

Here We Are

On July 1, 1903, placing ourselves before the people of the Panhandle as the leader of all leaders of one priced, low priced, cash priced merchants.

HERE WE ARE

WITH THREE OF THE LARGEST, CLEANEST, BEST EQUIPPED, NEWEST, BEST SELECTED AND MOST UP-TO-DATE STOCK OF GOODS OF ALL KINDS, PLACING THEM BEFORE YOU PEOPLE AT PRICES FOR CASH NO OTHER RETAIL MERCHANT, MAIL ORDER AND VERY FEW JOBBING HOUSES CAN TOUCH.

Here we are

Buying everything for Cash, and most everything by the train load, taking advantage of the cash buyers' discount, thus enabling us to sell you your goods at much less than other merchants pay for them.

—HERE WE ARE—

With everything complete and overflowing with the best of everything, and expert clerks in charge of every department. You can get just what you want at our store. We are here and just beginning our crusade against high prices and long time. Our method will in a short time revolutionize the entire mercantile business of northern Texas, and you will have the Johnson Mercantile Company to thank for saving you many dollars.

A FEW PRICES ON GROCERIES.

Just a few prices on the best and newest line of staple groceries ever shown here. All other groceries at like low prices.

10 pounds of Arbuckle Coffee.....	1.00
10 pounds Good Bulk Coffee.....	1.00
Japan Tea, per pound.....	25 cents.
Imperial Tea, per pound.....	45 cents.
11 pounds of evaporated Peaches for.....	1.00
16 pounds of Best California Prunes.....	1.00
20 pounds of Navy or pink Beans.....	1.00
Blackberries, per can.....	10 cents.
Raspberries, per can.....	10 cents.
Gooseberries, per can.....	10 cents.
Best Hominy, per can.....	10 cents.
Best Saur Kraut, per can.....	10 cents.
Best High Patent Flour, per one hundred pounds.....	2.10.
10 pounds of best Lard for.....	1.20.
3 cans of Good Pink Salmon for.....	25 cents.

BARBED WIRE.

We have just received two cars of Baker Perfect wire which we bought before the advance and will sell away below the market price.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES OF SUMMER DRESS FABRICS.

Here we are with the cleanest, most complete and up-to-date Dry Goods stock you will find in a day's travel.

It is our aim to clear out our counters and shelves of the light, airy clothes. In order to do this, we have cut our prices lower than ever heard of before.

Fancy lawns, 1000 yards of this thin dress fabric, with white and colored grounds and stripes and figures; it's usually 6½ cts. but it is going at 5 cts. a yard.

Butterfly stripes; dainty allover flower designs—next those pretty, cool, airy dresses—always sold for 35 cts., marked down to 24 cts.

Yuces Tissues, of thin fine sheer fabric, we have quite a variety of pretty patterns that has small and medium figures printed on blue, white and linon colored back grounds.

Damask, Dimity, Lace Lawns, all stripes, shades and kinds, usually sells for 10c. now 8½ cts.

Finest Taffeta and Velvet Ribbons any old price.

A big line of Fancy Tavoy Madras, usually sold for 16½ cts. now 12½ cts.

HARDWARE.

We have a big stock of shelf and heavy hardware, which will be sold at unheard of low prices.

MACHINERY.

We are sole agents for the celebrated Deering Harvesting Co., which needs no words of praise nor introduction to the people.

We have a full line of repairs for everything the Deering Co. makes.

We also employ a competent machinist whose only business is to look after the Deering machines, thus differing from other brands who must send three or four hundred miles to get a man to repair the slightest break down in their machines.

It is the same with this line of goods as with all others—"We Sell the Best."

We are also sole agents for the Kingman Moon Implement Co., whose goods everybody knows is the best.

You know what the Hancock Disc Plow is, well we are sole agents for them too.

HARNESS AND SADDLERY.

When we come to this line, we are "IT" We can sell you a good double set of work Harness complete with wool-faced collars for Twenty Dollars. Catalog houses do not keep as good grade of harness.

We will sell you a good, full size, full rigged, best oak-tanned leather Padgett Saddle for Twenty Five Dollars.

We have a few of the famous Padgett Saddles with Vacalia tree, full size, best oak-tanned leather, full rigged and complete. Regular value \$50, our price \$38.

WALL PAPER.

The largest line of wall paper ever brought to the Panhandle. Beautiful designs. Very low prices.

WAGONS.

Our Wagons are THE CELEBRATED STUDEBAKER, THE BROWN, THE CAPITOL AND THE CLINTON.

CUT PRICES IN FURNITURE.

Here we are with another car load of furniture, which we want to close out in the next thirty days, and if prices talk we will surely do it.

In buying our furniture every effort has been made to select those of the utmost strength and durability and beauty combined. Patterns to harmonize with each and every other piece in our stock. Choice is an assurance. See those dining room chairs at 54 cts., better grades at 64c, 98c, and \$1.25.

Good substantial cane rocker, large and comfortable at \$2.99 while they last. Our line of rockers is so large that it would be impossible to give prices.

\$2.98 buys an iron bed that others are asking \$5 for. We have them in all colors. We can also fit up the beds with springs, \$2.50 and the best mattress at \$2.75.

\$6.48 buys a fine full size kitchen cabinet with best arrangement, polished front and brass trimmings.

Ask to see our line of Velour covered couches. Going at \$12.00.

98 cts. buys a canvas covered cot, just the thing for your after-dinner naps: You can't afford to be without one.

REMEMBER that this is not a one day Special Sale with us but is our way of selling goods and each week we will have new attractions.

THE JOHNSON MERCANTILE COMPANY,
Miami, Canadian and Pampa, Texas.

We sell the Famous
STAR-FIVE-STAR BOOTS AND SHOES
and also have various other brands
of Boots and Shoes which will be
sold regardless of Cost.
Ask to see them.

THE MIAMI CHIEF.

LESLIE L. LADD, Ed. & Pub.

MIAMI TEXAS

In the country, now, the season when all boys go barefooted is on.

The class poem is seldom a classic, although it sometimes makes the class sick.

Common sense would prevent many divorces. It would also prevent many marriages.

Being such an inventive genius Marconi might invent a better word than "air-sonograph."

"Healthy mandamus, Gen. Green" is the way a New York paper puts it. This capitulates the cake.

The best critic is the one who shows a man where and how he fell short of doing what he meant to do.

A bankrupt Texas oil company's assets are 18 miles. So the creditors still have a few klicks coming.

"The Hopeless Turk," which is the latest appellation, fits him quite as well as the "Unspeakable Turk."

What a difference it makes in a man's chest expansion whether you tell him he has a level head or a flat one.

Russia wants access to warm water and is prepared to keep the rest of Europe in hot water until it gets what it wants.

A person who cannot argue is like a person who cannot chew; he swallows the facts of life unprepared for digestion.

Mr. Carnegie has already given away \$100,000,000, and he hasn't got around to us yet. We think he is playing favorites.

The seven masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson has proved to be a failure. It was an overproduction to the extent of about four masts.

When a woman goes into a room and doesn't walk up to the looking glass to gaze at herself it is a sign that there isn't one there.

The verdict regarding Eleanor Roosevelt, the newest Juliet, is that she at no point rose to ideal heights, though she insisted on wearing high-heeled shoes.

The hour is ripe for the brainy engineer who can figure out how to store up flood waters and set them to work irrigating the country's dead places.

The man who sings loudest about heaven being his home shows no signs of homesickness when he crawls beneath two feather ticks during a thunderstorm.

St. Gaudens' statue of Gen. Sherman was unveiled in New York Memorial day, but the grim old fighter's st. famous saying is not inserted in its base.

Her golden hair was hanging over her back" is threatened with a by the latest fad at Newport, or is all right, but can't we be the song?

Among other hardships, the explorer starting for the north pole has to endure waiting at least a year to learn which cuts won the all pennants.

Senator Clark of Montana says it is difficult to find a safe investment for his money. Has he ever considered that the safest investment for it is spend it doing good?

A police court judge has rendered opinion to the effect that one even-week is enough for a married couple to spend in a bowling alley, but it is reversed by the Supreme court.

Milvill of Bridgeport attempted to stop a frame-breaker and nonunion men, and promptly, knocked down with a "Blessed are the peace-makers."

One of the lady doctors says men are more emotional than women. But perhaps she has merely drawn her conclusions from the actions of mothers and fathers over the arrival of sons and triplets.

Two Berlin doctors, as a cabegram believe they have an infallible remedy for insomnia. If their claims are justified their names are to stand high on the lists of those who have produced a universal good.

Leander has been outdone by that 89-year-old bridegroom who swam across the Platte river because he was lonesome without his bride. What a story to tell when this man grows old and gathers his grandchildren about his knee!

An observer says it "is interesting to lie down at the edge of a pond and watch the evolution of a mosquito from the larva stage to that of a full-fledged insect, ready to fly." It may be, but it is criminal to let the mosquito get away.

When the liberty bell reaches Boston it is to be guarded by the Ancient and Honorable artillery company of that city. The accompanying councilman will have to guard themselves.

The LIVING FLAG



The Declaration of Independence

7. We have to make our own beds, and then, if there is a wrinkle, or it isn't done right, we have to do it all over again.

"Old Glory"

A Fourth of July celebration would be a tame affair without "Old Glory" to flaunt in the folds and wave in the breeze.

COUNTIES OWE THE STATE

State Accountant to Check The Accounts Between The Two. WILL BENEFIT SCHOOL FUND.

George E. Cole When Made State Accountant Will Do The Perpet Act. He Knows How.

Conference About Manufacture. Order May, July 1.—President Roosevelt manifested the deepest interest in the dispatch from Berlin announcing a conference of Russian officials at Port Arthur on the Manchurian question.

Report of Relief Committee. Kansas City, Mo., July 1.—The general flood relief committee of Kansas City, Mo., has received \$116,000, the Kansas City, Kans., committee \$75,000.

Old Tank Farm. Topeka, July 1.—The Standard Oil Company has purchased a 110-acre farm near Newton for the purpose of storing crude oil from the oil fields of southeastern Kansas.

Propose to Straighten the Kaw. Topeka, July 1.—Congressman Miller spent a day at St. Marys in conference with the people of that section about the proposal to have the Kaw river straightened.

Passengers Stood On Seats. Ardmore, L. T., June 28.—Passengers on the northbound Santa Fe report a thrilling experience near Haxel, south of Ardmore, when the train ran into a wind and rain storm.

Porto Rico Entour. San Juan, P. R., June 29.—Five cotton gins have arrived here from the United States and will be immediately installed.

Flooded Sugar For Bees. Kansas City, June 30.—There are 29,000 hives of bees about Independence, Mo., and the owners are buying all the sugar they can get hold of.

Coal Fleets On Ohio River. Pittsburg, June 25.—The recent rains have resulted in a coal boating stage of water and the coal operators are preparing to send south one of the largest shipments in years.

Gen. Knox Asked to Help. Washington, June 26.—At the suggestion of President Roosevelt that Attorney General Knox help in the prosecution of indicted postoffice officials, the attorney general has appointed Charles J. Bonaparte of Baltimore, a special attorney to assist in these prosecutions.

Belgrade, June 30.—The kings of Italy and Roumania and President Loubet of France and Primes Nicholas of Montenegro have added their congratulations to those already received by King Peter from other chiefs of state.

Beloit is to receive \$50,000 from Andrew Carnegie for a library building.

Alcohol in Medicine.

A Woman's Christian Temperance Union worker is to ask the Massachusetts' Board of Health to analyze several well-known patent medicines in order to determine the amount of alcohol contained.

Aborigine Plutocrats.

The Osage Indians are the plutocrats. There are only 1,788 of them, and they have a trust fund of \$516,203. Besides, they have 1,470,858 acres of productive land as the sun ever shone upon.

This Will Interest Mothers.

Michael Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, Cures Feverishness, Bad Stomach and Teething Disorders. Sold by all Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, Lefroy, N.Y.

ARE YOUR CLOTHES FADED?

Use Red Cross Ball Blue and make them white again. Larges 2 oz. packages 3 cents.

Cat Nursing Rabbits.

A nest of young rabbits was plowed up in Kansas, and a little girl took them home, but after getting tired of her pets she decided to feed them to the old family cat that has a number of kittens. Instead of the cat eating them, as was expected, she is raising them. The cat seems to think as much of the rabbits as she does of her kittens.

New Idea for Arctic Research.

German scientific circles are paying much attention to the Amsterdam expedition to the magnetic north pole. The vessel in which Prof. Amundsen will sail, is the Gjoa, of only forty-six tons. The idea is that her small dimensions will be of the utmost advantage when the icebergs and currents near the magnetic pole are encountered.

A Woman's Back.

Dublin, Mich., June 29th.—To the many women who suffer with weak back and pains and tired feelings in the small of the back, the experience of Mrs. Fred Chalkley of this place will be interesting and profitable.

Parrots Not Wanted.

In a recent will case in an spiritualism is involved a woman testified that her deceased husband had sent back word to her that her parrot, also deceased, had joined him in the spirit world; and now there will be a wild desire to know whether there is not some world where parrots cannot come.

Snake River Wonders.

The Snake river plains (Idaho) are a veritable museum of nature's wonders. There are volcanoes, seemingly extinct, with their vast beds of ancient lava, their craters and their slender bottles. There are a score of lost rivers and creeks, hidden canyons, magnificent waterfalls, and a wonderful series of springs.

Italian Carbiniers.

The carbiniers of Italy are one of the finest bodies of troops in the world. They are selected from the regular army, and before his appointment every candidate must show that neither he nor any of his ancestors has ever been accused of crime, and that his record for intelligence, efficiency and behavior while in the army is first-class.

SURE NOW

The Truth About Coffee. It must be regarded as a convincing test when a family of 7 has used Postum for 5 years, retaining health and keeping healthy and strong on this food drink.

This lady lives in Millville, Mass., and the lady of the household says: "For eight years my stomach troubled me all the time. I was very nervous and irritable and no medicine helped me."

"I had about given up hope until 5 years ago next month I read an article about Postum Cereal Coffee that convinced me that coffee was the cause of all my troubles. I made the Postum carefully and liked it so much that I drank it in preference to coffee but without much faith that it would help me."

"At the end of a month, however, I was surprised to find such a change in my condition. I was stronger in every way, less nervous and at the end of 6 months I had recovered my strength so completely that I was able to do all of my own housework. Because of the good Postum did us I knew that what you claimed for Grape-Nuts must be true and we have all used that delicious food ever since it first appeared on the market."

"We have 7 in our family and I do the work for them all and I am sure that I owe my strength and health to the steady use of your fine cereal food and Postum (in place of coffee). I have such great faith in Postum that I have sent it to my relatives and I never lose a chance to speak well of it." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ice cold Postum with a dash of lemon is a delightful "cooler" for warm days.

Send for particulars by mail of extension of time on the \$7,500,000 contest for 735 money prizes.

Patrick Henry's Words

"I am not a philosopher, and I do not know whether it is sainted or not, but the English government never forgets to do so now, even on the Fourth of July."

HARVEST OF 5,709,485 ACRES

The General Condition Of Wheat
This Year Is Eighty-Nine Per Cent.
CROP, 100,000,000 BUSHELS.

Topeka, July 1.—Secretary F. D. Cohn, of the Kansas agricultural department, has issued a comprehensive report, showing the condition of the Kansas crops. It follows:

Reports from correspondents from well-nigh every township in Kansas to the state board of agriculture relating to the growing crops, based on conditions existing June 29, summarized, indicate that the area of winter wheat that will be harvested aggregates 5,709,485 acres, or 94.6 per cent of the total area sown, and the general average condition of this on the eve of harvest is 89 per cent, cutting 100 an entirely satisfactory condition. Besides rating high in the more prominent wheat producers, many counties with lower averages report correspondingly high averages, thus indicating that wherever there is wheat to harvest its condition is quite uniformly excellent.

At approximately the same stage in the plant's development that year, the general average condition of the state's winter wheat in 1892 was 82, on 5,248,547 acres, which bore the largest crop in the state's history (99,333,095 bushels). This year's area that will be harvested, much of which is now cut,

is greater, and its average condition seven points higher. Weather conditions for the past ten days have been favorable for its rapid reaping. No threshing as yet has been done, and it is too early to definitely determine quality, but with few exceptions here and there, the heads are reported as well developed and filled.

Assessors' returns of acreage from sixty-five counties bear out the estimate of the board's correspondents last fall, that the area of winter wheat sown then was 3 to 4 per cent less than that from which the 1902 crop was taken, and these official figures substantiate for the preliminary estimates in their respective counties made the state's total area sown 6,081,422 acres. Reporting earlier in the season, the prospect was represented as almost perfect, but the same correspondents now say that 5.4 per cent, or 321,937 acres, has been so damaged from various causes that it will not be cut. By the greater part of this is in the flooded districts.

The spring wheat area is comparatively small and confined principally to the Northwestern counties, as usual, and its general average condition is 95.

Frauds By Seed Men

Washington, June 29.—Secretary Wilson admits that the department is making an investigation and says: "We have known of these things in the department for some time, and we intend to probe them to the bottom. We believe that we have held up enough to reimburse the government for any losses that may have accrued. The case is in the hands of the attorney of the department of agriculture, and it is pending before the court of claims. It is claimed that the government has been defrauded out of thousands of dollars in seed contracts."

Special Session Of Congress

Washington, June 25.—Monday, November 9, is the date tentatively set by the president for the assembling of congress in extra session for action by the house on the Cuban treaty and the discussion of such matters as may be submitted. This will give congress nearly a month to work in before the date to the regular session of that body. The first Monday in December, the time fixed by law for regular sessions to begin, falls on December 7 this year. By beginning on November 9 there is believed to be plenty of time to dispose of the Cuban treaty matter.

Heavy Hains at Topeka

Topeka, June 27.—A rain so tremendous in volume that it was practically a cloudburst fell over Topeka about midnight of Wednesday. A number of residents in South Topeka were compelled to leave their homes and flee to higher ground, while a few of the smaller houses were washed from their foundations. Soldier creek which was such a factor in destroying North Topeka recently, came up with a rush and is flowing over the Kansas avenue bridge over that creek. The Kaw also rose considerably.

About Steel Bar Trade

Pittsburg, June 30.—The Associated Manufacturers of Steel Bars, in session here unanimously reaffirmed the present price of \$1.69 per hundred pounds for Bessemer bars for Pittsburg. The manufacturers reported orders plentiful and trade conditions good.

Hook Will Await Confirmation

Topeka, July 1.—Judge Hook has decided not to resign as district judge until he is confirmed as circuit judge next December. The president will probably not select a district judge until that time unless the fight becomes so aggravated here that he will want to end it early.

Earthquakes In Hungary

Brian, Hungary, June 29.—Four violent earth shocks were felt here at 6 o'clock in the morning. Several houses in the suburbs collapsed and nearly all the buildings in the town were more or less damaged. The inhabitants of the place were panic-stricken.

Grain Tax Repealed

London, June 29.—When the house of commons went into committee on the budget bill Henry Chaplin moved the rejection of the clause providing for the repeal of the grain tax. After a protracted discussion the motion was defeated, 416 to 32.

The Mexican Government Considers the Yaqui Indian Troubles ended

Attorney General Knox will not take up the selection of a successor to Judge Hook until the date is fixed for Judge Hook's retiring.

Cared For 20,000 People

Kansas City, Mo., June 29.—Charles Francis Adams of Boston has sent \$500 to the Kansas City, Kans., relief committee. This committee, which was obliged to care for 20,000 homeless people for three weeks, has only \$29,000 remaining of the \$70,000 received. This balance will be expended in the purchase of household goods.

Coaling Stations Treaty

Washington, June 29.—Senator Quesada, the Cuban minister, has received advice from Havana through official sources that the treaties concerning coaling stations in the Isle of Pines may be signed at any moment, and that the probabilities are that they will be ratified by the Cuban senate.

New Orleans, during the past month,

has shipped more grain than has New York, having placed on board 28,000,000 bushels while New York loaded 14,000,000 bushels.

A SHORT LESSON IN FINANCE



—New York Herald.

Where Postal Funds Go Cantankerous Kaw

Tons of Supplies, not Ordered, Lay in Milwaukee Postoffice. May Prove Disastrous To Some Of The Temporary Bridges.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 1.—Evidence in the Milwaukee postoffice bearing upon the postal investigation came to light in that office. Stored away in one corner of the basement is a big pile of Groff fasteners that were sent to Milwaukee for some unknown reason and without requisition about fourteen years ago.

There are two and one-quarter tons of the fasteners in the basement of the federal building which will probably never be used unless they are shipped to Washington.

They came during the early years of the late Postmaster General Porter's term. No one ordered them so far as it has been ascertained. There are 1,500 sets of fasteners, each set weighing three pounds. The government paid, contract price, \$1.25 per set.

There is also stored in the basement a lot of galvanized iron mail boxes that are made in Michigan. They were received about two years ago without requisition.

Payne Will Not Resign

Washington, June 30.—The president has absolute confidence in Postmaster General Payne, and has no thought that he will leave the cabinet, said Senator Hanna after quite an extended visit to the White house. He added:

"The president is satisfied with the work Mr. Payne is doing and appreciates his integrity and executive ability. Mr. Payne has no thought of resigning, but if he did, his resignation would not be accepted by the president."

A Model City

New York, June 29.—It is reported here that George W. Vanderbilt has acquired a large tract of land between Hendersville, and Brevard, N. C., about 30 miles from Asheville, and will shortly begin the construction of a model manufacturing city, all of which will be completed and ready for occupancy before anyone will be permitted to settle there. A complete system of water works, electric lighting, heat and power will be installed.

Warning About Watermelons

Topeka, July 1.—The water melon crop of Kansas will be exceedingly short this season. Watermelons are mostly raised along the rivers and the floods destroyed the crop. Ottawa physicians advise people not to eat home watermelons grown in the flooded district this year, claiming they will be unwholesome.

New Horse Wins The Derby

Chicago, June 25.—The Picket, a horse that never before flushed first past the post, won the American Derby. He set the pace every step of the distance, was never challenged, and won in a gallop by six lengths. He ran the derby distance, 1 1/2 miles, faster than it was ever run before in the race. His time was 2:33. Claude the winner of three derbies was second. Barnays, the Cincinnati candidate, was third.

Status of General Hooker

Boston, June 27.—At the dedication of the equestrian statue of General Joseph Hooker on the state house grounds, preceding the unveiling of a great parade was held in which scores of the most distinguished military men of America participated together with regular army, cavalry and infantry, marines and blue jackets from the coast division of the Atlantic squadron; veterans who served with Hooker, members of the Massachusetts department G. A. R., veterans of the Spanish war, and the Boston school regiment.

Funston In Alaska Again

Washington, June 29.—General Funston, commanding the Department of the Columbia, has informed the War Department that he has left for Alaska for an inspection of the posts in that territory. He will visit Fort Liscomb, Skagway, Egbert, Gibbon, St. Michael and Davis.

The ranchmen of the Bridger Creek country in Montana are fearful of a grasshopper plague. A large area of range country seems likely to be stripped bare of all vegetation.

It is learned that the late king and queen of Serbia were insured for \$400,000.

Madden Asks Investigation

Detroit, Mich., June 25.—Third Assistant Postmaster General Edwin C. Madden, who is visiting in this city sent a letter to Postmaster General Payne, denying that he let a contract for carbon paper for the registry division of the postoffice without permitting competition and asking the postmaster general to immediately investigate the story and its source.



Three elfins who lived in a fairylike book,
Once read of our Fourth of July in a book,
And promptly their own quiet woodlands forsook.
To share in the fun and the noise,
By the light of the moon they crept out on the sky
And merrily sang on their way,
Asking politely of each passerby
How far they must go to meet Fourth of July.
Till they came to the dawn of the day,
What a different song these three elfins sang,
As they limped their way homeward that night!
They had heard how the bells in the steeples go "Clang!"
Torpedoes and crackers go "Battlety-bang!"
And the rockets go up out of sight.
For one little elfin by chance got astride
Of a giant torpedo nearby:
On a huge cannon cracker the next took a ride,
Narrow three to the tail of a rocket was led,
And all three were blown up there, sky high.
On the way coming down each elfin declared
He had seen quite enough of the sky,
And promised himself, if he lived to be aged,
To ever reach home, and the damage repaired.
He would stay there on Fourth of July.



It required a long time to prepare for the celebration of the first Fourth of July; it demanded nerve, courage, heroism; the man who huzzared for liberty then was in danger of putting his head in a noose, and he who fired a gun in honor of the occasion was shot without trial if caught.

Nowadays, people who wake up on the morning of the Fourth of July, amid the booming of cannon, the noise of trumpets, crackle of guns and snapping of fire crackers, and a general pandemonium of free and generous noise, seldom think of the years of anxiety, suffering and bloodshed through which the Colonial Americans passed before reaching the great day when they could shout for freedom.

There had been long resistance to tyranny, oppression and injustice. The Lexington shot that was "heard around the world" had been fired. Harry Lee had proclaimed independence "liberty or death," but the time was not quite ripe for that day of all days in American history, the Fourth of July, 1776.

On that day, fifty-six determined patriots assembled in the state house at Philadelphia. They had a purpose in assembling, and that purpose was of grave import to the whole world. Thirteen colonies, with their three millions of people knew what the purpose was; they had sanctioned it, approved it, and what the fifty-six men were about to do they were to do on behalf of those three millions of people who had fought, suffered, bled and starved that it might be done. Everybody knew what was going to happen, even the small boy who now makes as

great-grandfather's old flintlock musket on my shoulder, and my pockets full of powder and shot, firecrackers, and torpedoes.

I have always been in the very thick of the fight, and when night came on and lack of ammunition forced cessation of hostilities, I have retired to my well-earned rest with joyful, pleasurable sensations, feeling that the enemy were routed—horse, foot and dragons.

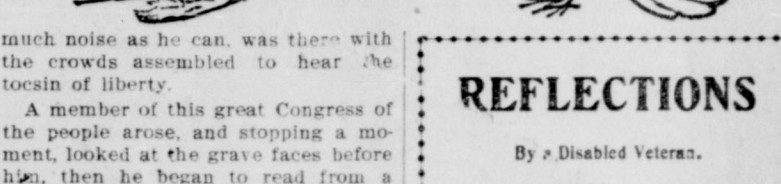
True, I have suffered much; I have lost a thumb, my scalp has been torn off in several places, my eyebrows are not what they should be, my face is badly freckled with powder marks, a portion of my ear is on the battle field. But what of that? Am I not a patriot, a citizen of this great nation that can whip all creation? For guess yes.

But I am growing old now, and though I still feel enthusiastic as I ever did, I prefer to look on all hurrah, instead of falling in with the procession. Besides, I deserve a pension if any soldier who fought in the cause of liberty ever did. Why not pension all our Fourth of July soldiers? A grand idea, indeed. With a pension in view, the whole country would be in the agony of battle from daylight to dark and several hours after on every Fourth of July. I think I will try to make this a political issue in the next campaign for town marshal. It will win for every man, woman and child will go in on it—for the sake of the pension. You think they won't, eh? Well, you will see.

So, the next day being the Fourth, Silas took down the old flintlock musket, padded it tenderly, and filling the old-fashioned "horn," sallied forth to show the boys a little of the spirit of '76. "She'll talk all right," he said.

In his enthusiasm, he forgot quantities, and poured powder into its muzzle until he emptied the horn, and after carefully adjusting the flint, prepared with a great flourish to fire.

"Give her room, boys; she'll talk as she did in '76. Now, hurrah! Ready! Aim! Fire!" But he never finished the last word, for the old flintlock spoke so loud with its charge that it knocked Silas over and when he came to his senses he scratched his head and said: "I told you she would talk, boys, and she did. The old gun is still full of the spirit of '76."



much noise as he can, was there with the crowds assembled to hear the tocsin of liberty.

A member of this great Congress of the people arose, and stopping a moment, looked at the grave faces before him; then he began to read from a paper he held in his hand.

"When in the course of human events," reading on along down the list of grievances until he reached the concluding words that created a new nation:

"We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in general Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world

for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name and by the authority of the good people of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United States are, and of right ought to be free and independent—here came an interruption in the person of a small boy who was blowing a fuse to keep it burning—he had a small cannon ready loaded to be the first to celebrate the very first Fourth of July—he rushed to the old bellman, waiting with the rope in his hand to ring out liberty on liberty bell. "Ring! Ring! Ring!" he shouted, and the old bellman threw his whole weight upon the rope and the tongue of that liberty bell spoke to the crowd, and said, "We are free, the life of a new and great nation has begun. Rejoice and be glad." And the people shouted "Hurrah! We are free!" Then they embraced one another, and shouted themselves hoarse, and when they could shout no more they fired guns, touched off gun powder, and waved flags, but the tongue of liberty bell kept on ringing, for two long hours the old bellman pulled with all his strength, and when asked why he did not stop, he answered, "I can't; I don't want to. I could keep on ringing liberty to the world forever." Then the fifty-six men arose and shouted, and huzzared and embraced, the deed was done, the nation was born, and the first Fourth of July was inaugurated. We have been keeping it up ever since, and as we grow larger and stronger, we make more noise, which is very natural and quite proper.

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In his enthusiasm, he forgot quantities, and poured powder into its muzzle until he emptied the horn, and after carefully adjusting the flint, prepared with a great flourish to fire.

"Give her room, boys; she'll talk as she did in '76. Now, hurrah! Ready! Aim! Fire!" But he never finished the last word, for the old flintlock spoke so loud with its charge that it knocked Silas over and when he came to his senses he scratched his head and said: "I told you she would talk, boys, and she did. The old gun is still full of the spirit of '76."

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Liberty Bell

The bell that played so important a part in ringing in the first Fourth of July, by announcing the birth of the new nation, when the Declaration of Independence was read to the world, is regarded with great veneration by Americans.

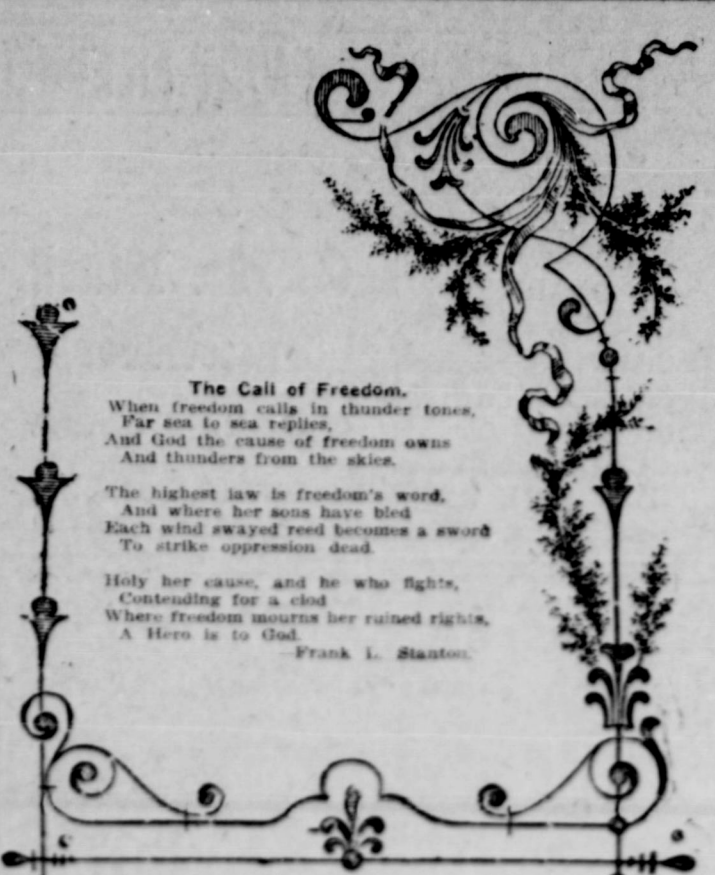
This beloved bell had an eventful history. It was first cast in England, in 1752, and hung in the State House at Philadelphia, but it was found to be cracked in the rim and had to be recast three times before it was a success, and finally had this inscription placed upon it: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof," a very appropriate one, and taken from the Scripture, Leviticus xxv, 10. It nobly made that proclamation when the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed, having

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The Call of Freedom.
When freedom calls in thunder tones,
Far sea to sea replies,
And God the cause of freedom owns
And thunders from the skies.

The highest law is freedom's word,
And where her voice is heard,
Each wild way led becomes a road
To strike oppression dead.

Holy her cause, and he who fights,
Contending for a clod,
Where freedom incurs her ruined rights,
A Hero is to God.

—Frank L. Stanton.

A Costly Dinner

A Chicago man dined at a great New York hotel a few months ago. He had one guest and his check called for only \$12.75—outside of the tip—an extremely modest amount for a dinner at the hotel in question. It developed later, however, that the dinner had actually cost the man from Chicago a little more than \$125,000, and that it will be admitted, makes the meal a historic one, so far as meals are concerned.

The Chicago man in question had come to New York to complete the purchase of an entire block in the business part of the city. He was representing large Western capitalists who wished to make an investment. He went about his work steadily, working through had a dinner at some of the city's best hotels, each of whom was interested with the business of getting an option on one or more of the separate pieces of property which made up the block.

The whole deal was under the general direction of the man from Chicago and his attorney, a New York lawyer of wide reputation. The Chicago man made his office in the hotel. To his room came every day to report progress and to receive directions for their future operations.

The plan on which the Chicago promoter was working required for its completion the purchase of every foot of the block, an investment which would cost him \$250,000.

Every evening the Chicago man and his New York lawyer dined together at the hotel and talked over the progress of the day. After a month had been spent in the securing of options for six months it was found that practically all the property involved had been secured. There remained, in fact, only a single plot, with forty feet frontage and a depth of a little more than 150 feet.

Unfortunately this particular piece of property lay right in the center of the block and stretched back so that it cut the block almost squarely in two. The block was to be covered with the single great building which the plan called for the possession of that lot and the old four-story building which occupied it was absolutely necessary.

It must not be imagined that no efforts had been made to get an option on this lot in the whole property. The broker assigned to that piece had exhausted his ingenuity in trying to get an option. From the first he found the old man who owned the piece unwilling to give an option at any figure. He would sell—yes—but his price at the first interview was \$50,000, which was just \$10,000 more than the maximum set by the promoter from Chicago. So the broker had been obliged to report his failure and had been finally told it made no difference—the property was not at all essential and the Chicago people did not intend to be "held up."

Finally, after everything else was well in hand the man from Chicago sent his lawyer around to see the owner of the forty feet frontage. He was authorized to buy the property outright, paying \$50,000, if that should prove necessary to get it.

Strangely enough, when the lawyer



They sat at a small table.

called he was told that the place was no longer for sale at \$50,000. It had gone up greatly since the broker's last interview. In fact, it would take an even \$100,000 to buy it. The lawyer went back and reported to his principal and the latter threw up his hands. "Never," said the Chicago man, "I'm willing to be robbed to a moderate ex-

tent, but when it comes to a plain case of holdup like this I quit. We'll build a road around the messy little forty feet and let it stay there. Certainly we'll never pay more than twice what the property is worth for the privilege of owning it."

Then he asked the lawyer to go down to the dining room with him. The two men sat down at a little table and a good dinner was ordered. The dinner was a very good one. Almost all the tables were filled and they talked with the freedom and security which comes from the presence of a large and noisy crowd.

"Now I think," said the lawyer, "that you had better send over to the office and get the check for \$125,000."



"I'll let you have it for \$125,000."

morrow and pay the \$100,000 for that forty feet. You've really got to have it, because of later and every day you get out of the purchase makes it more likely that the price will go up. If it ever gets out that you intend to cover the whole block with a single building you'll have to pay more than twice as much for the property. As a matter of fact, you could better afford to pay \$250,000 for the piece than to have your whole plan spoiled by not getting it. You can't build a decent-looking building and leave that little squat four-story building in the middle of it. It would look like the fence. My advice is to buy the property at \$100,000 and buy it now."

At the next table to the lawyer and the promoter sat a young man who just then was the proud possessor of an even \$10,000. His ears were quick and he strained them to catch every word that was said. Presently he left the table and the room.

As the result of the lawyer's argument the man from Chicago was finally convinced that it would be to his best interest to pay \$100,000 for the missing piece of land and he authorized the attorney to call the next morning and get a deed for it.

The two men sat long over their coffee and cigars, feeling relieved that the end of all their planning and hard work was at last fairly in sight. Then the Chicago promoter paid the check for \$5.75 and went to bed. The lawyer drove home with the determination of stopping on his way to the office and closing up the deal for the last forty feet.

A little before 11 o'clock he called at the office of the owner.

"I have come," he said, "to accept your offer to sell that forty feet for \$100,000. I am ready to pay for it to-day and want you to have the papers made out at once."

"I'm sorry," said the other, "but I don't own that property now. I sold it this morning to a man who called at my house before I came downtown, for \$120,000."

"Who bought it?"

The name of the young man who had sat at the next table in the hotel dining room was given and the lawyer hurried over to see him. He was sitting at a big desk in a handsome office. He readily admitted that he was the present owner of the forty feet in question and said that he had bought it for an investment.

"How much will you take for it?"

"I'm not at all anxious to sell, but if it will be any object to you I'll let it go to-day for \$150,000."

The lawyer took a cab for the hotel and saw his principal. The Chicago man cursed softly to himself and announced that if it had come to a game of highway robbery he didn't propose knowingly to play the part of the sucker. He wouldn't pay the \$150,000. That evening the two dined together again, and again the lawyer

urged him to close the deal without further delay.

"If you don't look out some of the other people will get wise," he said, "and then there will be the devil to pay. You'd better make the best of a bad business and let me pay the \$150,000."

Permission was finally given to pay the exorbitant amount and next morning the lawyer paid his second call.

"Sorry," said the youth, "my price to-day is \$175,000 for that lot. It is increasing in value right along."

So the affair went along for several days, the asking price jumping up \$25,000 every day. Finally in sheer desperation the man from Chicago and his lawyer went together to call on the new owner of the forty-foot strip.

"Since you want it so badly," he said, "I'll knock off the \$25,000 increase for to-day and let you have the property for \$250,000."

And at that figure the deal was finally made.

"How on earth did you get on in this deal?" asked the Chicago man of the man who had held him up.

"Why, you see, I sat at the next table to you at the hotel the other night and I couldn't help hearing all that was said. What I heard made me think that the forty-foot strip was certainly a good buy, so I went out early next morning and bought it."

"Well," said the man from Chicago with a sigh, "that little dinner seems to have cost me just \$125,000.—H. M. H. in Chicago Tribune.

WHERE ASPHALT IS CHEAP.

Indian Territory Contains an Extensive Mine That is Being Utilized.

Not far from the town of Ardmore, in Indian Territory, and partly within the corporation limits is an asphalt mine which is thought to be extensive enough to pave all the streets in Indian and Oklahoma territories. And more progress to build her streets of native asphalt. She will be prodigal in the use of asphaltum, for the reason that it is more economical than crushed rock and cement. The plan is to take the asphaltum as it comes from the mine and make a foundation, six inches thick. This will be powdered and rolled until compact. Upon this will be spread a coating of the same material crushed into coarse gravel size, mixed with the powdered material that results from the crushing.

This also is thoroughly tamped and rolled. The last coat is made of the same material ground to a powder and then rolled. No wagon tracks have been made, but many sidewalks have been built in this manner and they are giving most satisfactory results. The crude asphaltum can be laid upon the streets at about half the cost of crushed stone.

BACK TO HIS BOYHOOD.

Successful Man Revisits Scene of His Privations.

Edward Moran, the celebrated marine and portrait painter is over seventy years of age, and though he has tasted the sweetness of success, in his long life he has had his share of hardships. On a recent visit to Philadelphia he found the recollections of his earlier life brought vividly before him.

"Here it was," he said, "that I experienced most of the hardships of my life. I came from Lancashire, England, to New York in the steerage of an immigrant ship when a mere boy, and after stopping there a few days, I spent all my money in Philadelphia. I was then taken to the workhouse, where I found the recollections of my earlier life brought vividly before him.

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Hallelujah Days.

The sun is climbing higher in the middle of the day.

An' I tell you I'm feelin' like the summer's on the way.

An' we'll be choppin' cotton an' we'll soon be stackin' hay.

An' we'll all sing hallelujah in the mornin'!

Some folks like the winter when the frost is on the shed,

An' the stars are like bright diamonds in the cold skies overhead.

But give me summer blossoms an' the watermelon red.

An' we'll all sing hallelujah in the mornin'!

I don't keer for the hot days—fer the winter I think is better—

In the long and weary furrows where the sand'll burn your feet;

For the noonday bells are ringin' an' the noonday rest is sweet.

An' we'll all sing hallelujah in the mornin'!

I don't keer what the season in this mortal world may be;

I want to roll in blossoms—feel the breeze—a-blowin' free!

In the seed I see the harvest; an' the harvest I see in me.

An' we'll all sing hallelujah in the mornin'!

—Atlanta Constitution.

Good Coal in South Africa.

Secretary Jones of the British South Africa company, who recently visited Rhodesia, speaks of the "inexhaustible supply of coal" which the advent of the railway to the Wankie coal fields will soon throw open. He estimates the initial output of the Wankie colliery at 300 tons, daily, and declares that as soon as the railway makes the transport of heavy machinery possible this will be increased to 1,000 tons. With the exception of the best Welsh coal there is, in Mr. Jones' opinion, no better steam coal in the world than the product of Wankie. With the gold-mining industry of Rhodesia people are more or less familiar, but it is not so well known that copper, zinc and other mineral deposits abound in that region. Mr. Jones further states that the prospects of agriculture are exceedingly hopeful and that facilities now exist for the employment of modern farm machinery.

Big Cat.

The largest cat in the state of Maine and perhaps in the New England states, is owned by Warren W. Seavey of Farningdale. It weighs thirty-two and three-fourths pounds. From tip to tip it measures thirty-seven and one-half inches and in girth thirty inches.

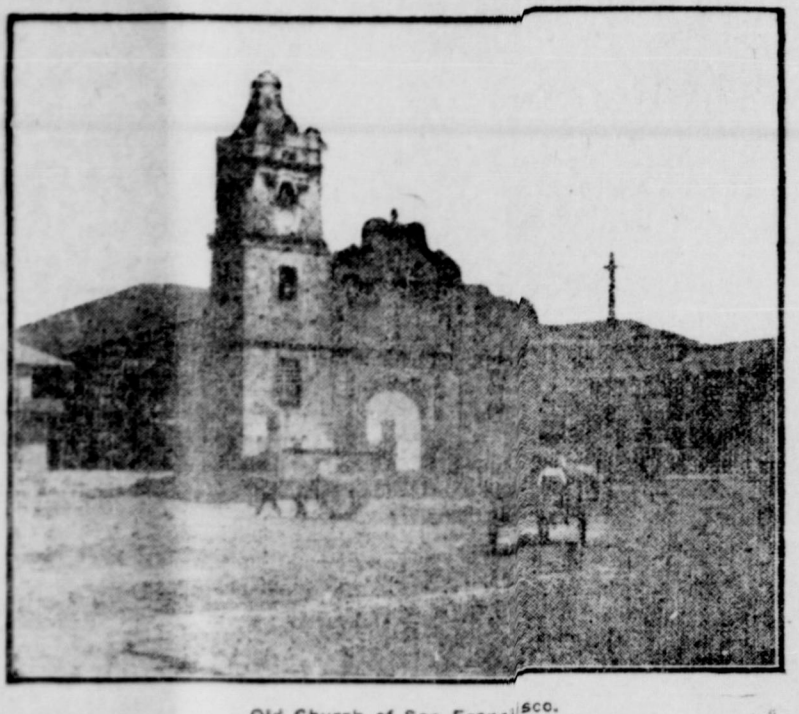
LAND OF PANAMA

Fever-Infested Country Through Which Big Ditch Is to Be Cut—Immense Amount of Preliminary Sanitary Work Necessary Before Actual Labor Can Be Commenced.

(Special Correspondence.)

If the notice should appear in the papers calling for 30,000 men to build the Panama canal, there would be a scramble for jobs the like of which has never been known. For some reason most men would rather "go some-where" to work than be satisfied with a job at home, and in this case the opinion seems to prevail that there is no time to be lost; that as soon as the Colombian government agrees to the transfer of the concession from the French company to the American authorities, the dirt will begin to fly before the ink gets dry on the treaty.

As a matter of fact, the real work



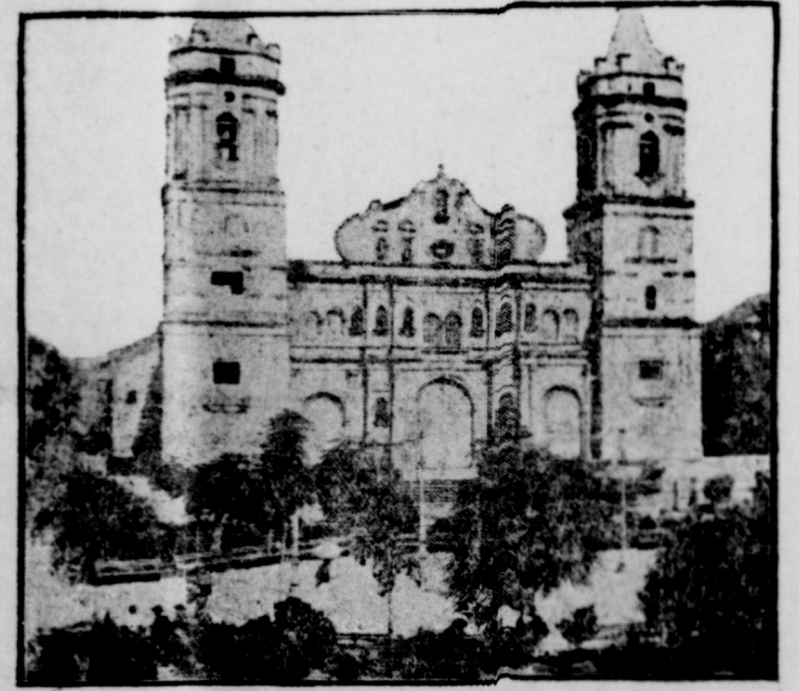
Old Church of San Francisco, Panama.

on the canal will not begin for from one and a half to two years after the final negotiations between the United States government and the Colombian congress are completed, so it will not be advisable for anyone who intends to go there to think about giving up his present job, or to let his boss get an inkling of his intention to quit. It is estimated that about 20 per cent of the total expenditure (nearly \$25,000,000) will be used in getting ready.

The most thorough and comprehensive arrangements will be made in engineering, policing, sanitation and general contingencies. Without this preliminary work three out of five men who go there would never come back. Panama is dirty and foul beyond description. Swamp and jungle ooze with poison, and the very air is freighted with death.

To break this slender rib of soil and rock, and thus shorten the path of ocean travel has been a dream of centuries, and the effort has already cost so many lives that the world would be shocked if it knew the truth. The French lay their failure to swindling, but the one great obstacle has always been the dreadful fevers, which attack the workmen and cause them to die like flies. Pestilence must be overcome, or the big ditch will never be put through.

The American soldiers are the most skilled disease fighters in the world. Wherever they have tried their hand they have brought the death rate tumbling down in a manner that was little short of marvelous. They will surely win in Panama, for they are planning the greatest campaign that science has ever inaugurated. They will pave the way for our army of laborers and skilled artisans, and make it possible for them to complete the task that will stand as one of the greatest accomplishments of man. But until our sanitary experts say come, the average American had better hold down his job at home.



Cathedral and Plaza, Panama.

defence of the sick and helpless. For four long hours Hook and two other men held the hospital at Rorke's Drift against a host of huge Zulus. As last two companions fell, and the survivor ran short of ammunition, Undismayed, he fixed his bayonets and still held off the rush of his foes. As one after another of them fell he piled their bodies up until a barricade was formed five feet high.

Then the Zulus gave up the attempt to rush and set the place on fire. Hook's sole defender seized a pick and broke through three successive walls of sun-dried clay to get at the hospital behind. There lay eight men, badly hurt or mangled. Already the flames were bursting in upon the hospital. Hook picked up the nearest and staggered away with him to the other building behind. Then Lance Corporal Williams came to the rescue, and with his help all the sufferers were carried into safety. Before the Zulus came Hook had been fighting eight hours.

Conquering Sweden and Germany.

A scheme for the establishment of a permanent wireless service between Sweden and Germany is near realization. The government will employ the help and furnish all supplies, providing

REAL NEW YORKERS

The Knickerbocker Set the Swellest of the Swell—Consider Themselves the Only True Aristocrats of the City—Famous Names on Their Roll of Honor.

(Special Correspondence.)

When the corner stone of the social fabric of New York was laid 250 years ago that unrecorded ceremony was performed by the group of families whom we speak of as the Knickerbockers. They brought with them from Holland or the adjacent countries a little set of social traditions based upon a comfortable family life, a decent interchange of social amenities, a kindly—yet generous and elegant—hospitality, a code of morals and manners that were the happiest expressions of Europe's civilization. It was as different from the cold and formal social life of the Puritans of New England, on the one side, as it was from the hearty, boisterous wine drinking and fawning English colonists of the Virginia settlement. It established for the American colonies a social code whose rulings have never been questioned with advantage to the questioners. And though sadly shaken in numbers and in fortunes the Knickerbocker element still continues to represent the true aristocracy of New York, the envy of the nouveaux riches who knocked in vain at their doors.

The families that now preserve the old Knickerbocker spirit in its best sense are the Barclays, Beekmans, Delafields, De Poysters, Duers, Gardiners, Goellets, Gerrys, Hamersleys, Joneses, Hones, Livingstons, Morrises, Millers, Rhinelanders, Roosevelts, Schermerhorns and Stuyvesants.

Of the women in this set who hold most firmly to the Knickerbocker code of social laws Mrs. Maturin Delafield and Mrs. Ogden Mills stand at the head. Mrs. Ogden Mills never forgets she is a Livingston no more than she forgets or permits others to forget her marked resemblance to Queen Alexandra. But greater than this resemblance to the Queen to the mind of "Teenie" Mills is that she is a Livingston. The only thing that can equal this in the minds of the Knickerbocker set is to be a Delafield or a Roosevelt. As for those names that figure so much more often in the society columns—the Astors, Vander-

biltz, Whiteneys and what not—"Ah, my dear," one of these dowagers will protest, "they are so very rowdy and vulgar and impossible!"

The Delafields, in point of age, are almost the youngest of the Knickerbockers, for John Delafield, the first of the name to come to America, arrived in New York in 1783, his home on Long Island, opposite Blackwell's Island, having been for many years one of the finest mansions around New York. Gen. Richard Delafield, 1788-1873, became a brigadier general and chief of engineers in the United States army, and Major Joseph Delafield fought in the war of 1812, and after the war resigned and became agent of the government in fixing the Northern boundary of the United States under the treaty of Ghent.

Although one of the Gardiners came to America in 1635, landing in Boston, it was not until 1835 that John Lion Gardiner removed to Gardiner's Island, at the end of Long Island, and in 1867 he was made "lord of the manor," a title the family has maintained until the present day. Lion Gardiner, who is a student at Princeton, being the thirteenth of his name to bear that title. The daughter of the first John Lion, Elizabeth, was the first child of English parentage born in New York. The present Mrs. John Lyon

Gardiner was the founder of the original Society of Colonial Dames. The original way of spelling the name Lion was changed to Lyon some years ago, but the present heir has restored the old form. The Gardiner estate is entailed, and has been so for 260 years. It is the only instance of so long an entail in America.

The old Morris family has only three members in the Knickerbocker set. The Morrises were a great land owning family in the New Netherlands. Col. Lewis Morris of the English army was the first of the name to come to America, in the year 1674. He regained the possession of his brother's estates in the Bronx district, which had been confiscated by the Dutch, and thus established the fortunes of the house of Morris on American soil. This became a manor under a grant from Gov. Fletcher. Col. Morris's nephew, another Lewis Morris, succeeded to this estate. He was a brilliant man, and was the first native-born Chief Justice of the State of New York. One of his sons, still another Lewis Morris, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and members of the family served in the army and navy of the United States.

Although the Rhinelanders have been prominently identified with the history of the city of New York for more than 200 years, there are now only four of the name occupying a place in society. The Rhinelanders settled in New Rochelle in 1686, being of an old Huguenot family. The son of the first settler moved to New York and built a house on Spruce street. He died in 1777 and is buried in Trinity Graveyard. In 1884 the Rhinelanders purchased the ancient castle of Schonberg, on the Rhine, which overlooks the original lands of the family.

The first of the Roosevelts came to America in 1661, and the family has ever since been prominent in the civic and social life of New York. Claremont was originally one of the country seats of the family. Next to the Livingstons, the Roosevelts are the strongest numerically in the Knickerbocker set, and, like that family, are the keenest in the keeping up of its traditions.

\$25,000,000 IN FIVE MINUTES.

Greatest Loser on Record Dies in a Garret in London Slum.

In the grimy garret in a London slum (there died the other day the only man who ever succeeded in losing \$25,000,000 in five minutes' time. His name was Henri Thibault. For years prior to his death he had eked out a precarious subsistence as a translator and teacher of languages. Yet thirteen years previously he had been the prime mover in the great copper corner, the collapse of which shook to its foundations the French financial world.

Thibault's idea was to secretly buy up the world's available supply of copper, and wait for the inevitable rise. And he came near to succeeding. From his office in Paris he controlled, through his agents, the markets of London, Berlin and Vienna, and in all of them he purchased every pound of copper that was offered. The result was quickly apparent. On July 1, 1887, "B. C. B.'s" (best Chile bars) were selling at \$200 a ton. June 1 they had risen to \$250, and they continued steadily until the middle of December, 1888, when the unheard-of price of a fraction over a ton was being asked and obtained. Then came the collapse. Thibault sank all his own money. He ventured all he could borrow, could be had still, from all old and unexpected corners. The world copper came pouring in. As soon as he ceased buying, of course, to commence selling this hastened and accentuated inevitable end. By March 1 the had dropped to less than it was. Thibault's immense operations. Altogether the gigantic gambli had \$50,000,000, of which sum one-half was lost between nine minutes past on Feb. 28 when the bottom dropped out corner.—Stray Stories.

LIGHTNING RUNG CHURCH

Electric Bolt Badly Damages Edifice at Philadelphia.

Lightning struck the steeple rang the bell in the tower of the Second Street Baptist church in recent storm. A portion of the steeple was split and the lightning rod melted in parts. There was a pause following the descent of the electric bolt against the church, came a crash of thunder that shook the neighborhood for two square miles. Windows shivered and men and women, believing their homes had been struck, rushed trembling into the street. Those lying in the square where the church situated heard a single and heavy stroke of the bell. The whole town quivered with the shock. On the Thirty-first street side of the edifice a shower of broken stones and mortar fell, terrorizing for the moment several pedestrians, who were hurrying homeward to get out of the rain which at that moment was coming down in torrents. Persons who had seen the lightning strike felt sure that the church was on fire, although no blaze was discernible. The impression grew among the spectators, and a little later the excitement was intensified when fire engines, hose carts and hook and ladder trucks came dashing by, but none of these stopped at the church. A superficial examination of the church in the darkness did not reveal any great damage.—Philadelphia Press.

The Genius of a Poet.

A recent book on Robert Browning by G. K. Chesterton contains the following in regard to the poet: "If he looked at a porcelain vase or an old hat, a cabbage or a puppy at play, each began to be haunted with the spell of a kind of fairyland of philosophy; the vase, like the jug in the 'Arabian nights,' to send up thoughts and shapes all per-duce souls, as a rooster all per-duces rabbits; the American land and overshadows a of Texas and tree of knowledge taxes, to go off at a 100; Original Grantee the end of Certificate No. 10-2740, of Robert County, Texas. Acree Delinquent 04 for the 01 which said land is delin-quee r 12000 for the following 2. 0. 0 for state taxes and 04.00 city taxes, interest and penalty.

Jackson Brothers List of Real Estate.

THIS SHEET REPRESENTS ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF THE FARMS AND RANCHES WE HAVE FOR SALE IN ROBERTS AND ADJOINING COUNTIES.

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- 11 section ranch, 10 miles from Ry. 6 sections school, time lived out, 5 patent, nearly all fine farming land, extra good 6 room house, good crib and sheds, 4 good wells, 250 acre farm. Patent land \$3.50 per acre. School land \$3 bonus.
- 18 section ranch, solid body, 5 miles from Ry., nearly all good farming land, grows fine cotton and corn. Three running creeks, water 10 to 40 feet anywhere, good farm. This is a rare bargain. Price \$3.50 per acre.
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- One section school land 10 miles from Ry., shallow well and windmill, 40 acre farm, 200 acres valley land. 5 miles of fence. Price \$1800 bonus.
- One section patent land 12 miles from Ry., all heavy black land, all fenced, 100 acres cut off for farm, 40 acres in cultivation. Good house, storm house, crib and buggy house. Price \$5 per acre.
- Two sections, pasture 12 miles from Ry., heavy black soil, fine tank and fence. Price \$1.50
- 2205 acres, solid block, 30 miles from Ry. No improvements, 300 acres good farming land, balance good grazing land, shallow water. Price \$2.00 per acre.
- 6 sections school land, time lived out. 8 sections leased land, 35 miles from Ry., all fenced and well watered by springs and well. Good improvements. 7 sections on the plains, balance rough. Abundance of cedar and firewood. Price \$7000 bonus.
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To unknown owner and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the State of Texas and County of Hutchinson, for taxes, to wit: Abstract No. 426, Original Grantee H. Prewitt, Patentee Guter & Munson, Survey No. 5, Certificate No. 104, Hutchinson County, Texas; number of acres delinquent 130 for the years 1908, 1909 and 1901 which is delinquent for taxes for the amount of \$1.97 for State taxes, for County taxes, and you are notified that suit has been brought for the collection of said taxes and such suit at the October term of the District Court of Hutchinson County, State of Texas, being the next regular term thereof, to be held at 11 o'clock a. m. on the 13th day of October, 1903, and the 5th day of October, A. D. 1903, and show cause why said land should not be sold and foreclosed therefor for said taxes and cost of suit.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, No. 71
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON,)
To unknown owner and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the State of Texas and County of Hutchinson, for taxes, to wit: Abstract No. 202, Original Grantee T. C. Ry. Co., Certificate No. 1010, Survey No. 15, Patentee Guter & Munson, Hutchinson County, Texas; number of acres delinquent 320 for the years of 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901 which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$4.85 for State taxes and \$4.69 for County taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the State for the collection of said taxes, and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the October term of the District Court of Hutchinson County, State of Texas, being the next regular term thereof, to be held at 11 o'clock a. m. on the 13th day of October, 1903, and the 5th day of October, A. D. 1903, and show cause why said land should not be sold and foreclosed therefor for said taxes and cost of suit.

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COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON,)
To unknown owner and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the State of Texas and County of Hutchinson, for taxes, to wit: Abstract No. 247, Original Grantee Haman Prewitt, Cert. No. 392, Survey No. 3, Patentee Guter & Munson, Hutchinson County, Texas; number of acres delinquent 179 for the years 1902-09-09 and 1901 which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$4.85 for State taxes and \$4.69 for County taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the State for the collection of said taxes, and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the October term of the District Court of Hutchinson County, State of Texas, being the next regular term thereof, to be held at 11 o'clock a. m. on the 13th day of October, 1903, and the 5th day of October, A. D. 1903, and show cause why said land should not be sold and foreclosed therefor for said taxes and cost of suit.

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The day of the fenceless ranges and of enormous pastures is nearing its end and smaller holdings, more economical and less precarious ways. The day of enormous profits to the few will give way to the prosperity of the many of smaller means. Where once the baron was "monarch of all he surveyed and lord of the fowl and the brute," thousands of thrifty ranchmen will thrive and multiply. "Westward the course of empire takes its way," and the tide of emigration is setting in that direction, and before another decade the once great Panhandle range will have given place to smaller, fenced ranches and farms.

It has been demonstrated that the stock farmer can raise his own feed. Kafir corn, sorghum, alfalfa, small grain, etc., do well, and new industries are daily opening up to the farmer. Already the sugar beet has been tried in Carson county, analyzed by D. B. Keeler, with the result that they were good, commercial beets and would be accepted at any sugar beet factory, thus opening up another new industry of far reaching importance.

But still another new departure is lately announced that "hogs can be raised as successfully and profitably in the Panhandle of Texas, as in any other portion of the state." It is further said that that they are absolutely free from cholera in this portion of the state. In this country where disease among swine is at the minimum, where we have wheat, oats and dry pasture to graze them on in the winter, and sorghum, natural grasses and weeds in the summer, we ought to succeed. Then the prices here at Ft. Worth are ahead of any other market and the demand unlimited with improved breeds, the planting and feeding of alfalfa and corn, the packing houses at our door, the prosperity of the small farmer will be greatly advanced. The growing of fruit and vegetables will be a large interest in the Panhandle is well adopted to such use.—Ft. Worth Register.

A GOOD TEAM.
FOR PRESIDENT
William R. Hearst.
FOR VICE PRESIDENT
Carter H. Harrison.
We have made a pretty careful study of the political situation and in our judgement the two men whose names appear at our mast head in this issue are the two most available candidates in the democratic party to be its standard bearers in 1904. Both fit the requirements of the situation to a nicety and there is not a democrat in the whole country but who could support them enthusiastically without any qualms of conscience as to his free silver or gold standard sentiments. Such a ticket would command the respect of every conservative voter in the union and we believe could easily cause the egotistical Teddy to go into permanent retirement at Oyster Bay. Hurrah for Hearst and Harrison.—Hall County News.

TEXAS STOCKMEN ASKED TO HELP FIGHT THE BEEF TRUST.

Cattlemen of west Texas are being importuned to take stock in an independent packing plant that has been established at Pueblo, Colo., under the backing of the National Live-stock Association, for the purpose of fighting the so called beef trust. The new organization is to be operated under the name of the United States Packing Company. The following is a verbatim copy of a letter received from John Dickey, general manager of the new concern, by a leading capitalist and stockman of this city.

"I take pleasure in addressing you by request of one of our directors, who is desirous of seeing you become a stockholder in this company. Sixty per cent of the entire stock of this company was set aside and is being sold to the most prominent and influential stock growers and farmers in order to insure at all times the control of the company by them. As a protection to your own interests, it is the duty of every stock grower and farmer to become a stock holder and have control of this independent packing house, where he can not only market his own product at a fair price, but reap the immense profits that now go to the beef trust. This is the only salvation of the stockmen of the United States today. Notwithstanding any statement to the contrary, the beef trust merger has been fully consummated, and only awaits the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States to ascertain just what form is best to force the beef trust upon the public.

"This 'octopus beef trust' is becoming more exact each day; they own and control the majority of the packing houses and stock yards, and with impunity dictate the prices to be paid for your products. From their trust headquarters in Chicago they wire all points what prices to pay next day for your cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry and eggs, and you know from experience that after one packer has bid for your stock no other packer will raise the price or bid against him; therefore you are compelled to take such price as is offered and be satisfied. How can you help yourself? Your only relief is to own your own independent packing house, where you will be paid an honest price for your stock, according to the actual market demand and by such competition only can you hope to force the beef trust to pay a fair market price.

"Within the last three years the beef trust has built quite a number of new packing houses and stock yards of their own, and all in this western country; and last fall, just before the beef merger was effected, the beef trust interests bought seven large independent packing plants that cost \$15,000,000. What better proof can be offered than the above to demonstrate the profits the beef trust has made off the stockmen? And at no time has the trust allowed you to get your share of the profits you are justly entitled to as the producer of this stock. You take all the risk and the beef trusts all the profits. If you will read our prospectus carefully you will learn something of the beef trust and its immense profits that will astonish you.

"It is essential that every stockman and ranchman become interested in this proposition, as it means a better market for his product, and if he is not in a position to become interested as a large stockholder, he should come in as a small one. We would rather have fifty small stockholders than ten large ones for twice the amount that the fifty would subscribe. If you are in favor of open markets and a better price for your stock you will become one of our subscribers. You are either for us or for the beef trust.—West Texas Stockman.

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With Pride and Alarm.
Kentucky Points with pride to, while Florida views with alarm, the following from the Atlanta Journal: "If Florida citizens keep on killing each other, who will be left next winter to rake in the money of the northern tourist?" The feelings of the northern tourist have not as yet been declared.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Young America.
A member of a prominent New York firm recently had occasion to communicate with J. P. Morgan & Co. He told the new office boy at the telephone, who was a perfect type of fresh Young America, to call up Mr. Morgan. Soon his ears were greeted with this: "Hello! Is this Morgan & Co.? Yes? All right—J. P. to the phone at once, please, and in a hurry!"—New York Times.

Woman's Cruelty to Woman.
Another illustration of how mean a woman can be was given the other night when a young lady, who had no other friends, called on the editor and acts with unbecoming youthfulness. The spinster showed her visitor a beautiful hand-made lace collar and said proudly: "This is over fifty years old!" "It is beautiful!" purred the girl. "Did you make it, dear?"



I Know a Niche.
I know a niche where the blown lake laps Upon a rock-strewn shore
Where the kiddie pipes on his mournful lute And the woods are rich in lore!

I know a bay near the fragrant wood. Along the water's rim
Where the jack-snipes skip on the marsh, and the curlews skim!
I know a spot on the pulsing wave, Beside the moss-green weeds,
Where the hooked batrachian fears to swim And the leaden stinker leads!

I know a hole where the pick'ed lie, Along the water's rim
Where the bar slopes sheer from a shale And the minnows dart and leap!
I know a place where the sunrise lights Are yellow spans of gold,
Where the sunset tints are of heaven's blend From a godly artist's mold!

I know where days, repeats with joys, And the heart buds free on elated lilies
Where the heart buds free on elated lilies And it sings in gladness!

I know a place where the red bird calls To her oriole mate so gay,
Where the blue-jay shrieks and the thrush thrums the blast!
With a matin roundelay!

I know a nest in the snarly brush, Where the blue-bird mother feeds her young
Near the glittering water's sheen!
I know where cars of a yesteryear Dash against the Wall of Peace,
While the soul of man, awakening, lives In a sea of tears!

I dream a scene in the office heat, Behind a dusky desk,
Of the clover red and the forage bee "If Florida citizens keep on killing each other, who will be left next winter to rake in the money of the northern tourist?"
I see the shore of the chortling lake, Within the Vale of Rest,
Where a man may lie and sleep for aye The summer of his life!

I know a niche where the blown lake laps Upon a rock-strewn shore
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In Missouri an editor tells of the marriage of James E. Lake and Miss Gertrude Wells—"and the next day it rained!"

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LOCAL NOTES.

Lunch groceries at D. H. Graham's
restaurant.

Mrs. W. A. Johnson's spending the
4th in Woodward.

Miss Zora Hunt of Canadian spent
Sunday in Miami.

Joe cream at Renfro & Tarkington's,
every day.

Erv. Black made a business trip to
Amarillo Wednesday.

Dr. Dodson & Lewis, Dentists, Front
rooms, Smith building, Amarillo.

An envious man wastes time at the
fatness of his neighbor--Socrates.

Choice meals at the D. H. Graham
restaurant--a dandy place to eat.

Don't forget the 6, 7, 8, are the
days he will be in Miami.

When you are hot call on Renfro &
Tarkington and they will cool you off.

W. S. Tolbert is in New Mexico
prospecting, visiting Roswell and other
points.

This issue of THE CHIEF is the largest
paper ever published in the Panhandle.

Renfro & Tarkington will treat you
right on confectioneries. Fine cigars a
specialty.

Jim Kivlehen left Tuesday for Luther,
Okla., where he has accepted a position
cashier in a bank.

Not really, isn't the Gekren Mercantile
Company's whole page and on our front
cover a beauty?

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Rev. D. E. Baker returned last
Monday from Waco where he has been
teaching a course in a Bible school.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Cunningham
were down from the Turkey Track
ranch the former part of the week.

Best brands of cigars, smoking and
chewing tobacco at D. H. Graham's
restaurant.

Ex-Sheriff Hutton was in town
yesterday. He says his wife and children
went to Dalhart to spend the 4th.

Egg ham and eggs, porter house
steak and other short order goods at
Renfro & Tarkington's lunch room. 4341

The 6-7-8 are Dr. Dodson, the
Dentist's next dates at Miami.

There must be more than ordinary
attraction to draw people to a town to
trade. Amusement as well as inducements
in the price of goods must be
given people who visit our town.--Higgins News.

No great stir today. Nearly every
body in town has gone to some one of
the several points around us to celebrate
the 4th--the greater number going to
Mobeetie.

Dick Whaley was in town Thursday.
Just returned from his trip to Sherman
county. He and his family are now
located on the Albert Pfeiffer place which
Mr. Whaley purchased last March.

N. W. McCusiston left Tuesday. He
gave out that he was going to Montana
but many here believe they could see a
matrimonial twinkle in his eye and
surmise that Montana is his goal.

OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

For some time it has been the
practice of parties wanting dirt to take it
from the hill just above the Methodist
church. This has continued until now
the land is considered public property
and a great deal of dirt is being
removed much to the injury of the beauty
of the lots and damage to the street.
The Miami Town Company asks that
the people discontinue this practice as
it is an injury to their property.

Has Conscientious Scruples.
Be kind to your neighbor and lend
him your paper to read if he does not
take one, and do not humiliate him by
compelling him to ask for it, but lay it
out in plain sight where he can find it
when he comes in the morning after
publication day. Don't be so uncharitable
as to hide it because he is not able
to pay for it as you are. He undoubtedly
has private reasons for not taking it.
Perhaps he has conscientious scruples
about paying two or three cents for
it when he can get the reading of it
for nothing.--Ex.

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THE TENDENCY OF THE TIMES.
The general tendency of the people of
the Panhandle seems to convert their
country into a stock raising country.
The past few years having been very
reasonable has demonstrated the fact
that farming in connection with the
live stock business pays big profits to
the man that engages in it. It has
been but a short time that real farming
has been engaged in to any extent in
this country. The stock raisers formerly
depended on the native grasses for
both summer and winter pasture, but
immigration with the rapid advancement
of the country demands that we raise
our own feed stuff and fattour our own
stock.--Higgins News.

EGG TALK.
If the farmers of Childress county
had any idea how many eggs were
used in Childress and how many were
shipped in they would go to work with
a determination to make a change. A
few days ago a prominent merchant
made the statement that four hundred
dozen eggs were used in Childress each
day. They retail at 15c to 25c per dozen
and will average about \$75 per day
for eggs. The greater part are shipped
in. This should not be the case, and
this \$75 should stay at home. Figure
this at 312 working days a year and the
enormous number of 124,800 dozen eggs
are used, which cost \$23,400. These
figures look large but they can be verified
by inquiry at any grocery store in
town. It will pay the farmers to go
into the chicken and egg business.--
Childress News.

SMALL COUPLE WEDDED.
A rather interesting wedding took
place at Montague Wednesday. The
parties to the contract were H. L.
Beards of Collins, Coffin County, and
Miss Claude Prake of Montague. The
bride is 48 inches in height, weighs
about ninety-five pounds, and is 25
years old. The groom is 52 inches in height,
weighs about eighty pounds, and is 25
years old. Both are native Texans.
Mr. Beards is a notary public at Collins,
and is very well-to-do, owning some
valuable real estate in Coffin County.
This couple seen together reminds one
of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thumb.--Dallas
News.

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Backward, turn backward, oh time
thou flyest; make me a toy again
just for tonight. Give me the bliss
of that capricious when would go
on smiling say half of the time give me
the blister that followed the bliss, oh
the part of my back the sun didn't miss;
give me the belting that followed it
then miss me a stab again again.
Backward, turn backward, oh time
thou flyest; give me one chance at the
teacher tonight, the teacher who larped
me five times a day, oh give me
one chance at the teacher, say!

And give me the wood pile as long as
a cheer, let the pleasure of splitting it
hurl me and thrill, while the boys
gaily look on from over the fence. Oh
give me that bliss again--darn the
expense! The small reservation just
over the hill, where the thought of
having would give me a thrill, the cow that
I carried me each eve with her tail, as I
tried to draw milk for a twenty quart
pail; the bliss of his cold heels re-
minding me of the bliss of his cold
feet; the bliss of a stomach man never
filled yet; the messes that hit me
the colicky pair--oh, give me the
bliss of my boyhood again! If you'll
fill me with rapture and cheerfulness,
light backward, turn backward, oh
time, thou flyest.--Ex.

WILL BEAR WATCHING.
Whoever you hear a man condemning
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