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## WRESTLER GOTCH IS WORLD'S CHAMPION

THE STORY OF JEFFRIES-JOHN-SON RETOLD ON MAT.

## HACKENSCHMIDT IS TOO EASY

35,000 Witnesses to the Settlement of World Championship for the Next Ten Years.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Frank Gotch in two falls, one lasting 14 minutes 15 seconds and the other lasting 5 minutes, 32 1-5 seconds, became the world's undisputed heavyweight wrestler by the humiliating and disastrous defeat of the Russian champion, Hackenschmidt.

Referee Smith is authority for the statement that when Gotch secured the terrible toe lock which won him the match, Hackenschmidt cried out: "Don't hurt my toe," and a second later, "Don't break my leg," and fell with his shoulders to the mat, frothing at the mouth.

The first fall resulted from a reverse body after the men had struggled for 14 minutes, 15 1-5 seconds. That toe hold for which Gotch is famous was responsible for the second fall. He clamped it upon the left foot of Hackenschmidt after the second fall had gone 5 minutes, 32 1-5 seconds. Scarcely had he obtained the grip when Hackenschmidt acknowledged defeat.

Hackenschmidt's own statement, that it was the easiest world's championship ever won, tells the story of the bout. Gotch never was in serious danger. Neither was he forced to extend himself to win. The Roman secured in all perhaps half a dozen dangerous holds on his antagonist.

## NEW RECORD AND A DEATH.

An Aviator Makes Altitude Record; Another Killed.

Parame, France: Roland G. Gorros, the French aviator, Monday broke the world's record for altitude in an aeroplane. He ascended 4,250 metres (13,943 feet).

The achievement of M. Gorros bettered Lincoln Beachey's height record made at Chicago Aug. 20 by 2,365 feet. Gorros is well known in American aviation circles, having appeared at meets in many American cities, including Richmond, Memphis, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Dallas and San Antonio.

Huelva, Spain: A French aviator, M. Le Forrester, while flying here Sunday, fell from a height of 250 feet and was killed. The motor exploded, setting fire to the aeroplane and the aviator was incinerated.

## 2 NEW BATTLESHIPS READY

Utah and Florida Ready for the Finishing Up Touches.

Washington: The sister dreadnaughts, Florida and Utah, the mightiest warships in the American Navy, will be in fighting trim by Nov. 15. Within a week the Utah will enter the docks of the New York Navy Yard to receive conning towers and the sights for her guns. As much secrecy surrounds these devices, they are invariably constructed at a Government yard instead of the plant of private builder.

The displacement of the two new dreadnaughts is 21,825 tons each. Ten twelve-inch guns distributed in five turrets and sixteen five-inch rifles constitute the main batteries. The hulls are belted with armor ranging from nine to eleven inches, while steel walls a full foot through protect the turbines. The ships are 521 feet long and are equipped with turbine engines, generating 28,000 horsepower, which it is expected will drive them at a speed greater than the 20.75 knots required by the Navy Department specifications.

Each of these castles of the sea will be manned by a crew of sixty thousand men.

4 Killed; 50 Hurt on Erie.

Erie, Pa.: Four are dead and at least forty injured, the result of the wreck of Erie and Pittsburgh passenger train No. 201 at Dock Junction, four miles west of this city. The train hit a Lake Shore freight train that was backing into a switch to allow the passenger train to pass. The wreck occurred at 3:55 o'clock and the passenger train was running thirty minutes behind its schedule.

## TEXAS QUICKSILVER SLUMPS

Closing of Terlingua District Affects Output.

Washington: Through the closing down of the Marfa and Mariposa quicksilver mines in Brewster County in May, 1910, the production of quicksilver in Texas fell off from 4,188 flasks in 1909, valued at \$190,345, to 3,320 flasks in 1910, valued at \$154,413. Of the total production in the United States, Texas in 1910 furnished 16 per cent against 20 per cent in 1909, when the production of quicksilver in Texas began, the total output of the Terlingua district has been 1,681.7 short tons of metal, which is equal to 44,844 flasks of seventy-five pounds each, of an aggregate value at the present market price of \$2,085,700.

## "DALLAS HALL" PLANS READY

Of Southern Methodist University Are Received.

Dallas: Plans have been completed for the administration building of the Methodist University, which call for a building 62x116 feet. It will be erected in colonial style, with three stories and a basement. On top of the building will be a large dome with a flat roof. Columns, the entire length of the building will be placed at the front entrance and semicircular porticoes will be installed at each end of the building. Hand-some pilasters will be placed between each tier of windows. These may be of a lighter color than the main body of the building in order to give them a more pronounced effect.

According to the present plans of President Hyer, Dallas money to the amount of \$300,000 or more, will be used in the erection of the administration building and because of the great work of the city to establish the university here, the Dallas hall will be the most magnificent structure on the grounds.

## Majority May Issue School Bonds.

Austin: The legislature has passed a bill providing for the issuance of bonds by school district by a majority instead of by a two-thirds vote of the taxpayers, as at present. This bill was introduced in the regular session but failed to pass, due to the crowded condition of the calendar. This is a rather important measure as it means that there will be more school bonds issued, more school houses built and it will be much easier for a school bond election to carry than under the present plan.

## Beet Sugar Factory Planned.

Plainview: Plainview parties sent samples of sugar beets raised in Hale County to the beet sugar factory at Chippewa Falls, Wis., for the purpose of having them tested. The test showed 17 per cent sugar as against 15 per cent in the case of the Wisconsin beets. Expert Zieske was sent down to investigate the advisability of installing a \$600,000 sugar beet factory at Plainview. After a week spent in Hale County, taking careful note of topography, soil, water supply, climate, transportation and other factors he sends in a most glowing report of favorable conditions in the Hale County section.

## Mexican Cattle for United States.

El Paso: J. P. Robertson of this city and W. R. Bingham of Merkel, Texas, have closed a deal with the Terrazas estate for 20,000 head of cattle, ranging in Chihuahua and Sonora. The cattle will be brought over as soon as arrangements for shipping can be made. Part of them will go to the Kansas City market, but the major portion of them are for the Texas ranges, it is understood.

## Katy Adds 341 Miles During Year.

St. Louis: The Missouri, Kansas & Texas added 341.2 miles to the system in the fiscal year ended June 30 by the purchase of the Texas Central, the Denison, Bonham and New Orleans and the Dallas, Cleburne and Southwestern and the construction of a new branch from De Leon to Cross Plains, according to the president's report. The total length of all the lines now operated is 3,395.09 miles.

## Firemen Fatally Scalded.

Port Arthur: Emil Person, a fireman on the tanker Winifred, was fatally scalded Tuesday evening by the bursting of a steam pipe on the vessel when she was about to leave port. He died at the hospital here Wednesday evening.

## Orient Reaches Big Lake.

Stiles, Reagan County: The Orient work train has reached Big Lake, in this county, and Reagan County now has railroad connection with the outside world. The operation of accommodation trains will begin in a few days.

## TEXAS TAX RATE FIXED AT 12 1-2C

STATE RATE THREE TIMES THAT OF LAST YEAR.

## SCHOOL PER CAPIT IS \$6.50

Comptroller Says More Than \$3,000,000 Must Be Raised for General Fund.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 1.—State ad valorem tax rate, 12½c, State school tax rate 16 2-3c, scholastic apportionment \$6.50 (probably).

The State Automatic Tax Board decreed that the State ad valorem tax rate this year shall be 12½c on each \$100 of valuation, as against a 4c rate made a year ago. It made the State school tax rate 16 2-3c on the \$100 of assessed values which is he same made last year. And from the estimated values and the school rate is deducted that the scholastic apportionment will be \$6.50 per capita, the same as prevailed during the fiscal year just closed.

The action was taken on estimated taxable valuation of \$2,485,067,799 for the State, which the Governor and the Controller agree will be approximately \$15,000,000 less than the actual assessment, it having been stated that Dallas County alone would show a \$5,000,000 rise over the estimate for that county.

The Controller figured that \$3,188,232 must be raised in taxes for general revenue purposes. The rate fixed on the estimated value would yield \$3,106,334, or apparently \$81,898 less than is needed. However, the expected increased rolls of \$15,000,000 is depended upon to take care of the difference stated. The State's assessed valuation is expected to go to \$2,500,000,000, it now being with \$15,000,000 of it.

## SOUTHERN GROCER COMBINE

High Price of Food Leads to Important Discoveries.

Washington: Two trunks full of conclusive documentary evidence proving long continued violation of the anti-trust law which the Department of Justice explain why it is the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association has agreed to go out of business and accept a consent decree to be entered shortly in the United States Court at Birmingham, Ala., where the Government last October filed suit against the combine. Lawyers representing the association are now dickering with officials of the department for the best terms possible. The entering of the decree against the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association will involve a confession on its part that for years it contributed its full share to the maintenance of the high cost of living in the section in which it operated.

Almost the sole weapon of the grocers' combine was the boycott, and that it used it in the most systematic, thorough-going and relentless manner, becoming so powerful and bold in its wide field of operation that it not only prevented the dealers from starting in business and drove out of business dealers who failed to observe the terms of the conspiracy against the public, but dictated to the biggest manufacturers of food stuffs in the country.

## TOTAL YEAR'S COTTON CROP

Secretary Hester Says That It Was 12,120,095 Bales.

New Orleans: The total crop for the commercial year, ending August 31, was 12,120,095 bales, according to figures compiled by Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. The items in the report are: Port receipts, 8,838,037; overland to mills, 973,492; Southern consumption, 2,363,616—a total of 12,175,145, from which must be subtracted 55,050 bales consumed at ports or shipped from ports to Southern mills.

Secretary Hester is now engaged on details of the statement including port movements, export and the world's consumption of American cotton and other items, which will be promulgated in a few days.

## Buffalo Gnats Spread Pellagra.

Lexington, Ky.: The buffalo gnat has been fixed upon by Henry Garman, a Government bacteriologist and entomologist, as the means of spreading the mysterious disease, pellagra, which has been claiming many lives in the mountain regions of Kentucky. Mr. Garman has been conducting investigations at the solicitation of the State physicians.

## GEN. REYES STONED IN CITY OF MEXICO

MADERO'S OPPONENT HAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

## MANY ARE HURT IN CLASHES

Police and Soldiers Called Out in Large Numbers Under Restrictive Orders.

City of Mexico: When stoned and forcibly robbed of 3,000 pesos by a mob of Maderistas in the principal thoroughfare of the Capital, Gen. Bernardo Reyes, candidate for the Presidency in opposition to Francisco I. Madero, was forced to abandon an effort to address his constituents and to run the gauntlet of a jerring crowd upon whom the police had received order not to fire except as a last resort.

Repeatedly the police charged the turbulent element, however, and the records of the Red Cross, the White Cross and the commissaries account for forty-three wounded as a result of the day's disorders. Most of these were injured by stones, but many show bruises and gashes made by the sabers of the mounted police.

The stoning of the aged General was the climax of a riot that began about 10 o'clock and had not been entirely quelled at a late hour at night. Since its beginning police and soldiers have patrolled the streets at short and regular intervals, but on account of the Government's desire not to use the iron hand, the heavily armed horsemen had but an intimidatory effect upon the rabble.

## PASSING OF ROGER Q. MILLS

A Brave, Generous Citizen, Jurist and Soldier Passes Away.

Corsicana: Former United States Senator from Texas R. Q. Mills died at his home here Saturday.

Born in Todd County, Kentucky, in 1832. Came to Texas and first settled at Palestine in 1847. Studied law at night while he was making a living as a drug clerk. First position of prominence was member of Texas lower house in 1857. Enlisted in Confederate army as lieutenant colonel. Had brilliant war record and was promoted to colonel. Elected to Congress in 1873 and served five terms. Elected United States Senator in 1889, being succeeded by Charles A. Culberson, the present incumbent. He was seventy-nine years old. His wife, Miss Carrie Jones of Corsicana, daughter of Colonel Henry Jones, a planter. He is survived by several children.

## TEXAS' BIGGEST RESERVOIR

The White Rock Project About Completed at Cost of \$750,000.

Dallas: With the big structure completed except for a little concrete work on the lower side of the embankment, it is figured that the cost of the White Rock reservoir project will amount to about \$750,000. This figure includes land, pumping station, connecting mains, dam and spillway. About 2,200 acres of land were bought by the city for the site of the dam and for the reservoir. It is estimated that for water, dam and pumping station, not to exceed 1,600 acres are required. The cost of the land has been approximately \$76.50 per acre on the average. The completed dam contains some 345,000 cubic yards of earth. The dam is forty-one feet high at the greatest, 220 feet wide at the base and twenty-one feet wide at the top, along which is a roadway. The spillway of concrete adds 450 feet to the earthen length of 2,100 feet for the dam. The width of the spillway, most of it on the rock foundation, is 350 feet.

## SCHOOL PER CAPITA IS \$6.80

Largest Ever Apportioned in State of Texas.

Austin: The State Board of Education has fixed the scholastic apportionment at \$6.80 per capita, which is the largest in the history of Texas. It has been \$6.50 the past two years. There being 993,000 children within the scholastic age, the total apportionment will be \$6,752,400, the largest ever made by \$458,365. The scholastics increased 25,000 over last year.

## POLITICAL BOOMS ARE BORNIN'

Tons of Bright, New Literature Are Strawn Broadcast—Local Politicians Busy.

Washington: Assurance that this is the open season for Presidential booms was made more apparent than ever when Washington was flooded with literature from the "Ohio Democratic Press Bureau," urging reasons for the nomination of Gov. Judson Harmon by the next National Democratic convention. This makes five booms that have been pushed forward with accelerated speed since Congress adjourned. Besides recounting the virtues of Gov. Harmon and his record in Ohio, the materials sent out by the Ohio Democratic Press Bureau has this to say about actual results: "For the purpose of obtaining solid delegation from Texas for Gov. Harmon the Democrats of Houston have formed the Harris County Harmon Club. Eight hundred Texans who prefer Gov. Harmon to all the other Democrats aspiring to succeed President Taft already have joined this club and they are now enrolling members in all precincts in Harris County. The executive committee of this organization has extended Gov. Harmon an invitation to visit the Houston carnival next November. The carnival association has been requested to designate one day as 'Harmon Day.'"

Chicago: William E. Mason is a candidate for the United States Senate.

It had been understood that Mr. Mason would not contest the right of Uncle Shelby Culom to succeed himself, but even that is not so certain now, owing to disconcerting reports the last few days. He had a sentimental wish to take Senator Lorimer's place, as that is the one he formerly held, but is said he has scratched the word sentiment out of his political lexicon.

## BUY MANY MEXICAN CATTLE

Sixty Thousand to Be Imported from One Ranch.

El Paso: Charles F. Hunt of this city has contracted for 46,000 head of cattle from the Terrazas ranches in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, at a figure which exceeds \$1,500,000. Shipments of these cattle will begin within a few days, as the ranges in that section have been in excellent condition since the bountiful rains came, and the importation will all be made through the port of El Paso. This makes a total of \$6,000 head of cattle that have been contracted off of the Terrazas ranches by Texas cattlemen within the past week, and more than 15,000 of them are big steers said to be in the prime condition for the market.

## JOHN U. FRISBIE IS KILLED

An Aviator Known in Texas Meets Death.

Norton, Kan.: John J. Frisbie, a Curtiss aviator, was killed by a fall at Norton County Fair. Frisbie met with an accident and only went into the air again when driven to do so by the taunts and jeers of the crowd. He ascended from the track without difficulty and attained a height of 100 feet, but in attempting to make a turn the plane tipped and Frisbie lost control. He fell about 100 feet and the engine of his machine came down on him, crushing his left side and chest. He lingered about an hour before he died. Frisbie's wife, son and little girl were witnesses to the accident and Mrs. Frisbie was prostrated when she saw her husband fall. She bitterly denounced the action of the spectators in forcing her husband to make the flight with a disabled machine.

## WORLD-LARGEST BATTLESHIP

New Vessels Authorized by Recent Naval Act.

Washington: The two new battleships authorized by the last naval act probably will be of 28,500 tons displacement, or the biggest war vessels in the world. The largest ships so far designed for the American navy are the New York and the Texas, with a displacement of 27,000 tons each.

## MANY MEN BEING LAIN OFF

Railway Commission Permits No Increase of Rates.

Chicago: Following a plan for re-trenchment, railroads of the country in the past year have dismissed \$1,870 men, effecting a net annual saving in operating expenses of \$94,000,000 according to a report just made public. This economy has been adopted by sixty per cent of all the roads and is rapidly spreading to remaining lines.

## TEXAS LEGISLATIVE CALLED SESSION ENDS

GOVERNOR WON'T HAVE ANY MORE HIPPODROMES.

## POLITICS HINDERED ACTION

Members Who Were in Dead Earnest Have a Poor Show Against Political Majority.

Austin, Texas: At midnight Thursday after the failure of the Congressional Districts bill, because, primarily, the conference committee could not agree, the first called session of the Thirty-Second Legislature came to an end, with many bills dead upon the calendar, and others dead merely for the want of the signature of the presiding officer of the Senate, it being impossible to attach the same, because a quorum was not present.

Members of the Legislature who were interested in the enactment of a Congressional Districts bill urged Gov. Colquitt to call another special session, but the Governor answered: "I wouldn't call you back, even if the San Francisco disaster should be repeated in Texas."

The general bills enacted and sent to the Governor at this session were:

- General appropriation bill.
- Deficiency appropriations.
- Senatorial districts (vetoed).
- Text book board.
- Providing a board of regents for the State normal schools.
- Reducing minimum price of shell controlled by the State.
- Creating additional Criminal District Court for Dallas County. This probably will be vetoed.
- Authorizing the State Treasurer to accept designated bonds at market value as security from State depositors.
- Authorizing university regents to condemn land.
- Permitting the successful party in a Court of Civil Appeals case to protest by written argument in the Supreme Court against the granting of a writ of error.
- Representative districts bill.
- The principal measures which failed of passage were:
- Bill to amend railroad stock and bond law so as to authorize the issuance of bonds for improvements.
- Repeal of automatic tax law.
- Relief of Supreme Court.
- Commission to reform laws.
- State highway engineer.
- Congressional districts bill.
- Correction of errors in civil and criminal codes.
- Transferring the department of feed control to the Pure Food Department.
- Extending powers to the Live Stock Sanitary Commission.
- Authorizing counties and precincts to issue road bonds by majority vote.
- For protection of public against charcoal.
- Amendment to fire insurance laws.
- Amending law regulating wiring of mines.
- Eight-hour bill (failed in House).
- Providing free stationery for certain county officers.
- Preventing cruelty to animals (failed in House).
- Bogus check bill (killed in the House).

The following local bills died on the desk of the Lieutenant Governor, although they were enrolled, because no quorum was present to witness the signing of same.

Road Laws for Shelby, Knox, Navarro, Madison, Frio and Liberty Counties.

Independent school district for Murphy and Jourdanton.

Charter amendments for Waco, McKinney and Mineral Wells.

Bills fixing time for court in the Forty-Seventh and Sixty-Ninth Districts.

Bill transferring Culberson County to the Eighth Supreme Judicial District.

Bill to transfer Mustang Island funds.

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# WAGONS, WAGONS, WAGONS

We still have a few more of the Merkel Hardware Company's stock of wagons which we bought at a big discount and are selling at less than manufacturer's price as long as they last. When these wagons are all sold we will be compelled to advance our price to \$85.00 on a three inch wagon. First come, first served as long as they last at.....**\$75.00**

# Anchor Hardware Company



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

## Swafford Stevens Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Jessie Stevens to Mr. Luther Swafford was quietly solemnized Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Abilene. The marriage came as a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties as the wedding was not announced in advance. The bride was a most popular young lady of Weatherford while the groom, formerly of Merkel, is manager of the Jones County Abstract Co. of Anson and is highly esteemed by his many friends in both Anson and Merkel who wish them a long and happy journey through life. After the ceremony they immediately left for Merkel where they spent Sunday as the guests of the groom's parents and Miss Mary Gunn and others. They will be at home to their friends in Anson after Sept. 15.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt turned her home over to the young people Friday evening for their pleasure and enjoyment. Music and games added to the pleasures of the evening. Those present were Misses Flay Gunn, Fannie Burroughs, Elma Sheppard, Venona and Virginia Hamblet, Eunice Hayes of Tulsa, Okla., Annie T.

Daniel; Messrs. Frank Ferrier, Roscoe Sharp, H. C. Burroughs, Charley Lofton, Ewen Edwards, Jesse Ferguson, Choc Jones.

The Angus float laden with a jolly crowd of fun seekers left town Saturday evening headed for the Stallings tank, where a delicious picnic lunch was served. The personnel: Mesdames Angus, Walker and Boden; Misses Lulu Thornton, Mamie Rister, Alice Williams, Lucy Bean, Faye Lowrey, Bera Stallings, Maurine Angus; M. D. Angus and Jack Walker.

Miss Jessie Sutphen entertained the G.F.F.C.'s Monday afternoon. A busy hour was spent with dainty needle work. The hostess then asked the members to draw sketches of Miss Fannie Burroughs. Afterwards they were made into a book and presented to Miss Burroughs as tokens to be drunk and best wishes given for many more happy birthdays. A luncheon of sandwiches, pickles, saratoga chips, wafers and ice tea was served to those present.

Tuesday afternoon the Rose Philathea class meeting was held at the home of Mrs. G. H. Adams. Plans were perfected for serving cream at the Thornton building on Front street, Saturday from 3 to 10 p. m. Delicious frozen custard was served to the members at this meeting.

The ladies of the Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church with a number of their friends spent quite an enjoyable evening at the home of Mrs. Mims. When the society is invited to Mrs. Mims the members always know a treat is in store for them. A very interesting program was rendered. Refreshments were served.

The B. O. O. M. boys meet on the first and third Friday evenings of each month in the I. O. O. F. hall. All members are urgently requested to be present. Your absence means a loss to the organization, also a loss to you, for you will surely miss something very important. Press Reporter.

## The B. O. O. M. Club.

The B. O. O. M. boys met in regular business session Tuesday evening Aug. 29. Good attendance and great enthusiasm was shown. Messrs. Elbert and Floyd Dean, Miller Elliott and Charley Lofton, four new members, were formally and lawfully initiated into the order.

The following program will be given Sept. 15:

Regular business session. Oration, Benefits to be derived from this organization—T. B. Sublett.

Male quartet—Ben Merritt 1st tenor, Robt. Hicks 2nd tenor, E. T. Dean 1st bass, R. G. Collins 2nd bass.

Debate, Resolved that the Monroe Doctrine shall be rigidly enforced—Affirmative, F. E. Smith, T. S. Christopher; negative, J. D. McDonald, J. M. Moore.

Oration, What shall we do with the boys?—Lytton Howard.

## League Program.

Subject, Christian athletics. Leader, Victor Harris. Songs, (two) Scripture lesson, 1 Tim. iv; 28. Special music, Miss Fannie Burroughs. Sentence prayers. Exercise and intellectual power—Miss Jessie Sutphen. Song by girls and boys alternate. Tennis compariy—John Moore. Exercise and mind—Miss Pauline Johnson. League athletics—H. C. Williams. Doxology. Reports. Announcements. Benediction.

## B. Y. P. U. Program.

Following is the program for next Sunday 7 p. m.

Leader, Miss Eva Cash. Scripture reading: Rom 8; 26-39. Subject, "The Holy Spirit Giving Power."

Song. Talk, How the Holy Spirit furnishes power to preachers—Mr. Moore. Give a brief account of the bravery of Peter—Ben Merritt.

Instrumental duet—Misses Winnie Warren and Lena Rister. Living right—Miss Ruth Merritt. Prayer. Song.

Power in prayer—Miss Ethel Roberts

J. W. Daniel of Dallas visited homefolks the first of the week.



FOR SALE—My farm, 260 acres, 140 in cultivation 2 miles west of Merkel. See John Russell or write me. E. C. Yokley, Spring Hill, Tenn. 184

WANTED—Hands to cut two hundred cords of wood. Bryson & Jenkins, Dora, Texas.

FOR SALE—Poland China pigs, cheap if sold at once. H. M. Rainbolt.

## Notice to Creditors.

I will leave my accounts with the F. & M. National Bank for collection. Please call and settle same. Dr. S. L. Davis.

## Has Millions of Friends.

How would you like to number your friends by millions as Bucklen's Arnica Salve does? Its astounding cures in the past forty years made them. Its best Salve in the world for sores, ulcers, eczema, burns, boils, scalds, cuts, corns, sore eyes, sprains, swellings, bruises, cold sores. Has no equal for piles. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

## M. E. Baraca Class Program Sept. 9.

Reading of the minutes. Report of standing and special committees. Report of officers. Report from teacher. Unfinished business. New business. Inauguration address. Adjournment.

Frankie Smith, President. Simpson Christopher, Sec.

## Digestion and Assimilation.

It is not the quantity of food taken but the amount digested and assimilated that gives strength and vitality to the system. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and enable them to perform their functions naturally. For sale by all dealers.

The B. O. O. M. met in regular order Friday evening Sept. 1 in the I. O. O. F. hall. After the business session a very interesting and instructive program was given. Press Reporter.

## Good for Biliousness.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers. Samples free.

## Program School Rally Sept. 15.

Meeting called to order by chairman. Quartette (Piano accompaniment) selected by Miss Laura Jennings. Address by County Supt. E. V. White. Instrumental solo—Miss Cleo Bowler. Address by school Supt. R. L. Kringbaum.

Reading—Mrs. Sheppard. Short talks by volunteers. Dr. J. D. Sandefer of Simmons College and Prof. J. F. Cox president of the Christian College at Abilene have been invited to be present.

There will be a social feature in which every one present can take a leading part. R. L. Kringbaum, J. H. Warnick, L. S. Allen.

"I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success" writes Mrs. M. I. Basford, Poolesville, Md. For sale by all dealer.

## STATEMENT

# FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL

At Close of Business September 1, 1911

## RESOURCES

Loans	\$ 93,059.75
U. S. Bonds	6,250.00
Premium on Bonds	200.00
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures	4,400.00
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
CASH	68,365.21
Total	\$172,587.46

## LIABILITIES

Capital paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	24,164.81
Circulation	6,250.00
Due Other Banks	None
Bills Payable	None
Rediscoumts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Dividends unpaid	50.00
Cashier's checks	63.50
Individual Deposits Subject to Check	117,059.15
Total	\$172,587.46

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**LOOK HERE!** Don't forget we are selling a full 3-in Hickory Wagon for **\$65.00**. Don't fail to come to see it before buying. Also have a \$110 Racine Hack for **\$85** and a \$135 Racine Hack for **\$100**, a \$25.00 Garland cook stove for **\$16.25**, a \$42.50 Sulkey for **\$35.00**. Don't fail to come in and see us before you buy, for we have got the bargains and we are going to sell them so we will be ready to do business with a bran new stock next year.

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#### To The Public.

After a two months absence  
from the city, combining both  
business and a much enjoyed  
vacation, I am again at my office  
over Hogue-Hamilton Dry Goods  
Company, ready for business,  
and shall be pleased to serve my  
old clientele as well as any new  
ones who may desire my services.  
W. T. Potter,  
Attorney-at-law.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

## THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

FOR SEPTEMBER FIRST NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts..... \$ 93,868.13	Capital Stock..... \$ 50,000.00
U. S. Bonds at Par..... 12,500.00	Profits..... 2,602.82
Banking House and fixtures 14,000.00	Circulation..... 12,500.00
Cash and Exchange..... 75,291.19	Deposits..... 130,556.50
Total..... \$195,659.32	Total..... \$195,659.32

No. 10052.

Treasury Department of the Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C., July 7, 1911.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel, in the county of Taylor and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the the business of Banking;

Now therefore, I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel in the county of Taylor and state of Texas is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of office this Seventh day of July, 1911.

T. P. KANE,  
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

The First National Bank located at Merkel, in the state of Texas, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. J. E. Faucett, Cashier. July 10, 1911. 7-14m2

W. S. Smelser who has been in poor health for some time has just returned from a two week tramp on foot through the country. He left Merkel and went west by way of Trent, Eskota and Sweetwater to Roscoe; thence north by way of Camp Springs to Snyder returned by way of Hobbes, Roby and Eskota. He says that when dinner or night would come he would stop for refreshment and rest and although he insisted on paying for every meal and lodging there was but one or two cases where they would take pay at all. He says that he stands ready to deny all charges against these people for lack of sociability and clever hospitality. He covered several miles of territory in a way that would enable him to get a fair idea of the crops and country and while he had nothing unfavorable to say of any of it but says that the best crops he saw were after he got with in ten miles of Merkel. His trip was so much help to him in the way of health that he has been picking cotton since he got back.

We sell you genuine Georgia Duck at the same prices you pay for inferior goods, try ours, it's better. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Mrs. John Morgan and daughter Sibilla left Thursday for their home at Huntingdon, Tenn. They have been visiting Mrs. L. E. Sanders, Mrs. Morgans daughter.

Nice line of evaporated fruit just received to go with White Crest flour. Call or phone us. Hamblet & Rogers.

Late news from George Berry, Jr., who was reported seriously hurt in an automobile wreck a few days ago says that he is improving and will recover.

Bring us your chickens, eggs and butter we will pay you the highest market price. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Have you ever traded with Pipes Brothers?

There's no other flour that will stand the test with Light Crust. It's the highest grade flour brought to Merkel. We and the mill stand behind every sack sold Try one next time. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

When the bowels feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of Herbine will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bedtime you get its beneficial effect after breakfast next day. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Pipes Bros. have moved to the Thornton building next door to the City barber shop.

Hamblet and Rogers have moved to the Adams building on Edwards St.

### To the Farmers of The Merkel Country

Your attention is called to the strong financial condition of the Southern National Bank as shown by this statement.

The farmer who deposits his cotton checks in this bank is the one who is entitled to a loan when his cotton money is gone.

We invite you to start an account with us and thereby establish relations that will entitle you to future accommodations. We expect to take care of the legitimate needs of every farmer customer on our books.

Bring us your checks on other banks for deposit or to be cashed. Bring us your valuable papers to be taken care of in a fire-proof vault, free of charge.

Ask favors of us whether you keep an account here or not.

JOHN SEARS, President. C. L. BARKER, Active Vice-Pres.  
T. J. COGGIN, Vice-Pres. J. E. FAUCETT, Cashier

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

Try Pipes Brothers with your next grocery bill.

R. H. Collins was in Abilene Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats last Thursday, a boy.

See the new fall Millinery at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

J. M. Thomas of Mangum Texas was in Merkel Tuesday on business.

Pipes Brothers will save you money on groceries.

Mrs. Jno. D. McCoy has accepted a position with the Hogue-Hamilton Dry-Goods Co.

Fresh bakers bread at all times at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

George Golightly a banker of Clairette was in Merkel Sunday on business.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

C. W. Harris went to Cisco Wednesday with little Char. Lou to consult a specialist.

If you want the best flour buy Light Crust, the best flour milled in Texas. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Pipes Brothers will appreciate your business.

Rev. D. B. Clapp of Vernon is conducting a meeting at the tabernacle this week. Rev. M. A. Daniels of Simmons College has charge of the singing.

I will open my kindergarten and primary school at my home September 11. Your patronage solicited. Duncan Browning.

See those New Felt Hats at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co. They are the newest, noblest creations in Millinery.

The state school apportionment this year is \$6.80 per capita. The highest rate ever known and it comes at a time when it was most needed.

Pipes Brothers are exclusive agents for the famous "American Lady" flour, the best flour you can buy. Try a sack. We guarantee satisfaction.

Lem Browning of Amarillo and Arthur who is a traveling salesman are visiting their father and mother Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

We want your chickens, eggs and butter. Will pay you top of market at all times. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

S. P. Martin and family wish to thank their neighbors and friends for their kindness during the sickness of Miss Nora who has just recovered from a severe attack of fever.

If you are from Missouri come and let Pipes Bros. "show you" that they sell groceries cheaper.

R. O. Anderson of Trent was in Merkel Wednesday on business.

# New Fall Clothing

It is with pride that we announce to the men and boys of Merkel that we are now ready to show them their new winter suits. We have, we believe, the largest, prettiest and best selected stock of clothing ever brought to Merkel. We can fit the fat man, we can fit the slim man or the medium sized man in most any style or priced suit that you could want. We can fit the big boy or the little boy in knickerbocker, straight pants or long pants suits and at moderate prices. We want every man and boy in Merkel and the Merkel country to give us a look on their clothing before buying as we are especially strong on these lines this season.

## Great Bargains in Boys School Suits

We have about 200 boys' suits, all straight pants, that are great for every day and school wear. We bought these suits at great sacrifice and will sell them at just one half their former prices. They are all marked in plain figures and we will sell them at just half their marked price.

- \$7.50 Suits, choice of any..... \$3.75
- \$6.50 Suits, choice of any..... 3.25
- \$5.00 Suits, choice of any..... 2.50
- \$4.00 Suits, choice of any..... 2.00
- \$3.50 Suits, choice of any..... 1.75
- \$3.00 Suits, choice of any..... 1.50
- \$2.50 Suits, choice of any..... 1.25
- \$2.00 Suits, choice of any..... 1.00

These suits are especially good for school wear. The coat alone is worth a great deal more than we ask for the whole suit. You can watch this store for the best prices to be made on Dry Goods and Groceries this fall.

# Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

In every home where there are children there should be a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys worms and acts as a tonic in the debilitated system. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw who has been sick for several days is reported better.

B. C. Gaither went to Tuscola Tuesday.

The Rose Philathea Sunday school class will serve cream and sherbet first door west of Rust & McCauley Drug Store Saturday from 3 to 10 p.m.

As usually treated, a sprained ankle will disable a man for three or four weeks but by applying Chamberlain's Liniment freely as soon as the injury is received, and observing the directions with each bottle, a cure can be effected in from two to four days. For sale by all dealers.

Yellow complexion, pimples and disfiguring blemishes on the face or body can be gotten rid of by doctoring the liver, which is torpid. Herbine is a powerful liver correctant. It purifies the system, stimulates the vital organs and puts the body in a fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

J. A. Buford and W. B. Beavers attended court at Abilene Monday.



# SERIAL STORY

## ELUSIVE ISABEL

By JACQUES FUTRELLE  
Illustrations by M. KETTNER

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### SYNOPSIS.

Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, is at dinner with diplomats when a messenger summons him to the embassy, where a beautiful young woman asks for a ticket to the embassy ball. The ticket is made out in the name of Miss Isabel Thorne. Chief Campbell of the secret service, and Mr. Grimm, his lead detective, are warned that a plot is brewing in Washington, and Grimm goes to the state hall for information. His attention is called to Miss Isabel Thorne, who with her companion, disappears. A plot is heard and Senior Alvarez of the Mexican legation, is found wounded. Grimm is assured Miss Thorne did it; he risks her, demanding knowledge of the plot, and arrests Pietro Petrozinni. Miss Thorne visits an old bomb-maker, and they discuss a wonderful experiment. Fifty thousand dollars is stolen from the office of Senator Rodriguez, the minister from Venezuela, and while detectives are investigating the robbery Miss Thorne appears as a guest of the legation. Grimm accuses her of the theft; the money is restored, but a new mystery occurs in the disappearance of Monsieur Boisecq, the French ambassador. Elusive Miss Thorne reappears, bearing a letter which states that the ambassador has been kidnapped and demanding ransom. The ambassador returns and again strangely disappears. Later he is rescued from an old house in the suburbs. It is discovered that Pietro Petrozinni shot Senior Alvarez and that he is Prince d'Abruzzi.

### CHAPTER XVII.—(Continued.)

"He was bribed," was the ready response. "Now, Warden, the masked intruder continued pacifically, "it would be much more pleasant all around and there would be less personal danger in it for both of us if you would release Signor Petrozinni without question. I may add that no bribe was offered to you because your integrity was beyond question."

"Thank you," said the warden grimly, "and it shall remain so as long as I have this." He tapped on the desk with the revolver.

"Oh, that isn't loaded," said the masked man quietly.

One quick glance at the weapon showed the warden that the cartridges had been drawn! His teeth closed with a snap at the treachery of it, and with his left hand he pulled back one of the levers—that which should rouse the jailers, turnkeys and guards. Instead of the insistent clank for which he expected, there was silence.

"That wire has been cut," the stranger volunteered.

With clenched teeth the warden pulled the police alarm.

"And that wire was cut, too," the stranger explained.

The warden came to his feet with white face and nails biting into the palms of his hands. He still held the revolver as he advanced upon the masked man threateningly.

"Not too close, now," warned the intruder, with a sudden hardening of his voice. "Believe me, it would be best for you to release this man, because it must be done, pleasantly or otherwise. I have no desire to injure you, still less do I intend that you shall injure me; and it would be needless for either of us to make a personal matter of it. I want your prisoner, Signor Petrozinni—you will release him at once! That's all!"

The warden paused, dazed, incredulous before the audacity of it, while he studied two calm eyes which peered at him through the slits of the mask.

"And if I don't release him?" he demanded at last, fiercely.

"Then I shall take him," was the reply. "It has been made impossible for you to give an alarm, the stranger went on. "The very men on whom you most depended have been bought, and even if they were within sound of your voice now they wouldn't respond. One of your assistants who has been here for years unloaded the revolver in the desk there, and less than an hour ago cut the prison alarm wire. I, personally, cut the police alarm outside the building. So you see!"

As yet there was no weapon in sight, save the unloaded revolver in the warden's hand; at no time had the stranger's voice been raised. His tone was a perfectly normal one.

"Besides yourself there are only five other men employed here who are now awake," the masked man continued. "These are four inner guards and the outer guard. They have all been bought—the turnkeys at five thousand dollars each, and the outer guard at seven thousand. The receipt of all of this money is conditional upon the release of Signor Petrozinni, therefore it is to their interest to aid me as against you. I am telling you all this, frankly and fully, to make you see how futile any resistance would be."

"But who—who is this Signor Petrozinni, that such powerful influences should be brought to bear in his behalf?" demanded the bewildered warden.

"He is a man who can command a vast fortune—and Senior Alvarez is at

the point of death. That, I think, makes it clear. Now, if you'll sit down, please!"

"Sit down?" bellowed the warden. Suddenly he was seized by a violent, maddening rage. He took one step forward and raised the empty revolver to strike. The masked man moved slightly to one side and his clenched fist caught the warden on the point of the chin. The official went down without a sound and lay still, inert. A moment later the door leading into the corridor of the prison opened, and Signor Petrozinni, accompanied by one of the guards, entered the warden's office. The masked man glanced around at them, and with a motion of his head indicated the door leading to the street. They passed through, closing the door behind them.

For a little time the intruder stood staring down at the still body, then he went to the telephone and called police headquarters.

"There has been a jail delivery at the prison," he said in answer to the "hello" of the desk-sergeant at the other end of the wire. "Better send some of your men up to investigate."

"Who is that?" came the answering question.

The stranger replaced the receiver on the hook, stripped off his black mask, dropped it on the floor beside the motionless warden, and went out. It was Mr. Grimm!

### CHAPTER XVIII.

#### Notice to Leave.

At fifteen minutes of midnight when Miss Thorne, followed by Signor Petrozinni, entered the sitting-room of her apartments in the hotel and turned up the light they found Mr. Grimm already there. He rose courteously. At



"I Want Your Prisoner, Signor Petrozinni—You Will Release Him at Once!"

sight of him Miss Thorne's face went deathly white, and the escaped prisoner turned toward the door again.

"I would advise that you stay, your Highness," said Mr. Grimm coldly. Signor Petrozinni paused, amazed. "You will merely subject yourself to the humiliation of arrest if you attempt to leave. The house is guarded by a dozen men."

"Your Highness?" Miss Thorne repeated blankly. "You are assuming a great deal, aren't you, Mr. Grimm?"

"I don't believe," and Mr. Grimm's listless eyes were fixed on those of the escaped prisoner, "I don't believe that Prince Benedetto d'Abruzzi will deny his identity?"

There was one of those long tense silences when eyes challenge eyes, when wit is pitted against wit, and mind is hauled around to a new, and sometimes unattractive, view of a situation. Miss Thorne stood silent with rigid features, colorless as marble; but slowly a sneer settled about the

lips of Signor Petrozinni that was, and he sat down.

"You seem to know everything, Mr. Grimm," he taunted.

"I try to know everything, your Highness," was the reply. Mr. Grimm was still standing. "I know, for instance, that one week ago the plot which had your freedom for its purpose was born; I know the contents of every letter that passed between you and Miss Thorne here, notwithstanding the invisible ink; I know that four days ago several thousand dollars was smuggled in to you concealed in a basket of fruit; I know, with that money, you bribed your way out, while Miss Thorne or one of her agents bribed the guard in front; I know that the escape was planned for to-night, and that the man who was delegated to take charge of it is now locked in my office under guard. It may interest you to know that it was I who took his place and made the escape possible. I know that much!"

"You—you!" the prince burst out suddenly. "You aided me to escape?"

Miss Thorne was staring, staring at them with her eyes widely distended, and her red lips slightly parted.

"Why did you assist him?" she demanded.

"Details are tiresome, Miss Thorne," replied Mr. Grimm with the utmost courtesy. "There is one other thing I know—that the Latin compact will not be signed in the United States."

The prince's eyes met Miss Thorne's inquiringly, and she shook her head. The sneer was still playing about his mouth.

"Anything else of special interest that you know?" he queried.

"Yes, of interest to both you and Miss Thorne. That is merely if the Latin compact is signed anywhere, the English-speaking countries of the world might construe it as a casus belli and strike soon enough, and hard enough, to put an end to it once for all."

Again there was silence for a little while. Slowly the prince's eyes were darkening, and a shadow flitted across Miss Thorne's face. The prince rose impatiently.

"Well, what is the meaning of all this? Are you going to take me back to prison?"

"No," said Mr. Grimm. He glanced at his watch. "I will give each of you one-half hour to pack your belongings. We must catch a train at one o'clock."

"Leave the city?" gasped Miss Thorne.

"Impossible!" exclaimed the prince. "One-half hour," said Mr. Grimm coldly.

"But—but it's out of the question," expostulated Miss Thorne.

"One-half hour," repeated Mr. Grimm. He didn't dare to meet those wonderful blue-gray eyes now. "A special car with private compartments will be attached to the regular train, and the only inconvenience to you will be the fact that the three of us will be compelled to sit up all night. Half a dozen other Secret Service men will be on the train with us."

And then the prince's entire manner underwent a change.

"Mr. Grimm," he said earnestly, "it is absolutely necessary that I remain in Washington for another week—remain here even if I am locked up again—lock me up again if you like. I can't sign compacts in prison."

"Twenty-five minutes," replied Mr. Grimm quietly.

"But here," exclaimed the prince explosively, "I have credentials which will insure my protection in spite of your laws."

"I know that," said Mr. Grimm placidly. "Credentials of that nature cannot be presented at midnight, and you will not be here to-morrow to present them. The fact that you have those credentials, your Highness, is one reason why you must leave Washington now, to-night."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



## CASTE A BARRIER IN INDIA

Snobbery Sifted Into Fanatical Religious Faith Pale Description of Social Conditions.

First of all caste is a question of birth, and there is no entry except by birth. A worker in a coal mine may become a part owner thereof, and his daughter marry a peer, and his grandson become a peer of England. No millions will enable the low caste Hindu to marry into a Brahman family or even to touch the hand, or throw his shadow on the food of a Brahman in India.

If a man is excommunicated by his caste fellows in India, no one of the caste will eat with him, accept water from his hands or marry him. His own wife will not touch him or speak with him. He is dead to his family. The barber even will not shave him, or cut his hair, or his toe nails.

A Brahman clerk has been known to distribute legal documents by throwing them down at the end of the village street in which live his low caste brethren. Letter carriers have been known to refuse to enter the houses of, or to permit themselves to come into personal contact with those of a lower status than themselves.

If one could picture to oneself social snobbery lifted into a fanatical religious faith, it would be a pale description of the iron subdivisions of caste in India. There is no patriotism,

and can be none, in a country thus divided against itself.—Scribner's Magazine.

Of Ancient Vintage. Ernest G. Walker, who is a journalist with a national reputation, arrayed himself one evening with particular care, as he was going to the home of a politician on whom he wanted to make a big impression.

On his way, he stopped at his office and asked George Brown, his assistant, for an opinion on the costume.

Brown said it was all right, but checked himself when he noticed that Walker's high hat looked as if it might have been of rather ancient vintage.

"Where did you get that hat?" he asked.

"Won it on a bet on a presidential election," explained Walker with some pride.

Brown looked at it a moment and then queried solemnly, "Hayes' or Garfield's?"

Buddhism and Animal Life. It must be said of Buddhism that it has left one indelible mark all over India, China, and the east, and that is the teaching of gentleness and kindness to one another and to animals. Buddha taught that life is but a prolonged endeavor to escape from suffering, and that, therefore, to cause others to suffer is the unforgivable sin.—Price Collier in Scribner's Magazine.

## MADERO AND SAUREZ LEAD

Madero Adroitly Binds Delegates to Unalterable Support of the Nominee.

City of Mexico: Jose Pino Suarez, Governor of Yucatan, won the nomination for Vice President on the Progressive ticket against Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez Saturday night by a final vote of 576 to 463. Many delegates did not vote on the last ballot, while a number cast blank ballots, these going to the credit of the man in the majority.

Francisco I. Madero, Presidential nominee of the Progressives, states that in the event of his election he will ask Dr. Vasquez to occupy a post in his Cabinet.

Refusal of the majority in the convention to cast votes for either of the two candidates in the lead during the day session resulted in calling Francisco I. Madero before the assembly to define his relations with Dr. Vasquez, who ran second to Pino Suarez by 99 votes in the second ballot.

The head of the ticket was subjected to a grilling by the delegates, but after frankly expressing his disapproval of Dr. Vasquez, he adroitly turned the tables upon the dissatisfied element by putting them upon record to support the winning them upon record to support the winning candidate, whoever he might be, as he himself pledged to do.

## TWO AVIATORS ARE KILLED

One Burned to Death Another Is Crushed by Fall Saturday.

Paris: Louis D. Grailley of the Eighth Cruisiers, while making an aeroplane flight near Troyes, was the aviator burned to death. The disaster probably was caused by the explosion of the fuel tank, the burning fluid being scattered over the machine. The blazing aeroplane fell with its pilot at Rigny-La-Nonneuse, about twenty-five miles from Troyes, and was completely incinerated.

Capt. De Camine, one of the most experienced aviators in the French Army, fell with his monoplane while flying at Nangis and was instantly killed. The machine crashed to the earth with frightful violence and the aviator struck the ground with his head, which was crushed.

Fire Loss to Hunt Co. Fair. Greenville: A fire this morning at the Hunt County Fair grounds destroyed two large horse barns, the hog and cow barn and fifty-four race horse stalls, together with several hundred feet of the high board fence. The total loss is estimated at \$4,000, and there was no insurance held on the property, it being outside the water limits. It is believed the barns were set on fire.

Wax Factory New Industry. El Paso: The Sanderson wax factory began operation last week. This factory is converting the candleilla weed into a wax used for electrical insulation, phonograph records, wood and leather polish. Oscar Paclis, who discovered candleilla wax in Mexico several years ago, where at present four factories are in operation, installed this plant, the first of ten factories to be erected in West Texas.

Omaha Adopts Dallas Plan. Omaha, Neb.: By a vote of nearly 3 to 1, Omaha has adopted the commission plan of municipal government. The majority for the plan was about 5 to 1 in a total vote of nearly 8,000. There was little opposition to the commission form, but much quiet work was done against it. However, its friends were well organized and got out the vote. Sentiment was overwhelmingly for the change.

Brooks County's First Election. Falfurrias: The first election of Brooks County was held Saturday, resulting in selecting Falfurrias as county seat, with the following officers: County Judge, J. A. Brooks; Sheriff and Tax Collector, Amado Garzo; County and District Clerk, Rufino Garcia; Tax Assessor, E. E. Baschal; Treasurer, Lasaro Lopez; County Attorney, J. F. Clarkson.

South's Tallest Office Building. Waco: It is announced that the twenty-two-story skyscraper erected by the Amicable Life Insurance Company would be ready for occupancy Sept. 18. The elevators are now being installed and one is already in operation. Many offices have been rented in the building, and some are already occupied. The structure is the tallest office building in the South.

Burman Breaks Dirt Track Record. Brighton Beach, N. Y.: Bob Burman set a new world's record for a dirt track here late Saturday afternoon when he covered two miles in one minute, 37.89 seconds.

Champ Clark Boom Launched. Davenport, Iowa: The presidential boom of Champ Clark, speaker of the House, officially launched by Democratic leaders of Iowa and Illinois Monday following his address to the union labor picnic of workmen of Davenport, Iowa, and Moline and Rock Island, on Surburban Island in the Mississippi river, a mile below here. The reception in the evening was held at the Hotel Davenport, and was attended by many Democratic leaders from two States. Special trains were run from several points

After requests from begging letter writers for sums amounting in all to \$22,000,000, Mrs. E. H. Harriman of New York, the widow of the railway magnate, has appealed to the bureau of municipal research to superintend her mendicant mail and to assist her in wisely dispensing charity.

She is not alone in discovering herself the target of innumerable professional begging letter writers. Miss Helen Gould has received in the last twelve months 50,000 such letters containing requests for sums amounting to \$2,000,000. Wedding rings and offers of marriage from poverty-stricken correspondents are a daily feature of Miss Gould's mail.

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## If the Pastor Falls Down

TOP and give a minute's clear and honest thought to what a variety of abilities a minister's position demands of him.

He needs to be a smooth, fluent orator. He ought to have not merely words, but ideas, too; he very decidedly needs to be a thinker. He needs a lot of book knowledge—theology, philosophy, history, and the like—all the time; people won't stand for him unless he is also very much of a "mixer," perfectly at home among men.

And, of course, the modern preacher should be an organizer—masterful as a general thing in fitting people into the places where they belong. He doesn't dare, however, to show a bit of a general's spirit of command; he's bound to manage people wholly by persuasiveness—which takes enormous persuasiveness. The preacher should be an acute, accurate, discreet business man—in order to keep a church "temporalities" out of tangle and above all, he must be a spiritually-minded man, though at the same time it is highly important that he must not be a visionary; people won't listen to him if he is not practical.

Many Qualities Combined. Just see what a tremendous bundle of qualities you've got. You could make a lawyer, a politician, a business man, a teacher, a settlement worker, a popular lecturer, an author, a philosopher, a man-around-town, and all of that combination, and have a lot of qualities left over to distribute along a whole line of occupations from family physician to church janitor.

Yet you're supposing that you've tired the whole combination in the pastor of your church, and are expecting to get the benefit of each of these various elements of strength—all out of one man.

But you won't; somewhere in the 1st you're due for a disappointment. If your minister is a great preacher, it's more than likely he won't be very strong on organization. If he's a gentle, comforting pastor, he may very probably be a good deal lacking in the pulpit. If he is a deep student, he may be awkward out among men. If he's a big, good fellow to meet, he may impress you as not very deep intellectually, or even spiritually. Some day before long you'll find a weak side to him.

Every church when it calls a new pastor ought to watch narrowly to see where he is going to fall down. But not to get a chance to complain—God forbid! When a pastor falls down, then the church has discovered where it can help him.

How He Should Be Helped. If the preacher shows up inefficient in organizing the people for work, then that's the signal for men in the church who are strongest in the knack of organization to turn in and line up the membership for effective results.

If the pastor seems to get tangled and befuddled when money matters are to be dealt with, then let men used to handling dollars step forward and get the money worry off the pastor's mind.

If the pastor is slow about calling on strangers and diffident in meeting newcomers, let the folks that have easy social graces go in strong for friendly visiting and handshaking.

If the Sunday school lags or the prayer meeting is dull, and the pastor doesn't seem to know what to do about it, let the congregation boom those features of work with their own effort.

Finally, here's a rule for a going and growing church: "Count on your pastor's abilities as his chance; count on his abilities as your chance."

## MUST PAY FOR EVERYTHING

All Things in Life, Both Worth and Unworthy, Have a Price Set Upon Them.

While everything has its price, it is not true that every man has his price. It is a foul libel on our common humanity to say so. There are men in every station in life not purchasable. Gold and place cannot buy them. The offer of a crown could not swerve Washington from the path of duty. However, there is a sense in which a man may have his price. Ambition may inspire him. The rewards of ambition stand for the price with which he is to be purchased. If he is seeking fame, the pains, research, adventure and toils which accompany that seeking stand for his price. Then he must pay the price for the attainment of virtue by which to attain the consciousness of serving God, a price beyond any mathematical value.—Bishop Samuel Fallows, Reformed Episcopal Church, Chicago.

## Faith Without Works.

Orthodox must bear fruit, for faith without works is dead; such fruits as honoring to God and helpful to men. Can the church blame the world its rejection of its message when membership are aiding Dr. Jekyll? Mr. Hyge?—Rev. J. M. Wilson, Presbyterian, Chicago.

## TELEPHONE BOILS!

Novel Alarm Arrangement Invented by a German for the Benefit of the Cook.

The secret of good tea lies in pouring hot water over the leaves just as the water has come to a boil. If the water has had a chance to boil a while, some of the air in it passes off and the taste of the tea is much inferior. Of course a cook cannot stand around the kettle waiting for the exact instant the water comes to a boil, so a German invented an alarm to tell just when that moment was reached. Two metal arms extend out



over the spout of the kettle and are connected by wires to an electric bell. When the ends of the arm meet a circuit is formed which rings the bell. These points of contact are separated when the kettle is put over the fire by means of a lump of sugar placed between the two. The first puffs of steam that issue from the spout, just as the water is beginning to boil, melt the sugar and bring the arms together, ringing the bell. The cook then pours the water over the tea leaves at once.

## COFFEE BREAD THAT IS FINE

It Contains Chopped Nuts and is Covered With Caramel and Orange Slices.

Half pint each of liquid yeast and water, one tablespoonful of lard, one teaspoonful of salt, one-half cupful of white sugar, one-half cupful of chopped nut-meats, one cupful of stale light bread crumbs, and flour to make a stiff dough. Knead until elastic and glossy. Cover and place to rise. When well risen, which should be in two hours, work in one large well beaten egg. Dip into a shallow baking pan to the depth of little over one-half inch. When light bake for thirty minutes in a moderate oven; keep covered for first ten minutes of baking.

Make a caramel of one cupful of white sugar, a tablespoonful of water, and the same amount of grated orange peel. Let cool, and when the bread is cold pour the caramel over the top, smoothing with a knife, and dot with thin slices of sweet orange. The bread crumbs are a great improvement and the result is a feathery, delicious coffee bread.

## Veal and Toast.

For four persons take two and a half pounds of leg of veal, set in a frying pan with a tablespoon of butter; brown on all sides; season with salt, pepper and paprika; then set in a stewpan with two cups of water, and the butter in which it has been browned. Slice over it one tomato, one onion, one carrot and one part of a bay leaf. Cover, let simmer and brown for three hours over fire very slowly. Now take a small package of white noodles, boil in salted water until tender, strain and fry in butter. Get ready three cornered pieces of buttered toast and set your veal in the middle of a large chop platter, place the toast around it and put little heaps of fried noodles on the toast. Make a thick gravy of the remainder of the substance in the stewpan by adding a little water and thickening. Serve plain boiled potatoes with this and cover with gravy.

## Cherry Pudding.

Soak three cups of stale bread crumbs until soft in milk to cover. Add a teaspoon of salt and a tablespoon of sugar, grated nutmeg to flavor, and flour to make a batter suited with two teaspoons of baking powder. Add three well-beaten eggs and as many cherries as can be put in the batter. Fill buttered tin, leaving room for pudding to rise one-third, steam two and one-half hours and serve hot with any sauce preferred.

## Tasty Way of Cooking Liver.

Take quantity of liver required (calves' for preference), cut in thin slices, dip into mixture of flour, pepper, salt and parsley (chopped fine), with a few mixed dried herbs; fill a pie dish, pour into this sufficient water to nearly cover, then slice potatoes and spread two or three layers over the top and cook in a slow oven for about one and a half hours. Serve very hot.

## Creamed Corn.

Left-over corn on the cob should not be thrown away. Cut the corn from the cob and put it away in the refrigerator. At the next meal hour place it in a stew pan with sweet milk, thickened very slightly with a mixture of butter and flour made thin with a little of the milk, season to taste and serve in vegetable dish.

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## HANDS WOULD CRACK OPEN

"About two months ago my hands started to crack open and bleed, the skin would scale off, and the good flesh would burn and itch dreadfully. When my hands first started to get sore, there were small blisters like water blisters which formed. They itched dreadfully, it just seemed as though I could tear the skin all off. I would scratch them and the skin would peel off, and the flesh would be all red and crack open and bleed. It worried me very much, as I had never had anything the matter with my skin. I was so afraid I would have to give up my employment.

"My doctor said he didn't think it would amount to anything. But it kept getting worse. One day I saw a piece in one of the papers about a lady who had the same trouble with her hands. She had used Cuticura Soap and Ointment and was cured. I decided to try them, and my hands were all healed before I had used one cake of Cuticura Ointment. I am truly thankful for the good results from the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, for thanks to them I was cured, and did not have to lose a day from work. I have had no return of the skin trouble." (Signed) Mrs. Mary E. Breig, 2522 Brown Street, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 12, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold everywhere, a sample of each, with 22-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 6 K, Boston.

## Knew Just What to Do.

A parlor lamp which did duty for the same young man seven nights in the week had struck, and was slowly going out. The red glow grew fainter and fainter, and as the shadows merged one by one into the gloom a weird and eerie feeling crept into the young girl's soul. "George," she asked, in tones that were tremulous with suppressed agitation, "what would you do if you were strapped hand and foot in a chair while a candle, stuck in the top of a keg of gunpowder a foot from your head, burned slowly down and down and down?"

And George, who has been gazing expectantly at the lamp, answered, "I would blow it out."

She shivered.

## Horse Sense.

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## Pat Was More Than Willing.

A very pretty girl who recently returned from Ireland tells of an encounter with an Irish cobby in Dublin. She had started out from the hotel to do some shopping, but decided instead to make a tour of the city on a jaunting car. Arriving at the first car stand, and having selected the smartest looking vehicle, she told the driver that she "wanted to engage him for the day." Pat, never backward in paying homage to beauty, earnestly replied: "Begorra, ma'am you are welcome. I only wish it was for life!"

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## Risked Punishment for Dog.

A pleasing story of a prisoner's love for his dog comes from North Yakima, Wash. Michael Short, sentenced to the street chain gang to work out his fine, escaped with two other men recently, but somewhat to the surprise of his overseers turned up again for work the next morning. Mike explained to the officer that acts as foreman that he had left his little dog tied beneath his bed at home and that he had stolen away to liberate it, as it had been three days without food or water.

## A Worry, Even in Eating.

"Well," smiles the wife of the customer, "you miss one worry that the rest of us have. With your husband in the grocery and meat business you don't have to worry about the high cost of living."

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## ANOTHER SIMILAR CASE.

Cornwallville, N. Y.—"I have been taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for some time for Change of Life, nervousness, and a fibroid growth.

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# COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

### White Church Items.

Sept. 5—Another good rain fell in our community Sunday afternoon.

P. B. Franks, J. E. and Ernest Costephens transacted business in Merkel Tuesday.

Mr. West was in Abilene last week on business.

Miley Burrus was in Nubia Wednesday.

Mr. Pannell and son Charlie transacted business in Merkel Friday.

W. M. Snow was in Nubia last Thursday.

H. R. Hicks transacted business Tuesday in Merkel.

Miss Ethel Noel spent the day with Miss Emmie Brown Thursday.

Miss Lillie White was the guest of the Misses Dulin Saturday night and Sunday.

Charlie Pannell and wife are visiting his folks in our community this week.

Misses Willie Dulin and Lillie White were guests of Miss Jewell Franks Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. White and family visited at Mr. Davidson Saturday night.

Miss Lannie White visited at Mrs. Noel's Sunday.

Miss Ludie Dulin visited the Misses Hicks Sunday.

Misses Eulala and Ruth Pannell and Gladys Demere visited Miss Emmie Brown Sunday afternoon.

J. A. Dulin and family visited at Mr. Burrus Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Demere took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Franks Sunday.

J. S. Bickley, H. R. Hicks and B. L. Dulin were in Merkel Saturday.

DeWitt Phillips took dinner with Joe Bickley Sunday.

Kiah Spears was in our midst Monday.

Mr. Snow and Misses Hester and Alda Snow and Frances Hendrix attended the singing at Trent Sunday.

John Hendrix and Miss Lela Clark attended preaching here Saturday night.

Dent Cozart was in our midst Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Adron Phillips and baby of the Divide were at Mr. Burrus Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hines and children visited at Mr. Tuckers Sunday.

Ira Thornton and Misses Ruth Jones and Amber Neighbors attended preaching here Sunday.

Zelmer Snow and Lee White attended singing at Trent Sunday.

Ernest and Marvin Costephens spent Monday and Tuesday in Merkel.

Adron Phillips, wife and baby visited at Mr. Tuckers Sunday.

Hardy Watford attended the singing at Trent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. White and family were at Mr. Franks Sunday night.

Mr. Ensminger, wife and son Wade visited at Mr. Wests Sunday night.

Geo Davidson and Luther Franks attended singing at Trent Saturday night.

Messrs Luther Franks, Miley Burrus, Claud and Raymond Demere and Misses Theresa Watford, Addie Dulin, Ada and Addie Franks attended the singing at Trent Sunday.

Miss Florence [Childress visited Essie and Bessie Tucker Sunday.

Emit Patterson was here attending preaching.

DeWitt Phillips of the Divide attended preaching here Friday night.

Miley Burrus was in Merkel the first of the week.

Mrs. Webb of Eastland county is visiting her daughter Mrs. B. L. Dulin.

Mrs. B. L. Dulin who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks is reported better.

W. M. Snow and son Zelmer were in Merkel Monday.

Raymond and Claud Demere

Misses Ada and Addie Franks were pleasant callers at Mr. Bickley's Sunday afternoon.

Alvin Hutchins accompanied Miss Jewell Hicks home from church Sunday morning.

Mr. Bickley and son Joe were in Merkel first of the week.

Mrs. Laura Dulin visited at the home of J. A. Dulin's the first of the week.

J. A. Dulin and wife visited at B. L. Dulin's this week.

Rev. Archey, wife and son are visiting in our community.

Miley Burrus and mother visited on the Divide last week.

Tom Purdom was in Merkel Monday.

Mr. White and family attended preaching at this place.

Clide Pannell accompanied Miss Ada Franks home from church.

J. A. Dulin and family and Mrs. J. L. Tucker and children attended our meeting.

John Williams and Ernest Pettit were in our midst Sunday.

Clide, Charlie and Millard Pannell visited at Mr. Watfords Monday.

Mrs. Noel transacted business in Merkel Thursday.

Miley Burrus and Lee White visited at Mr. Snows Sunday night.

Mrs. Campbell and son Troy were at Mr. Wests Sunday night.

Lost Chicken.

### Butman Community.

Sept. 3—Another good rain visited our community Sunday.

R. N. White and family spent Saturday night with George Daviston and family.

J. A. Dulin and family took dinner with L. H. Burrus and family Sunday. They got waterbound and had to stay all night.

R. N. White and family spent Sunday night with P. B. Franks and family. They too were waterbound.

Adron Phillips, wife and baby spent Sunday night with Lee Burrus and family.

Lee White spent Sunday night at Mr. Snow's.

Alva Hutchins and Willie Singleton spent Sunday night at the home of Mr. Hicks.

J. H. Ensminger and family attended preaching at White Church Sunday.

Some of the young people went to Trent Sunday. They got caught in the rain.

Miss Ludie Dulin took dinner with Misses Mary Lee and Jewell Hicks Sunday.

Miss Lillie White took dinner with Miss Jewell Franks Sunday.

Mr. Farmer was visiting at the home of E. E. Patterson Sunday.

Ernest Costephens attended preaching at White Church.

J. E. Costephens went to Merkel one day last week.

E. E. Patterson transacted business in Merkel last week.

D. D. Coats and family spent Tuesday with J. A. Dulin and family.

Misses Estell Moore and Pearl Baccus spent Saturday night with Miss Mary Grider.

Ira Thornton and Miss Ruth Jones attended preaching at White Church Sunday.

Misses Amber and Noma Neighbors were visitors at White Church Sunday.

Miss Lillie White spent Saturday night with Miss Willie Dulin.

J. A. Dulin went to Merkel Saturday.

With the best wishes to the Mail I close. Dewdrops.

Noodle Dots.

Sept. 4—Everybody enjoyed a fine rain here Sunday. If we could have gotten this good rain about six weeks ago we would have made better crops than we have got now.

The young feed that was planted will make a fine crop.

There was quite a number of young people went to the singing at Trent Sunday.

Mrs. O. R. [Name] left last week for her home in Bosque county after a few weeks visit among her friends and relatives.

Oscar Seaton left last Sunday for college at Gorman. We wish him happiness and success in his studies.

Frank Sosebee went to Abilene Monday on business.

It is reported that the new gin will be in operation Saturday.

Our new postmaster has put in a new stock of goods.

Sunday school and preaching were well attended.

The Misses Nichols are visiting Mrs. J. S. Seago.

I will ring off and give Shiloh room. By, by, Happy Jack.

### Salt Branch News.

Sept. 4.—After so long a time will try and give the news from this place.

We had a nice rain Sunday afternoon which puts a fine season in the ground.

Several from this place attended the singing convention at Trent Saturday and Sunday.

S. W. Taylor and family were guests of W. B. Beavers and family Sunday.

Miss Dewey Floyd was visiting Misses Mollie and Willie Hardy Tuesday.

Mrs. Taylor was visiting at the home of Mrs. Joe Higgins Friday evening.

A new son made its arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Higgins Sunday morning.

Henry Rogers of Oklahoma is visiting his relatives here.

Miss Ida Taylor and brothers, Willis and Owen and Miss Annie and Ollie Higgins took dinner

better, if nothing happens we will all make lots of feed.

Health is very good now.

There was no Sunday school here Sunday.

Quite a number of Shiloh people went to Trent to the singing convention, but came back thru the mud Sunday.

J. S. Dyess is quite ill at this writing.

Henry Truitt and C. W. Williams from Hamlin visited at Shiloh this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Rutlege, Mr. and Mrs. Valdree Rutlege visited Henry Vines Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Pate who is visiting Will Williams and family is quite ill.

Miss Pearl Barnes spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnes.

A number of Shiloh's people are attending the Sanctified meeting at Essie.

There will be church at Shiloh Saturday, Sunday and Sunday night.

Jim Williamson moved in some more help to gather his cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown have a new heir stopping with them.

News is scarce this week.

Happy Hoolagan.

Castle Peak News.

Sept. 4—Our community was blessed with another rain Sunday night. Cotton picking is the order of the day.

W. P. Moore and A. H. Barnes attended court in Abilene last week.

Miss Emma Rogers is visiting Mrs. Davis this week.

Mrs. Lydie Davis is on the sick

## Stubborn Case

"I was under the treatment of two doctors," writes Mrs. R. L. Phillips, of Indian Valley, Va., "and they pronounced my case a very stubborn one, of womanly weakness. I was not able to sit up, when I commenced to take Cardui.

I used it about one week, before I saw much change. Now, the severe pain, that had been in my side for years, has gone, and I don't suffer at all. I am feeling better than in a long time, and cannot speak too highly of Cardui."

## TAKE The CARDUI Woman's Tonic

If you are one of those ailing women who suffer from any of the troubles so common to women.

Cardui is a builder of womanly strength. Composed of purely vegetable ingredients, it acts quickly on the womanly system, building up womanly strength, toning up the womanly nerves, and regulating the womanly system. Cardui has been in successful use for more than 50 years. Thousands of ladies have written to tell of the benefit they received from it. Try it for your troubles. Begin today.

Write to Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J. S.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. T. Berry is in Abilene this week.

Austin Fitts is at home from Mansfield.

J. L. Hunter of Fort Worth is a visitor in Merkel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sheppard have moved to Merkel.

Miss Lois Rogers of Abilene visited Merkel friends last week.

Hermon Hart of Sweetwater had business in Merkel Sunday.

Miss Bessie Hall of Sweetwater visited Miss Fannie Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys were Abilene visitors the first of the week.

Miss Alice Williams of Abilene is visiting Misses Susie Penn and Mamie Rister.

See our first showing of New Fall Millinery at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

C. C. Chestire has gone to Waco where he has accepted a position.

Alex Harris of Stanton is visiting old Merkel friends and looking after business.

R. H. Collins left yesterday for East Texas where he went to buy a car load of hogs.

Mrs. J. T. Warren is at home from Hawley where she visited her brothers and their families.

Figure with the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company on your dry goods and grocery bill and save money.

E. P. Stallings of Houston visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings from Saturday until Monday.

For bowel complaint in children always give Chamberlains Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil. It is certain to effect a cure and when reduced with water and sweetened is pleasant to take. No physician can prescribe a better remedy. For sale by all dealers.

Wesley Derstine is in from Pecos county to see his father who has been very sick for several days.

E. P. McMillen has gone to Birmingham, Iowa where he was called to the bedside of his father who was reported seriously ill.

Dr. J. M. Green, dentist of Houston will be in the dental office formerly occupied by Dr. McCauley over the F. & M. Bank for the next few weeks.

Henry Rogers of Oklahoma is here to see his mother who has been very low at the home of her son-in-law, J. T. Dennis.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be well rubbed in over the part affected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces swelling and restores natural conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Now that Senator Bailey has announced that he will not stand

for re-election at the close of the present term we hope that some of the bitterness in Texas politics will cease. The next scramble will be for his place. Who can fill it? Hundreds are willing to try it but few can do it.

Best Treatment for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for nipped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

Mr. Slater of the Clyde Herald was a caller in our office Monday. He was attending the R. F. D. convention and had some nice things to say about our town and people emphasizing his remarks in speaking of the hospitality of our R. F. D. boys.

### Kills a Murderer

A merciless murderer is appea with many victims, but Dr. King's Life Pills kill it by prevention. gently stimulate stomach, live bowels, preventing that clog invites appendicitis, curing co headache, biliousness, chills, & Burroughs.

Mrs. E. M. Rust has just returned from Dallas where she has been to place her daughter, Genevieve in school and while there she bought a complete line jewelry and holiday goods to added to her already large stock.

### Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Drugists. Take Hall's Farly Pills for constipation.

### "Texas in Spots."

To Merkel Country Farmers.

Others:

My little book is a very matter but it is honest advice and one who reads it gets a good idea of conditions and in our section.

If you are willing to help advertise our country and will come in to see me and give me names of friends and relatives back in the older countries we will write them a letter and send them one of my books. I will furnish pencil, pen and ink, paper envelopes and stamps and you use the better I will use. If you can not come see list of names and address will do the work.

Yours for business  
Jno. G. Jacl  
Real

## We Have Moved

We have moved our Front street stock of groceries to the Jenkins old stand on Edwards street where 8 or 10 live and wide-a-wake cotton buyers hang out. Hand your order to us and we will have it ready for you by the time you return from the cotton yard.

We have stuck to the farmers for the past three hard years and we appreciate your patronage and hope you will stay with us as long as we treat you right. We didn't wait last spring until it rained enough to fill the tanks deep enough for the 3 year old frog to learn how to swim. We hope we haven't a customer that will hunt cut prices with merchants that wouldn't risk you for any small amount in time of need.

Always call for White Crest Flour, the only pure soft wheat flour in the place.

## Hamblet & Rogers

with Misses Gardie and Lula Higgins Sunday.

Emory Moble and mother were visiting at the home of Joe McMurray Sunday.

The little twin babes of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hardy who have been real sick are better at this writing.

A little baby girl stopped in out of the rain at Ellis Petty's Sunday night and they have decided to give her shelter for awhile at least.

Sunday school was short on account of several going to the singing at Trent.

Mrs. Beavers received a telegram late yesterday evening telling her that her oldest sister, Mrs. Emma Williams of Mereta was dead. The news came as a shock to her as she is just recovering from a spell of sickness.

As news is scarce will ring off. Blue-eyed Girl.

Shiloh Clippings.

Sept. 5—No we are not all drowned, but my, my at the rain. Cotton and feed looks very much

list this week.

Mrs. A. H. Barnes took dinner with her daughter, Mrs. Ollie Barnes Saturday.

Misses Willie and Sallie Toombs visited here Sunday.

Mrs. W. P. Moore and Mrs. M. E. Baccus visited Mrs. Grider who is very sick Saturday night.

Elmer Barnes attended Sunday school at Nubia.

Misses Pearl Baccus, and Estell Moore attended church at White Church Saturday night.

Stranger.

A Fierce Night Alarm

is the hoarse, startling cough of a child, suddenly attacked by croup. Often it aroused Lewis Chamblin, of Manchester, O., [R.R. No. 2] for their four children were greatly subject to croup. "Some times in severe attacks," he wrote "we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup and for coughs, cold or any throat or lung trouble." So do thousands of others. So may you. Asthma, hay fever, lagrippe, whooping cough, hemorrhages fly before it. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Read the Mail—\$1.00 a year.



## 43-4 BALES HIGGINS THURSDAY

On last Thursday about 65 of the Higgins neighbors gathered and spent the day picking out 43-4 bales were gathered and the Stith gin which Mr. Dunigan free as not done is an object he is one of the members of that com- on account of con- sickness in his family required his personal attention all the time. His son Ori- has been very low for several onths and has been in an Abi- ne sanitarium twice, once to ave a leg taken off and once to ave one of the bones taken out of his left arm. It was pure and undefiled religion that prompted neighbors to come to his re- Mr. Higgins would have the first to volunteer been some one els in

### Attacks School Principal.

severe attack on school principal, as B. Allen of Sylvania, Ga., is thus led by him. "For more than three ars," he writes, "I suffered indescri- ble torture from rheumatism, liver d stomach trouble and diseased kid- ys. All remedies failed till I used etric Bitters, but four bottles of this nderful remedy cured me complete-." Such results are common. Thou- s bless them for curing stomach ble, female complaints, kidney dis- ders, biliousness and for new health d vigor. Try them. Only 50c at H.C. rroughs.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in a postoffice at Merkel, Texas, the week ending Sept. 9, 1911 adon, S. S. Mrs. Beulah

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**G**REAT opening display of fine clothes for Fall and Winter; early show- ing of the new, late fabrics, the smart hew styles and models, just in from Hart Schnffner & Marx.

You must not fail to have an early look at these goods; come while ev- erything is fresh and complete; come whether you are ready to buy or not. Look through the stock, decide on your color, your fabric, your pattern; let us find your size and correct fit; you can have it laid aside for a later time if you want to. You might as well have an early choice; you know you're going to want these clothes sooner or later.

New grays, and browns; new blue grays; new blue serges in plain and pattern weaves. The Shape-maker, the Varsity, the new English model; the smart new Raglan slip-on overcoats, and the English box overcoat.

Suits \$18 and up Overcoats \$16.50 and up



## WOODROOF BROS.

ONE PRICE-THE LOWEST



Quite a number of the Merkel people attended the singing convention at Trent Sunday and got water bound and we want to thank Mr. Beckham and family for entertaining about two dozen of them all night in their home. We suppose other families extended the same hospitalities as the Trent people are known to be of that kind.

### HOME ENDORSEMENT.

Hundreds of Merkel Citizens Can Tell You All About It.

Home endorsement, the public expression of Merkel people, should be evidence beyond dispute for every Merkel reader. Surely the experience of friends and neighbors, cheerfully given by them, will carry more weight than the utterances of strangers residing in faraway places. Read the following:

W. T. Cox, farmer, of Merkel, Texas, says: "About two years ago I was suddenly taken ill while at work, and as I steadily grew worse I consulted a doctor. He pronounced my trouble congestion of the kidneys and in several days relieved me. After that, however, I was bothered by too frequent passages of the kidney secretions. I spent over \$150 in an effort to get relief and took eight months' treatment from a specialist in Dallas but to no avail. The contents of one box of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust & McCauley's drug store did me a world of good, and I am therefore glad to give them my endorsement."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents in the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take to other.

## AN UNINTENTIONAL WRONG IMPRESSION CONCERNING OUR COUNTRY CORRECTED

Merkel, Texas  
Aug. 25, 1911

Venus Times, Venus, Texas.

Dear Editor Bassett—In the last issue of your paper I read an item which I believe does to our country an injustice, and knowing your fair disposition I ask that you give me space for this article. The item referred to follows:

"J. T. Dearing and D. K. McCauley returned from West Texas Monday. They went as far west as Spur and returned perfectly satisfied. J. T. said they told him out there that this was the best crop they had raised in ten years but says he did not see any crops except one little patch of kaffir corn."

It is a fact that one reading this gets the impression that West Texas is almost a barren waste this year and that this is the best crop we have had in ten years. That is false and in a spirit of fairness and friendliness let us make an honest comparison of conditions.

I do not know the author of the above statement and not knowing what territory he visited I will not question his unfavorable opinion but as stated, the article takes in too much territory and as for our section I will dispute the statement and refer any interested to many Johnson

county people who are living in our midst.

I have naught to say ill of Johnson county nor any part of our grand state. It is all good and our newspapers and our citizens should be inspired with a spirit of patriotism and fairness that it would make it possible for them to sing the virtues of their immediate community without exaggerating, misrepresenting and magnifying the faults of another part of our good state. I know the fertility and resources of your good community and as well I know the conditions here. There are crop failures and disadvantages in any section. It may be a drouth here, a deluge in Johnson county, boll weevils in Texas and grasshoppers or green bugs in Kansas. It is within my knowledge that two years ago your community made a complete failure and also that this year you suffered the loss of your feed crop. Please be fair and reflect that this too happened on land valued at \$100 per acre and more. I read in this same issue of your paper this statement:

"Farmers in our town Saturday say a fourth of a bale to the acre will be a good crop around here this year. The hot dry weather coupled with the recent close and deep plowing did the work."

It is an old saying that people living in glass houses should not throw rocks and this applies with 40-horse power to the good citizenship of Johnson county. Our lands are valued at but from \$25 to \$40 per acre and even during the most trying period in our history, the past three years we will more than average crops with your country. A man in our country can cultivate twice as much land with less expense and with a season produce as much. We have this year raised plenty of feed, wheat, oats, milo maize, kaffir corn and sorghum, to do us and will make a crop of cotton to average with the Venus country. If Mr. Dearing will come to Merkel I will show him fields of feed which have made one good crop which has been harvested and will make another as good or better from the same planting. I will show him fields of cotton in our vicinity that will make from one-fourth to one bale per acre. I will do this and have him write an article for you stating that he has done our country an injustice or he will be treating us very unfairly. If I can not show him these facts and conditions I will cheerfully pay the expenses of his trip and put up a forfeit in one of our banks here to guarantee him that I will do this before he makes the start.

It is not my idea to say aught against your country for it is good. Your land is high but is worth its present valuation and will enhance in value in the future but there is a greater opportunity for advancement

## RURAL CARRIERS ASSOCIATION MET

On Monday Sept. 4, the Rural Letter Carrier's Association of Taylor-Callahan counties met at Merkel in one of the most interesting meetings the association has ever held. Not so great in number present but in interest manifested.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Adcock of Merkel whereupon Judge Mims the gentleman that Merkel is proud of as mayor, delivered the welcome address that was enjoyed by all. Arthur Slater from Clyde responded in his sociable way with a few but well selected remarks.

Mr. Chambers of Baird then addressed the association on the subject "Good Roads" and all present enjoyed this speech very much, because of its importance and because he showed the farmer how the Federal government was spending vast sums of money for all other improvements and even building good roads in the other possessions but had not as yet spent one dollar on the farmer's roads in the United States. Mr. Chambers is not yet our congressman but better still he is awake to the farmers interest, a class that is least considered by those who call themselves, "Our Congressmen." Next was a speech on "The rural service compared to other departments of the postal service."

Interesting talks were then made on the "Patrons as seen by the carrier," and vice versa. Mr. Harris of Merkel made a short speech on the care of a horse.

The next meeting will be held at Baird, Feb. 22, 1912. Lets have a great meeting at Baird. One Present.

### Notice To Parents.

School will begin the 18th of September. The railroad will be the dividing line between the schools. All High School students and all High Seventh Grade pupils will go to the South Side School. All pupils below the High Seventh Grade, living north of the railroad, will go to the North Side School, and all pupils below High Seventh Grade, living south of the railroad, will go to the South Side School.

All parents are urged not to get any books or school supplies of any kind until after school shall have been organized. On the first day of school, each pupil will be given a list of the books that he shall need.

Yours truly,  
R. L. Krigbaum,  
Superintendent of schools.

Diarrhoea is always more or less prevalent during September. Be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effective. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by all dealers.

because the tide of civilization is westward. If development had started at this end of the line our land would be the highest and none of it would be worth anything if Columbus had not discovered America. The good people moving from Johnson county to our section will not stem the tide of progress for your country for there will be others to take their places and all in turn will be bettering their conditions. It is the law of nature and let it have its own course and let's all be fair with each other.

I am in the newspaper business at Merkel and an injustice in my columns, such as the above, would be cheerfully corrected without charge and I believe that you will give this publication. If you are unwilling to sacrifice this amount of space please publish in a two-column space, sending me bill for same at your regular advertising rates and I will remit to you promptly, for I am in the real estate business and it is worth the price for me any time to plead for justice for our country. Yours fraternally,  
Jno. G. Jack



## DISFIGURING FACIAL ERUPTION OVERCOME

Woman Tries Resinol With Excellent Results.

"I take pleasure in testifying to the most excellent results from the use of Resinol, both ointment and soap. I had been troubled for four or five years with a very disfiguring eruption on my face, and Resinol has helped it so much. MISS OPAL LILLEY, "Camp Creek, W. Va."

Resinol Ointment is the one recognized safe and sure remedy for every kind of skin trouble, from the common pimple or scatch to eczema, tetter, shingles, milk-crust, dandruff, psoriasis, boils, burns, scalds, carbuncles, felons and sores. It cannot irritate the most delicate skin. It does not contain a particle of lead or mercury, or other poison. It is as harmless and as easy to apply as cold cream. Resinol Ointment is put up in screw-top opal containers, retailing at fifty cents and a dollar.

Resinol Soap similarly medicated, is in many respects the finest toilet and bath soap possible of production. It is delightfully refreshing and is thoroughly antiseptic. It prevents blackheads, pimples and many other skin troubles, and for shampooing and cleansing the scalp there is nothing better. It is especially recommended for children and infants, for its continuous use will keep them exempt from many of the common skin troubles. It is pleasant, refreshing, soothing and preventive. The Resinol preparations are sold by all druggists and dealers in fine toilet articles.

Resinol Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md.

### A Glean of Hope.

"I hear that Bilter's daughter eloped with his chauffeur."

"Yes, and Bilter wired his forgiveness."

"What did he do that for?"

"He said he thought now there might be a chance for him to use his car."—Puck

### TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM

Take the Old Standard GLOVES' TASTELESS CHILLI TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it to be simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteful form, and the most effective form. For grown people and children, 50 cents.

### A Sandwich Filling.

A delicious filling for sandwiches or crackers is made by mixing equal parts of cream cheese and snappy cheese with French dressing to a smooth paste, then stirring in it chopped red peppers or chopped olives. This paste should be very creamy and put on thickly, at least a quarter of an inch. It is nice between salted wafers or on thin rounds of brown or rye bread.

### NEVER IDLE.



Wife—You're always intimating that woman has too much idle curiosity.

Hubby—Idle curiosity! Idle! Non-sense. It's the most active thing about her!

### FOUND RIGHT PATH After a False Start.

"In 1890 I began to drink coffee. "At that time I was healthy and enjoyed life. At first I noticed no bad effects from the indulgence but in course of time found that various troubles were coming upon me.

"Palpitation of the heart took unto itself sick and nervous headaches, kidney troubles followed and eventually my stomach became so deranged that even a light meal caused me serious distress.

"Our physician's prescriptions failed to help me and then I dosed myself with patent medicines till I was thoroughly disgusted and hopeless.

"Finally I began to suspect that coffee was the cause of my troubles. I experimented by leaving it off, except for one small cup at breakfast. This helped some but did not altogether relieve my distress. It satisfied me, however, that I was on the right track.

"So I gave up coffee altogether and began to use Postum. In ten days I found myself greatly improved, my nerves steady, my head clear, my kidneys working better and better, my heart's action rapidly improving, my appetite improved and the ability to eat a hearty meal without subsequent suffering restored to me. And this condition remains.

"Leaving off coffee and using Postum did this, with no help from drugs, as I abandoned the use of medicines when I began to use the food drink." Name on by Postum Co., Battle Creek,

there's a reason," and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Health," in pgs.

"Is the above letter? A new form from Postum Co. They are true, and full of human wisdom."

# UNCLE SAM'S POLICE OF THE SEA

PHOTOS BY WALDON FAWCETT

To widen its sphere of beneficial activity is the aim of every well-managed branch of our national government, but it is doubtful if any of these have been more successful in the effort than the United States revenue cutter service. This organization under the treasury department, was long ago nicknamed "Uncle Sam's police of the sea," and the designation has stuck because it is manifestly so appropriate. The title was obviously fitting in the old days when the chief duties of the officers and men of the revenue cutter



AT THE CADET SCHOOL OF THE U.S. REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE.

summer of 1905 ravaged the gulf coast of our country. Revenue cutters and a fleet of chartered vessels commanded by revenue cutter officers patrolled the waters of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida and for the first time in the history of such epidemics there was not a single instance of the spread of the disease through communication by sea. The ships were constantly within the infected districts, and although one of them had to fight the fever among its own crew never once did the vigilance against the scourge relax.

As has been said, one of the most important duties of the service is the relief of vessels in distress, and within late years this has developed a regular "winter patrol" of far-reaching scope and immense value.

The president designates certain cutters each year during the stormy winter months from November to April to patrol our far-flung coast line in search of vessels in distress and to respond for any calls for assistance that may be received via wireless. In the performance of this duty thousands of persons have been rescued from the perils of the sea and property to an aggregate value of many millions of dollars has been saved. The "beats" covered by the police of the sea on this winter "watch" are not confined to the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf of Mexico, but include also the great lakes and the Bering sea and Arctic ocean. A kindred work of almost equal importance is the destruction of derelicts which menace all ships on the ocean pathways. Every revenue cutter carries high explosives and the paraphernalia for blowing up or otherwise destroying a derelict as soon as discovered, but in addition the service has a ship specially constructed as a "derelict destroyer"—the only vessel of the kind in the world.

Commissioned officers of the United States revenue cutter service have rank with the officers of the army and navy and receive the same benefits of retirement as are accorded these officers. The officers are trained for the service at the revenue cutter cadet school, located at New London, Conn. Young men enter at any age between eighteen and twenty-four, and in addition to exactions in book learning must undergo a military and nautical training that in some respects is even more arduous than that given at Uncle Sam's big academies at Annapolis and West Point. Of course the classes at the cadet school are comparatively small—sometimes there are not more than two dozen embryo officers enrolled at the institution, but this is to be expected, for the revenue cutter service does not need the great numbers of officers required for our rapidly growing navy. Indeed, there are less than three hundred commissioned officers on the revenue cutter roster, whereas the warrant officers and enlisted men will probably not total more than fifteen hundred, although Uncle Sam is constantly adding to his fleet of revenue cutters, and this expansion is reflected in the active list.

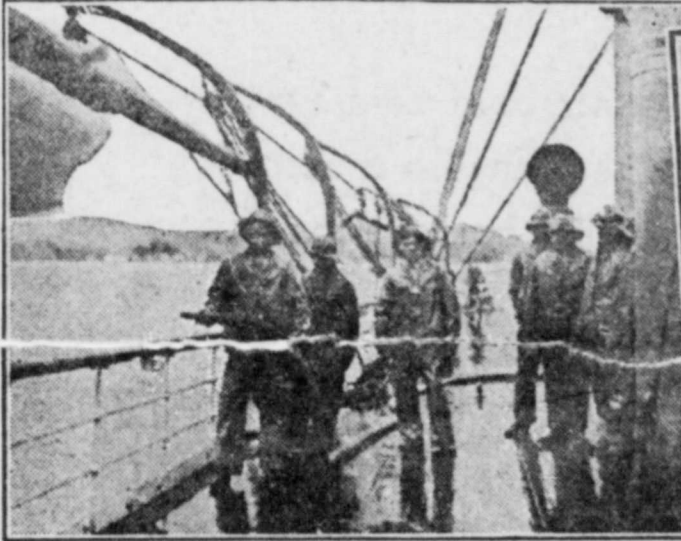
The navigating responsibilities of the officers of the nation's sea-police boats probably exceed those of any other men in the naval or maritime service. Unlike many of the men who go down to the sea in ships, they do not confine themselves to a given ocean path. On the contrary, the young revenue cutter officer may be called upon at short notice to navigate his own ship in any waters from southern Florida to northern Alaska, and he must enter many bays and arms of the sea where no naval or merchant vessel would ever be required to go. For these versatile demands the revenue cutter officers are especially trained during their cadet course. Each year during the three-year course the cadets spend several months on a cruising "practice ship," which jogs back and forth across the Atlantic, partly under steam and partly by sail power. The boys attend to all the operations connected with the navigation of the vessel—gaining that grounding of practical experience that will be so valuable in later years—and incidentally they continue that small arms and ordnance practice which is a feature of their schooling on shore. The motto of the United States revenue cutter service is "Semper Paratus," which may be translated as "Always Ready," and certainly the Yankee police force of the high schools has eloquently proven in recent years that the words of this slogan convey no idle boast.



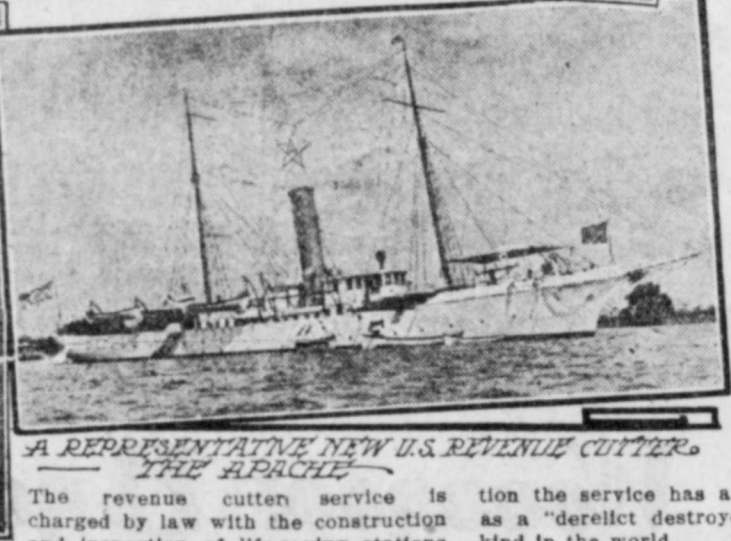
LAUNCHING A LIFE BOAT



YOUNG OFFICERS AT RIFLE PRACTICE.



CREW READY TO FIGHT FIRE.



A REPRESENTATIVE NEW U.S. REVENUE CUTTER—THE APACHE.

service were to apprehend smugglers and pirates, but it is not the less suitable in this age when in addition to the quest for such enemies of the law the revenue cutter organization is obligated to lend aid to every form of life saving at sea—for it is recognized that the ideal policeman is charged not only with the duty of protecting life and property, but also with responsibility for aiding humanity in distress under any circumstances.

The United States revenue cutter service has had a most interesting history. After the freedom of the American colonies had been won through the Revolutionary war, the country returned to a peace basis and the continental navy was disbanded. From that time forward there was no sea force available for the protection of the coasts and the maritime interests of the new republic until there came as a response to a long-felt want the organization of the revenue cutter service. This was one of the acts of our first congress. President George Washington signed the act in August, 1790, and within little more than a year ten vessels were ready for duty. Thereafter for a period of nearly seven years the little fleet formed the only armed force afloat flying the stars and stripes, and the ships were constantly engaged in patrolling the coastline of the country and enforcing its maritime laws. The first appointments of officers in the revenue cutter service were made from among those who had served in the continental navy, and since that time many men who prepared themselves for our naval service have amended their life plans to the extent of taking commissions in the maritime police force.

The work of the revenue cutter service, as defined by the various laws which have been enacted on the subject, consists in the enforcement of almost every statute bearing upon the maritime interests of the nation. At the head of the category comes, of course, the protection of the customs revenue and if smuggling in any form is suspected the revenue cutter officers have the right of search of all merchant vessels arriving within or near the United States or bound for an American port. The suppression of piracy is not a heavy responsibility any more, but the search for wrecked and missing vessels is a responsibility which has expanded as the other has contracted. The enforcement of the neutrality laws is always something of a chore, thanks to the South and Central American revolutions that are hatched in the United States. Another important task is found in the enforcement of law and the protection of property in Alaska, including the protection of the seal and other fisheries in Alaskan water—a form of oceanic patrolling which has been productive of many exciting episodes in recent years.

The suppression of mutiny is another duty delegated to Uncle Sam's police of the sea, but mutineers alike to pirates have become rather scarce in the neighborhood of Uncle Sam's domains in late years. On the other hand there has been a tremendous increase in the volume of work required in connection with the destruction of derelicts and other "menaces to navigation and the safety of assistance to vessels in distress.

crews, but in addition it has virtually developed a life-saving service of its own, and every revenue cutter might be designated as a floating life-saving station. The police of the sea have to afford protection for the sponge fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico and the Straits of Florida; they play an important part in enforcing quarantine regulations when Uncle Sam is "putting up the bars" against some plague-infested country abroad, and they guard the safety of the public at all great yacht races and regattas.

Persons who bear in mind the principal events of the Spanish-American war will recall that the revenue cutters with their officers and men played an important part in the defense of the country during that conflict. But this was no innovation. In the preceding wars in which this nation engaged the revenue cutter service always had a hand, and indeed, there is a standing arrangement whereby, in the event of war, the police of the sea co-operate with the navy. It is a question, after all, however, whether the greatest victories of the revenue cutter service have not been won in times of peace. Take, for example, the great yellow fever epidemic that in the

## Escaping the Drudgery

Woman Tells How Household Work May Be Made Less Unpleasant.

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"I hear that Bliter's daughter eloped with his chauffeur."

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"What did he do that for?"

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A delicious filling for sandwiches or crackers is made by mixing equal parts of cream cheese and snappy cheese with French dressing to a smooth paste, then stirring in it chopped red peppers or chopped olives. This paste should be very creamy and put on thickly, at least a quarter of an inch. It is nice between salted wafers or on thin rounds of brown or rye bread.

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Wife—You're always intimating that woman has too much idle curiosity.  
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### FOUND RIGHT PATH After a False Start.

"In 1890 I began to drink coffee. At that time I was healthy and enjoyed life. At first I noticed no bad effects from the indulgence but in course of time found that various troubles were coming upon me.

"Palpitation of the heart took unto itself sick and nervous headaches, kidney troubles followed and eventually my stomach became so deranged that even a light meal caused me serious distress.

"Our physician's prescriptions failed to help me and then I dosed myself with patent medicines till I was thoroughly disgusted and hopeless.

"Finally I began to suspect that coffee was the cause of my troubles. I experimented by leaving it off, except for one small cup at breakfast. This helped some but did not altogether relieve my distress. It satisfied me, however, that I was on the right track.

"So I gave up coffee altogether and began to use Postum. In ten days I found myself greatly improved, my nerves steady, my head clear, my kidneys working better and better, my heart's action rapidly improving, my appetite improved and the ability to eat a hearty meal without subsequent suffering restored to me. And this condition remains.

"Leaving off coffee and using Postum did this, with no help from drugs, as I abandoned the use of medicines when I began to use the food drink." Name on box by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason," and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Health," in piggy.

"The above letter? A new form from 'me to time.' They're true, and full of human



# UNCLE SAM'S POLICE OF THE SEA

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To widen its sphere of beneficial activity is the aim of every well-managed branch of our national government, but it is doubtful if any of these have been more successful in the effort than the United States revenue cutter service. This organization under the treasury department, was long ago nicknamed "Uncle Sam's police of the sea," and the designation has stuck because it is manifestly so appropriate. The title was obviously fitting in the old days when the chief duties of the officers and men of the revenue cutter



AT THE CADET SCHOOL OF THE U.S. REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE.

summer of 1905 ravaged the gulf coast of our country. Revenue cutters and a fleet of chartered vessels commanded by revenue cutter officers patrolled the waters of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida and for the first time in the history of such epidemics there was not a single instance of the spread of the disease through communication by sea. The ships were constantly within the infected districts, and although one of them had to fight the fever among its own crew never once did the vigilance against the scourge relax.

As has been said, one of the most important duties of the service is the relief of vessels in distress, and within late years this has developed a regular "winter patrol" of far-reaching scope and immense value.

The president designates certain cutters each year during the stormy winter months from November to April to patrol our far-flung coast line in search of vessels in distress and to respond for any calls for assistance that may be received via wireless. In the performance of this duty thousands of persons have been rescued from the perils of the sea and property to an aggregate value of many millions of dollars has been saved. The "beats" covered by the police of the sea on this winter "watch" are not confined to the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf of Mexico, but include also the great lakes and the Bering sea and Arctic ocean. A kindred work of almost equal importance is the destruction of derelicts which menace all ships on the ocean pathways. Every revenue cutter carries high explosives and the paraphernalia for blowing up or otherwise destroying a derelict as soon as discovered, but in addition the service has a ship specially constructed as a "derelict destroyer"—the only vessel of the kind in the world.

Commissioned officers of the United States revenue cutter service have rank with the officers of the army and navy and receive the same benefits of retirement as are accorded these officers. The officers are trained for the service at the revenue cutter cadet school, located at New London, Conn. Young men enter at any age between eighteen and twenty-four, and in addition to exactions in book learning must undergo a military and nautical training that in some respects is even more arduous than that given at Uncle Sam's big academies at Annapolis and West Point. Of course the classes at the cadet school are comparatively small—sometimes there are not more than two dozen embryo officers enrolled at the institution, but this is to be expected, for the revenue cutter service does not need the great numbers of officers required for our rapidly growing navy. Indeed, there are less than three hundred commissioned officers on the revenue cutter roster, where as the warrant officers and enlisted men will probably not total more than fifteen hundred, although Uncle Sam is constantly adding to his fleet of revenue cutters, and this expansion is reflected in the active list.

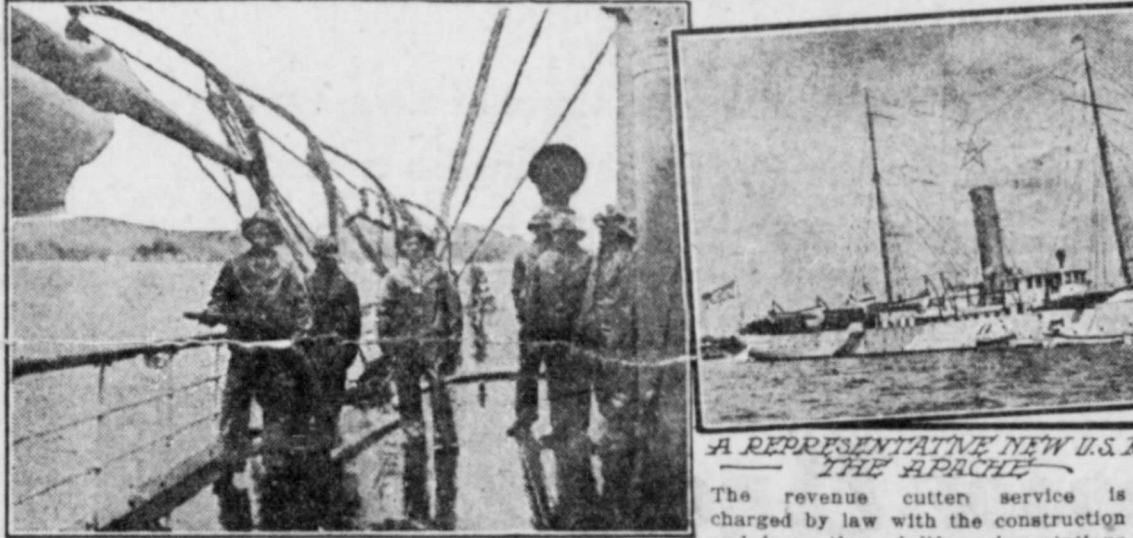
The navigating responsibilities of the officers of the nation's sea-police boats probably exceed those of any other men in the naval or maritime service. Unlike many of the men who go down to the sea in ships, they do not confine themselves to a given ocean path. On the contrary, the young revenue cutter officer may be called upon at short notice to navigate his own ship in any waters from southern Florida to northern Alaska, and he must enter many bays and arms of the sea where no naval or merchant vessel would ever be required to go. For these versatile demands the revenue cutter officers are especially trained during their cadet course. Each year during the three-year course the cadets spend several months on a cruising "practice ship," which jogs back and forth across the Atlantic, partly under steam and partly by sail power. The boys attend to all the operations connected with the navigation of the vessel—gaining that grounding of practical experience that will be so valuable in later years—and incidentally they continue that small arms and ordnance practice which is a feature of their schooling on shore. The motto of the United States revenue cutter service is "Semper Paratus," which may be translated as "Always Ready," and certainly the Yankee police force of the high schools has eloquently proven in recent years that the words of this slogan convey no idle boast.



LAUNCHING A LIFE BOAT.



YOUNG OFFICERS AT RIFLE PRACTICE.



A REPRESENTATIVE NEW U.S. REVENUE CUTTER—THE APACHE.

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service were to apprehend smugglers and pirates, but it is not the less suitable in this age when in addition to the quest for such enemies of the law the revenue cutter organization is obligated to lend aid to every form of life saving at sea—for it is recognized that the ideal policeman is charged not only with the duty of protecting life and property, but also with responsibility for aiding humanity in distress under any circumstances.

The United States revenue cutter service has had a most interesting history. After the freedom of the American colonies had been won through the Revolutionary war, the country returned to a peace basis and the continental navy was disbanded. From that time forward there was no sea force available for the protection of the coasts and the maritime interests of the new republic until there came as a response to a long-felt want the organization of the revenue cutter service. This was one of the acts of our first congress. President George Washington signed the act in August, 1790, and within little more than a year ten vessels were ready for duty. Thereafter for a period of nearly seven years the little fleet formed the only armed force afloat flying the stars and stripes, and the ships were constantly engaged in patrolling the coastline of the country and enforcing its maritime laws. The first appointments of officers in the revenue cutter service were made from among those who had served in the continental navy, and since that time many men who prepared themselves for our naval service have amended their life plans to the extent of taking commissions in the maritime police force.

The work of the revenue cutter service, as defined by the various laws which have been enacted on the subject, consists in the enforcement of almost every statute bearing upon the maritime interests of the nation. At the head of the category comes, of course, the protection of the customs revenue and if smuggling in any form is suspected the revenue cutter officers have the right of search of all merchant vessels arriving within or near the United States or bound for an American port. The suppression of piracy is not a heavy responsibility any more, but the search for wrecked and missing vessels is a responsibility which has expanded as the other has contracted. The enforcement of the neutrality laws is always something of a chore, thanks to the South and Central American revolutions that are hatched in the United States. Another important task is found in the enforcement of law and the protection of property in Alaska, including the protection of the seal and other fisheries in Alaskan waters—a form of oceanic patrolling which has been productive of many exciting episodes in recent years.

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