

# The Miami Chief.

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## Judge F. P. Greever will ask for re-election

Judge Greever has returned from Lipscomb where he has just closed the term of the District Court of that County, which completes the round of the District which began at Canadian in August. He states that he is glad to be home for a vacation as the business has been unusually heavy, but that the dockets have been cleaned in every County throughout the District of practically all pending business. Judge Greever will be a candidate for re-election at the coming election and states that he will make formal announcement of his candidacy at the proper time, and when not holding court would make an effort to see the voters of his district.

It will be remembered that Judge Greever served only a few months by appointment before his election to the present term, and he will undoubtedly have the endorsement of the people for re-election. Although one of the youngest District Judges in Texas when he first went on the bench, he soon impressed those who attended District Court with his absolute honesty of purpose, his splendid legal ability and his fair and impartial rulings and decisions. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire membership of this District, is a made man in every sense of the word and as a citizen measures up to the full standard. We are impressed that no District Judge in Texas is more fortunate than the thirty-first in having such a man to discharge the important duties of the office of District Judge.

## Wheeler County to vote on Prohibition

Wheeler County citizens are filing up a petition to ask the County Judge to order an election to see whether or not intoxicating liquor may be sold in that county. It is reported both sides are signing the petition, with a view of a possible referendum of saloons, the other to take advantage of the new boot-leg law.

PASSENGER TRAIN TIME CARD  
(Southern Kansas Railway of Texas)

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| West Bound | 7:12 p. m. daily  |
| West Bound | 5:30 a. m. daily  |
| East Bound | 11:07 a. m. daily |
| East Bound | 6:35 p. m. daily  |

## Teachers Institute Begins Saturday

The Roberts County teachers institute will meet at the High School Auditorium Saturday and begin their institute work which will continue up to and including the 18th.

A lot of good work will be accomplished and it is hoped that all our public school teachers will take full advantage of it.

The Public School will close Friday and have from then to Monday after Christmas for Holidays, school taking up again Dec. 29.

A play is being arranged for to be put on Wednesday night, Dec. 17 and will be by the Miami Public School assisted by the Miami Orchestra. Proceeds will go to finish paying for the Piano which lacks about \$60 being paid out.

## Pay your Poll Tax

W. D. Lewis, President of the Texas Farmers Union, has officially requested all members of the Union and all farmers, as well, to pay their poll tax. President Lewis, in discussing the subject, said:

"The farmers of Texas cast about 60 per cent of the ballots, while 76 per cent of our population lives on the farm. I want to urge every farmer to take a more active interest in the affairs of government and to qualify for citizenship by paying their poll tax and more carefully studying the problems of government."

"There will be many issues of importance to the farmer during the coming campaign and he should be prepared to meet them. A careful analysis of the returns of recent elections shows that not to exceed 50 per cent of the men of voting age living on farms go to the polls. Let us take the lead this year and show our fidelity to government by the payment of our poll tax."

## Amarillo Dry 161

The Local Option election held in Amarillo Saturday resulted in a decisive victory for the Pros by a good majority of 161 out of near a thousand votes. Amarillo will be dry for two more years at least.

## From The X X Ranch

I have traveled this world for many a mile  
And have been from the Panhandle to Coney Isle  
But of all the things I will declare  
Is poetry wrote by old Man Heare.

It makes the people cry with grief  
To go to the office and don't get the Chief  
For all they want when they go there  
Is poetry wrote by old Man Heare.

When men women and children go to his farm  
It makes him feel just like a charm  
To hear him tell of his and Shakespear's days  
And how they had such winning ways.

He tells them of the girls they had  
And how it made them feel so glad  
Each one of them taking a share  
Quoting poetry wrote by Shakespear & Heare.

When his company had left the farm  
They wonder if all he told was a yarn  
But if they will give a dollar and quit their grief  
They can read it all in the Miami Chief.

Some folks don't think that every man  
Could beat him in any land  
You know what he writes is very fine  
For that old boy is right up with the time

Now Mr. Heare don't get mad  
For when we read your poetry it makes us feel glad  
I will never burn or will I tear  
Poetry wrote by Old Man Heare.

## Texas Industrial Congress

The Texas Industrial Congress has issued the program for its annual convention in Dallas on Saturday, December 13. The convention will be held in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce and the morning session will begin at 9 o'clock as the proceedings are limited to one day.

Mayor W. H. Holland of Dallas, will welcome the visitors in behalf of the city and C. W. Hobson, president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, will also extend a welcome. W. C. Hogg of Houston, will respond on behalf of the congress.

The annual address of Col. Henry Exall president of the Congress will, of course, be a feature of the convention. Addresses Marketing will be delivered by Prof. Chas. B. Austin of the University of

Texas, and Hon. Clarence Ousley of Ft. Worth, C. M. Evans of A & M College will discuss Silos and Prof. C. P. Bull will speak on the National Corn Exposition to be held in Dallas next February.

In the afternoon the names of 160 successful prize-winning contestants will be announced and they will be awarded cash prizes in gold, amounting to \$10,000. All railroads have authorized a round-trip rate of one and one-third fares to Dallas on sale Dec. 12 and on Dec. 13 for trains arriving in Dallas before noon. Tickets returning will be good for trains leaving Dallas Dec. 14.

LATER--Dallas, Texas, Dec. 6. On account of the serious illness of Col. Henry Exall, President of the Texas Industrial Congress, the annual convention of the Congress which was to have been held in Dallas next Saturday Dec. 13 has been postponed until February when it will be held at Dallas in connection with the sixth annual exhibit of the National Corn Exposition.

## Drag The Roads

Right now while our public roads are soft is the best time to work them, the dirt can be more easily handled and a drag now can do more good in one day than a half a dozen men and teams can do in three days after the roads get hard. The road from Miami to Mobeetie has been in bad shape for several months and if our road overseers will now use the road drags a few days the road may be put in fine condition.



Miami Lodge No. 336 K of P. meet the night of the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

J. L. Seiber, C. C.  
N. S. Locke, K. of R. & S.

## OUR HOME INDUSTRIES



I—MANUFACTURED GOODS.

We consume \$750,000,000 of manufactured goods per annum and of this amount \$650,000,000 is manufactured out of the State.—Commercial Secretaries.

## Stand up for your town

Stand by your town. Not a dollar invested there but some good comes of it. There is no family like one's own family, there is no wife like one's own wife; there should be no town like one's own town, where we live, educate our children, on whose street our babies play, and where we may some day sleep. Let the newspapers stand by the town, and let the business men stand by the newspapers, and let us make our home as famous as possible. Ennis News.

That's the stuff. Stand up for your home town, even if it hasn't done anything in particular for you. Be proud of your town, and help to make it worthy of your pride. Be proud of your wife, reader, and she will, if she's a woman, respond promptly to the sentiment that animates you. On the contrary, if you are not proud of your town, it will seem ugly to you; if you are not proud of your wife, she will make it hot for you. To be a proud man one need not strut, nor boast, nor be ridiculous; pride is a simple thing and should be enjoyed simply, like eating watermelons. A watermelon simply absorbed is a delight, but it becomes an offense in the sight of men when the ultimate consumer splashes through it so as to get the juice and seeds into his ears. A citizen can be proud of his town without wanting to whip strangers who miss the sidewalks in muddy weather; a householder may be proud of his home without asking every passerby to come in and see the plait rail in the dining room. And we reckon, a husband can be proud of his wife without requiring her to put on a parade downtown. Furthermore, a father ought to be able to be proud of his child without telling folks how bright it is—but he can't.—State Press, Dallas News.

Miami Council No. 1783

## Knights & Ladies SECURITY OF

Meet on Every 4th Monday night  
J. E. MARSHAL, President  
Mrs W. R. EWING, Financier.

Miami Lodge No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, meet in their own Hall each Tuesday night.

J. C. Dial, N. G.  
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ROBERTS COUNTY DEPOSITORY



SYNOPSIS.

Minnie, spring-house girl at Hope sanatorium, tells the story. It opens with the arrival of Miss Patty Jennings, who is reported to be engaged to marry a prince...

CHAPTER X.—Continued.

He staggered out, with Mr. Briggs just behind him, and from that moment they were all demoralized. One by one they left to look for Doctor Barnes, or to get the white of egg...

I was alone, looking down at Arabella. Or rather, I thought I was alone, for there was a movement by one of the windows and Miss Patty came forward and knelt by the dog...

She put the dog's head in her lap, and the little beast opened its eyes and tried to wag its blue tail.

"Oh, Miss Patty, Miss Patty!" I exclaimed, and I got down beside her and cried on her shoulder, with her stroking my hand and calling me dearest! Me!

I was wiping my eyes when the door was thrown open and Mr. Pierce ran in. He had no hat on and his hair was powdered with snow.

"My God!" he exclaimed, "I thought you were poisoned!" "I am all right," she assured him, "and little Arabella will be all right, too. She's had a convulsion, that's all—probably from overeating. As for the others—"

"Where is the—where is von Inwald?" "He has gone to take the white of an egg," she replied rather haughtily.

He walked to the window and I saw him looking hard at something out back in the snow. When he walked back to the fire he was smiling, and he stooped over and poked Arabella with his finger.

"So that was it!" he said. "Full to the cuppers, poor little wretch! Minnie, I am hoist with my own petard, which in this case was a boomerang."

"With the instinct of her sex, Arabella has unearthed what was meant to be buried forever. She had gorged herself into a convulsion on that rabbit I shot last night!"

They went to the house together, he carrying Arabella like a sick baby and



They Were All Demoralized.

Miss Patty beside him. I went over and looked down into the spring, and it seemed to me it was darker than usual. It may have smelled stronger, but the edge had been taken off my nose, so to speak, by being there so long.

The only thing I could think of was to empty the spring and let the water come in plain. I could put a little sulphur in to give it color and flavor, and if it turned out that Mr. Pierce was right and that Arabella was only

WHERE THERE'S A WILL MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

AUTHOR OF THE CIRCULAR STAIRCASE, THE MAN IN LOWER TEN, WHEN A MAN MARRIES ILLUSTRATED BY EDGAR BERT SMITH COPYRIGHT 1912 BY ROBERTS RINEHART CO.

"At three o'clock, then," said Mr. Pierce. "Very well." "Don't be a fool!" I heard Mr. Sam from the crowd.

"Is that all you have to say?" roared Mr. von Inwald. "Haven't you any apology to make, sir?"

"Neither apology nor explanation to you," Mr. Pierce retorted. And to the other: "It is an unfortunate accident—incident, if you prefer."

"Where are they now?" "My dear girl," he answered, putting down his glass, "what has been pounded into me ever since I struck the place? The baths! I prescribe 'em all day and dream 'em all night. Where are the poisons now? They are steaming, stewing, exuding in the hot rooms of the bath department—all of them, every one of them! In the hold and the hatches down!"

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The help scattered and ran, but I stood my ground. The sight of a man in a sheet didn't scare me and it was not time for weakness. A moment later the engineer came up and after him Mr. Pierce, with a towel over his mouth and a screw-driver in his hand.

"Who saw Mike last?" he shouted. Here Mr. Moody, who's small at any time, and who without the padding on his shoulders and wrapped in a sheet with a red face above, looked like a lighted cigarette, darted out of the crowd and caught him by the sleeve.

"Here!" he cried, "we've got a few things to say to you, you young—" "Take your hand off my arms!" thundered Mr. Pierce.

The storm broke with that. They crowded around Mr. Pierce, yelling like maniacs, and he stood there, white-faced, and let them wear themselves out. The courage of a man in a den of lions was nothing to it. Doctor Barnes forced his way through the crowd and stood there beside him.

And I stood there and watched, my mind awhirl, expecting every minute to hear that they were all leaving, or to have some one forget and shake both fists at once.

And that's how it ended finally—I mean, of course, that they said they would all leave immediately, and that he ought to be glad to have them go quietly, and not have him jailed for malicious mischief or compounding a felony. The whole thing was an outrage, and the three train would leave the house as empty as a squeezed lemon.

"I was carrying out my first pallful when Doctor Barnes came down the path and took the pall out of my hand. 'What are you doing?' he asked. 'Making a slide?'"

"No," I said bitterly, "I am watering the flowers." "Good!" He was not a bit put out. "Let me help you." Inside, he put down the pall, and pulling me in, closed the door.

"Now forget it!" he commanded. "Just because a lot of damn fools see a dog in a fit and have one, too, is that any reason for your being scared wall-eyed and knock-kneed? Lord, I wish you could have seen them staggering into my office!"

"I saw enough," I said with a shiver. "That German, von Inwald," he went on, "he's the limit. He accused you of poisoning him for reasons of state!"

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Just then somebody fell against the door and stumbled into the room. It was Tillie, as white as milk, and breathing in gasps.

"Quick!" she screamed, "Minnie, quick!" "What is it?" I asked, jumping up. She'd fallen back against the door frame and stood with her hand clutching her heart.

"That dev—devil—Mike!" she panted. "He has turned on the steam in the men's bath and gone—gone away!" "With people in the bath?" Doctor Barnes asked, slamming down the pall.

Tillie nodded. "Then why in creation don't they get out of the baths until we can shut off the steam?" I demanded, grabbing up my shawl. But Tillie shook her head in despair.

"They can't," she answered, "he's hid their clothes!" The next thing I recall is running like mad up the walk with Doctor Barnes beside me, steadying me by the arm. I only spoke once that I remember and that was just as we got to the house.

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"The old teakettle is just getting 'het up' a bit. By the gods and little fishes, just listen to it singing down there!"

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a little, but as we went downstairs the quiet of the place sat on my chest like a weight.

"The Jenningses are still here," said the doctor. "The old man is madder than any hornet ever dared be, and they go in the morning. But the situation was too much for our German friend. He left with the others."

Well, we went out and I took the path I knew best, which was out toward the springhouse. At the little bridge over the creek Doctor Barnes stopped, and leaning over the rail, took a good look at me.

"When you self-contained women go to pieces," he said, "you pretty near smash, don't you? You look as if you'd had a death in your family."

"This was my family," I half sniveled.

"But," he said, "you'll be getting married and having a home of your own and forgetting all about this."

He looked at me with his sharp eyes. "There's probably some nice chap in the village, eh?" "Look here," I turned on him, "if you're talking all this nonsense to keep my mind off things, you needn't."

"I'm not," he said. "I'm asking for the sake of my own mind, but we'll not bother about that now. We'd better start back."

We went back to the house and I straightened the news stand, Amanda King having taken a violent toothache as a result of the excitement. The Jenningses were pecking to go, and Miss Summers had got a bottle of peroxide and shut herself in her room. At six o'clock Tillie beckoned to me from the door of the officers' dining room and said she'd put the basket in the snow by the grape arbor. I got ready, with a heavy heart, to take it out. I had forgotten all about their dinner, for one thing, and I had to carry bad news.

But Mr. Pierce had been there before me. I saw tracks in the fresh snow, for, praise heaven! It had snowed all that week and our prints were filled up almost as fast as we made them. When I got to the shelter-house it was in a wild state of excitement. Mrs. Dick, with her cheeks flushed, had gathered all her things on the cot and was rolling them up in sheets and newspapers. But Mr. Dick was sitting on the box in front of the fire with his curly hair standing every way. He had been roasting potatoes, and as I opened the door, he picked one up and poked at it to see if it was done.

"Damn!" he said, and dropped it. Mrs. Dick sat on the cot rolling up a pink ribbon and looked at him.

"If you want to know exactly my reason for insisting on moving tonight, I'll tell you," she said, paying no attention to me. "It is your disposition."

He didn't say anything, but he put his foot on the potato and smashed it.

"If I had to be shut in here with you one more day," she went on, "I'd hate you."

"Why the one more day?" he asked, without looking up.

But she didn't answer him. She was in the worst kind of a temper; she threw the ribbon down, and coming over, lifted the lid of my basket and looked in.

"Ham again!" she exclaimed ungratefully. "Thanks so much for remembering us, Minnie. I dare say our dinner today slipped your mind!"

"I wonder if it strikes you, Minnie," Mr. Dick said, noticing me for the first time, "that if you and Sam hadn't been so confounded meddling, that fellow Pierce would be washing buggles in the village livery stable where he belongs, and I'd be in one piece of property that's as good as gone this minute."

I was in a bad humor, anyhow, and I'd had enough. I stood just inside the door and I told them I'd done the best I could, not for them, but because I'd promised the old doctor, and if I'd made mistakes I'd answer for them to him. If I ever met him in the next world. And in the meantime I washed my hands of the whole thing, and they might make out as best they could. I was going.

at the front of the steps and looked up at Mr. Pierce.

"I dare say," he said, trying to look easy, "that this is sooner than you expected us!"

Mr. Pierce looked down at the crowd. Then he smiled, a growing smile that ended in a grin.

"On the contrary," he said, "I've been expecting you for an hour or more."

The procession began to move gloomily up the steps. All of them carried hand luggage, and they looked tired and sheepish. Miss Cobb stopped in front of Mr. Pierce.

"Do you mean to say," she demanded furiously, "that you knew the railroad was blocked with snow, and yet you let us go?"

"On the contrary, Miss Cobb," he said politely, "I remember distinctly regretting that you insisted on going. Besides, there was the Sherman house."

Senator Briggs stopped in front of him. "Probably you also knew that that was full, including the stables, with people from the stalled trains," he asserted furiously.

Two by two they went in and through the hall, stamping the snow off, and up to their old rooms again, leaving Slocum, the clerk, staring at them as if he couldn't believe his eyes.

Mr. Pierce and I watched from the piazza, through the glass.

We saw Doctor Barnes stop and look, and then go and hang over the news stand and laugh himself almost purple, and we saw Mr. Thoburn bringing up the tail of the procession and trying to look unconcerned. I am not a revengeful woman, but that was one of the happiest moments of my life.

We gave them a good supper and Mr. Pierce ordered clear served with extra charge. By eight o'clock they were all in better humor, and when they'd gathered in the lobby Miss Summers gave an imitation of Marie Dressler doing the Salome dance. With the exception of Mr. von Inwald, not one of them really wanted to go.

At eleven o'clock we had the clam-bake with beer in the kitchen, and Mr. von Inwald came, after all. They were really very cheerful, all of them. At the end, when everybody was happy and everything forgiven, Mr. Pierce got up and made a speech.

He said he was sorry for what had happened that day, but that much he had said he still maintained; that to pretend to make people well in the way most sanatoriums did was sheer folly, and he felt his responsibility too keenly to countenance a system that was clearly wrong and that the best modern thought considered obsolete.

Miss Cobb sat up at that; she is always talking about the best modern thought.

He said that perfect health, clear skins, bright eyes—he looked at the women, and except for Miss Patty (there wasn't an honest complexion or a bright eye in the lot)—keen appetites and joy of living all depended on rational and simple living. It was being done now in a thousand fresh-air farms, and succeeding. Men went back to their business clear-headed and women grew more beautiful.

At that, what with the reaction from sitting in the cold station, and the beer and everything, they all grew enthusiastic. Doctor Barnes made a speech telling that he used to be puny and weak, and how he went into training and became a puglist, and how he'd fought the Tennessee something or other—the men nodded as if they knew—and licked him in 40 seconds or 40 rounds, I'm not sure which. The men were standing on their chairs.

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lock up the news stand. Just as I opened the door from the back hall, however, I heard two people talking. It was Miss Pat and Mr. Pierce. She was on the stairs and he in the hall below, looking up.

"I don't want to stay!" she was saying.

"But, don't you see," he argued, "you go, the others will. Can't you try it for a week? I'm told it's the best season and nobody else would come until Lent. And, anyhow, it's not business to let a lot of people go away mad. It gives the place a black eye."

"Dear me," she said, "how senseless you are growing!"

He went over close to the stairs and dropped his voice.

"If you want the bitter truth," he went on, trying to smile, "I've put myself on trial and been convicted of being a fool and a failure. I've been peering around so long trying to find a place that I fit into, that I'm scared as with many battles. And now I'm on probation—for the last time. If it doesn't go, I—I—"

"What?" she asked, leaning down to him. "You'll not—"

"Oh, no," he said, "nothing dramatic of course. I could go around the country in a buggy selling lightning rods—"

She drew herself back as if she resented his refusal of her sympathy.

"Or open a saloon in the Philippines!" he finished mockingly.

"There's a living in that."

"You are impossible," she said, and turned away.

He watched her up the stairs and then turned and walked to the fire with his hands in his pockets and his head down.

I closed the news stand and he came over just as I was hanging up the cigar case key for Amanda King in the morning. He reached up and took the key off its nail.

"I'll keep that," he said. "It's tobacco after this, Minnie."

"You can't keep them here, then," he retorted. "They've got to smoke, the only way they do."

"Well see," he said quietly. "As for you, Minnie, now that we shall be using the mineral spring—"

"Not use the mineral spring!" I repeated, stupefied.

"Certainly not!" he said. "This is a drugless sanatorium, Minnie, from now on. That's part of the theory—drugs. Listen, Minnie, if you had been wasting your abilities in the mineral spring, I'd be sorry to close it. But there will be plenty for you to do."

"If we're not going to use the spring, we might have saved the expense of the new roof in the fall," said bitterly.

"Not at all. For two hours of a day the springhouse will be a house—windows wide open and God good air penetrating to fastnesses never knew before."

"The spring will freeze!"

"Exactly. My only regret is that it is too small to skate on. But there have the ice pond."

"When I see Mr. Moody skating on the ice pond," I said sarcastically, "I see Mrs. Moody dead with the shock on the bank."

"Not at all," he replied calmly. "You'll see her skating, too," and with that he went to bed.

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His Knowledge of Jungle Noises

They were sitting in a booth of a well-known New York cafe, and conversation had turned upon the subject of mysterious midnight noises.

In turn related some little anecdote when a spare young man in the corner suddenly rose to his feet.

"Gentlemen," said he, "your remarks are very interesting; but the real awe give me the roaring of a lion or sharp trumpeting of an elephant borne to you on the still air as you lie silent, neither asleep nor awake."

They stared at him in surprise. Was this pale youth, then, some traveler?

"Excuse me," one asked, "but you slept in the jungle and these mighty beasts as they roared about by night?"

"Well, it's not exactly that, but the youth, reaching for his hat, said I always sleep with my window open and I live in Fifth Avenue, directly opposite the Central Park Zoo."

Peculiarity of Cast Iron. Singularly enough, cast iron, considered very strong, and by most people to be far less ductile than steel, improves greatly in strength when subjected to various shocks. This was proved by various ages and services. Guns, a month after casting burst at seventieth or eightieth discharge. Other guns, which had been in use six years, failed to burst after 3,000 discharges, and cast iron bars, after being subjected to frequently gain 100 per cent strength. But, in all cases, the iron which proved strongest was iron which had had a "holiday" between the hard work.



"I've Put Myself on Trial and Been Convicted."

cheering for him, and even Mr. Jennings, who'd been sitting and not saying much, said he thought probably there was something in it.

They ended by agreeing to try it out for a week, beginning with the morning when everybody was to be down for breakfast by seven-thirty. Then somebody suggested that if they were to get up they'd have to go to bed, and the party broke up.

In a half-hour or so I had cleared away, and I went out to the lobby to



# HOME TOWN HELPS

## BILLBOARD AS A NUISANCE

Unnecessary and Unsightly, There is Absolutely No Reason for its Existence.

There is evidence that the movement against the billboard nuisance is becoming national. There is evidence that it is accomplishing things. In spite of local reverses inflicted by unprogressive judges too ready with injunctions or of slothful and incompetent officials.

It is stated that in New York state nearly 100,000 signs illegally posted on the highways have been torn down. Hundreds of business men have formally pledged themselves to discourage the illegal billboard nuisance.

But what of the legal billboard nuisance? Sooner or later the statutes and ordinances against the former nuisance will be vitiated by public sentiment. But it is supposed to be all but impossible to regulate billboards placed on private property. Are citizens interested in civic progress to admit defeat in this direction? By no means.

France, it appears has abated the billboard nuisance along the principal lines of travel by means of a high tax. "The right to tax," we know, "is the right to destroy." Cannot ugly, offensive and depressing billboards be taxed out of existence? The plan is being advocated in New York by a commission that has just reported on the subject, as well as by citizens and newspapers, and it is worthy of attention elsewhere.—New York Sun.

## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN WESTERN CANADA

### THE LATEST METHODS ADOPTED BY THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES.

Scientific farming can be pursued with more profit and advantage in Western Canada, probably than in any other portion of the continent. What may be achieved by the thousands who have been following the occupation for some time and made a success of it with not even a theoretical knowledge. They "have tickled the land with a hoe" and become rich. But the question is how long could that continue. The soil and the climate and every other condition favor great results by a pursuit of such methods as a technical and practical knowledge will bring. There is in the writer's opinion no possibility of failure. Fully aware of this and also of the great potentialities that exist in Western Canada for the following of the profession of farming, as it could be developed and carried on in Western Canada, the various governments have established the machinery, that there may be developed a class of farmers, who in the possession of the rich soil of that country, with its abundant humus and its phosphates and other properties with which it is so largely endowed, will make of the country, the greatest farming portion of the known world.

The Dominion government showed its paternalism years ago when it established experimental farms in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The benefits of these in the matter of practical education have been widespread, but the greatest benefit is to be observed in the immediate vicinity of these farms, where the occupants have brought their holdings into a high state of cultivation, and year after year sees an added value.

The Province of Manitoba is supplementing this work by its excellent agricultural college, manned by professors of the highest standing in their various branches. That this work is appreciated is shown by the large attendance, not only of the farmer's sons, but by the farmer himself and also by the sons of business men and professors who intend following farming as a profession, and that is what it is fast becoming.

The Province of Saskatchewan, alive to the necessity of a higher and a better system of farming, has in connection with its university an agricultural college and what it is doing today in the matter of education will be felt for all time to come, and it will not be long before it will be an easy matter to pick out the farms manned by graduates of this college, or the farms owned by those who have gained from the experience taught by their neighbor.

The same may be said of Alberta. The university at Edmonton has a complete agricultural college. Full advantage of this is taken by hundreds of students anxious to better their agricultural knowledge, and fit them to take hold successfully of the lands that they expect to occupy. This province has also added demonstration farms in various parts, which are very successful, inasmuch as farmers visit them from all parts, and take advantage of educating themselves for short periods during each winter.

Dean Curtiss of Ames Agricultural College, Iowa, says:

"We of the United States think that we know how to get behind agriculture and push, but the Canadians dare to do even more than we do in some respects. They have wonderful faith in the future, they hesitate at no undertaking that offers prospects of results. More significant still is the wide co-operation for agricultural promotion, including the government, private individuals and corporations and the railroads."

"Canadians are putting great faith in education for the development of their resources—not the old education, but vocational and technical. Provinces that have less than half the population of Iowa and much less wealth are appropriating more liberally for colleges and schools. Manitoba, for instance, has in the last two years provided about as much money for the building of an agricultural plant as Iowa has appropriated in half a century. It has given in two years \$2,500,000 for buildings and grounds for its agricultural institutions."

"Saskatchewan is building a plant for its university and agricultural college on a broader and more substantial plan than has been applied to any similar institution in this country. Yet neither province has more than half a million population."

"For public schools equally generous provision is made. They are being built up to give vocational and technical training as well as cultural. They fit the needs of the country excellently and should turn out fine types of boys and girls. They do this with a remarkable faith in the value of right education."

"Dean Curtiss was much interested in the many other ways the Canadian government aids agriculture, aside from appropriations for educational purposes. They are aiding in solving marketing problems; they are encouraging better breeding of livestock by buying sires and reselling them at

cost, and they are doing many other things of like character.

"I found that the government is advancing from 50 to 85 per cent. of the money necessary to build co-operative creameries and elevators," said Dean Curtiss, "and it is doing it at a low rate of interest and on long time payments. Where cattle need breeding up, the government buys bulls of dairy, Shorthorn, or special dairy breeds and sends them in at cost price and on long time payments."

The yield of grain in Western Canada in 1913 was excellent but not abnormal, wheat going from 30 to 45 bushels per acre, and other small grain with equally good averages.—Advertisement.

#### Almost Too Considerate.

A corporal was drilling a stupid squad, with whose drilling the colonel had just found fault. The corporal said: "I tell you fellows this much, if you don't do any better we shall drill all day, have field practice at night, bivouac afterwards, without fire, without cooking, without straw and with the temperature down at zero."

"Why don't you let it rain, too?" asked a voice from the ranks.

#### Important to Mothers

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

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

#### Handsome is as Handsome Does.

Sanford—So you don't believe in judging a man by his clothes?

Crabshaw—No, indeed! That's the way we judge a woman, and look how we get fooled.—Judge.

## "Mealtime Joys"

can only be experienced when the appetite is keen—when the digestion is normal—when the liver and bowels are working regularly.

If this does not describe your present condition, you should try

## HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

for a few days. It will restore the appetite, assist digestion and prevent any after-eating distress. It is for such ills as

- POOR APPETITE
- INDIGESTION
- SOUR STOMACH
- CONSTIPATION
- HEARTBURN
- BILIOUSNESS
- DYSPEPSIA
- COLDS, GRIPPE

DON'T EXPERIMENT—INSIST ON HOSTETTER'S

The Baking Powder Question Solved

—solved once for all by Calumet. The daily use in millions of kitchens has proved that Calumet is highest not only in purity but in *leavening power* as well—giving in results—pure to the extreme—and wonderfully economical in use. Ask your grocer. And try Calumet next bake day.



Received Highest Awards

Remarkable Record. Three generations of a family used Welland have contributed 173 years' service at a farm near Godalming, Surrey, England. William Welland, aged sixty-nine, has worked for years. His father did 60 years' work, and his two sons have done 24 years.

PSORIASIS ON LIMBS. Troop H, 6th U. S. Cavalry, Camp Coy, Sparta, Wis.—"I was troubled with psoriasis for nearly two years. The spots of my arms and limbs were itched mostly with it. It appeared in small, breaking out in very small dots and gradually grew larger white scales formed when about size of an ordinary match-head. The looks of it was horrible, which made it very unpleasant for me. It tried several treatments which did me for a month, but it always came out again. One day a friend of mine advertised Cuticura Soap and Ointment in the paper and I purchased a sample. They helped me. I purchased two more boxes of Cuticura Ointment and some Cuticura Soap and they completely cured me. I took three months for Cuticura Soap and Ointment to complete my cure." (Signed) Walter Mahony, Oct. 1912.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-free to Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston.—Adv.

As Far as He Got. Did your barber do anything on your head with that hair restorer? Well, he made a bald pretense.

THOMPSON'S EYE WATER. Quickly relieves weak, inflamed eyes. Sold every where. L. THOMPSON SONS & CO., Troy, N.Y.

OWN NAME on 50 signs in big letters free. (Send pay for each sign by Postoffice Note.) LONE STAR CO., 1717 North Fort Worth, Texas.

WATSON'S REMEDY. Watson's E. Coleman, Washington, D.C. Book free. High test references. Best results.

### PROVIDING FOR SHADE TREES

Maine Town Has a Method That Would Seem to Be Well Worth Copying.

A novel method of providing and maintaining shade trees for the streets is in effect in Farmington, Me., where a disastrous fire twenty years ago killed practically all the trees. Following this fire some of the philanthropic citizens of the town originated the plan which is in effect today



Street in Maine Town, Where Each Tree is Maintained by a Citizen.

and under which each tree is bought, set out and cared for by some one person. Each tree bears a number, and in the courthouse there is a map showing the location of each tree and the name of the donor. Many trees are maintained by former residents of the town.—Popular Mechanics.

### Model English Homes.

In speaking of the housing of the working classes by the London county council at Tottenham, a northern suburb of London, Mr. Watrous said: "There within reach of the very poorest are airy and substantial dwelling places with all facilities, recreational and otherwise, of a class seldom to be met with in the United States."

"It is a fine thing when a municipality buys land, builds the premises and rents them at a nominal sum to the working classes. We were so impressed with the wonderful success of the Tottenham scheme that we have brought back photographs of the dwellings and other useful details concerning them with the idea of utilizing them as a model in our own country."

### School Wall Flower.

A word ought to be said about your duty to the students who are always "left out of things." Many a real tragedy has been silently lived by misunderstood or disliked boys and girls at schools. If you are one of them, make up your mind that you will be agreeable. Don't resent it; that only makes it worse. Just be cheerful and patient; watch yourself so that you have any little oddities that make you an undesirable companion; try to like everybody—and you will soon find people liking you. If you are one of the popular set be among the "left outs." Those who are surprised at the pleasure you will find and at the sweetness of some of the friendships thus formed.—Christian Herald.

### A Weighty Work.

"I wish you would send me a 'History of Philosophy'." "Certainly," replied the bookseller. "The boy will deliver it on his way home tonight."

"But I want it in German."

"Oh! Then I must send it in a wagon."—Puck

### A Suggestion.

"Are electric wires quick-tempered steel?"

"Why do you ask that?"

"Because it seems so dangerous to cross them."

Lots of Health and Energy in this Big Family Package of

## Sunshine L.W. SODA CRACKERS

These crisp, toasty-brown biscuits are lighter and more digestible than even well-made bread. The men folks and youngsters love them because they're so crisp and flavorful. Always ready to eat, no fussing nor fixing needed. Tuck some in your pocket when you start out for work. Solid nourishment without bread's large percentage of water.

LOOSE-WILES BISCUIT COMPANY Bakers of Sunshine Biscuits

Economical in the extra-large family package, triple-sealed, 25¢

### Will Grow Up to Be a Lawyer.

Little Charles is trying to learn to control his naturally violent temper, and every adult member of the family is eager to help him. The other children, too, have been urged not to do anything to render a fall easy. Charles is an observant and quick-witted youngster, and the other day, when his mother proposed condign punishment for some act of serious disobedience, he advanced a novel plea for mercy.

"Please don't punish me, mamma," he pleaded. "It makes me so angry to be punished, and I'm trying so hard to keep my temper today."

#### Durable.

Bix—My lawyer tells me I have a strong case.

Dix—He probably means that it is one that will last for years.

#### What She Got.

"I asked my husband for a little money this morning."

"Did you get any?"

"Yes," acrimony.

Dean's Mentholated Cough Drops effectively drive out colds and stop all throat irritations.—See at Drug Stores.

Nothing is more satisfying to the heart of a woman than the knowledge that she is looking her best.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25¢ a bottle.

Progress in China has not yet extended to the feet.

SPHON'S DISTEMPER CURE

1913 RECORD Magnificent Crops in all Western Canada

All parts of the Province of Alberta, have produced wonderful yields of Wheat, Oats, Barley and Flax. Wheat graded from Contract to No. 1 Hard weighed heavy and yielded from 20 to 45 bushels per acre. 22 bushels was about the total average. Mixed Farming may be considered fully as profitable an industry as grain raising. The excellent reasons for this are: (1) The only food required either for herd or dairy purposes. (2) High at the same time. (3) The excellent market for beef steers. (4) Good schools, markets convenient, climate excellent. For the homemaker, the man who wishes to farm extensively, or the investor Canada offers the biggest opportunity of any place on the continent.

Apply for descriptive literature and reduced rates to the nearest Superintending Office, at the following places: G. A. COOK, 125 W. 9th Street, Kansas City, Mo. Canadian Government Agent

SAVE YOUR MONEY. One box of Tut's Pills save many dollars in doctor's bills. A remedy for diseases of the liver, sick headache, dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness, a million people endorse

## Tut's Pills

### HORSE SALE DISTEMPER

You know what you sell or buy through the sales has about one chance in fifty to escape SALE STABLE DISTEMPER. "SPHON'S" is your true protection, your only safeguard, for as sure as you treat all your horses with it, you will soon be rid of the disease. It acts as a sure preventive no matter how they are "exposed." 50 cents and \$1 a bottle. 25 and 50 dozen bottles, at all good druggists, horse goods houses, or delivered by the manufacturers.

SPHON MEDICAL CO., Chemists and Bacteriologists, GOSHEN, IND., U. S. A.

### The Typewriter for the Rural Business Man

Whether you are a small town merchant or a farmer, you need a typewriter. If you are writing your letters and bills by hand, you are not getting full efficiency.

It doesn't require an expert operator to run the L. C. Smith & Bros. typewriter. It is simple, compact, complete, durable.

Send in the attached coupon and we will give especial attention to your typewriter needs.

L. C. Smith & Bros. Typewriter Co., Syracuse, N. Y. Please send me your free book about typewriters. Name \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

W. N. U., WICHITA, NO. 50-1913.

# You Look Prematurely Old

Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA OROLE" HAIR DRESSING. PRICE, \$1.00, RETAIL.

**Lumpkin-Thomas Hospital**

606 TYLER STREET AMARILLO, TEXAS  
 A modern Brick Building, especially equipped for the care of gyn-  
 eological and surgical patients. Pathological and Xray labora-  
 tory. Graduate nurses only.  
 DRS. LUMPKIN & THOMAS Mrs. N. H. Tudor, Matron  
 Attending Surgeons

That is drawing power. That is the psychology of advertising.—Childress Index.

You will always hear that a good local paper is the life of any town, everyone wants the town to have one but there are sometimes a few fellows who want the other fellow to pay for it. Your ad may not bring you a dozen direct customers who say "I came in answer to your advertisement" but the small amount you pay each month goes to the support of a thing that is bringing people to your town and helping to keep them there, and if you are not helping that enterprise, you are getting the benefit of some other fellows' money. You wouldn't for a minute want to see a town without a newspaper, still because you can't see a direct benefit of 5 to one, you say advertising does not pay. To have a good live paper there are two very essential things, and the first is an editor, and the second is advertising. You can't have a paper without advertising and advertising does little good if there is not a pretty live wire at the head of the newspaper.

**ONEY,**  
**To Loan on Land or I**  
**Will buy Land Notes.**  
 S. D. PARK MOBEETIE, TEXAS.

A PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU  
**WHAT YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT IT**  
**The Miami Drug Co.**  
 The "Rexall" Store  
 PRESCRIPTION WORK A SPECIALTY  
 Open Sunday 8:00 to 10:00 A. M.; 2:30 to 7:00 P. M.  
 MIAMI - Phone No. 33 - TEXAS

**Automobile Service**  
 To Mobeetie and Other Points, or Trips About the Countrie.  
 DAILY MAIL LINE  
 between Miami and Mobeetie  
 For Either of the Above See  
**S. E. FITZGERALD**  
 Proprietor  
**Livery, Feed & Sale Stable**  
 Miami - - Texas.




**Telephone for Aid**  
 The DOCTOR, for man or beast, is only one of those you may summon instantly by  
**Bell Telephone**  
 A perfect means of guarding against emergencies and overcoming loneliness.  
 Now is a good time to learn how YOU can get this service.  
 THE Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co.  
 DALLAS, - TEXAS




**K. HICKMAN**  
 DEALER IN  
 Windmills, Pipes, Casing  
 Hardware, Stoves, and Tinware.  
 "CANTON CLIPPER" FARM IMPLEMENTS & MACHINERY.  
 Galvanized Tanks, Troughs, Metallic Well Curbing, etc., Made to Order  
 TIN SHOP IN CONNECTION. MIAMI - TEXAS.



**PICTURE FRAMES**  
 I have anything in this line you could want and want your job.  
**LET'S FIGGER**  
**ROY TROWBRIDGE**  
 Miami, -:- Texas

**THE CENTRAL DRUG STORE,**  
 DRUGS and MEDICINES, Toilet articles, Etc  
 - C. S. SEIBER, Prop -  
 JEWELER AND WATCH REPAIRER.  
 Miami - - - Texas.

**W. W. DAVIS & CO**  
 Head Quarters For  
 Guns  
 Ammunition  
 Heating Stoves  
 Cooking Stoves  
 And Ranges  
 Shelf And  
**HEAVY HARDWARE**

**W. E. STOCKER**  
 Rockvale, Domino and Niggerhead coal in all SIZES. POST, COTTON SEED CAKE AND MEAL. LUMP And crushed Rock Salt  
**NEW AND USED SACKS**

Raw wool went on the free list Monday under the new tariff act. We wonder if this will give us better clothing for \$20 than we have been getting

The object of advertising is to impress your name and business upon the public mind. In order to do this you must put your ad in a paper where it will be read and you must keep everlastingly at it. You can no more build up a prosperous business by spasmodic advertising than you can build up a permanent and exalted character by spasmodic virtue. You must keep constantly at it until you burn your name into the public mind so that every time people think of buying anything in your line they think of your name first.

**DON'T BLAME THE STOVE**  
 The chances are that the Stove is doing the best it can with the Coal that you have provided.  
 But if you are not getting satisfactory results why not try some Coal from the White House Lumber Company.  
 Best McAllester Lump and Nut, Dawson Pea and Dawson Nut.  
 Yes and we have some Rockvale Lump too, if that is what you want. Any kind you want and all prices from \$6.50 to \$10.00 Per Ton. Give us a trial.  
**WHITE HOUSE LUMBER COMPANY**



**Winter Outing in South Texas.**  
 Spend the cold Winter months in South Texas where the flowers bloom the year round and no wintery winds to fear. Tickets on sale daily to all South Texas health resorts, as well as to the principal Coast Cities. Tickets limited to 90 days from date of sale. Take the Florida Santa Fe all the way. Detailed information at  
**J. E. MARSHALL, Agent, Miami.**

**The Miami Chief.**  
 PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.  
 Entered at the postoffice at Miami, Texas, as second-class matter.  
 ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE  
 L. G. WAGGONER, Editor & Owner.  
 MIAMI, TEX., DECEMBER 11, 1913.

**Announcements**  
 FOR TAX ASSESSOR  
 L. A. Coffey  
 L. G. Christopher  
 S. E. Fitzgerald  
 FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY  
 Troy Smith  
 Plenty of stockwater and the lakes are full since the rain.  
 The fine weather which followed the rains were sure appreciated.  
 A good time to do a large amount of road work is while the ground is wet and easily handled.  
 Miami's Public school is fast gaining a reputation that is reaching over an entire Pan-

**Announcement**  
 I have purchased the Thompson stock of Dry goods and Groceries and will from now on be at your service in this line. Besides the already line of good dependable merchandise on hand, I am receiving new goods daily. My prices will be as low as can be found and the grade of goods is equal to the best.  
 I will appreciate a liberal share of your trade and guarantee you prompt and courteous treatment.  
**J. R. Webster.**

**EDGAR** is a thoroughbred Poland China and will make the season at my place just South of Coffee Addition. Don't bring any sick sows.  
 J. P. Wright.

**P. L. SHELTON**  
**Physician and Surgeon**  
 Office at Commercial Hotel.  
 -MIAMI -:- TEXAS-

W. R. Ewing. J. C. Dial.  
**EWING & DIAL**  
 Attorneys-At-Law,  
**CIVIL COURT PRACTICE**  
 1607 OFFICE IN CUNNINGHAM BUILDING  
 Miami - Texas.

**160 Acre Farm For sale**  
 Commencing with this issue of the Miami Chief, (Oct. 23, 1913) I will offer my FARM 8 miles south-east of Miami, now being farmed by Mr. Carruth and subject to his lease.  
 Price \$35 per acre \$5600  
 NOTICE This price will be reduced \$150 per week until sold. As I have no agents I reserve the right to suspend reduction one week at a time, while investigating conditional offers.  
 Write for particulars and easy terms while waiting for price to suit you. I advise you to wire acceptance, this is a case of "first Comes, first served."  
 My price this week is \$4700.  
**Geo. D. HENRY**  
 336 Bales ave. Kansas city, Mo.  
**52 Doses of CHIEF for**

Local News

Adam, Had'em.  
Hot Tomolies are now in demand.  
The A. F. & A. M. met in regular session Friday night.  
Milas Gunn came in Sunday and will reside at Miami.  
H. C. Parker has been sick this week with the mumps.  
Miss Annie Ramsey spent Saturday night and Sunday in Pampa.  
Claud Carr orders the Chief sent to his father at Clay Center Ky.  
Oscar Ryan is in Canadian this week and will be there a short time.  
G. R. Powell of Mobeetic was over first of the week buying mules from the Seitz boys.  
Geo. Redmon of Mobeetic passed through Miami last week enroute to California prospecting.  
H. C. Brown left last week for Stillwater Okla. in response to a telegram stating that his mother was dying.  
No more Scarlet fever has yet started and the three cases that were reported two weeks ago are well.  
Mrs. Ben Talley came in Monday from Brownwood where she has been for treatment for her eyes which are much better.  
Judge Kinney spent Monday on his farm. Judge says there is now more water on the Plains than he ever saw before.  
Clarence Lyons has accepted a position with the Locke Garage and can now be found there doing out duty on automobiles.  
The District Court officials have returned to Miami for the Christmas vacation and will be here until court meets at Canadian in January 1914.  
The Lyceum number last night was certainly a dandy. The Wright-Hall-Marquette players did their part and kept the audience laughing all the time. People appreciate such entertainment as that and are more than glad to patronize such but Oh! You Modern Asia.

T. M. Cunningham made a trip to Amarillo this week visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. John Coffee of Hammon Okla. who is in Amarillo.  
Mr. and Mrs. Will Carter and Mrs. W. H. Ferguson went to Amarillo this week where Mrs. Carter will receive medical treatment.  
A new awning is being put on the postoffice building and things will look much better up East Broadway. Moving the postoffice around that way seems to have had a good effect on that part of the town.  
A slight change in the Santa Fe in the passenger time card has been made and took effect Sunday. No. 14 East bound arrives now at 6:35 p. m. and 117 West bound at 7:12 p. m. each just a few minutes later than before.  
The Chief force just turned out a large supply of envelopes for G. M. Moon, our progressive groceryman. Mr. Moon not only buys stationery in large quantities to save money, but also on most of his groceries he does likewise.  
Rev. J. W. Story, presiding Elder for the M. E. Church will hold quarterly conference at Pampa Saturday evening and preach there up to Sunday night. Rev. J. P. Lowry will fill his pulpit here Sunday morning and night.  
You can buy more with less money in Miami today than you ever could before. Our merchants are giving the people full value and then throwing in some for good measure. Don't fail to do your trading here if you want better goods for less money than you can get anywhere else.  
Several friends gathered at the home of Dr. P. L. Shelton on Friday evening. It was a surprise given in honor of Lee Shelton a well known young man of this city. Several interesting games were played, after which dainty refreshments were served. The table was beautifully decorated with delicate colors pink and white. The guests departed home declaring a delightful time.  
A Guest

Miss Jannie Cooper visited in Pampa first of the week.  
Grandpa Davis has been on the sick list this week.  
Chas. W. Hamilton was over from Mobeetic yesterday.  
Tom Hurn of Higgins visited at the T. R. Saxon home Tuesday.  
Sanford Whatley and wife of Canadian visited, our postmaster Sunday.  
We have not seen many of the south plains folks since the wet weather and bad roads.  
Our enterprising auto salesman, Newt Lock has just received a car load of the new Ford cars.  
Geo. Gerlach of Canadian and H. J. Newman spent a few days of this week on the Gerlach ranch.  
Chas. Patton moved Tuesday to the north side and will occupy the Cruise Christopher residence.  
See "The Franks of Mose" and "The Drolery of Dina" at school auditorium Wednesday night Dec 17.  
D. C. Priddy of Amarillo was in the city yesterday. He purchased 300 trees from Mark Husselby of Wheeler County.  
The newest addition to Miami's business line is a shoe manufacturer that will open up in one of the Gus Severson buildings the 15th.  
The Ladies Bazaar held Saturday in the Central Drug Store netted them \$67 which is a nice little sum and the ladies are well pleased with their success.  
N. F. Locke returned last week from his trip to Colorado. Mr. Locke says he had a nice trip but is glad to get back. He says Earnest Black and his son Willie are still out there.  
M. Sauls and wife came in last week from an extended visit over South Texas, where he says things are looking good and the ground thoroughly soaked. However Mr. Sauls likes Miami and Tuesday bought the brick residence from John Short, paying \$1500 for it. He will get possession Monday, Mr. Short moving to the Jackson residence north of the railroad.  
A Guest

Mrs. John Dodson sends the Chief a year to Mrs. O. F. Payne, San Angelo Texas. Thanks.  
We understand that the Christian Church and the Methodist Church of Mobeetic have, on the account of the bad weather indefinitely postponed their debate, which was to have begun yesterday.  
Will Sims and family of Pampa passed through Miami Tuesday enroute to Mobeetic where Mr. Sims has leased the Jim Johnston ranch for 5 years and bought all the livestock. Mr. Johnston will be in Miami in a few days to live.  
See "The Face at The Window" a drama in three acts given by the pupils of the high school for the purpose of making the last payment on the school piano. School auditorium Dec. 17, 7:30 price of admission 15 and 25c.  
It is the duty of every one in town to help support the play at the auditorium Wednesday night. It will be remembered that practically all our churches have been using the piano besides other public gatherings and all should be willing to help pay for it. Don't forget to come out.  
Grandpa J. L. Davis claims the record of being the oldest subscriber to one paper in Roberts County, and we don't doubt but what he holds all records. He has been a steady subscriber to the St. Louis Semi Weekly Republic for 39 years. When Chief subscribers get that kind of record we are going to mark them up for life.  
E. W. Williams who got a piece of steel in his leg while at work at the oil well, went to Canadian and had an Xray photograph made locating the steel and Dr. Kelley removed it today.  
The next thing in demand is Christmas and New Years post cards and the Miami Drug Co. certainly have a fine line. To look is to buy.  
Dr. M. M. Meeks, dentist, will be in Miami Tuesday of next week 10th day of Dec.  
The Jones Drug Store has a fine line of bibles and testaments that make suitable gifts to all. See them. Xmas books makes fine presents and the Miami Drug Co. has a pretty line. Jones will do you right.



**Santa Claus**  
Has made his headquarters at my store, and brought a complete line of all kinds of toys and presents for children. For the larger ones I have Silver sets, Military sets, Smokers, Dishes, etc., a fine line to pick from.  
"Xmas Post Cards, 3 for 5c"  
**Hattie Plemons**

Look out next week for a poem by Judge Heare on the Home Guards.  
J. R. Webster moved his family to town today. They will live on the North Side.  
The Social Service of the Missionary Society of the M. E. church was held in the home of Mrs. J. W. Burks, Mrs. Burks and Mrs. Olive as hostesses, Dec. 8. Tempting refreshments were prepared and served to those present. The rains and sickness kept quite a few from attending. The Bible study Wednesday 10 was interesting and profitable. The Holiday Social service will be held in the home of Mrs. Kueln Wednesday Dec. 17.  
Press Reporter.

Mrs. O. C. Taylor's mother fell Tuesday night fracturing her skull and spine. She has been unconscious.  
Miss Lella McDonald received her new piano today and is busy lumbering up the action.  
The Womens Study Club met with Mrs. H. E. Baird in an interesting study of the Civil War. Mrs. W. S. Tolbert read an excellent paper on "The Problems Bequeathed By the Civil War." The hosts served delicious refreshments consisting of, salmon sandwiches, white and fruit cake, Bavarian pudding with whipped cream and hot coffee. A call meeting of the Club was held at Mrs. Will Burks Tuesday.

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FEDERALS PLANNING ANOTHER ATTACK?

REPORT OROZCO HAS LEFT CHIHUAHUA WITH 8,000 MEN FOR JUAREZ.

REVOLUTIONISTS PROGRAM

"On to Chihuahua and Then City of Mexico," Declares General Villa.

Juarez, Mex.—American mining men arriving from Chihuahua say that 8,000 well-equipped federals under Gen. Pascual Orozco left there Friday morning by train and will effect a junction with the federal forces of Gens. Salazar, Carvaio and Landa and make another effort to retake Juarez from Gen. Villa.

Coincident with the troop movement from Chihuahua northward, Gen. Villa dispatched 1,000 cavalry under Gen. Rosalio Hernandez for the south and will send another large body of men by train. Chihuahua is the ultimate destination, he said.

Before Chihuahua is attacked by Gen. Villa's forces they will be augmented by a strong force of Gen. Venustiano Carranza has notified Gen. Villa that he is ordering a general troop movement from Sonora and that the Sonora army will join Villa, near Santa Clara Canyon.

It is expected that fully 15,000 troops will attack Chihuahua when constitutionalists again assault the state capital. The federal force now in Chihuahua and between Chihuahua and Juarez can not be estimated. It is variously reported that Gen. Gen. Mercado had approximately 10,000 men at his command, but a large number of these were either killed, wounded or taken prisoner in the battle at Tierra Blanca.

From Chihuahua the constitutionalists will move on toward the City of Mexico, Gen. Villa stated, and he hoped the Carrancista banner would be floating over the National capitol in not more than 60 days from now.

Wants to Stay in Prison.

Austin, Texas.—There is a man in Texas who prefers to remain in the penitentiary rather than live at home with his wife. Gov. Colquitt revoked a conditional pardon. The requirement was that the convict return to his home and live with his wife. It appears that the man did go home and tried it a while, but now voluntarily returns to the penitentiary to lose his liberty. All of this rather than live with his wife. When the man communicated his position to the authorities the governor very promptly revoked the pardon.

ANTI-HUERTA PLOT FRUSTRATED

Plans Were Made in City of Mexico to Attack National Palace.

Vera Cruz, Mexico.—Major Garcia de la Candena and Lieut. De la Pena, the governor and the commander of the guard of Santiago military prison in City of Mexico, arrived here under charge of a strong detail of soldiers of the presidential guard, and were taken on board the gunboat Vera Cruz, bound for the penal colony of Quintanoo, Yucatan.

The arrest of the two officers was the result of the discovery in the prison of a serious anti-Huerta conspiracy, the intention being to arm and release all the prisoners and then co-operate with bodies of disaffected troops in an attack on the National palace.

The arrests were effected Saturday afternoon immediately after the discovery of the plot.

Riot in Indianapolis: One Dead.

Indianapolis, Ind.—A movement looking toward a general strike in sympathy with the teamsters and chauffeurs' strike was started at a meeting of the Teamsters' Union Tuesday. No definite action was taken. The strike, which was started Sunday midnight, was marked by a fatality. When a crowd with an ice wagon in charge of six men on whom special police powers had been conferred and began throwing bricks and trying to prevent the wagon moving, the officers fired, killing Claud Lewis, a negro, and wounding four other persons, on fatality.

England Indorses Monroe Doctrine.

London.—The Thanksgiving dinner of the American society here was noteworthy because of the pronouncement of the British government's indorsement of the Monroe Doctrine by Viscount Haldane, lord high chancellor. Three hundred and fifty American men and women, with a large number of British guests, were present, and they cheered Lord Haldane's words repeatedly.

Dallas Increases in Building Permits.

Building permits issued in Dallas in November numbered 189 and their total value was \$876,615. In November, 1912, the total value was \$218,250. The increase was \$658,365, or 123 per cent. Out of the November building, \$550,780 was the value of the brick structures. The largest single contract was for the Dallas county jail, whose value was placed at \$550,000, the permit covering the structure work only.

SAN ANTONIO IS SELECTED

Compulsory School Attendance Favored and Other Resolutions Adopted.

Dallas, Texas.—Selecting San Antonio as the place for holding the next convention, Waco being the principal competitor, and electing R. L. Paschal of Fort Worth president of the association, the 35th annual convention of the Texas state teachers adjourned Saturday after a three days' meeting in Dallas. The final day was featured by addresses by Gov. O. B. Colquitt, Col. Henry Exall, Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor university; Dr. C. M. Bishop, president of Southwestern university; Dr. J. S. Abbott, food and drug commissioner; Dr. E. J. Kyle, dean of the school of agriculture, Texas A. & M. college, and others.

The association, by formal resolution, went on record as favoring compulsory school attendance; the separate vote of the president's head of the national department of the office of county superintendent from politics; making the cabinet; for a suitable law for the certification of high school teachers; providing a committee to investigate the normal training for rural teachers in other states and report to the next meeting.

Teamsters' Strike On In Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Ind.—The teamsters chauffeurs' strike ordered by unanimous vote of the union at a meeting Sunday afternoon began at midnight. According to Thomas J. Farrell, general organizer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America, 3-126 men are involved. "We are here for business," declared Mayor Wallace in an address to the police. "If any of you feel you can not do your duty and obey orders, now is the time to get out and not try to turn in your badges later. I expect you men to keep the streets clear and prevent rioting."

Charter for Daily Newspaper.

Austin, Texas.—The Southern Publishing Company of Waco, which it is understood will publish a daily newspaper in the interest of prohibition, has filed its charter with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$83,810, divided into 8,381 shares of \$10 each. All of the stock has been subscribed and one-half paid in.

French Aviator Killed.

Buc, France.—Edmond Peroyon, one of the best known aviators of France, was killed when his monoplane fell while he was maneuvering over the aerodrome here. Peroyon held several altitude records. While flying alone at Buc on March 11, this year, he attained a height of 19,368 feet and a little later the same month at Vienna, made 15,480 feet with two passengers.

TWO TURKEYS SUPPLY DINNER.

President Eats Thanksgiving Meal With Guests of Wedding Party.

Washington.—President Wilson and family had their Thanksgiving dinner with a party of house guests who have remained since the wedding of Miss Jessie Wilson.

The housekeeper had no difficulty in deciding whether the turkey sent by Horace Vose of Westley, R. L. or that present by South Trimble, clerk of the house of representatives, should grace the table, for there were enough guests present to require both fowls.

On account of the drizzling rain the president spent most of the day indoors. Early in the day, in accordance with the custom established by previous presidents, the president and other high government officials attended the mass in celebration of Pan-American peace and unity.

Bridal Couple Present.

President Wilson's family circle was complete. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre, who were married Tuesday, and whose whereabouts have been a secret since then, slipped quietly into Washington and got back to the White House without being observed. They had come by train from Baltimore.

Zelaya Arrested; Denied Bond.

New York.—Jose Santos Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua, arrested in bed here on charges of having committed murder in Nicaragua, was held Thursday without bail for examination on Dec. 1. Pending the arrival of a request for extradition to Nicaragua, he was remanded to prison. Gen. Zelaya was arrested as a fugitive from justice on complaint of Roger B. Wood, an assistant United States attorney. Mr. Wood charged that a warrant for Zelaya's apprehension for murder had been issued in Nicaragua, but did not name the alleged victims. It was said, however, that they were two countrymen slain 12 years ago, and that the death oferoy Cannon and Leonard Groce, Americans slain in Nicaragua in 1909 in the Estrada revolution, had nothing to do with Gen. Zelaya's arrest.

Rangers Leave for Laredo.

Austin, Texas.—By order of Gov. Colquitt Capt. Sanders and a force of rangers have gone to Laredo, where they will remain until conditions improve at Nuevo Laredo. The governor said that he did not anticipate any serious trouble, but he believes it best to have rangers there in case of emergency. The governor is determined to intercept any roving bands of Mexicans who may make an attempt to cross the border for the purpose of committing depredations on

TEXAS BREVITIES

Brownwood is to have a new and modern opera house. The structure will cost \$30,000 completed.

Bryan is to have a new city hospital. The building will be a two-story brick and work has already begun.

Paris Elks are making preparations for the opening of their new \$150,000 home, which is nearing completion.

Three new brick structures, one a three-story office building, aggregating a total expenditure of \$35,000 are nearing completion in Cooper.

Since the opening of the mineral water bath house at Cooper five months ago 1000 patients have taken the mineral baths.

Taylor is to have a new daily paper. A company capitalized at \$10,000 has been chartered and the initial issue will appear in a few days.

Houston entertained the National Nut growers' association recently and delegates representing nearly every state in the Union were present.

San Angelo citizens have grown enthusiastic over the success of their fair and it is planned to expend \$10,000 in improving the fair grounds at that place during the next 12 months.

Calvert precinct of Robertson county has awarded contract for 50 miles of graveled roads and work will begin at once. A San Antonio firm secured the contract.

Palestine is witnessing an era of building. Contract has just been awarded for a \$90,000 hotel and work has started on a new court house, theatre and public library.

Stamford royally entertained the delegates of the Central West Texas Agricultural association recently. A large delegation of farmers and business men were present.

For the second time, the much-planned-for good roads days for Dallas county had to be indefinitely postponed because of the bad weather, although all preparations had been completed and everything was in readiness for the two days' program of road improvement.

Interest of Texas visitors at the International Live Stock exhibition in Chicago centered in the work of the judges of the Hereford class, which breed is the favorite of the Lone Star state cattle raisers, and in the car-load division. Several Texas men have exhibits in the latter class. The task of picking the grand champion car-load of steers was started, but it was announced that no awards would be made public until the entire 78 car-loads of exhibits had been placed. C. M. Largent of Merkle, the only Texas exhibitor in the fat cattle classes, was awarded more ribbons with his animals.

San Antonio and Bexar county citizens have voted in favor of another bond issue. The amount involved is \$1,000,000, which will be expended for good roads, \$550,000 concrete bridges, \$200,000 county hospital, \$125,000 court house repairs and improvements, \$75,000 and \$50,000 for a new poor house. Bexar county has issued more improvement bonds than any other county in Texas during the past year. Early in the year a \$2,000,000 issue was carried, which is now being expended for improvements in the city of San Antonio.

The Southwestern Ice Manufacturers' association, which includes the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas, closed a three days meeting at Temple last week. More than 200 members were present.

The Garrard, a new three-story brick hotel with 28 rooms and modern in every respect, has recently been opened to the public at Cooper. The management is planning an annex of 18 rooms on account of the unexpected volume of business.

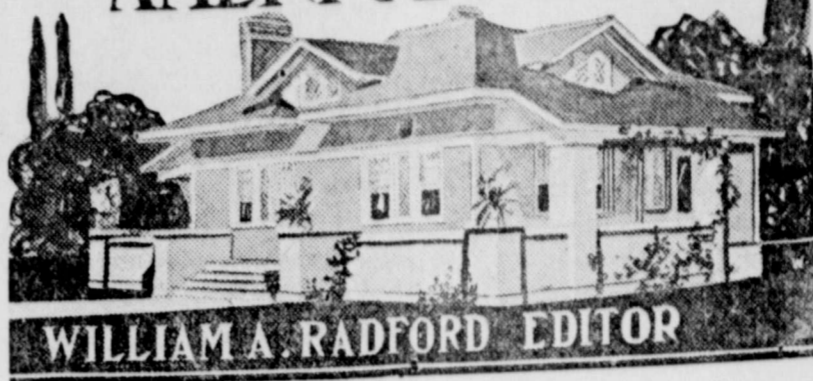
El Paso is constructing another skyscraper. The seven-story building which will be occupied by the First National bank is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy at an early date.

To care for the increased business on this division, the Cotton Belt railroad will in a short while begin the work of installing a new 90 foot steel turn table at Commerce. The cost of the improvements is estimated at \$10,000.

The Woodmen of the World lodge is planning to erect somewhere in Texas a \$100,000 tuberculosis sanitarium. Several sites have been offered them, but no definite action as to this matter has been taken.

At the annual meeting of the Citrus growers of Texas conducted at Houston recently, the California methods of protecting their fruit from the cold weather was adopted and every measure will be taken by the growers to guard against the cold.

THE AMERICAN HOME



WILLIAM A. RADFORD EDITOR

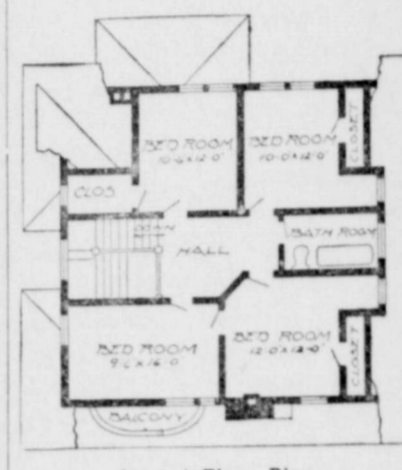
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 178 West Jackson boulevard, Chicago, Ill. and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

The accompanying illustrations show a house design especially adapted to the needs of suburban or country building. The requirements for a dwelling house for such a location are different in a good many respects from those in a city. More attention should be paid to the matter of making the house as nearly fireproof as possible; for in the country, as well as in our smaller towns and suburbs, there is little or no fire protection. Accordingly, if a building once takes fire, nothing, as a usual thing, can be done except to watch it burn. Of course, the fire risk from adjoining buildings is much greater in thickly settled communities; but the fire fighting apparatus which is quickly available more than makes up for this extra hazard.

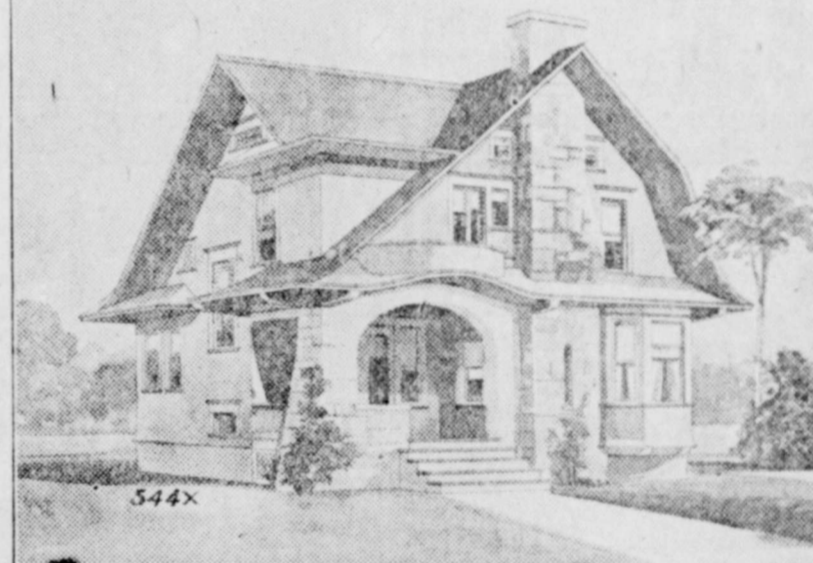
The only wise and logical thing for a man to do when he plans to invest a large amount of money in a suburban or country home, is to build it fireproof. With the modern building materials now available, it is very easy to do this; and the cost, although considerably more than for frame, is certainly not excessive when the fire protection, the enduring character of the house, etc., are taken into consideration.

For the accompanying design, a thoroughly fireproof construction is employed. The beauty and home-like atmosphere of this house make any expenditure, however large, seem worth while that will make it absolutely safe and enduring, no matter where it is built.

The walls of this house are formed



Second Floor Plan.



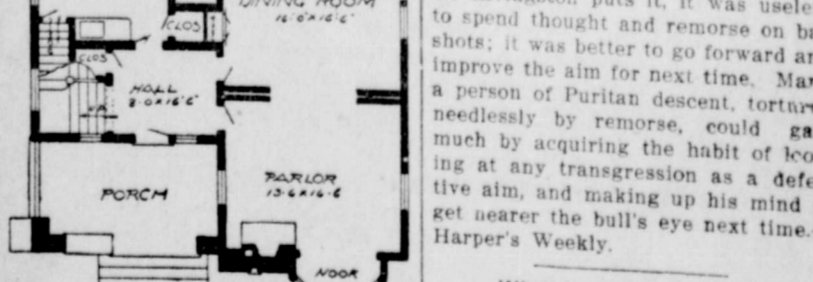
of two by six-inch studding, well braced; but they are covered both inside and out with expanded metal lath. The outside is plastered with cement plaster applied in three coats; thus there is fully one inch of nature's most fire-resistant material—cement—on the outside of this house, completely surrounding the steel reinforcing and thus protecting it against rust. The inside surface of the walls, and the surface of all the interior partitions, are composed of one coat of cement plaster on expanded metal lath, with a finishing coat of hard wall plaster.

The floors of this house are formed of hollow terra-cotta tile made in narrow flat panels, between reinforced concrete beams. The concrete beams

show a large parlor or living room, dining room, kitchen and reception hall on the first floor. Upstairs there are four bedrooms and a bathroom.

The cost of this house is estimated at \$4,000, using a good grade of materials and most thorough construction. The size of this house, 34 feet 6 inches wide, by 25 feet 6 inches deep from front to back, makes it very suitable for the ordinary suburban 50-foot lot.

Puritans and Greeks. The reader of the Scarlet Letter gets a vivid idea of the Puritan conscience; it had its strength, but that book principally shows its narrowness and its cruelty. Toward a different thing was the attitude toward life of the most gifted people in history. The Greeks in their great period had nothing of what we call a sense of sin. They did anything wrong, they called it "a bad shot"—some thing that was bound to happen from time to time and was best forgotten. As Livingston puts it, it was useless to spend thought and remorse on bad shots; it was better to go forward and improve the aim for next time. Many needlessly by remorse, could gain much by acquiring the habit of looking at any transgression as a defective aim, and making up his mind to Harper's Weekly.



First Floor Plan.

are four inches square, reinforced with twisted steel rods. On top of this concrete and terra-cotta floor, a one-inch coat of cinder concrete is laid on these strips, being nailed down securely. For the ceiling finish, the wall plaster is applied directly to the underside of the concrete beams and the tiles. This makes a floor that is thoroughly fireproof, very warm, and not excessively heavy.

The roof of this house may be constructed in a number of ways; yet it should be made fireproof, since the

TEN REASONS WHY FOR SILO

Among Other Things It Affords Means of Conserving More of Food Value of Forage Crops.

(By C. H. HINMAN, Colorado Agricultural College.)

- 1. By means of the silo more of the food value of forage can be saved than any other method of preservation now in use.
2. In a large part of the Plains District of Colorado and all of the plains irrigated area it is possible to grow a large tonnage per acre of corn to the stage in which it should be placed in the silo, i. e. in that stage of maturity known as the "dough state;" while the season is too short, the nights too cold and the moisture insufficient to develop a large grain crop of corn. This forage can be saved by the silo.
3. The silo affords the means of keeping, in small compass, a large quantity of forage safe from the weather and in convenient form to feed.
4. Forage placed in the silo keeps at a uniform quality, whereas field-cured forage constantly deteriorates.
5. Considering the food value saved, the silo affords the cheapest means for forage preservation.
6. Because of the palatability and succulence, silage possesses higher feeding value than does the same forage dried. Conservative feeders estimate that the silo doubles the value of the forage crop.
7. Not only corn, but kafir corn, Milo maize and sorghum are adapted for use in the silo. All these crops have been successfully siloed.
8. Silage can be used in summer and fall as a substitute for and to supplement pasture.
9. It has been conclusively proven that the silo effects a considerable saving in the cost of production of beef, mutton and milk.
10. The silo enables the farmer to keep more livestock, which promotes the rotation of crops and the preservation of the soil fertility.

CULTIVATION OF THE TREES

Task is Absolutely Necessary in Dry Farming Country—Weeds and Grass Must Be Choked Out.

(By NORMAN M. ROSS)

When trees are planted in the dry-farm country constant cultivation is absolutely necessary until the tops of the trees grow together sufficiently to choke out all growth of weeds and grass. The rainfall in the prairie districts is so small that every means must be employed to preserve what little soil moisture there is. Surface cultivation is the best method of accomplishing this, as it keeps a loose covering of soil, which acts as a mulch, retaining the moisture in this way. The single horse scuffler or cultivator is the best implement for this purpose. The hoe is of little use by itself, except to cut off the larger weeds and for working close around the roots of the trees, as it does not stir the soil sufficiently unless a great deal of time is spent on the work.

The number of times it will be necessary to go through a plantation depends a good deal on the season. After a heavy rain, when the ground is dry enough, the cultivator should be always run through in order to prevent the formation of a crust. After the third season cultivation should no longer be necessary. In any case, cultivation should always cease before the end of August each year so that the trees will not be encouraged to grow too late in the fall, as the early frosts would then be liable to cut back a large portion of the new wood.

Mulching with straw or manure is quite often done, but cannot be recommended unless it is absolutely impossible to find time to cultivate. Clean straw is better than manure as it takes longer to decay, and weed seeds do not so readily germinate in it.

Owing to the strong reflection from bright straw many recommend hay as being the best for mulching.

ERADICATION OF POISON IVY

Children Should Be Taught to Carefully Avoid Any Sort of Climber With Three-Lobed Leaf.

Wage war upon the poison ivy and keep at least the home place free from it. Only the most drastic measures have any effect upon it.

Teach the children to avoid any sort of climber that has a three-lobed leaf. While poison ivy is not fatal in its effects and many people are immune from its attacks, it causes much unnecessary suffering and it often impairs the health.

Start a crusade against the poison ivy among your neighbors and work against the common enemy. Dig it up to the smallest root and branch, for it is so tenacious of life that a twig allowed to lie upon the ground has been known to take root.

If every root cannot be dug, destroy the broken end with crude oil or some strong acid.

Breed Best Horses.

Buyers of all classes of horses are becoming much more exacting and discriminating every year; so the importance of breeding only the best is more and more apparent.

Lambs at Weaning Time.

When weaning time comes part the lambs in a fresh, green pasture and bearing of the ewes. Put a dry ewe with the lambs. From the time they will learn to come at call.

# NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON



## He Was All Spraddled Out, Mad and Fighting

WASHINGTON—"Silver" Alec Falconer—that's what they call him out in the state of Washington, though his honest-to-goodness name, as given in the Congressional Directory, is J. A. Falconer—landed into a debate in the house the other day all spraddled out, mad and fighting, even though this is his first term.



Mr. Hefflin of Alabama, the wit and story teller of the house, had said some unkind things about the suffragists, as is his wont. He had suggested that all males who believed in woman suffrage ought to be attired in skirts.

Now, Mr. Falconer, Progressive with a large P, is a representative at large from a state which contains many woman voters.

"I want to observe," said he, severely, in reply to Mr. Hefflin, "that the mental operation of the average woman in the state of Washington, as compared to the ossified brain operation of the gentleman from Alabama, would make him look like a mangy kitten in a tiger fight," which, for a new member, is some flight of oratory, especially when directed at the golden-tongued Hefflin.

"The average woman in the state of Washington," went on Mr. Falconer, "knows more about social economics and political economy in one minute than the gentleman from Alabama has demonstrated to the members of the house that he knows in five minutes."

And Mr. Hefflin didn't have a word to say in reply.

From all of which one might gather that Mr. Falconer is inclined to be peevish. Far be it from him to be anything of the sort. He has a sunny temper, a sweet and gentle disposition. Until some one treads on the tails of his coat—and he wears his coat tails long—he is as inoffensive as a man can well be, but when he gets into a scrap he is a bearcat.

Although only forty-three years old, Mr. Falconer has snow white hair, maybe due to early piety, for, though born in Ontario, he was reared in the lumber camps of Michigan, which are noted for their intense religious fervor.

Out in Washington Mr. Falconer has been going to the legislature for the past nine years. For two years he was speaker of the house. No man was ever more popular. That is testified by the fact that the regular Republicans out there insist that he is more of a real regular Republican than some who carry the banner, while the Progressives assert that he is more progressive than T. R. himself. A man who can get by with that reputation is going some.

Hence the name of "Silver" Alec. The name goes two ways, as they say in the west. It refers to his hair and his tongue as well.

## He Broke Into Print With a Resounding Crash

CONTRARY to the impressions which the layman may have, the house of representatives is a body prone to occasional levity that reaches on occasions the level of practical joking and causes mild disturbances. Representative Roberts of Nevada, among those blessed with the divine sense of humor, told this one not long ago to show how mirth can survive even the Congressional Record.

"There was a member in congress who had a great weakness for introducing startling resolutions. He gloried in the fact that every time he broke into print he broke in with a resounding crash."

"One day he introduced a violent resolution going away with something or other. After it had gone to the table one of the veterans of his party said ever to his chair:

"I wouldn't introduce that and fight for its passage," he confided.

"Why not?" demanded the irate member, bringing instantly.

"Because," replied the veteran, "I understand that a resolution will be brought in to expel you from the house if you push that."

"That was enough for the fiery member. He jumped to his feet and in a loud voice demanded the immediate consideration of his resolution. Then while the house, except those members aware of the joke perpetrated by the veteran, stared in astonishment, the fiery member thundered:

"I know what you want to do. I dare you. Expel me! Expel me!"

"And it wasn't until the story came out that the members understood the fiery congressman's apparently insane request."

## This Was, Indeed, an Embarrassing Situation

AFTER a tariff debate in the senate recently the conversation drifted to the way in which the party in control, by exercising its power, frequently will embarrass itself. Senator Norris of Nebraska was in the party.

"I recall," said he, "the story of a certain western senator serving some time back. He was denounced as a violent radical, and his speeches finally became so vitriolic that the Republican leaders took steps to head him off. Consequently, whenever he arose and asked that a speech be inserted in the Record there was objection."

"One day the senator arose impressively and began to read some documents which appealed to the Republicans as being entirely too radical. Of course, they couldn't stop him while he was reading. But at the end of 15 minutes he paused and asked leave to insert the remainder of the document in the Congressional Record."

"Instantly about the whole Republican side, which had been itching in its seats, arose as one man and objected."

"Very well, Mr. President," said the senator. "There is objection from the Republican side and I will withdraw my request that the remainder of this document be inserted. But I would like to remind the senators that this document, to which they so seriously object, is from the pen of that immortal republican—Abraham Lincoln!"

## This Writer Worked for Pay and Not for Glory

IN the house cloak room the other day some one heard Speaker Clark telling a good story about two members. It seems that there flourished here in a few years ago a literary bureau which furnished writers and speakers with facts or even whole sermons and speeches.

# INEXPENSIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

By PEGGY POWERS

**M**OST certainly you promised yourself last Christmas that your future Christmas remembrance would be completed in ample time, and under no circumstances would the next Christmas season find you in a rush and bustle, planning and finishing belated Christmas gifts. What an idle dream that was, for here it is Christmas time approaching again, and you are racking your brain and attempting to decide what to give at the eleventh hour, in a great hurry and turmoil.

What not to give, would be a more appropriate phrase. For in the selection of your gifts some regard has to be given to the adaptability and the utility of the present. A wise idea is to spend more time than money in thinking what would be suitable and practicable for each individual. Your gift would be all the more appreciated if it expresses something of yourself and shows that your own personal thoughts have been bestowed upon a selection of the tokens.

The real essence of the Christmas spirit is not expenditure. How easy it is to purchase gorgeous gifts if one has a well filled purse! But if the recipient can buy the same article with little effort, the gift idea will not be remembered for very long. Let your gifts be expressions of love and thoughtfulness. The thought and time you put in gifts of your own handiwork will mean much more than if you simply give something for the sake of giving.

The cost of homemade gifts is generally small. A multitude of gifts can be contrived of materials you have at hand, and of odd pieces of linen, ribbons and silk. Clever fingers can fashion charming novelties. Gladness is the keynote of the Yuletide season. Go at your tasks in a cheerful, blithesome manner, and you will find your work one of joy. The following suggestions may provide you with numerous ideas for attractive gifts, which may be made inexpensively.

With little effort dainty sachets to perfume your friends' gowns may be made at a very small cost. Make six sachets in pastel shades of satin ribbon about two inches square. Fill with soft cotton dusted with some fragrant sachet powder. Place the sachets one on top of the other and tie with narrow gauze ribbon. Gilt safety pins are attached to each sachet so the bags can be pinned on the different frocks.

One distinct novelty is a colonial pin cushion. For this unique cushion you will have to purchase a glass candlestick in a simple design. Cover one side of a four-inch square of cardboard with some pretty silk which harmonizes with the color scheme of your friends' bedrooms. Form a mound-like cushion of cotton on the other side and cover with the silk. The cushion is fastened to the candlestick by fine wires or thread. Around the edge of the cushion sew a beaded fringe about three inches long.

Another pin cushion has for the foundation a four-inch wire tea strainer. The back is fitted with a disk of cotton covered in cretonne. The wire part is lined with flowered cretonne and filled with cotton. Wind the han-

dle with narrow ribbon and finish with a pretty bow.

The girl away at college would surely be overjoyed with a shoe bag, which she can hang inside her closet door. The shoe bag should be half the length of the door with compartments for shoes, slippers and rubbers and a long compartment on one side for an umbrella, and on the other for books not in use. The materials used should be heavy denim with the compartments bound in tape.

A pleasing notion would be to make any articles for the girls away at college in their college colors. A piece of gay colored cretonne bound all around with a pretty braid would also be acceptable as a trunk cover.

Dear to every girl's heart are ribbon dress accessories. The new Robespierre collars with jabots of frilly lace certainly will be a welcome addition to your friends' wardrobes. The collars are usually made of black satin with the ruffles of lace about two inches wide.

Chic boudoir caps are made of circles of shadow lace 18 inches wide with soft ruffles of narrow lace around the crown. The ruffles should be made in the back wider than in the front to give the effect of a Dutch bonnet. The cap is decorated with little pink rosebuds and a band of pink ribbon.

Exquisite La France roses are made out of folded satin ribbon in three-inch lengths. Turn the ends back at the corners to form the petals. Group the petals together and join to a wire stem which has been twisted with narrow green satin.

A natural looking bunch of violets is formed of tiny bows of twisted violet ribbon tied with green silk wire. Hat pins, collar pins and buckles are wonderfully effective when covered with ribbon roses made of narrow folded ribbon grouped closely together. If you prefer you can use satin cherries made of tiny circles of satin filled with cotton, with petals of green ribbon.

The girl who dances will find much pleasure in receiving a pretty pair of beaded satin slipper bows to match her party slippers.

For the traveler a small cretonne pillow with pockets on one side for magazines and newspapers would be a convenience.

A set of envelopes of white linen to hold the necessary articles, would also be a useful gift. If you have time you could buttonhole the flap in scallops. One envelope for handkerchiefs, one for the night dress, one lined in rubber for the toilet articles, and one large one for the extra waist. The pieces you have left of the linen you can utilize for napkin rings, scalloped and finished with a monogram, or for boudoir lamp shades, which are much admired when inserted with medallions of fine lace.

For the invalid a thoughtful little gift would be a cover for the drinking glass. A glass circle the size of the top of the ordinary glass is required; crochet a cover over the glass in a simple stitch in two colors of mercerized cotton. In the center sew a crocheted ring for a handle.

A tray with a narrow wooden border and brass handles could have a pretty piece of embroidered linen under the glass.



1—Apron. 2—Lantern Bag. 3—Cretonne Pillow. 4—Doily Bag. 5—Sewing Roll. 6—Colonial Pin Cushion. 7—Chest of Drawers. 8—Collar Bag. 9—Robespierre Collar. 10—Telephone Memorandum.

Ribbon bedroom slippers are especially new and nothing could be simpler to make. Sheer flowered ribbon to soft lamb's wool, draw an elastic through a lacing on the upper edge, leaving a heading about an inch wide. Make full rosettes of ribbon and place one on each instep.

A dolly case will delight the heart of any housewife. They can be made in different sizes. Figured cretonne may be used in making one case with the inside lined in white material. Cover two circles of pasteboard with the material and finish neatly with a pretty wash braid. Use ribbon to keep the dollies in place.

A set of holders for handling hot dishes are made six inches square, of some pretty chfutz. These are attached to an apron to match the material.

A set of boxes covered with a pretty pattern of wall paper would be most useful and acceptable to keep in the bureau drawers. These must be pasted neatly and the covers attached to the box.

Another novelty is a chest of drawers for trinkets, hair pins or jewelry. Cover the box with cretonne and fit three smaller boxes into it. The boxes are covered with the same material and have little brass rings sewed on the center of each box, so they can be pulled out like drawers.

Aprons are always charming gifts. There are numberless suggestions for aprons. Fascinating aprons are made of sheer lawn with butterflies embroidered on them. The bottom is finished in three deep scallops edged with a fancy stitch and lace. The two end scallops form pockets for the sewing articles. The belt is formed of ribbon trimmed with jaunty little bows. Then there are chafing dish aprons, overall aprons, and many aprons you can devise with a little ingenuity.

We see bags here, there and everywhere. Bags of all sorts and sizes, from the elaborate affairs made of strips of Japanese embroidery like those shown in Chinatown, to those of the simplest design. Sewing bags, opera bags, laundry bags, shoe bags, slipper bags, corset bags, vanity bags, made of ribbon and fitted out with a small mirror and a tiny powder puff. Manicure bags may be fitted with the smaller size manicure articles, and for the children you can make marble bags, school bags, bean bags and pencil bags.

A useful receptacle for sewing materials is a lantern bag made of plain and flowered ribbon, or you could utilize any material you have. For the bottom of the bag cover a cardboard circle three inches and a half in diameter. Gather the flowered ribbon to this and hem the outside. Run an embroidery hoop four inches in diameter around the upper edge. Join the plain material to this and about eight inches from this place another hoop about four inches in diameter. This is the top of bag and is sheered over hoop. A round cover piece of cardboard is used as a cover and a heavy cord is used to carry it over the arm.

Another original bag for threads and needles is made of two circles of cretonne lined with satin. These are joined at intervals, leaving spaces for the spools. In the center is a little pin cushion. A ribbon drawn through the different sections draws this little bag together.

Use a pretty piece of ribbon three-quarters of a yard in length for another sewing contrivance. Turn up one end to form a pocket for the spools of thread, and the other end

for the thimble and small scissors, which is attached with a narrow ribbon. In the center have squares of white flannel for the needles and pins. When not in use this case can be rolled up and fastened neatly with a loop and button.

Sometimes it is a rather perplexing question what to give a man. Men always like something that adds to their comfort and personal convenience. If you can knit there is not much difficulty in deciding what to give. Knitted silk neckties are much in vogue.

Good, warm, fleecy mufflers are liked by the man who motors, and bed room slippers are also every welcome.

A telephone memorandum with a pencil attached would be a daily reminder of the giver. Cover a piece of cardboard with tan linen embroidered in pink roses. Buy a small pad of white paper and paste it on the linen.

Men invariably are pleased with personal gifts, such as handkerchiefs with the monogram embroidered in the corner.

A rather good idea is to present your friend with his monogram embroidered heavily in black satin ribbon. These monograms will be of service to sew in his overcoat, so that he can easily distinguish his coat from another's in a crowded place.

Then there are whisk broom holders covered in linen, and collar bags made on a circular form of card board covered with rose-colored brocade and edged with old gold braid.

For the man who shaves himself, a shaving pad is useful. Cover two squares of cardboard with any material you desire. Work the monogram on the center of the upper one, insert leaves of tissue paper and tie together with a silk cord.

There are plenty of adorable gifts one can make for the baby. An ingenious idea is to cover an ordinary scale with pink ribbon and slit it down the center, neatly finishing the edges so mother can see every day how much the new baby is gaining. Use narrow ribbon to hang up the scale. Also a cute little water bag covered in soft pretty flannel will be an acceptable gift for his majesty.

Darling little bibs are made of huck toweling with curious shaped animals cross-stitched in red thread across the border.

A carriage strap which affords much amusement to the infant is made of elastic with satin ribbon in pink or blue sheered over it. To this strap, by means of a narrow ribbon, a celluloid whistle, a rubber doll and a teething ring are attached.

An enchanting little nightgale is made out of a square of cashmere, crocheted on the edge with silk or bound with wash ribbon. Satin ribbons are run through a casing to fit the head.

For the child that is a little older you can make a screen covered in snowy plain material and decorated with pictures cut from magazines and books. One section for flowers, one for animals, and one for birds, would be much appreciated.

A scrap book made of dark gray lining pasted with pictures, is also a gift a child can derive much pleasure from. After you have your presents completed, be careful that they are wrapped so that they have a Yuletide look about them. Use plenty of green and white tissue paper. Seal the package with holly ribbon or gold cord and don't forget to tuck a spray of holly or mistletoe among the wrappings.

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## Birth of the King

Rev. F. W. Shriner

O, the heaven is all resplendent  
With the radiance of a star;  
Yonder, in the ether, pendant  
Flames its glories all afar.

In the East its splendor shineth,  
Sages see its golden gleam;  
Read the message, what doth mean?  
Follow it to Bethlehem.

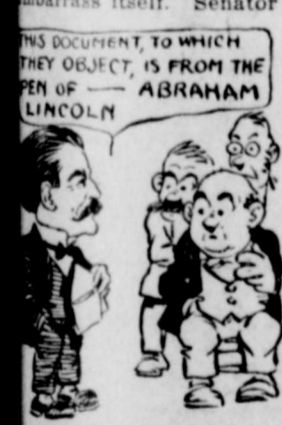
Cov'ly gifts and adoration  
Hasten they with joy to bring;  
Traveling from their far-off station  
Come to hail the new-born King.

Still falls the night on Judah's plains,  
Shine soft the stars, the welkin gem,  
When shepherds catch soraphic strains  
From angel chords borne down to them.

Hymn of triumph, hymn of glory,  
Sings the shining angel throng;  
Shepherds list earth's sweetest story  
And the world its gladdest song.

Sweeps the psalm down the ages,  
Swells the note of joy and praise,  
Glids with hope time's opening pages,  
Waits its cheer to latest days.

Earth redeemed, with heaven, viest  
As it sounds the glad refrain,  
"Glory, glory in the highest,  
Peace on earth, good will to men!"



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Caught to Climb  
ed Leaf.

Very well, Mr. President," said the senator. "There is objection from the Republican side and I will withdraw my request that the remainder of this document be inserted. But I would like to remind the senators that this document, to which they so seriously object, is from the pen of that immortal republican—Abraham Lincoln!"

IN the house cloak room the other day some one heard Speaker Clark telling a good story about two members. It seems that there flourished here in a few years ago a literary bureau which furnished writers and speakers with facts or even whole sermons and speeches.

Some of the congressmen availed themselves of this chance to drink of the waters of learning without the trouble of even getting a dipper, and the bureau flourishing, turning out productions of all kinds and sorts at will.

The same bureau employe would write a violent attack on the tariff bill, and then, in a few days, he would train his guns on his late friends, the Hessians, the writer worked for pay, not for glory.

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**Green Lake Items.**

(too late for last week)

Tom Parsley is out home. His mother is doctoring him for the mumps this week.

More rain, more wheat for everybody.

W. H. Patton and Randel was out to Harveys Monday.

John Kuhn was out in the Green Lake parts Monday.

Willie and Roy Lard took dinner with Mrs. Pursley Tuesday.

Erve Black took Hoover in Tuesday.

Homer Allen went to Miami Tuesday after the rest of his casing. They are down over 200 feet on the well.

Another big rain, watch Hod Baird's wheat grow.

Windy Allen and Frank Pursley was out to eat dinner Sunday with Mrs. Pursley.

The Hay Hooks unloaded 2 more cars of cake this week at Hoover.

Clabe Davis and wife visited W. E. Davis and wife Friday.

**Codman Items**

William Tolbert spent Sunday with his brother Homer Tolbert.

W. B. Kitchen is marketing maize in Codman.

James Jukes was a pleasant Codman visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby Mathis were visitors at the Tolbert home Sunday.

Messers Graham, Bender and Maddox Bros. were transacting business in Codman.

Withers Lee made a business trip to Miami Friday

Will Robison in his "Dan Patch Sulkey" braved the storm to lodge Thursday night.

Samuel Edge was a Miami visitor Friday night.

Rev. Jackson and daughter Fay, made the round trip to Miami for the week end Friday.

When Osborne's puts on a sale it is a sure enough sale. Look up their add next week.

**Green Lake Items**

Clarence Davis is spending this week at home.

Jerrand Ramsey was out this week after feed.

Torn Pursley is up and around this week.

Homer Allen was over in the Edge School District this week.

Roy Lard was over to see Bud McCustian Sunday, that is Roy said it was Bud, but Oh you girls.

Clarence and Frank Pursley spent a couple days out home this week.

Mr. Cantrell went to Miami Saturday on business.

Frank Davis is home for a few days.

W. E. Davis went to Pampa Sunday and stayed over until Monday.

Harve Patton and wife spent Monday evening with Mrs. Pursley.

Erve Black and J. E. Seitz had a hog killing Monday.

Will Wright and wife spent a few days with his mother this week.

Osborne's big sale is creating the biggest sensation ever pulled off in Miami.

**8 Passenger trains a day for Miami**

The Santa Fe installed a new passenger train service in Miami Sunday, eight trains coming through, however four of them didn't even stop for us they being trains from the North Main line which was impassable on account of snow.

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**Lone Star Items.**

Mud, mud, Oh! my, the mud.

I. A. McNeil has been quite sick.

W. H. Edison is fencing his farm hog tight.

J. A. Johnson, of Estelene Tex. is here visiting his sister, Mrs. C. M. Fly.

Vern Cassity and family from the Washita spent Saturday night and Sunday with C. C. Lawsons.

In spite of the cold northerner there were 28 out to Sunday School Sunday morning and plans were made to order supplies for next quarter, also a committee was appointed to arrange a Xmas program. Our Sunday School now has 46 members enrolled.

Rufus Mickey of Mobeetie, visited his sister, Mrs. W. M. Cotton, over Sunday.

The wheat certainly looks fine since the big rain.

Willie and Edna Gill visited with the Welsh children Sunday. Lorena Seay is absent from school this week on account of the mumps. She is considerably swelled up about it too.

J. W. Moore helped W. W. Davis butcher a beef Monday.

Rufe Alvis helped J. B. Hanks butcher hogs Monday.

Alfred Gill is fencing his wheat for pasture.

Mrs. Jim Gill and children spent a day in Miami last week.

There are two families moving into Mrs. Stanfords house.

We are indebted to M. M. McCauleys for a nice mess of fresh beef.

W. C. Drapers and Mr. Black took dinner with F. C. Monsons Sunday.

Rufe Alvis has moved back on his place.

Mrs. Moore was over and called on their new neighbor, Mrs. W. W. Davis.

Mr. Russels have moved on the J. J. Carr place.

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The average consumption of sugar per capita in the United States is 87 pounds per annum. A little more than one-half the sugar consumed is for household purposes; the remainder is used in the manufacturing establishments chiefly in the preparation of articles utilized for food and drink.

**Laketon Items.**

Midnight has again settled over the gloom.

The Laketon Literary Society has adjourned until after Xmas.

W. C. Christopher and J. R. Webster butchered hogs this week. Fresh meat well I guess it is good.

The cattle as a rule stood the cold rain very well.

D. W. Turner was slightly injured last Saturday. His head come in contact with a plank that the wind blowed off, cutting a gash on his cheek and bugged up one eye a little. The plank was not hurt.

Another comanche has met his earthly doom before the general ship of Col. Wheeler Paris and his poodles. Sick'em Col. every one you get, helps that much to protect the feathered tribe

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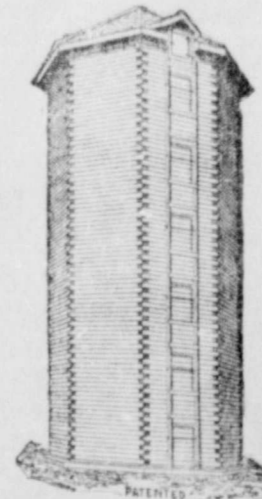
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