully three feet of space should be left above for straw or other insulating material, and an air space for ventilation. The ice should be cut in uniform blocks and packed as solidly as possible, filling the chinks with broken ice as the filling proceeds. When six feet of ice have been put in and chinked up solidly, dry straw, which is the cheapest and most convenient insulating material, should be tightly packed in, leaving a foot of space for ventilation. About four openings one foot square should be left in each side close up to the roof, and at least three ventilators should be built in the roof to allow the escape of warm air which would radiate through the flat roof.

The Walls of a Hog Pen.

To secure the best lining for a hog pen it would be well to cover the studding with cheap lumber, and fill between the studs with dry sawdust or planer shavings. On the cheap lumber tack tarred paper, lapping the edges well; then put on half-inch or inch strapping and cover this with matched lumber. A wall built in this way should be warm provided the work is well done and the doors and windows fit properly and the ceiling is close.

It is a very difficult matter to keep the walls of a hog pen dry in cold weather without artificial heat or very thorough ventilation. Some hog raisers provide openings for ventilation sufficient to keep the pen dry and construct enclosed pins two or three feet off the floor in order to provide warmth for the hogs while lying down.

Cost of Building a Cottage.

For a comfortable cottage the cement concrete wall should cost about \$210. That is estimating on a foundation one foot thick and two and one-half feet high, and the walls of the house to be ten feet high and eight inches thick. The lathing and plastering would cost about \$32, the shingles, rafters, sheathing, studding and hardware about \$350.

Creolin for Killing Lice.

To prepare creolin to be used for destroying lice on cattle:

One part creolin should be mixed with twenty parts of soft water, and the preparation is ready for application. It should be thoroughly applied to every portion of the body covered with hair two or three times at intervals of eight days.

Artificially Hatched Chickens.

Artificially hatched chickens are just as strong as those hatched by the natural process, provided the machine is properly managed and the eggs possess strong germs. The percentage of chicks is larger with the machine. A great advantage in favor of the incubator is that incubated chickens do not have lice, gapes and many other kindred ailments.

Railroad Consolidation.

One question occurs to our mind in regard to the above subject, and we wish someone would edify us upon the subject, and that is this: As we understand it, the Railroad Commission fixes the freight rates of all the railroads in the state, and the roads cannot charge more nor less than these rates. The Commission also has power to force railway companies to build commodious depots, maintain their roads in good order, run their trains on time, provide comfortable coaches, etc. Now we can't see what difference it makes if one railway company owned and operated every line in the state. The only objection we can see to one company's owning parallel lines is that there would be no competition in rates. But the commission takes out all competition under the law and fixes the rates independent of the companies. We confess we cannot see the need of so much opposition to consolidation bills. In fact, of the state controls and regulates traffic rates, there would be economy in permitting consolidations which would reduce expense of management.—Athens Review.

Vaccination was made compulsory in the city of Madras in 1884. Before that date there were hundreds, often thousands, of deaths a year; now the deaths rarely exceed ten.

Arthur S. Laws, who has been living in Pendleton with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Anson Bright, has gone to Tacoma for a six months' rest.

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"There's a mutiny hatchin' in the forecastle."

ing his hands and feet placed him in one of the forecastle bunks. Then a conference of all hands save the man at the wheel was held in the forecastle.

"When we've got the money," said Ben, a murderous looking villain, "we'll make the mate put the brig ashore on the coast and skip. It'll be thought a wreck, and that'll be the end of it."

"And the skipper and passengers?" asked Mike, another mutineer.

"Ho," sneered Ben, "the fish be 'ungry in these latitudes, Hi'm thinkin'."

The mate shuddered as he lay in his bunk.

"Well!"

But the words died on Mike's lips,



"The passengers have mutinied!" gasped the skipper.

and one of 'em a hold bloke to take a vessel from seven hablo-bodied seamen."

"They're crammed full of revolvers," replied the captain, "and they've a lot of dynamite glass bombs that'll kill six men every time one is smashed on deck."

Mike arose with alacrity and closed the scuttle. He breathed short.

He had hardly resumed his seat when a rap sounded on the hatch.

"Below there," thundered a voice, "is the captain down there?"

"Yes, sir," replied Ben, meekly.

"Then heave him up, you infernal set of rhomboids, you!"

The whole company of conspirators helped to push the unhappy skipper up the ladder. When his head emerged he was roughly snatched up.

"Don't dare show one of your faces on deck, you set of parallelograms," said the voice, truculently.

When morning dawned the hatch was flung back and the mutineers ordered on deck. Badly scared, they were as docile as a flock of sheep.

Instead of an abstracted old man and a studious looking younger man, the ex-mutineers saw a practical old bravo with his belt bristling with pistols and his companion even more heavily armed. Another man stood by the skipper, who was at the wheel, and patted him on the head with a pistol butt.

"I thought there was only two men," whispered Mike in an awed tone.

"Hi 'spect the 'old's full of 'em, like a bloomin' play Hi seed in Liverpool, where a lot o' robbers were packed in hoi barrels," replied Ben.

A breeze having arisen, the old pirate sang out from the poop: "Make sail, you infernal set of malformed rectangles—make sail!"

Under the captain's directions, which were issued under pressure of a pointed pistol, sails were spread and the brig headed for Curacao.

"Hi!" said Ben, while on the yard with Mike, "Hi could cuss like that hold bloke, Hi'd want hextry wages."

Like docile lambs the mutineers worked ship until she entered the port of Wilhelmstadt, and then, with one accord, they leaped into the water and swam furiously for the shore.

"This beats me," said the skipper, gazing admiringly at the doctor.

"And me," added the released mate.

"Oh, it's nothing, gentlemen, but a little plan to save our lives. These sawed off chair arms look wonderfully like pistol butts stuck in a belt and Miss Annie made a splendid man in the mate's clothes; besides, your tale about the dynamite bombs did the work."

The man who had been at the

WOMEN WHO CHARM

HEALTH IS THE FIRST ESSENTIAL

It Helps Women to Win and Hold Men's Admiration, Respect and Love

Women's greatest gift is the power to inspire admiration, respect, and love. There is a beauty in health which is more attractive to men than mere regularity of feature.



Mrs. Chas. F. Brown

To be a successful wife, to retain the love and admiration of her husband, should be a woman's constant study. At the first indication of ill-health, painful or irregular menstruation, headache or backache, secure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and begin its use.

Mrs. Chas. F. Brown, Vice-President Mothers' Club, 21 Cedar Terrace, Hot Springs, Ark., writes: "Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—For nine years I dragged through a miserable existence, suffering with inflammation and falling of the womb, and worn out with pain and weakness. I one day noticed a statement by a woman suffering as I was, but who had been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I determined to try it. At the end of three months I was a different woman. Every one remarked about it, and my husband fell in love with me all over again. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound built up my entire system, cured the womb trouble, and I felt like a new woman. I am sure it will make every suffering woman strong, well and happy, as it has me."

Women who are troubled with painful or irregular menstruation, backache, bloating (or flatulence), leucorrhoea, falling inflammation or ulceration of the uterus, ovarian troubles, that "bearing-down" feeling, dizziness, faintness, indigestion, or nervous prostration may be restored to perfect health and strength by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in our own sunshine.

More Flexible and Lasting. won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

Chinese farmers are beginning to demand modern tools, especially such as are useful for intensive farming.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Marriage, which should make one out of two, often results in sixes and sevens.

Defiance Starch is guaranteed biggest and best of money refunded. 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now.

It appears that eggs are sent from Austria to Ireland and thence to England, where they are sold as fresh "Irish eggs."

McCauley's Detective Agency. Houston, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South since the Civil War.

You can't play truant from the school of experience.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

A bushel of potatoes may do more good than a wagon load of prayer.

By Any Name. It's likely to happen to the poor or the rich.

To contract some skin ailment—don't call it the itch.

But it cuts little ice as to name or location.

From incessant scratching they want a vacation.

Hunt's Cure gives it. One box guaranteed to cure any form of itching known.

He is always a poor man who knows no more in life than making money.

Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething; softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Physicians are beginning to recognize worry as a disease, to be prescribed for like any other malady.

CHOSE BAD TIME TO BALK.

Frozen Umbrella Caused Business Man Long Walk.

A Southampton (L. I.) business man was forced to walk several blocks in Manhattan one day recently, because of the stubbornness of a frozen umbrella. While in the city, it began to rain, hail, snow and freeze all at once, so he stepped into an umbrella store and made a purchase, paying several dollars for it. The umbrella worked all right as a protection from the elements. Finally he hailed a car to take him to the ferry. He got on, but the umbrella refused to board the car with him. He knew he would have plenty of use for it in the country, and as he had just paid a nice price for it he hated to leave it behind. The car waited for the man to coax the rain protector into a closing position, but the thing rebelled from the very start, and no manipulation could induce the umbrella to board that car. It was frozen stiff.

The car conductor wasn't willing to wait until it thawed out, the umbrella couldn't board the car until closed, and its owner did not want to leave it behind. The only thing to do was to walk to the ferry, several blocks away, and amid the smiles of a car full of highly amused passengers, the man bravely started toward the ferry, carrying the obstinate umbrella triumphantly over his head. He got there in time for his boat, and caught his train, and had the satisfaction of still owning his umbrella.

HE RESTORED THE LOST ART.

Alfred Meyer, Who Died Recently, a Wizard in China Decoration.

Alfred Meyer, who died recently in Paris, at the age of 72, passed the greater part of his life in the great Sevre works and was chiefly known for his researches and discoveries in the so-called lost art which rose to importance in the sixteenth century with Leonard Limousin and Bernard Palissy.

The process by which these masters attained their brilliant enamels, says the Detroit News-Tribune, were practically lost until within the last forty years, when Meyer and other experimenters took up the problem. Meyer, in particular, having before him some of the finest masterpieces of the Limoges school as models and the vast resources of the Sevres factory in the way of men and material, accomplished in twenty years what the potters of France and Germany had failed to do in two centuries.

His persistence was remarkable, no less than ten years and 3,000 tests having been devoted to get at the secret of one plate by Limousin now in Louvre; but he considered his results as well worth the trouble, and the French government, which awarded him with honors and a large salary, agreed with this view. His book on enamels is considered the standard technical work on the art, and he leaves a number of pupils among the foremost of the Sevres decorators.

That Rising Infection. She needn't be handsome, she needn't be rich. She needn't be filled with the arts of the city; she needs only one thing to pass my inspection. Her remarks mustn't end with a rising infection.

If you've ever known a maiden with this affection. Stop reading this, turn to your own rumination! But, ah, if you've met her, you'll fathom the reason. I hold her a girl that's not fitting to freeze on!

For a sentence or two, say, you don't find the question. Concluding each statement too hard for digestion. But when for an hour the same thing continues. It gets every nerve in your bone and your sinews!

You feel like a witness a lawyer's been quizzing. In the box for five hours; and there's something a-sizzing. In ear and in brain when you're ready to leave her. Suggesting you're taken with quinine and fever!

And when in the hallway "good night" you are saying. A speedy escape from the agony praying. "Good night!" she replies, the infection adorning. Suggesting a doubt if it's night and not morning! —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Just an Incident of Boyhood. The lad who had thrown the sphere waited until he saw that his companion did not mean to recover the sphere. Then he ran after the ball and as he came sprinting back the lad on the curb said shortly: "I guess that will teach you to pitch right."

"You said you'd lick me if I didn't get the ball?" inquired the one who had thrown it. "Sure," was the reply. "And you'd 'a' let it get lost sooner 'than get it." "Sure." "Well, I got it," he said, tucking the ball into his jacket pocket, "and now I'm going to lick you for being so grumpy." And he did. Then they fell to playing ball again. —New York Times.

College Girls' Expenses. Somebody has compiled more or less reliable statistics showing a comparison of individual expense accounts of girl students at college. The Vassar girl's college expenses average \$89 a year, \$8 more than the Smith girl's. For clothes the Vassar girl spends \$78, \$23 more than the Smith girl, and for books \$31, \$4 beyond Smith.

But the Smith girl has a long lead in expenses for theater, social diversions, athletics and doctor's bills. A post graduate at Yale spends over \$300 less than a Vassar girl for clothes and \$7 more for books. She has a minimum record for social expenses.

Not a Bit Tired.

A little girl was very proud of being taken for a walk by her father, and, though sometimes the ramble extended a trifle beyond her strength, she would not have pleaded fatigue for worlds. One day, however, her father noticed that she was lagging. "Tired, Pussy?" he asked. "No, father—that is, not azzekly tired. I was only wishing I could take off my legs and carry them a little bit, that's all."

Poisons Known to Science. The effect of every poisonous drug on the human body has been so carefully and exhaustively studied by the toxicologist that he can, in cases of suspected poisoning, not only verify the suspicion but determine the drug used and even its method of administration. The modern physiological laboratory would have made short work of the Borgias, Toffanas and Sparas.

Yucatan Cotton. Agriculturists of Catnus, Yucatan, are cultivating cotton with good success. This year the cotton plantations will be enlarged.

Only as a Last Resort. There are men who finally consent to go to work when they can't make a living in any other way.—Philadelphia Record.

Largest Public Bath. Vienna has the largest public bath in Europe. It is 587 feet long and 156 feet wide, and accommodates 1,500 people.

Say Worry is Disease. Physicians are beginning to recognize worry as a disease, to be prescribed for like any other malady.

Economical French Peasants. The peasant of the South of France spends on food for a family of five an average of four cents a day.

Output of Silk Hats. The number of silk hats made annually in the United Kingdom is about 12,000,000.

A good many of the difficulties we complain of are difficulties only because we complain.

Steam has by no means made sailing vessels obsolete. The total number of them in the world is still 65,934 as against only 30,561 steamers.

DANGERS TO BE AVOIDED IN FEBRUARY.



Severe Weather. February is a month of severe storms and intense cold.

Even in the South where the prevailing temperature is much above wintry latitudes, February brings sudden changes of temperature.

Mercury sometimes drops 20 degrees in a single night.

Therefore, the following health hints are applicable to the whole of North America:

Ventilation. The sleeping rooms should be well ventilated, but so as to avoid direct currents of air.

Bathing. Those in vigorous health should take a cold water towel bath every morning before breakfast. Those in feeble health should take a brisk dry-towel-rub every morning.

Diet. The diet should be a generous one, including meat, and occasionally fresh vegetables.

Sunshine. The nights being long and the days short, as much sunshine as possible should be let into the house during the day.

Clothing. The head should be kept cool at all times. The feet should be kept warm and dry, and night.

Precaution. When unavoidably exposed to cold or wet, a few doses of Peruna will avert bad consequences.

Precaution. When seized with a chill, or even slight chilliness, a dose of Peruna should be taken at once.

As much sleep as possible should be obtained in the forepart of the night.

Catarrh of Head. Mr. Frank Cobb, 175 Summit Street, Deering, Me., writes: "I was troubled with catarrh in my head. I wrote to Dr. Hartman for advice and he prescribed Peruna. 'I took it and am happy to say it helped me at once. I feel better than I have for years.'"

Bronchial Trouble. Mr. J. Ed. O'Brien, Pres. American Pilot Ass'n, Pensacola, Fla., writes: "I heartily give my endorsement to Peruna as an effective cure for catarrh and bronchial trouble."

Throat and Lungs. Frank Battle, Jr., 111 N. Market St., Nashville, Tenn., writes: "Peruna has cured me of chronic bronchitis. 'It is the grandest discovery of the age for the throat and lungs.'"

Pneumonia. Mr. A. C. Danforth, St. Joseph, Mich., writes: "I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs. I was threatened with pneumonia. 'Peruna gave me relief within a couple of days. Three bottles saved me a large doctor bill and a great deal of suffering.'"

Thousands of Testimonials. We have on file thousands of testimonials like the above. We can give our readers only a slight glimpse of the vast array of unsolicited endorsements Dr. Hartman is constantly receiving.

Address Dr. S. B. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

MY LADY'S HEALTH.

DOUBTLESS health is beyond price, as it is the royal road to beauty. We will endeavor to show you how this great blessing may be cultivated or acquired without wealth. What is it that makes some of our young American women



so attractive? Beyond doubt it is the buoyant air of intense life and animation. Plenty of sleep is most important; a rest in the middle of the day, even if only for a few minutes, on the flat of the back, perfectly relaxed. Simple food. Plenty of water. And most essential is fresh air. Get out in the good fresh air and take some exercise each day. Sunshine and ozone are

two of Nature's beautifiers, and those who want to have clear skin, bright eyes and rosy color will embrace every opportunity of being in the open air.

More important than all of these, is that the young woman or middle-aged woman starts with a healthy womanly system. If she is dragged down or suffers greatly at stated periods, she is bound to have that dragged-out, worn-out look which goes with womanly weakness. But this is not difficult to cure, because a physician, who makes a specialty of diseases of women, has given to the world a medicine which is absolutely a cure for these weaknesses. We mean Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It stands alone as a medicine which has been tested and recommended for the last thirty-eight years. It stands alone as the only medicine now on the market which is guaranteed to contain no alcohol or narcotics of any kind.

Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.: "Dear Sir—Your 'Favorite Prescription' brought me safely through that difficult period called change of life. I had hot and cold flashes, sick headaches, became excited, nervous, nervous and irritable. My appetite was stifled and for days I was unable to eat a fair meal. My aunt recommended me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it made a great change for the better. Within two weeks the unpleasant feelings had disappeared. I have a husband and eight children so have the care of a large family but was able to attend to my household duties without any difficulty and passed the period without any more trouble. I can recommend your 'Favorite Prescription' as a grand medicine for women. Mrs. MARY ESTABROOK, 24 E. Ankeny St., Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets clear the complexion and sweeten the breath, they cleanse and regulate the stomach, liver and bowels and produce permanent benefit and do not react on the system. One is a gentle laxative. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in paper covers, is sent free on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Free Book ON DEFORMITIES AND PARALYSIS

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Wives of Siamese noblemen cut their hair so that it sticks straight up from their heads. The average length of it is about one and a half inches.

An engineer declares that 50,000 people now do the work with the aid of machinery which needed 16,000,000 persons to do a few years ago.

It is supposed by a scientist of eminence that the average man's eyelids open and shut 4,000,000 times during the year.

A joke is always a joke when it is winner is bachelorhood.

Endurance is the fruit of endeavor. The spurdy horse is a poor sort of animal for a long hill. In advertising the winner is the man who strikes a gait he can hold and keeps moving.

The Bulgarian government has appropriated the sum of \$250,000 for the purchase of modern agricultural machines and implements.

Longwood, Boneparte's house in St. Helena, is now a barn. The room in which he died is a stable. On the site of his former grave is a machine for grinding corn.

The wife of the "good fellow" is entitled to the credit as well as the sympathy.

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 *Wm. A. Fletcher*.

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The peasant of the South of France spends on food for a family of five an average of four cents a day.

98 Cts., 16x20 Bust Crayon 98 Cts. Send your photo and 98 cts and we will make a 16x20 Bust Crayon. Southwestern Artists' Association, Dallas, Texas.

Agriculturists of Catnus, Yucatan, are cultivating cotton with good success. This year the cotton plantations will be enlarged.

To hate is to waste your time twice, for while you're hating you could be loving.

Another hope that deceives males only: That a man may buy a gun in the fall and pay for its cost by spring in the difference in the meat bill.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors silk, wool and cotton equally well and is guaranteed to give perfect results. Last dealer or we will send post paid at 10c a package. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. MONROE DRUG CO., Unionville, Missouri

Scarcity of Pearls. The scarcity of pearls in American markets is due largely to the fact that the women of India and Arabia have lately taken to wearing them, and the fishers can get as good prices at home as by exporting them.

Duration of Lives of Animals. A dog lives on the average from ten to twelve years, a cat nine to ten years, a rabbit about seven, a squirrel or hare about eight, and a fox about fourteen to sixteen years.

Effect of Vaccination. Vaccination was made compulsory in the city of Madras in 1884. Before that date there were hundreds, often thousands, of deaths a year; now the deaths rarely exceed ten.

Show Managers Were Wise. For a baby show in Plaiatow, England, a mean old bachelor offered a valuable prize for the homeliest baby, but the managers were wise enough to decline it.

Twice-Told Tales. Some tales never lose in the telling, and the tale of good that Dr. Caldwell's (Laxative) Syrup Pepsin will, and does do, to all poor, dyspeptic, bilious sufferers, is one of them. It positively relieves and cures all forms of indigestion, starts up the languid liver, regulates the constipated bowels, and restores the entire system to a perfect condition of health. Try it. Sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1.00 Money back if it fails.

Old Law Against Witchcraft. The old American law for the punishment of witches, conjurers and the like was repealed in 1833, and another law was passed for the punishment of pretenders to witchcraft or any person pretending to exercise, or any kind of conjuration, sorcery or enchantment, or pretending to discover goods or chatties supposed to have been stolen or lost, by a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for three months, or both.

Knew Value of Humanity. When the Empress Catherine founded the Moscow Foundling hospital an anonymous donor sent 50,000 rubles to its first president with this letter: "He who takes the liberty to offer this to M. de Betski will have completely obtained his end if by means of this gift Russia shall at some future day have one more reasonable subject, virtuous citizen, or happy man."

Armadillo of the Congo. In some interesting notes on the researches of Dr. David, a Swiss naturalist, in the Congo forest, there is reference to a find made by him of an armadillo, four feet long, closely resembling its congener of the pampas. It frequently assumes an erect attitude, supporting itself on its tail and holding the tree trunks with its powerful foreclaws.

There is no load a man carries so heavy as self.

Every tidy housekeeper appreciates nicely starched clothes and linens. No starch under the sun gives so good a finish as Defiance Starch. It is absolutely free of the chemicals which other starches contain. It never sticks to the iron or causes the clothes to break. It does not rot them. For 10 cents you get 16 ounces of the best starch that can be made. Get Defiance.



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A statistician says that France has about 4,000 duels a year and Italy 2,800.

One never knows a man any better for tearing him to pieces.

Did it ever occur to you that summer girls and peaches disappear simultaneously?

Silk-lined gowns interest a woman more than silver-lined clouds.

The man who goes to law may be sure that his lawyer will get justice.

The people who don't amount to much generally let you know it.

Japan has got five new submarine boats; but the Russian score beats this.

FREE THE GREAT KIDNEY AND LIVER CURE REMEDY KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY FOR ALL THE ABOVE NERVOUS AND BILIOUS AFFECTIONS. Sold by Dr. J. C. KENNEDY'S SONS, BOSTON, MASS.

A CLEAR, HEALTHY SKIN Sandholm's Eczema and Skin Remedy Purifies, Then Heals. Positively cures Eczema, Pimples, Eruptions, Insect Bites and all diseases of the skin. An absolute cure for Dandruff or Scalp disease. \$1.00 Per Bottle. Send for FREE BULLETIN. Ask your druggist or barber or send to SANDHOLM DRUG CO., Des Moines, Iowa.

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Get shaved at the Brackett
Hotel.

Pat Sheedy, of Del Rio, was in
Brackett Monday.

Max Herbst, of Mud Creek,
was in town Saturday.

Hair cuts at the Brackett
Hotel. Everything done right.

R. E. Cannon, of Mud Creek,
was in town several days this
week.

The best made is the Reserv-
ed D Whiskey sold by F. S.
Fritter.

Frank Weaver, of Barksdale,
was in Brackett several days this
week.

J. H. Stadler made a trip to
his ranch near Silver Lake Sat-
urday.

Hair cuts and shaves at the
Brackett Hotel. Courteous
treatment to all.

A. B. Cox, of Pinto, was
transacting business at the county
seat Saturday.

Capt. B. D. Lindsey, of San
Antonio was in our city a few
days this week.

The Brackett Hotel has a barber
chair. Get your shaves and
hair cuts done there.

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

Mrs. Harry O'Dell, of Mowe-
qua, Ill., is in town, the guest
of her sister Mrs. E. A. Jones.

O. W. Zuehl, the obliging
station agent at Spofford, was
transacting business in Brackett
Saturday.

John Fritter who has been
making his home in New Or-
leans for the past two years
came home Saturday.

Rev. H. N. Dikeman, of
Uvalde, came in Tuesday. He
held services at the Post Hall
Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. C. Charlton and Miss
Mammie Dooley returned Sat-
urday from a short visit to re-
latives and friends in Del Rio.

Married on Sunday night
Feb. 12th Mr. Jenking of troop
A and Miss Lula Woods. Rev.
Matthews officiating. Their
many friends wish them a long
and happy life.

W. S. Hutchison, Commis-
sioner of Precinct No 2, was in town
several days this week attending
Commissioners Court. Mr.
Hutchinson made us an appre-
ciated call. He said the cattle
stood the cold weather all right
and there were no losses.

Leo Clamp and Capt. C. A.
Windus are putting up a house
at the Payne Water Hole on the
Sycamore and about three miles
above the Blue Water Hole.
The house is being put up on
some school land recently bought
up by Atty. W. L. Clamp, of this
place.

The regularly meeting of the
county commissioners convened
Monday Judge E. A. Jones pre-
siding. The body passed on a
large number of bills which were
checked up and paid. The
Treasurer report was also acted
on which will be published in
next weeks issue. Owing to the
lack of space this week we were
unable to get the full proceed-
ings but it will all appear in
next issue.

GOOD NEWS
FROM WASHINGTON

Hon. J. S. Morin Wires Judge E.
A. Jones the Post is Secure.
Must Have Rail Road.

The telegram below will ex-
plain itself. Messrs J. S. Morin
and Tom Martin left a few days
ago to visit Washington City
and while there to investigate
the prospect for Ft. Clark really
getting the \$640,550 recently
appropriated. We are safe for
a new Post. Messrs Morin and
Martin will go on to New York
to see officials of the Southern
Pacific to try to get them to
either straighten the road
through Brackett or build a tap
out here, which they will now
probably do as the Post is a
certainty.
Washington D. C. Feb. 11 '05.
E. A. JONES,
Brackettville Texas.
Post secure. Must have rail-
road. Leave for New York to-
day. J. S. MORIN.

A Boom For Brackett.
Now that Ft. Clark is per-
manent and \$640,550 have been
appropriated for a new set of
buildings, it would be well for
those contemplating living her-
e to prepare for supplying the
market regularly. Think of
the immense quantity of fruit
consumed there every season
and you see that you may very
safely plant an orchard and
find a ready market for the pro-
duce. Need there be any vege-
tables shipped in when the soil
near here is so fine and subject
to irrigation? How about the
hog ranch to supply pork and
the poultry ranch to furnish
eggs and chickens? Probably
for the next three years the
buildings will be in process of
erection and there will be per-
haps several hundred men en-
gaged in the work, thus giv-
ing Brackett the benefit of a
double population for that time.
It should not be the case that
supplies all be shipped in from
other places. With eggs at 35c.
per dozen and butter at 35cts.
per lb. as have been the prices
this winter, the poultry and
dairy men need have no fear of
making a surplus. Thousands
of eggs and thousands of pounds
of butter are shipped in here
every year, much of the but-
ter(?) from Kansas City. Why
not keep that money in and
near Brackett? Irish potatoes
and onions grow fine here and
enough of each kind should be
raised to supply the market at
Ft. Clark and Brackett.

Among the openings for
larger investments here we may
mention the need of an Ice
Plant and Electric Light. A
cold storage in connection
would help increase the profits.
A good steam laundry would
pay well, especially as so much
patronage would come from Ft.
Clark. A man that under-
stands the business could make
good money out of a laundry.

If the Southern Pacific fails
to straighten through Brackett
or to run a spur out here, a
good electric railway would pay
well between Fort Clark and
Brackett.

When building begins on the
numerous structures at Ft.
Clark, the workmen must have
places to live in and it is a well
known fact that residences are
already too scarce for the popu-
lation. Some one could put up
small rent houses and make
them pay well.

There is a splendid opening
for a large and well finished
hotel building here. If built
and properly run it could be
kept full of guests during all
seasons.

If proper concessions could
be gotten from the Government
giving access to water, a good
water-works company would
pay well.

A good National Bank is
badly needed in this secti n and
would no doubt pay handsomely
as nearly all the money borrow-
ed on cattle, goats and sheep
comes from other counties.

FROM THE POST

Mr. McChesney is reported
ill.

Friday was pay day at the
Post.

Mrs. Frank Miller went to San
Antonio Saturday on an short
visit.

Capt Wright, comd'g troop A
arrived last Wednesday and
took command of his troop.

The coldest night this week
was Sunday night. The ther-
mometer registered 18 above
zero.

Our good old fruit man, Mr.
James Murphy, of Del Rio, was
in the post Monday morning
with a load of fine cold apples.

Saturday several of the troops
sent details to their respective
gardens to work on ditches and
dams. This weather is fine for
the work.

Private Joyce, Troop A. 1st.
Cav. has been transferred to the
hospital corps U. S. Army, and
assigned to duty at the hospital
Ft. Clark Texas.

Private Ernest Sallenski troop
G. who has been undergoing
treatment at the A. and N. hos-
pital at Hot Springs Arkansas
returned Saturday and reported
for duty. "Sall" is looking well.

Private John C. South, Hos-
pital Corps, is transferred to Ft.
Clark for duty.—San Antonio
Express.

Private South arrived in the
post Thursday and reported as
once for duty at the hospital.

Mr. Bash, the photographer
who has been with us the pas-
two months left Thursday. He
met with great success, while
with the soldiers he has given
general satisfaction.

Capt. Wright, Capt. Lindsley
and Lieut. Hazzard left Friday
for a few days outing in the
northern part of the county.
They returned Sunday after-
noon and said it was too cold to
hunt.

1st Sgt. Merrit troop F's top
soldier was discharged Sunday
per expiration of term but he
said; "that sleet and ran and
cold north wind don't look good
to me" so he immediatly re-
enlisted. He is on pass for a
few days.

M. W. White Asst. Supt.,
Texas division, International
Correspondence School of San
Antonio Texas was in the Post
Saturday and Sunday making
the regularly monthly visit for
his school collection.

Troop, F, G and B were
turned out Tuesday to build up
an old dam just below the Govt.
crossing, for the purpose of
irrigating their gardens. Q. M.
Sergeant Kanau F. Battery
was general supervisor and the
job was well done under his
management.

Sgt. J. H. Christie, Troop
F. 1st Cav. who has been dis-
charged per expiration of term
re-enlisted last week and im-
mediatly took advantage of a
four months furlough which he
will spend in Mexico. He will
work in machine shops in Diaz.

A circular has been published
by order of the Commanding
Officer to the effect that all
stray animals seen in the Post
will be driven to the lumber
yard near the Guard House and
there be corraled until the owner
calls for them. Those who have
milk cows will do well to keep
them out of the post.

Quite a few changes have
been made in troop E which we
acknowledge, we over looked
last week. Among the most
prominent we notice: Sergt.
Arms appointed 1st Sergeant;
Sgt. Geyer appointed Q. M.
Sergeant; Corpal Keene re-
lieved from duty at troop
stables and appointed Sergeant.



From Scenes Which are Brightest

THE THEATRE—THE BALL ROOM—THE HOME—wherever Happiness
and Comfort reign—may come the first symptoms of Lung Trouble. Overheated
rooms—then in a draught of cold air.

Advertisement for Grandma's Cough Cure. Text: 'At the FIRST SIGNS of a Cold—take Grandma's Cough Cure'. Includes a small illustration of a bear and text: 'THE GENUINE BEARS THIS PICTURE and is for Sale by all Druggists 25c and 50c'.

Saddler Toad relieved from duty
as saddler and appointed chief
gardner.

An error was made last week
by the post correspondent to
wit: Corporal Dilly on return-
ing from Eagle Pass was not
detailed on extra duty at the
saw mill. Instead, one non-
commissioned officer of the Old
Guard is detailed daily by the
Provost Sergeant as overseer at
the saw mill.

In the Post Non-Commission-
ed Officers school, the Non-
Coms of the 2nd Squadron are
taking up military map reading
field, outpost and road sketch-
ing. Lieut. Roscoe, the in-
structor has announced that the
examination which was to have
been held last week will be
postponed until the last of
March.

Private Alexander Troop F.
1st Cav. met with a serious and
we fear, a fatal accident Sat-
urday. While riding Capt. Bab-
cock's horse from the line to
the stable the horse ran away
and Alexander was thrown on
some stones while the horse was
running at full speed. The ex-
tent of his injuries has not been
reported.

Gas Pipe! Did you hear the
joke on me? Water Pipe! Yes,
and I laughed until I liked to a
'busted' and it did bust in about
150 different places Sunday
night and consequently the
plumbers were very busy Mon-
day repairing and replacing the
burst water pipes. Several
houses were cut off from the
water supply Monday night,
because the plumber was un-
able to finish this work in one
day. Mr. Little said Tuesday
that it would take several days
to get all straightened out again.

Advertise in the Brackett
News.

California Bucks.

T. B. Overstreet and Geo.
Brown received last Sunday 300
of the finest California bucks
ever shipped to this county.
They expect 1,000 more in a
few days and they are equally
as good. These bucks are now
on feed in the lot formerly used
by J. W. Gilmore as a lumber
yard and if you want to see
some real fine bucks it will pay
you to see them.

We are informed that Messrs.
Overstreet and Brown have
sold 600 head to parties across
the river in Old Mexico and
several to parties between Del
Rio and Sonora.—Val Verde
County Herald and Del Rio
Record-News.

Railroad Consolidation.

One question occurs to our
mind in regard to the above
subject, and we wish someone
would edify us upon the subject,
and that in this: As we un-
derstand it, the Railroad Com-
mission fixes the freight rates
of all the railroads in the state,
and the roads cannot charge
more nor less than these rates.
The Commission also has power
to force railway companies to
build commodious depots, main-
tain their roads in good order,
run their trains on time, provide
comfortable coaches, etc., Now
we can't see what difference it
make if one railway company
owned and operated every line
in the state. The only objec-
tion we can see to one company's
owning parallel lines is that
there would be no competition
in rates. But the commission
takes out all competition under
the law, and fixes the rates in-
dependent of the companies. We
confess we cannot see the need
of so much opposition to con-
solidation bills. In fact, if the
state controls and regulates
traffic rates; there would be
economy in permitting consolida-
tions which would reduce ex-
penses of management.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

Albert Racer was absent several days last week.

George Overall entered the 2nd Grade this week.

Benito Baban has been absent for several days.

The children of Room I had a Post Office in their room St. Valentine's Day.

The cold weather Monday caused a great many pupils of Room I to remain home.

Erma Matthews, of Grade 10, was sick the first of the week and had to remain at home.

Marion Lindsley answered the greatest number of questions in the Mental Arithmetic review Friday.

Bertha and Virgil Larison are back in school again after an absence of several weeks on account of illness.

The pupils in the 8th Grade have completed Sutton & Kimbrough's Higher Arithmetic and have begun to review the book.

Grade 3 passed a creditable

final examination in Language Tuesday and are now having two lessons in Arithmetic daily.

The A and B class Grade had a spelling-match last Friday and Teddy Moody of the A class and Emma Schafer of the B class stood up the longest.

Sam Fritter made a general average of 90 per cent last month and his name was entitled to be placed on the roll of honor but was unintentionally omitted on the part of the teacher.

On last Monday morning the thermometer which hangs in the Superintendent's room registered 16 before fires were built and it took a long time to heat it up to 68 degrees.

The following pupils were absent from school Monday: Walter Lang, Joe Filippone, James Matthews, Emma Sauer, Helen Lindsley, Arthur Lang, Chas. Indlekoff, Mattie Perry and Emily Rose.

Roberta Ballantyne, Helen Pieringer, Carrie Moscatelli, Frank Gonzales, Henry McGovern and Grabial Soliz, of Grades 2 and 3 respectively, deserve honorable mention for

regular attendance this session.

The pupils of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades will have exercises Feb. 21st. As February is the month of birthdays what better time have we for the study of character forming than this month. From the character of these such persons as Washington the brave and dignified soldier and statesman; Lincoln, our most encouraging and most wonderful product, and last but not least, Longfellow the gentle and refined poet of the people. The children realize that boys through ambition and honesty can rise from poverty to the highest position in America.

LITTLE BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE SCHOOL.

MISS CLARA DRISCOLL.

The girls of our school might gain some inspiration by studying the career of Miss Clara Driscoll, a Texas young lady who has recently made herself famous by "saving the Alamo" from sale from being converted to uses not very historic. A large part of the sacred Alamo grounds were about to be used to build a big hotel on and the people of Texas felt sorrowful to see the beloved spot where Crockett, Bowie, Bonham, Travis and others sacrificed their lives for the liberty of Texas, sold and desecrated to the god of mammon, but Miss Driscoll not only sorrowed but acted, stepping up and pledging about \$60,000 to buy the place for Texas, her native State. She was gradually paying the debt off when the legislature recently appropriated the amount to buy the place for the State. By this act Miss Driscoll has endeared herself to us and deserves the thanks of all boys and girls, men and women of Texas.

She was born near Corpus Christi on the Palo Alto Ranch, her father's property. As her mother died when the girl was very young her father put her in a private school in New York City. Afterwards she studied several years in Paris, learning

French and German. She knew Spanish, having learned it on the ranch.

She has been received in the best society of this country, having won her way by her intellectual achievements, but she has spent a large part of her life on her father's ranch, where she delights in horseback riding, hunting etc. She is an excellent shot and has killed many large wild animals. She lives near the Mexican border where there are many cutthroats and thieves and the sheriff appointed her as deputy. She arrested some desperate characters.

Miss Driscoll has also written some interesting sketches and has a book now in the hands of the publishers. She is a Texan by birth and love, for she has shown her patriotism in the clearest way possible, going down into her pocket book for a large sum of money to save the Alamo which is endeared to us all by historic associations. She has also shown us that one may spend life just pleasantly and nobly on a Texas Ranch as in the city drawing rooms. The pure air, the broad expanse of land the lovely skies and delicious southern breeze are charming to her, and we may say that her high education and exalted character have added lustre to ranch life, showing us that it is not always the best of life to live in city.

Birthday Party.

Little Harry Stadler was two years old last Friday, Feb. 10, and was given a pleasant party at the residence of Mrs. Joseph Meir his grandmother. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the little boys and girls who were invited assembled and for two hours they had a merry time playing various games. Refreshments, consisting of candies, apples, oranges, cake and chocolate were then served. About dusk the little fellows departed for home many of them

however wanting to stay longer and have "more party." Messdames James Ballantyne, R. C. Ballantyne, J. E. Fritter, A. H. Horn and J. C. Kornrum were present and assisted in entertaining the little people. The inclement weather kept some away, but the following were present:

Helen Perringer, Leslie Studer, Maud Studer, Annie Sharp, Maud Nance, Nellie Stadler, Clara Veltmann, Natlie Veltmann, Sallie Perry, Ella Perry, Hattie Wickham, Phelina Jones, Maggie Keplinger, Hazel Fritter, Lottie McGovern, Annie McGovern, Roberta Ballantyne, Willie Sharp, Henry Horn, Walter Nance, Grover Nance, Willie Schafer, Clyde Veltmann, Burns Ballantyne and Clarence Keplinger.

Our Boys in Washington.

San Antonio Express.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 11. —(Special) J. S. Morin, who was Jno. N. Garner's opponent in the last Congressional campaign and T. J. Martin, who managed Mr. Morin's fight, were here for the purpose of pressing the project to rebuild

the army post at Fort Clark. They called at the War Department this morning in company with Mr. Garner and presented their case to the proper officials. Later they went to the White House and asked the President to visit Corpus Christi on his forthcoming trip to Texas. The invitation was taken under consideration.

Galveston News.

Congressman Garner went to the White House today to introduce J. S. Morin of Brackett and T. J. Martin of Spofford, Mr. Morin was the Republican opponent of Mr. Garner in his last race for Congress and Mr. Martin was his manager. The President was much pleased at the introduction of a defeated Republican candidate for Congress by the Democratic candidate who had beaten him he said:

"That's what I like. I like to see men fight hard and after the fight shake hands and be friends."

Mr. Garner presented the invitation of the people of Corpus Christi to the President to visit their town while in Texas. He could not give any assurance of acceptance at present.

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

A nursery company has been formed at Durant, I. T., with \$25,000 capital stock.

The Cleburne Country Club has purchased an 80 acre tract of land four miles west of that city and will erect a fine club house and improve the grounds at once.

Arkansas' latest law on trusts prohibits the sale of any article made by any trust or combine in that State. The same law is made applicable to insurance companies.

Day Dunning, head of the wrecked Citizens' Bank of Mount Airy, Iowa, was found guilty by a jury of fraudulent banking. The jury was out seven and one-half hours.

Hardy Solomon, aged 66 years, died at Ardmore suddenly. Heart failure was the cause. He leaves a widow and several children. He was a Mason and a Knight of Pythias.

Mrs. Tilghman Cragie is dead at Quakake, Pa., at the age of 102 years. She spent her life on a farm and was the mother of fourteen children.

New York State heads the list with embezzlements amounting to \$1,85,585. California next with \$1,058,825. Then comes Pennsylvania with \$987,233, Ohio following, with \$830,208.

Qualified voters of Dallas County number nearly 12,000 according to the statement of Tax Collector Henry H. Jacoby after a hurried summary Tuesday night. City and county are almost tied in the matter of paid polls.

One trouble with a large percentage of the people is that as soon as they get automobiles they leave their scents behind.

Soon after the college commencement the world begins to take the conceit out of the wise graduate.

What is said to be the first statue erected in honor of a woman physician in the United States, has been unveiled in Fullerton Memorial Hall Art Institute, Chicago, when the friends of the late Dr. Mary Thompson presented a portrait bust of her to the institute.

Richard Croker, former leader of Tammany Hall, arrived in New York from England to attend the funeral of his son, Frank Croker who was killed while speeding in his auto in Florida.

Dr. Folsetter, a veterinarian, has discovered seven cases of glanders in a herd of eighty-five horses. The diseased animals will be shot at once. They came from West, Texas to Collin County.

The 2-year-old son of H. A. Matthews living two miles north of Hillsboro was burned to death Friday. He was playing by a hot stove and his clothes caught on fire from contact with the stove.

A sharp earthquake of thirty minutes duration was felt at Abton Rouge, breaking window panes in the capitol. By a vote of 45 to 10 the assembly of California has passed a bill ceding the Yosemite Valley to the general government.

A dispatch from St Petersburg says it is stated that Lieut. Gen. Gripenberg, commander of the Second Manchurian Army, has handed over his commission to Lieut. Gen. Myloff for the reason of ill health.

John D. Rockefeller offers \$35,000 to Mississippi College, provided the Baptists of that State give \$100,000.

Henri German, president of the board of directors of credit Lyonnais, of Paris, died at 4 o'clock Thursday morning.

Joe Bryant, a conductor on the Texas and New Orleans Railway was shot by his wife on the streets of Dallas Thursday. Two balls took effect in Bryant's back. The beginning of the trouble dates back some time.

According to statistics gathered by an insurance company the sum of \$10,000,000 was embezzled in the United States in 1904. These figures are based on cases followed by confession or conviction or by the disappearance of the guilty ones.

A sun spot believed to be one of the largest and best defined ever observed has been discovered by Prof. A. H. Cole, a local astronomer. The spot is egg-shaped and can be easily discerned through a smoked glass.

Wholesale blackmail by the police of Warsaw is alleged by the correspondent in that city of the Daily Mail, who asserts that respectable citizens are stopped in the streets at night and arrested unless they give the officers money.

There are numerous alleged cures for drunkenness, but death is about the only one that cures to stay cured. Probably the humane landlord bars children from his flat because they wouldn't have room in it to grow.

ANTI-PASS BILL.

BILL CHANGED BY HOUSE TO INCLUDE EMPLOYEES' FAMILIES.

THE SHERIFFS SCENT TROUBLE.

No Inhibition Against Transportation for Attorneys and Newspapers in the House Bill.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 11.—The subcommittee of house committee on common carriers has agreed upon an anti-free pass bill. Although it will be reported to the main committee as a committee substitute for the senate bill, it will be substantially the same as Mr. Mayes' bill except as to penalty. The penalty provided in his bill was the forfeiture of the charters of railroads violating the statute. In the judgment of the subcommittee this would be too drastic; so they have adopted the penalty provided in the senate bill, namely, a fine of \$5000.

This subcommittee bill will provide, as does the senate bill, that no free transportation shall be given by any railroad company to any person, except to the owners, officers and bona fide employees of the lines issuing same. Like the senate bill, it makes no provision for the exchange of transportation as between railroads.

Unlike the senate bill, the measure to be reported by the house subcommittee will provide that railroads may issue transportation to the families of their own bona fide employees. It will contain no inhibition against railroads providing their own attorneys with transportation, nor against railroads paying newspapers for advertising in mileage books.

Concerning the point raised by Sam H. Cowan, general attorney of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, to the effect that the provisions of the senate bill might be construed as prohibiting railroads from giving transportation to men accompanying shipments of cattle, the subcommittee decided to take no action. It is their view that such transportation is not free, the consideration for it being included in the freight rate upon the cattle.

More members of the legislature are hearing from home on the pass question. Representative Elliott of Milam county yesterday received fifty-six letters from fruit and truck growers, protesting against the passage of the anti-pass law.

Representative Cottrell received a letter from Tom Beverly, sheriff of Collin county, requesting him to "whip the man who introduced the anti-pass bill and send in cost bill to me," and asking "what would you and I do without our passes?"

A lady who is opposed to the passage of an anti-pass law has coined a new term concerning the supporting of platform demands.

"I am a first class theoretical platform supporter," is the way she puts it.

Kuropatkin Loses Will Power.
St. Petersburg: This town is talking of nothing else but the return of General Gripenberg and the reputation he will make. Society is divided into two parts over it, taking sides for either of the generals. Dr. Botkins, who has returned from the front, expresses himself freely that General Kuropatkin is suffering from a malady taking the form of loss of will power. Coming from such an eminent physician, his opinion causes a sensation. The town is perfectly calm; alarmist rumors circulated yesterday are a humbug. I am told on what I am bound to consider good authority that the grand ducal party decided definitely in favor of peace on the best terms obtainable; this is the result of a meeting at which a vote was taken.

Boy Shot in the Arm.
Corpus Christi, Texas: Yesterday, while drawing a shotgun by the barrel from an express wagon, the weapon was discharged, sending a charge of No. 4 shot into the left arm of Gus Sell, son of Dr. G. A. Sell. Medical attention was hastily summoned, and it is thought the wound will not necessitate any serious operation.

Tcherkoff Alive.
Warsaw: The report of the death of Governor General Tcherkoff, published by the London papers yesterday, is unfounded. He continues to receive reports and sign documents as usual.

Barrett Is Safe.
Washington: The president has decided to make no change in the diplomatic representation at Panama and Mr. Barrett will continue to hold that office at least during the remainder of the present fiscal year.

Newport Lost a Propeller.
Newport News, Va.: The gunboat Newport, which was adrift at sea for several days, was towed in yesterday by the tug Wynota. The gunboat's propeller was missing.

TO SEE ROOSEVELT.

Senator McLaurin and Others to Represent Southern Cotton Planters.

New Orleans, La.: The cause of Southern cotton planters is to be laid before President Roosevelt February 20, by the special committee of three—Senator John L. McLaurin, of South Carolina; J. M. Parker, of Louisiana, and E. Ashcroft, of Alabama, named by the Southern Cotton Association in this city.

Prior to the conference with the president, there will be a meeting of interested parties and from all over the South on the night of February 18 at Hotel Raleigh, Washington, to outline a proposition to be laid before the president. Senator McLaurin has named twenty prominent growers, spinners and factors in South and North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia. Mr. Parker will name representatives from Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. Mr. Ashcroft will select delegates from his territory.

The plan of operation now is to get the United States government to take hold of the proposition and get American cotton into the market of the Orient. If China can be induced to use cotton it will mean an increased consumption of 25,000,000 bales annually. The government, therefore, will be petitioned.

It was the sense of the executive committee meeting in Atlanta that this phase of the situation should be presented strongly before President Roosevelt.

Texas Independence Day.

Houston, Texas: The Daughters of the Republic of Texas and members of the Federation of Women's Clubs are manifesting a patriotic interest in the school children of Texas, inasmuch as they have just sent out printed suggestive programs to the schools for use on March 2, Independence day of the state. The object is to make the children of Texas more loyal and patriotic than they would otherwise be, by educating them thoroughly in the history of the glorious deeds that won for them the great state in which they live. In order to give the pupils ample time in which to prepare, the following have been sent out by these two organizations:

Program of exercises for senior class:

1. Music.
2. Roll call, answered by pupils, giving in rotation the fifty-eight names and birthplaces of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence.
3. Address or paper on "The Texas Flag."
4. Paper on the origin of name of county and county seat in which school is located.
5. Reading, "A Description of a Mission, 1762" (San Antonio de Valero) (The Alamo). See "With the Makers of Texas," p. 61.
6. Paper, "The Recent Purchase of the Alamo Mission by the State of Texas."
7. Paper, "Description of Washington on the Brazos—Its Past and Present."
8. The Flag Song of Texas, published by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Program of exercises for junior class:

1. Roll call, answered by children giving in rotation the fifty-eight names and birthplaces of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence.
 2. Paper on the origin of the name of the county and county seat in which the school is located, with particulars of the life and services of the man or men in whose honor they were named, or in whose name has been given on account of local peculiarity, state meaning of name.
 3. Recitation of some poem on the Alamo.
 4. Paper describing the place where the Declaration of Texas independence was signed, together with the history of the monument which marks the spot.
 5. Paper, "The Purchase of the Alamo Mission by the State of Texas."
- "Chorus, Flag Song of Texas, published by Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Sues for \$25,000.

Austin, Texas: Suit has been filed by John W. Maxey of Houston against James B. Wells, R. H. Baker and E. M. House to recover \$25,000 damages. He alleges that he was employed by them to prepare plans and specifications for the Brownsville-Matamoros water, light and ice plant, that the plans were not used and his reputation damaged to the amount sued for.

Leg Broken on Slippery Street.
Beville, Texas: One accident resulting from the slippery condition of the streets during the late drizzly weather occurred in front of Nation's hotel, when a horse ridden at a gallop by Ricardo Villa slipped down, throwing the rider and breaking his leg.

Crushed to Death.
Eagle Pass, Texas: Roberto Diaz, 12 years old, was caught between cars and almost instantly killed at the Omos coal mines yesterday.

NEW BLIZZARD IS RAGING IN TEXAS.

Coldest Weather of the Winter Reported From All Sections of the State--Cattle Suffering.

Snow at Hearne.
Hearne, Texas, Feb. 13.—A light snow began falling here early yesterday morning, covering the ground. The thermometer is standing at 20 degrees above zero. This is the coldest spell this section has experienced for a number of years. The wood famine continues. The few loads that are brought in find ready sale at fancy prices.

Temperature 20 at Burton.
Burton, Texas: A cold wave reached here yesterday morning, and the temperature is down to 20 degrees and still falling last night. It snowed also, and if present indications count for anything this will be the worst spell we have had for years. Range cattle are suffering very much, and no doubt many will be lost.

14 at Heidenheimer.
Heidenheimer, Texas: Another severe norther struck here at 12 o'clock yesterday, accompanied by rain and sleet, and later it began to snow. The thermometer registered 14 degrees above zero. There is an amount of a gripe and some pneumonia. Farmers are ready to plant corn as soon as the winter breaks.

Snow at Smithville.
Smithville, Texas: A regular blizzard blew up here early yesterday morning, accompanied by sleet, and it is decidedly the coldest spell of the season, and while it will be hard on cattle that are already in bad condition, it will be a benefit to the farmers in the way of destroying insects. At 1 o'clock it snowed, the first here in several years.

Snow at San Marcos.
San Marcos, Texas: A severe blizzard has been raging all day, with no signs of abatement. Everything is frozen and snow has fallen at intervals, increasing in volume last night. This is the second severe spell within ten days. Stock will suffer as a consequence.

18 at Bryan.
Bryan, Texas: The coldest weather of the season prevails here, with the thermometer down to 18. The blizzard, which struck this locality at an early hour yesterday, has been accompanied by snow all day. The ground is frozen, but little snow has accumulated.

Freezing at Berclair.
Berclair, Texas: Another cold norther blew up here Saturday night and yesterday it froze. Farmers have been unable to get in their fields for two weeks, and as a result crops of all kinds will be late. A heavy rain preceded the norther.

Mercury at 18 at Waller.
Waller, Texas: About 12 o'clock Saturday night came the coldest snap of this winter. The temperature is now down to 18 degrees. Twenty-four has been the lowest heretofore. The loss of stock is bound to be heavy where there is no protection.

Snowing at Houston.
Houston, Texas: About 12 o'clock Sunday night there began a falling of snow such as had not been seen for several years here. It continued until a late hour.

Intensely Cold in Rockies.
Denver, Col.: Reports of intense cold accompanied in section by snowfall were received at the office of the local weather bureau last night from Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. In Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico the worst storm since 1886 is raging, according to dispatches from Trinidad. In New Mexico the storm reached the proportions of a blizzard and great damage to stock is reported.

Mexico's Wheat Crop.
City of Mexico: A large wheat crop is looked for by experts should the present dry weather continue two months longer. The new crop comes into market about the middle of May. The tobacco crop will be much larger than expected. Cotton growers in the state of Durango are dissatisfied with the low prices ruling for that staple. Prices are better than for several years.

Wreck at Waller.
Waller, Texas: About 8 o'clock Saturday night a freight train of the Houston and Texas Central railroad was wrecked by a cow, and the tracks on both the main line and the switch were torn up for a hundred yards, eight or ten cows being torn to pieces and piled up on the tracks. The crew miraculously escaped injury. The north bound passenger train, due here at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night, was detained until 5 o'clock Sunday morning.

Thermometer 21 at Luling.
Luling, Texas: A very hard norther struck this section during Saturday night. The thermometer registered 21 degrees here at 12 o'clock yesterday. The onion growers and truckers will suffer much from the spell. Cattle are in bad shape for another spell.

Snow at Caldwell.
Caldwell, Texas: About 3 o'clock yesterday morning a blizzard, accompanied by rain and sleet, reached here. Snow soon began to fall and has been coming in gusts all day. It is the worst weather of the winter. Everything is frozen.

Blizzard at Victoria.
Victoria, Texas: The norther lowered the temperature in double quick time. At 10:30 Saturday night the thermometer registered 54 degrees; at 8 o'clock Sunday morning it was 37 degrees, and at 9:30 it recorded 27 degrees, showing a fall of 10 degrees in one and one-half hours.

Snow at Calvert.
Calvert, Texas: Saturday night a cow norther came up and yesterday snow fell rapidly, and from all indications this spell will be one of the most severe we have ever had, causing much suffering to the cattle.

Snow at Colmesneil.
Colmesneil, Texas: Another fearful blizzard has been raging here since 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Sleet and snow began falling at 11 o'clock and continued for some time. Housetops are getting white.

Mercury at 10 at Mexia.
Mexia, Texas: Another blizzard struck here Saturday night, and Sunday the ground was covered with snow and the mercury stood at 10.

Coldest of Winter at Eagle Pass.
Eagle Pass, Texas: The coldest weather of the winter prevails here, the temperature being 26 at 6 p. m., and falling rapidly.

BRITISH SPINNERS' POOL.

Will Fight Southern Growers' Organization With One of Their Own.
New Orleans, La.: J. Gumble Stern, prominent cotton buyer of Liverpool, England, upon arrival here, declared last night the English spinners are forming a powerful combination to control cotton prices by regulating their purchases by buying in a pool. Mr. Stern said the scheme is to have authorized buyers representing the spinners, to take advantage of the American markets by buying on a declining market.

"The English spinners have implicit faith in the power of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association to force an advance in prices, and they began to organize for their mutual protection," said Mr. Stern. They believe they are paying too much for cotton in this country and by meeting American organization with British organization they can force lower prices. The spinners will hereafter appear as buyers on the American market, and in all the world's cotton markets, as a single corporation.

Mr. Stern declared that in the vicinity of Manchester, England, a pool was organized among British speculators to buy cotton and hold it until the price advanced. This plan was completed several months ago and big profits have already been made.

Russians Repulsed.
Tokio: Japanese Manchurian headquarters telegraphs that a company of Russians attacked Waitoshan village on Friday night and were repulsed. The Russian batteries on the western foot of the Ta mountain shelled Putsaowo. A company of Russians attacked Liuchientun early Saturday morning and were repulsed. The Russian artillery then slowly shelled Liuchientun and vicinity. The Russians have continued their defensive works to Liuchientun and have extended their right along the railway to Siaoangshen, which is about a mile and a quarter east of Mentapao.

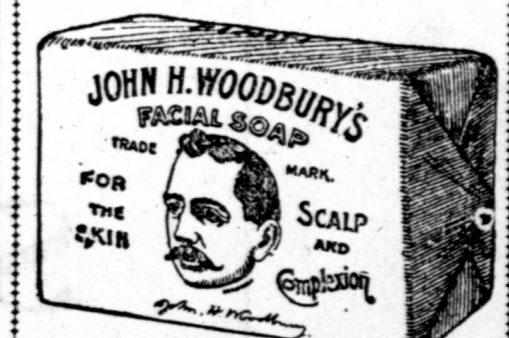
Heavy Snow at Little Rock.
Little Rock, Ark.: The blizzard now sweeping over a portion of the country reached Arkansas yesterday. There was a slight snow in the morning and snow flurries during the day. At 7 o'clock last night a heavy fall began. Zero weather is predicted for today.

Two Years for Manslaughter.
Marlin, Texas: Beverly Doudy, colored, charged by indictment with murder, was convicted by a jury in the district court Saturday of manslaughter and given two years in the penitentiary. Two days were consumed in trying the case.

German Steamer Seized.
Tokio: The German steamer Pros, bound for Vladivostok, was seized off Kokaido on Friday. Her cargo consisted of ship building materials and foodstuffs.

As Bodily Nourishment

is one of life's necessities, so cuticle nourishment is essential to the health of the outer-self.



WOODBURY'S FACIAL SOAP.

builds up and nourishes while cleansing. Its mission is curative, and lathering into a most effective shampoo, it forms a true scalp tonic.

25 cents A CAKE.

There may be a more delightful face balm than Woodbury's Facial Cream but try it before you decide.

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In case your dealer cannot supply you send us his name and we will send prepaid, to any address for \$1.00 the following toilet requisites.

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Booklet free on application.

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Lord Mayor's Unique Honor.
Only one man in the city of London outside the Tower possesses the password which enables him to answer the challenge of the sentries at any time. It is the Lord Mayor, and the password is given to him by authority of the king.

Planetary Satellites.
All the five planetary satellites discovered since 1846 have been found by Americans. They include Hyperion, the seventh satellite of Saturn; Demos and Phobos, the little moons of Mars, and Deimos, the ninth moon of Saturn.

Unique Shakespeare Memorial.
Some time ago it was decided to plant in the garden of Anne Hathaway's cottage at Shottery all the various shrubs, flowers and plants mentioned in Shakespeare's plays and sonnets. They are all in a flourishing condition.

From the Polkville Clarion.
Jim Lobstock, from out 'Possum Trotway, dropped in last Wednesday and laid on our table an egg which measured eleven inches in circumference. He requests us to ask our readers if any of them can beat it.—Puck.

Wild Flower Resembles Bird.
There is a wild flower in Turkey which is the exact floral image of a humming bird. The breast is green, the wings are a deep rose color, the throat is yellow and the head and beak are almost black.

IT'S THE TERROR OF ALL WOMEN.

Backache Quickly Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. Mrs. W. H. Ambrose tells how her pains vanished never to return when she used the Great American Kidney Remedy.

Dover, Ky., Feb. 13th.—(Special)—So long has Backache been the terror of the women of America that the numerous reports of the complete and permanent cures of this ailment now being made by Dodd's Kidney Pills are causing wide satisfaction and not the least remarkable of these cures is that of Mrs. W. H. Ambrose of this place. Mrs. Ambrose says: "I had such pains in my back at times I could hardly move and other symptoms showed that my kidneys were affected. One box of Dodd's Kidney Pills drove away all the pains and I have never been troubled since." Backache is the kidneys' first notice that they are out of order and need help. If they get that help in the form of Dodd's Kidney Pills all will be well. If they are neglected the disease may develop into Diabetes, Bright's Disease or Rheumatism.

South African diamond mines now produce 98 per cent of the world's supply and they are prospering more than ever before.

Stop It.
The season is now especially propitious for colds and coughs, which lead to Pneumonia and—you know the rest; sometimes a long rest. When you begin to cough cut it short; stop it. Simmons' Cough Syrup will do it. It soothes, it heals, it cures.

Fair haired people have the best heads of hair, 140,000 to 160,000 being quite an ordinary crop on the head of a fair man or woman.

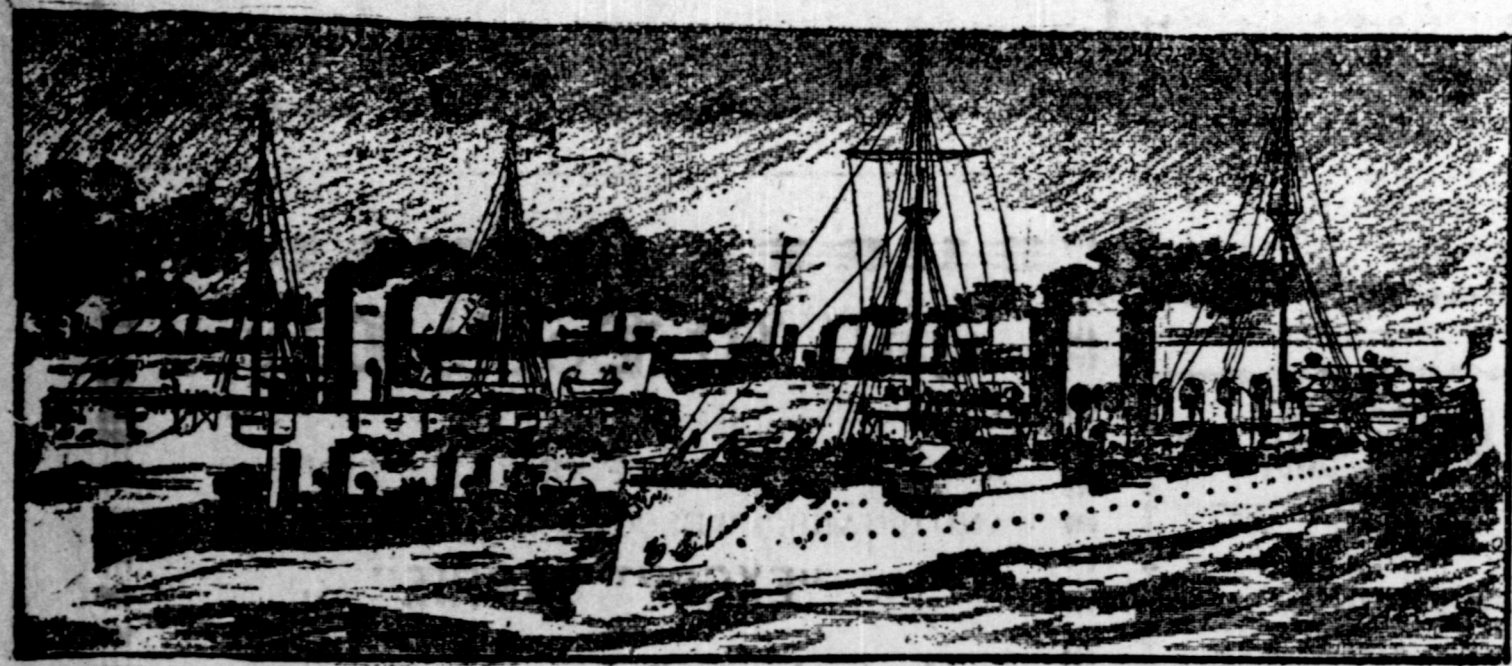
"The microphone enables a person to hear a fly walk or a bee sneeze," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "but it won't tell which way a flea is going to hop next."

It was 297 years ago that the keel of America's first vessel was laid, it being the little ship Virginia, built by mebers of Sir George Popham's colony at the mouth of the Kennebec river.

Tight pigeons recently flew from Kimberley to Cape Town, South Africa, a distance of 512 miles, in fourteen hours.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS TO ENFORCE NEUTRALITY ON ALL NATIONS IN PHILIPPINE WATERS

CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS IN PHILIPPINE WATERS.



While no reports have been received from Rear Admiral Stirling, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet,

that he has dispatched a portion of his command to the southern Philippines, for the purpose of preserving American neutrality, not the slightest doubt is expressed at the navy department that active steps have been taken.

Rear Admiral Stirling is doing this undoubtedly in obedience to the relation of instructions already twice sent to the Asiatic squadron to apply President Roosevelt's proclamation of neutrality to the waters of the Philippines just as they would be applied to the coasts of the United States. His last instructions were sent on Jan. 25. These were caused by the reported presence of Japanese scouts and cruisers in the waters between Sulu and Borneo. The department in its cable to Admiral Stirling spoke of the reports of fleet activity in those waters. While the Japanese naval plans, now as throughout the war, are

kept secret, no one in the navy department doubts that Japan has made the most elaborate arrangements for detecting and giving battle to the Russian Baltic fleet just as soon as it appears in Oceania. It is believed that Japan, at every passage which would let the Russians through on the way to the far east from the straits of Malacca to the west end of the Dutch possessions in New Guinea, has its scouts and cruisers watching day and night. The naval experts who are awaiting news of Admiral Stirling's movements with great interest, are convinced that Japan does not for a moment assume that the Russian fleet is turning back.

Rear Admiral Stirling has twenty-one warships, all with the exception of the small gunboats, being assembled at Cavite in readiness for the enforcement of neutrality should it be necessary.

DYNASTY OF THE ROMANOFFS.

First of the Czars Was Chosen by a Representative Assembly.

The Romanoff dynasty of Czars, of which the present emperor of Russia is a member, has ruled the empire since 1613, when Michael Feodorovitch Romanoff was elected czar by an assembly of representatives, following a national uprising, says the New York Tribune. The previous rulers, the descendants of Ivan III, who threw off the yoke of the Mongols in 1462, became extinct about 1592, and the country had been torn by wars among the nobles, and by popular risings against them. It was as the champion of the last of these risings that the Romanoff dynasty came into power.

The steady growth of the Russian empire began about that time. Michael purchased peace from the Poles and devoted himself to strengthening the empire, but under his son the territory given the Poles was recovered, and his grandson conquered the Cossacks and fought the first successful war with the Turks. Another grandson of Michael, Peter the Great, is considered in many respects the real founder of the empire as a modern power. It was he who introduced into the semi-Oriental customs of the Russians of his day the Occidental customs which have been so fruitful a source of trouble ever since. Under Peter the empire wrested territory from the Turks, Poland and Sweden, and the internal administration of the government, as well as its foreign policy, was placed practically on the footing it now occupies.

The next period of rapid development in Russia came under Catherine II. (1762-96), who ascended the throne after causing the murder of her husband, Peter III. She furthered the spread of Western civilization in the empire, enacted laws favorable to the development of commerce and industry, and introduced administrative changes. She was the guiding spirit in the spoliation of Poland, and fought the Turks in two successful wars. Her son, Paul I., carried on a constant fight with his aristocracy, and established the censorship of the press and the secret police system. He was preparing to make war on England when he was assassinated by conspirators.

Alexander I., who assumed power in 1801, was a lover of peace, and abolished serfdom in the Baltic provinces. It was he who fought Napoleon, and led him into the disastrous invasion of Russia. The latter years of his reign were less liberal, and his son carried on a reactionary policy. His grandson, Alexander II., however, proved the most liberal of Russia's rulers, and, while prosecuting the expansion of the empire in all directions, instituted many internal reforms. He abolished the secret police, and was said to be about to propose marked changes in the form of government when he was assassinated in 1881.

His son, Alexander III., took as advisers the extreme reactionaries and autocrats. He was succeeded in 1894 by Nicholas II., the chief feature of whose reign has been the development of Asiatic Russia.

France's Interest in Russia. The cable from Paris telling of the loss of sympathy there for Russia is important. It is easy to understand the change of feeling. We may be sure that the French people, to a greater degree probably than any other people, thoroughly appreciate a situation where rotten royalty turns its back on a suffering people trying to exercise the simple right of petition. Their own records show what that means, and suggest what it may lead to. But their feelings are not

based wholly upon sentiment. There is the homely old question of dollars and cents cutting the usual figure. France is staking Russia in large sums, and revolution in Russia might carry down with the authorities overthrown great quantities of good French money. The pocket nerve responds promptly when touched or threatened. —Washington star.

SEES NEED OF GLOSSARY.

Champ Clark Thinks One Should Accompany Agricultural Reports.

Champ Clark looked over a publication recently issued by the agricultural department entitled "Soil Inoculation for Legumes." He found this simple sentence: "The primary object in undertaking an investigation of the fixation of nitrogen by the root nodules of legumes was to devise if possible some method of bringing about the artificial introduction of the necessary organisms into a soil which was naturally devoid of them, and at the same time to attempt as far as possible to correlate and reconcile the vast amount of conflicting evidence that has been accumulated by various investigators in regard to the exact nature of the organism, where the nitrogen is fixed, the effect upon the host, and similar problems." After wading through the wonderful composition the Missouri senator exclaimed: "Fine, splendid. And now we ought to print a glossary to go with every copy of the report."

Known as Good Railroad Man.

Hosea W. Kapp, who has just been appointed general agent of the Pennsylvania railroad lines at Baltimore, bears the reputation of being one of the most competent transportation officials in the Pennsylvania service. He was born in Marietta, Pa., in 1844, beginning his railroad career eighteen years later in a humble position.

CULLOM AS A SONG BIRD.

Only Time Distinguished Senator Lifted His Voice in Melody.

Senator Cullom acknowledges to having sung just once in all his life. That was a long time ago. The historic event occurred in connection with a commission upon which he served. "At the end," says the Senator, "we gave ourselves a dinner and before we parted one of us said we ought to sing 'Auld Lang Syne,' so we stood up and held hands and one fellow started us going. But he started so high that at the end of the first line nobody had anything to say. We let go to get a better hold and another fellow started so low that at the end of the second line it got lost under the table. Well, we stood still and waited. Nobody seemed ready to take the responsibility. I thought it was too bad to have the bill lost just for want of a leader when the whole house stood ready to back it, so I drew a long breath and sailed in. We got through first-rate that time, clean to the end without a break, but I've never sung a note in my life before nor since."

Ship-Building in Great Britain.

"Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping" for 1904 shows in striking detail the supremacy of the United Kingdom in ship-building. That country during the year built nearly twice as large a tonnage as all other countries put together. Including sailing ships, three-fifths of the tonnage added to the world's mercantile marine was launched in British shipyards. Including war vessels, the total British output, 749 vessels of 1,332,337 tons, considerably exceeded the total foreign output. Among foreign countries the three leading places are held by the United States, 239,000 tons; Germany, 202,000, and France, 81,000.—Philadelphia Ledger.

HISTORY OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

Feb. 8 was the first anniversary of the Russo-Japanese war, actual hostilities dating from the first Japanese attack upon Port Arthur, although Russia had not formally declare war until two days and Japan until three days later. The losses, cost and principal events in this first year are:

	Losses in Men.		Total.
	Killed.	Wounded.	
Russians	60,000	155,000	215,000
Japanese	65,000	110,000	175,000

Naval Losses.
By Russia—Seven battleships, thirteen cruisers and fourteen gunboats, torpedo boats and destroyers. Total, 34 ships.
By Japan—One battleship, three cruisers, three transports and sixteen torpedo boats and destroyers. Total, 23 ships.

Financial Cost.
Official figures by Russia..... \$475,000,000
Estimates made by Japan..... 369,000,000

Total cost to both countries..... \$835,000,000

Principal Events.

- Feb. 8-9, 1904—Vladivostok destroyed in Chemulpo harbor and Togo attacks Port Arthur fleet.
- May 1—Japanese take Fengwangcheng.
- May 5—Japanese land at Pitsewo and begin to invest Port Arthur.
- May 11—Russians evacuate Dalny, destroying the town.
- May 26-27—Battles of Nanshan hill and Kinchow; loss 5,130.
- June 14-15—Oku defeats Stackelberg at Vafangow; loss, 11,000.
- June 17—Battle of Motien Pass; Russians driven back.
- July 25—Russian forces driven out of Newchwang.
- Aug. 10—Sortie from Port Arthur harbor; Russian fleet dispersed and in part destroyed; Vice Admiral Witthoff killed.
- Aug. 14—Kamimura defeats Vladivostok squadron; Rurik sunk.
- Aug. 30-Sept. 4—Japanese, under Oyama, defeat Kuropatkin at Liaoyang; 365,000 engaged, loss 35,000.
- Sept. 11—Baltic fleet sails from Cronstadt under Rojestvensky.
- Oct. 8-18—Kuroki defeats Kuropatkin at Shakhe river. Total casualties 61,679, with 23,000 killed.
- Oct. 22—The "Doggerbank outrage." Two British fishermen killed.
- Nov. 30—Japanese take 203-Meter hill by storm, losing 12,000.
- Jan. 2—Stoessel surrenders Port Arthur to Nogai.
- Jan. 26 to 31—Battle of the Hun river; Russians defeated with loss of 15,000; Japanese loss 5,000.

DIVERSIFICATION SOMETHING TO SELL EVERY DAY.

By Oswald Wilson, Sect'y National Cotton Association.

Corn and Cow-Peas in the South.

It has long been recognized that corn and cow-peas are two of the most valuable food crops for stock in general use by Southern farmers. Their hardy character, vigorous growth and wide adaptation to climates and soils place them in the first rank for plants for general farm use. In the improved system of agriculture which the South must adopt to meet boll weevil conditions, corn and cow-peas must occupy a more important position than in any previous period, because soil conditions must be improved to successfully make good cotton crops, and this can be accomplished by the alternate planting to corn and cow-peas and to cotton.

Corn.

The soil should be prepared for the corn crop the same as for cotton by deeper fall plowing (or breaking) of the land and winter cultivation. Breaking for corn ought to be eight inches deep, but where the previous breaking has only been three or four inches, it will not do to go down to eight inches at once, hence it will be advisable in such cases not to stir up too much crude soil, but reach a depth of eight inches or more as soon as practicable. The winter cultivation referred to is simply harrowing or discing the land at intervals of twenty to thirty days so as to put it in the best condition for planting. Plant early as the season will permit in rows, six feet apart on rich land, and five feet apart on hill lands and worn bench, bottom or prairie lands. Where corn is planted five and six feet apart in rows, it will bear a little crowding in the row. It may be single stalks once in ten to twelve inches, according to the fertility of the land, or it may stand two stalks in a place once in twenty to twenty-four inches; the single stalk is preferable. The wide rows allow the sunshine to penetrate to the soil and gives a better ear than where the planting is done in narrow rows.

Seed Corn.

In the selection of seed corn better results in bushels will be reached by selecting promising varieties, grown not more than 200 miles north of the field to be planted. It should not be understood that it is necessary to secure corn grown one to two hundred miles north. Promising varieties grown in the immediate neighborhood, if they have been carefully selected, will undoubtedly give the most satisfactory results. The objection to corn grown in the immediate vicinity is that it has not as a rule been selected with care, and hence it is almost impossible to get pure bred corn except from some seedsmen who has taken unusual pains to keep it pure.

The ears should be of medium length with kernels deep and firm, well filled at the ends and with small cob. Above all, it should be corn specially selected and carefully housed, and not taken at random from a crib. In planting reject the irregular kernels at each end, and use plenty of seed.

Fertilizers.

The use of a small amount of fertilizer on corn land, until the soil can be improved and filled with cow-peas, is of great importance to the planter. The continued use of fertilizers year after year is not specially recommended, but at the commencement, in order to stimulate the corn and the cow-

peas, it is necessary if the best results are expected. On light soils and uplands that have been considerably worn, use 400 pounds of fertilizer per acre, compounded as follows: 160 pounds of 14 per cent acid phosphate, containing 2 per cent of potash, and 240 pounds of cotton seed meal, thoroughly mixed. Distribute in the rows where the corn is to be planted two to three weeks before planting and follow with the cultivator to mix the fertilizer with the soil. On rich prairie or bottom lands use only one pound of cotton seed meal to three pounds of phosphoric acid and potash, applying only 200 pounds of the mixture per acre. In general reduce the proportion of cotton seed meal used in the mixture and the total amount of fertilizer applied per acre as the fertility of the soil increases.

As soon as the corn is up use the harrow, then cultivate once in ten days till the corn is too large. The first cultivations should be shallow. Many cultivations should be shallow. Many use only the plow in cultivation. It is not the best implement, but will answer a good purpose if thoroughly used. More depends upon the thorough use of an implement than upon the special form of the implement; however, the two-horse cultivator does better and more rapid work, but it is a little difficult to use this implement where there are many stumps. Thin the corn in rows to a stand of one stalk to each ten to twelve inches on poor lands and to fifteen inches on very rich lands. The greater width of the rows allows a closer stand in the row.

Cow-Peas.

At the time of the last working of the corn, plant four rows of cow-peas in each space between the corn rows, using about two bushels and a half of the peas per acre. In case the land is poor it will be well to use 100 pounds of cotton seed meal per acre at the time of planting the cow-peas—this will help the corn and insure a crop of peas. In selecting peas for planting in corn, it is well to use a variety that produces the most vine so as to thoroughly cover the land with the crop. Some use the clayed cow-pea and some the black Carolina. Both are good, and will answer the purpose if planted with care.

It may be urged that too much expense is put upon the corn crop by this method. The cost of fertilizer is placed at \$5.50 per acre, the additional work upon the land at \$2, and the cow-peas at \$3.50, making a total of \$11 per acre extra. The return should be, and will be under average conditions, an increase of 40 bushels of corn per acre, worth \$20, and at least one ton of cow-peas, worth \$12—total, \$32. Nor is this all, the effect of good cultivation and the cow-peas on the cotton crop to follow the next year should be equal to a quarter of a bale of cotton, of \$10, which, added to the \$33, gives a total of \$42, for an expenditure of \$11 in labor and fertilizer.

S. A. KNAPP.

Arizona Is Grateful.

Phoenix, Ariz.: The house of the legislature passed a concurrent resolution thanking the United States senate for eliminating Arizona from the statehood bill, and asking the house of representatives to concur in the amendment affecting this territory.

Killed by Unknown Men.

Lake Charles, La.: The remain of a man whose neck had been broken were found near the Southern Pacific telegraph office last night. A few minutes before two unknown men were seen to strike him and then run and when the witnesses reached the place he was dead. Papers on his person show him to be C. L. Brooker of Picayune, Miss. His relatives were notified.

Broke His Nose While Skating.

Belton, Texas: Many minor accidents have been reported during this severe cold spell, the most serious of which happened to Prof. L. H. Hubbard, one of the teachers in the North Belton public schools, who fell while skating, sustaining a broken nose and other slight injuries.

The Missouri Contest.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Yesterday's ballot in the senatorial contest left the situation unchanged.

Little Girl's Legs Cut Off.

Hearne, Texas: A sad accident occurred here yesterday afternoon, whereby the little daughter of Mr. W. J. Shelton accidentally fell beneath a moving freight train, having both of her legs cut off.

Marlin Schools Resumed.

Marlin, Texas: The public schools resumed yesterday morning, after being suspended for several days on account of the bad weather.

ACHED IN EVERY BONE.

Chicago Society Woman, Who Was So Sick She Could Not Sleep or Eat, Cured by Doan's Kidney Pills.

Marion Knight, of 33 N. Ashland avenue, Chicago, orator of the West Side Wednesday Club, says: "This



winter when I started to use Doan's Kidney Pills I ached in every bone and had intense pains in the kidneys and pelvic organs. The urine was thick and cloudy, and I could barely eat enough to live. I felt a change for the better within a week. The second week I began eating heartily. I began to improve generally, and before seven weeks had passed I was well. I had spent hundreds of dollars for medicine that did not help me, but \$6 worth of Doan's Kidney Pills restored me to perfect health."

A TRIAL FREE.—Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cts.

At least once a week a man sees the prettiest woman he ever saw in his life.

RAW ITCHING ECZEMA

Blotches on Hands, Ears, and Ankles For Three Years—Instant Relief and Speedy Cure by Cuticura.

"Thanks to Cuticura I am now rid of that fearful pest, weeping eczema, for the first time in three years. It first appeared on my hand, a little pimple, growing into several blotches, and then on my ears and ankles. They were exceedingly painful, itching, and always raw. After the first day's treatment with Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Pills, there was very little of the burning and itching, and the cure now seems to be complete. (sign.) S. B. Hege, Passenger Agent B. & O. R. R., Washington, D. C."

The cigarette trade in India has increased 90 per cent in four years. The amount of cigarette tobacco imported last year was 2,240,200 pounds.

How's This?

We offer one Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. WASHINGTON, KINWAY & MARTIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

When a woman can't find anything else to worry about she can do it about whether the baby is going to wear side burn whiskers when he grows up.—New York Press.

It's a mistaken idea to suppose that he laughs best who laughs loudest.

Salzer's Home Builder Corn. So named because 50 acres produced so heavily, that its proceeds built a lovely home. See Salzer's catalog. Yielded in Ind. 150 bu., Ohio 160 bu., Tenn. 198 bu., and in Mich. 220 bu. per acre. You can beat this record in 1905.



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THESE YIELDS?
120 bu. Beardless Barley per acre.
310 bu. Salzer's New National Oats per A.
80 bu. Salzer's Speltz and Macaroni Wheat.
1,000 bu. Pedigree Potatoes per acre.
14 tons of rich Billion Dollar Grass Hay.
60,000 lbs. Victoria Rape for sheep—per A.
160,000 lbs. Teosinte, the fodder wonder.
54,000 lbs. Salzer's Superior Fodder Corn—rich, juicy fodder, per A.
Now such yields you can have in 1905, if you will plant my seeds.

JUST SEND THIS NOTICE AND 10c in stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive their great catalog and lots of farm seed samples. [W.N.U.]

Trees transplanted at night are more likely to live than those transplanted in daytime.

A green grocer is one who trusts deadbeat customers.

They Can't.

Old and dejected—chuck full of pain, Said he'd "be darned if he cared to remain in a land where seven aches from each acorn grow, And the remedies therefor so infernally few."

He was cited to Hunt's Lightning Oil, used one bottle, swapped his crutches for a bottle of hair dye, and says he'll be eternally consoled if any old ache or pain can stand Hunt's Lightning Oil.

He lives not who lives not in earnest.

The rooters are always content to let the other fellows do the digging. To admire a virtue without seeking to emulate it is to enervate the soul.

A Father's Worry.

Your poor worried wife losing sleep night after night nursing the little one suffering from that night fiend for children and horror to parents, Croup, should have a bottle of Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein, an undoubted croup preventive and cure for coughs, colds and consumption. At druggists, 25c, 50c. and \$1.00 a bottle.

The Russian government has established half a dozen model farms for the cultivation of cotton in different parts of Turkestan.

A stone house is not so durable as one of brick. A brick house, well constructed will outlast one built of granite.

An exchange ask, "Who and where is the Moses who will deliver us from the blighting loss caused by suspensions?" All fraternal orders and old liners are hunting for this Moses; but in truth, he is in every camp and lodge—the members represent Moses. With a little kindness, a few warning words of the danger to an unprotected family, the neglectful member can be made to see his wrongs. Wake up, Moses; every camp, wake up, restore the suspended member, and stop this blighting loss."—Ex.

If one kills himself, he is called a suicide, if he kills a brother he is called a fratricide, if he kills someone of no kin he is a homicide, but if he kills his town by sending away to buy things he ought to buy at home he becomes the entire lot of "cides" in one. We wonder if those who continually buy goods away from home ever think of the tendency of this nefarious practice. They are helping to kill the town in which they live by destroying its business and lowering the price of its real estate and driving out its population. Enough people engaged in this business will depopulate any town in a short time.

The Beeville Bee of February 3rd contains an editorial as follows:

A petition to the legislature to deservise the rurality of the town of Victoria, by refusing to merge several non-competing lines of railway now under the same management, was in circulation here this week by the paid agent of the Victoria anti-merger committee, who by the way, is not in favor of the petition he circulates. The petition in question is to prevent the merging of the G. W. T. & P. and the N. Y. T. & M. with the G. H. & S. A., the building of a gap between Cuero and Stockdale, and thereby give Victoria daily train service direct to San Antonio, and in addition facilitate an extension westward from Beeville to a connection with the main line at Spofford—again rebounding to the benefit of Victoria, by placing it on a trunk line instead of, as it now is, on an unimportant branch. The petition of the citizens of Victoria to prevent all this has been properly termed "A Petition to Preserve the Rurality of the Village of Victoria," and a copy of it has been in circulation here this week. The circulator of the petition himself evidently thinks too kindly of Victoria to sign the petition he paid to circulate, and all other citizens, excepting two, have also had the interests of Victoria in mind in not signing the petition to further preserve and leave unincumbered by the sound of progress the rurality of that ancient municipality.

RESINOL ART CALENDAR and RECORD OF BABY'S DOINGS.

The new Resinol Art Calendar for 1905 is one of the most beautiful calendars ever issued. Six sheets of heavy enameled paper contain on one side six beautiful color designs of babies and children, while on the reverse sides are drawings depicting child life, with spaces for the notation of baby's "sayings and doings." It is a work of art that will delight a mother's heart. Sent postpaid by the RESINOL CHEMICAL COMPANY of Baltimore, Md., for two wrappers from Resinol Soap, or one wrapper and 15 cents; or for 40 cents a calendar and a cake of Resinol Soap will be sent.

WEST TEXAS IS FACING GREAT COYOTE PERIL.

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Coyotes are so numerous is a fact. The coyotes watch the mother doe secrete her fawns and during her absence destroys her young. In the same manner this vicious animal kills young calves. A ranchman of Maverick county informed me that last year he had two hundred calves killed by coyotes.

The situation in West Texas has become so unbearable from the great coyote peril that the people have applied for relief to our great State of Texas. It behooves the sportsmen to take this matter in hand and use their influence to pass the bill.

WOULD SAVE POULTRY INDUSTRY. If we desire our game to increase we must provide protection to the mothers of our wild game at the time most needed when caring for their young by the destruction of that great murderer of young animal life. The present game law is universally endorsed by all decent people; but we must go a step further and eradicate the coyote and until then will wild game have the protection absolutely necessary for their preservation.

To pass the proposed Scalp law against the coyote would also be a great economic measure for West Texas, which means protection for our wild game, protection for lambs, calves, pigs and even human life.

It would be the means of inaugurating a new industry in the raising of vast numbers of poultry.

Formerly wild turkeys, that king of all our birds, were common as quail, are today. They subsisted entirely on the abundant natural food common to this district, such as hackberry, acorns, pecan and prickly pear, most of which at time is so plentiful as to keep them in splendid condition.

Just picture to what extent the poultry business could be carried in a country which is so favorably adapted to its development.

Turkeys are more easily raised when allowed to go half wild. What a grand industry for Western Texas! What profits to be realized from a poultry crop if the coyotes were only exterminated. The poultry crop in Kansas today amounts to millions of dollars.

Give Western Texas a chance! This is a country of vast possibilities, but we are helpless unless our great State comes to our relief and gives us protection against this greatest peril that now confronts us and becomes every year more unbearable.

Give us protection for our live stock, poultry, wild game and human life by passing this law and it will not only be a benefit to west Texas but the whole State will be the beneficiary!—San Antonio Express.

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Notice
Complaints have been coming in to the Health officer from several quarters of offensive "pig pens." These pens must be cleaned out and kept so, and not allowed to become a public nuisance. It is thought a hint will be sufficient, but if not, means to enforce such cleanliness will be sought.
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