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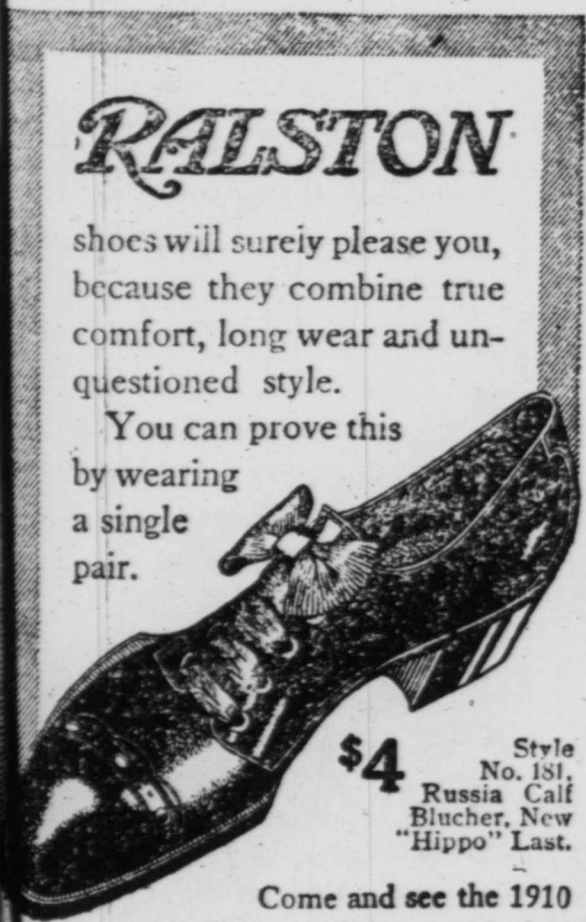
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Our young men's and boy's line of clothing is selected to secure for the wearers suits that are right up to the minute in style and combined with this we have been exceedingly careful to insure strong wearing qualities.



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shoes will surely please you, because they combine true comfort, long wear and unquestioned style.

You can prove this by wearing a single pair.

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Style No. 181, Russia, Call Blucher, New "Hippo" Last.

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Our Spring Oxfords are here in large numbers, and we ask you to examine our stock and note the artistic design of this merchandise and the quality of the leather.

W. T. Read Merc. Co.

There will be a meeting at Mrs. W. A. Hudson's on the 13th of March at 3 p.m. to organize a W. C. T. U. All ladies interested in the temperance cause please be present. By order of the committee,—Mrs. McCarver, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Warner.

Pecos School Gets New Apparatus

One Hundred Dollars Worth Received—Now in Affiliated List of State Requirements

The Pecos High School has this week received about \$100 worth of physical apparatus which will give the physics class work a place on the affiliation list of the State requirements and will also be of service in the Summer Normal we expect to have.

In this shipment is a very fine Manikin for the physiology work which is considered one of the finest ever prepared and shows every important part of the human body and its construction. This Manikin shows accurately about 455 distinct parts. An excellent suspension globe besides apparatus for making various experiments in physics, including electrolysis, hydraulic press, lifting and force pumps and many other things too numerous to mention in mechanics, electricity, light, sound, etc., is included in this purchase.

New Machinery In Operation

The Ice and Light Plant's New Machinery is Now in Actual Service

Citizens of Pecos for the first time in years do not have to listen to that continual "choo! choo! bang! bang!" of the light plant. The old gasoline engine has been supplanted with a monster boiler and engine, the whole plant overhauled, remodeled and rebuilt, and the new plant is a credit to our town and the enterprise that made the improvement.

The new switch board or some other thing of which the writer is unfamiliar, has not been properly handled, adjusted, or something else wrong, and the lights have been winking and blinking like a sore-eyed monkey all the week. This will soon be adjusted and the service will be all that could be desired.

Austin, Tex., March 8.—The Hudspeth mining bill which is of vast interest to the western section of the state and which has passed the senate is now pending in the house with a favorable committee report. Representative McGown feels sanguine of passing this bill before the end of the session.

The adjournment next Saturday may mean the death of the El Paso court bill as the governor has indicated he will not sign the measure until the bill for the relief of the supreme court has been passed, and this will not now be reached. The house last evening killed the bill providing for putting on the market 3,000,000 acres of school land in the western section of the state without actual settlement.

Gloom Cast Over Our Fair City

Prominent Citizens Pass to the Great Beyond in Rapid Succession and Pecos is Grief-stricken

Following the sad occurrence which took the life of J. N. Heard Friday of last week in which he was killed by a horse falling on him, on Monday of this week P. B. Smith died after a lingering illness. Both these good men have been prominent factors in the upbuilding of Pecos and will be sadly missed both in her business circles as well as in our society. They were loyal to their friends, country and families, honest, upright, business men.

On Wednesday the little four-year-old son of Mr. and Green McCombs died at Carlsbad and the body brought here for interment and laid to rest in city of the dead Thursday.

Yesterday afternoon, after a short illness of pneumonia, Mrs. B. J. Strickland, beloved wife of the editor of the Pecos Times, passed to the great beyond and with the others have joined the innumerable hosts in heaven. Mrs. Strickland was a lovable character, gentle, kind and dutiful, a kind, thoughtful, devoted wife and mother and beloved by all who knew her. To the bereaved husband the Record extends sincerest sympathy and prays the God in whom he trusts to give him strength and courage in this sad hour of his life.

All of these people were loved in Pecos and had many friends and relatives here. All Pecos feels keenly the severe loss to her citizenship and the bereaved have the heartfelt sympathy of our entire population as was evidenced by the largest crowds ever gathered at burial services in our little city.

Reports from Odessa, Monahans, Barstow, Fort Stockton and other towns over the trans-Pecos country are to the effect that the recent big rains have put the country in excellent condition. Cattlemen expect to see plenty of grass in the next four to six weeks and the rain has had the effect of so swelling the different streams as to enlarge the water supply for irrigation purposes, the result of which is that we may look for splendid conditions in this section this year. The homeseekers movement to this part of the Pecos Valley is now larger than it has been in many years and at least 20,000 additional acres of land will be planted in alfalfa this spring and many more thousands of acres will be planted in other crops. Great activity is taking place in the planting of vineyards and orchards and about ten carloads of California vineyard and orchard products have arrived in Pecos to be planted, most of this having come from Fresno, Cal. A large supply of Tokay grapes are included in the order.

O. Lusk, of West Texas Bank at Big Springs, spent last Sabbath with his brother, Dr. Lusk, at Toyah. He likes this country and advises all who have land here to hold it.

Dr. H. H. Harrington, superintendent of the State Experimental Farm, has ordered from California a large supply of Tokay grapes, cherries, prunes, peaches, apricots and various other plants from different parts of California, all of which will be tried out on the irrigated experimental farm two miles from Pecos. Since the success in a commercial way of the growing of various fruits has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of all, and it appears that the year 1911 will witness great activities along agricultural and horticultural lines in the Pecos Valley. The development of irrigation by the different means being used here such as river water, creek water, overflow water, artesian and pump water means that the greater portion of land in the lower Pecos Valley is susceptible of great development, and the permanent success of those who have undertaken this vast work cannot but make a densely populated country of the Pecos Valley of Texas.

For the time being gasoline is the favorite perfume.

People who keep their sidewalks clean deserve at least honorable mention.

If one swallow doesn't make a summer, what don't three robins make a spring?

Manuel is to get \$39,600 a year. Perhaps there is something in the king business after all.

When rats are not disseminating the bubonic plague they are engaged in other nefarious practices.

All the world loves a lover, but as to these noblemen who seek American girls with money it is merely curious.

If those New Jersey people think that "hello" verges on profanity" what must they think of "line is busy"?

Think how many hen's eggs young McLean could have bought with the money he paid for that Hope diamond!

Paris is making a move to elevate the moral tone of its literature and its art. There is room for the exercise of its efforts.

A Colorado couple who were divorced in 1875 have just been married again. Sometimes second thoughts come a long time afterward.

A Chicago girl captured a bandit who tried to grab her pocket book. Bandits will learn in time to confine their operations to the less resourceful male sex.

If they take the exaggerated shoulders away from the men and the rats away from the women hotel matresses might achieve additional softness.

A Boston theologian declares that the story of Adam and Eve is merely a parable. But the old Adam, who blamed everything on his wife, is nobody's fiction.

Thirty per cent. of the students at the University of Wisconsin are round shouldered. Another argument against the over development of gray matter in our youth.

A man was sent to a hospital in New York for examination as to his sanity because he thought himself a fish. Maybe somebody told him he was in the swim.

Asheville, N. C., has a "Jack the Kisser" scare, but we dimly perceive that this may only be an advertisement for the place as a summer resort for old maids.

The aeroplane has been developed far enough to warrant less enthusiasm in offering prizes for flights and more attention to the development of a practical parachute.

One marriage out of every three in San Francisco ends in divorce, according to one who delves in such things. Apparently matrimonial earthquakes are common there, too.

Innovating dressmakers may try to banish the waist line from the feminine form divine; but enterprising man will continue to seek, locate and restore it with his strong right arm.

Not content with the hobble skirt, those Parisian intriguers have sprung the "trouser gown" on us. Possibly the pantalon effect is expected to make a hit with suffragettes.

Corset coats for men are reported to be recommended by the fashionable tailors. Evidently the fashionable tailors have faith in the theory that men are turning from foolishness.

And now a physician blames the spread of infantile paralysis on fleas. What? Fleas on pitty itty tootsie wootsie? Let the doctor prepare for an onslaught of highly insulted mothers.

A beauty expert says that to keep their mouths beautiful, women must shut them. Here is the sex confronted with the most harrowing alternative ever presented to distracted human choice.

An educator asserts that aeroplanes will abolish war. Which looks like working up a movement to have the Carnegie Peace board use a half million a year in subsidizing aeroplane factories.

New York women say that the feminine throat loses its beautiful contour in making the hissing "s" sound so characteristic of English. As in "Yes?"

AMERICAN TROOPS TO MEXICAN BORDER

HURRY ORDERS ARE SENT TO GULF DEPARTMENT.

ARTILLERY SENT POST HASTE

Twelve Companies to Proceed to Galveston—No Explanation for Movement.

Atlanta, Ga., March 7.—Orders were received from the War Department by Gen. A. L. Mills, commanding the Department of the Gulf, with headquarters in Atlanta, for the Seventeenth Infantry, stationed at Fort McPherson, and the Eleventh Cavalry, stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, to proceed at once to Fort Sam Houston, at San Antonio, Texas, for service along the Mexican border.

The orders also authorized the mobilization of a provisional regiment to be made up of twelve companies of Coast Artillery, which will proceed to Galveston, Texas. No explanation for the sudden movement of the troops has been made.

San Francisco: Two regiments of infantry—the Thirtieth from Presidio here, under Col. Chubb and the Eighth from Monterey, commanded by Col. Mason—have been ordered to the Mexican border. The troops, comprising twenty-two companies and four machine guns, are making hasty preparations to leave on special trains for San Diego.

TEXAS VITAL STATISTICS

The Stork Nearly Doubles on Grim Reaper.

Austin: The following report of the vital statistics of Texas for January has been prepared:

Birth—Grand total 4,450. Alive: White 3,997, colored 862. Stillborn: White 80, colored 9. Females, White, 1,893, colored 170. No sex given: White 19, colored 6. Twins, thirty-three sets: Males 12, females 13, male and female 8, white 32, colored 1.

Leading Causes of Death—Tuberculosis 281, pneumonia 272, diseases of infancy 176, organic heart diseases 121, diseases of old age 105, typhoid fever 52, cerebral hemorrhage 49, broncho-pneumonia 47, paralysis 44, diarrhea and enteritis under 2 years 43, Bright's disease 42, acute nephritis 40, diphtheria 36, bronchitis 32, homicide 30, suicide 22, pellagra 11.

There were four who had passed the century mark, and a score over 90.

Celeste Suffers \$75,000 Fire Loss.

Celeste Starting in a restaurant, fire swept through six brick office and store buildings here Monday morning. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. Losses were stained by the State Bank of Celeste and the Courier newspaper office, Steve Green, R. H. Stevens, B. Cochran, Stephens and Norris, Patterson Brothers, J. C. Thompson, Burl Porter, Meard and Bickman, Lewis Brothers, Dyer Brothers, G. D. Henslee and S. A. Thomas.

The Peach Outlook Hopeful.

Dallas: Following the recent freezes, H. B. Kooser, general manager of the American Refrigerator Transit Company, sent a box of peach blossoms and buds received from Tyler to Prof. J. C. Whitten, head of the department of horticulture, University of Missouri, for examination. His analysis is encouraging and shows that the East Texas crop is safe so far.

Smothered in a Corn Bin.

Sherman: Alvin Grindstaff, 36 years of age, employed at the Pittman-Harrison Grain Company's plant on East Jones street in the capacity of a sack sewer, died Monday in the corn bin at the plant as the result of being smothered when he sank in the corn near the suction from which the grain was passing out of the bin.

After Two Years Marfa Votes Pro.

Marfa: Local option election held here Monday was one of the most hotly contested elections ever held in Marfa. Results: For prohibition 133, against prohibition 104; majority 29. In the election held two years ago the town went dry by only seven majority.

Nacogdoches County Sawmill Burns.

Nacogdoches: Fire Monday morning partly destroyed Sauer, Whitman company's saw mill at Caro, twelve miles north, entailing a loss of more than \$1,000. The planer commissary and a portion of the lumber stock were saved. It was one of the finest and largest mills in Texas.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

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GOOD NEWS EPITOMIZED

HAPPENINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE.

BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

It Was of Sufficient Importance You Will Find It Recorded Here.

Dallas is making a war on vants.

Now looks like there will be no increase in congressional membership. Transfers in real estate for Dallas in February reached the sum of 73,828.

Arney Oldfield, retired auto king, gone to Los Angeles, Cal., where will open a cafe.

Comanche Indians believe that late of Quahna Parker was poisoned. He did not die from natural causes.

O. Merchant and Davis S. Neal, San Antonio, it is said, quarreled over a woman, which led Merchant to shoot Neal.

The program of the Waxahachie Waterworks, to meet July 25 to August 1, has been completed.

John Leonard, a Tennessee contractor for a 6-mile levee along the Brazos, between Old Washington and Chapel Hill. The price is \$41,325.

The commission form of city council was defeated in Peoria, Ill., by majority of 735. Gross frauds were urged by the advocates of the commission form.

Announcement that it will be a violation of the Texas Pure Food law to use lead piping in any manner connection with soda fountains was made in a bulletin issued by State Food Commissioner Abbott.

The State of Texas has collected \$1,400,000 from four of five express companies doing business in Texas. The sum of \$79.83 in occupation taxes for 1910 and gross receipts on exclusively Texan business.

Adams, a cement worker at the site of Texas Portland Cement Co., West Dallas, last week gave up work on the machinery to save life, the member being torn from his body.

Jack Johnson, negro heavyweight, paid a \$100 fine in San Francisco for unlawful auto speeding. Edgar Stripling, chief of police in Peoria, Ill., for the past 5 years, arrested last week as an escaped convict from the Georgia State penitentiary. He killed a man named Corbett, as he claims, for seducing his wife.

Work on the construction of the Mukden-Antung Railway, which was stopped by the plague, has been resumed. Chinese workmen have been brought in from the plague districts.

Some 220 street car operatives of Oklahoma City went on a strike Sunday morning, asking recognition of the newly formed union organization of the city.

At the sale of the William A. Wood collection a \$3 gold piece mined at San Francisco in 1870 was sold to S. H. Chapman, a dealer in Philadelphia, for \$1,450.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, former United States Chief Executive, is to be a guest of Dallas March 13, and he will at that time be entertained with a dinner at the Oriental Hotel. It is to be a plug hat and dress suit affair, and costs \$10 a plate.

An unidentified man, apparently 65 years of age, died suddenly about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon on Pacific avenue, near the Union depot in Dallas.

Work is being rushed on the Big Bend canal of the Valley Reservoir Irrigation company, which is to water the lands about Chapin. Five cars of machinery for the pumping plant were unloaded and have been repaired.

Recent the reported uprising of the Chinese legation in Washington, denies the Chinese legation, absolutely denies the report of recurrence of the Boxer trouble in Manchuria. As a matter of fact, the country is quiet and peaceful and the people are pursuing their ordinary avocations.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe passenger and freight station burned Friday night at Tecumseh, Okla., the second station within three years. The incendiarism followed robbery of the station, which also included the Wells Fargo Express Company's office.

A St. Louis Shovel Company is sending each car loads of shovels to Seattle, Wash. The shipment goes by rail to New York, thence by steamer around Cape Horn, several thousand miles further, because freight rates are cheaper by the mixed route than by direct all-rail route.

The charter of the Adair Homestead of Clarendon, has been filed in the office of Secretary of State. The institution is to be erected, furnished and endowed by Mrs. Cornelia Adair, mother of the famous Adair ranchman in Donley and surrounding counties.

After the contracts were let for a \$100,000 garbage and sewerage plant at El Paso plant a year ago, it was discovered that the site acquired by the city was included in the National Forest. Another site was purchased, and last week the contracts were signed anew and construction begun.

Mrs. L. B. Rivers, of Dallas, was stricken with apoplexy at 1 o'clock Thursday and died at 10 o'clock at night. Deceased was 70 years old.

H. L. Newman, founder of the American National Bank of El Paso and one of the largest ranch owners in that section, died at his home Wednesday night, aged 73 years.

Texas Division Sons of the American Revolution, at its meeting in Houston elected W. G. Bell, Austin, president; F. F. Downs, Temple, secretary. The next meeting will be held in Austin.

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WHO'S WHO AND WHY

IMPRISONED FOR SMUGGLING



To defraud the government of the United States of its customs coming here from the old world has been the darling wish of many women ever since Americans have been able to indulge in the luxury of an ocean voyage. Miss Multimillionaire, secure in her social position, did not like to be held up on the dock and made to pay large sums for being caught trying to swindle the government. But when she is caught finally she chafes under her treatment, but society stands by her and that encourages others to follow her example.

To remove this prop from the fashionable woman the authorities have decided to jail those caught in defrauding Uncle Sam of his dues. This penalty, it is thought, will prevent reputable women from engaging in the business.

The first to suffer the imprisonment and the odium which attaches to it is Mrs. Roberta G. Hill, divorced wife of Major Hill of the English army. She pleaded guilty to smuggling in a sable coat and jewelry valued at \$8,000, pleading in extenuation that she was ignorant of the law. Judge Martin in New York fined her \$2,000 and sentenced her to serve three days in a cell in the Tombs. Mrs. Hill became hysterical when imprisonment was added to fine. She is a daughter of Morris Menges, horseman of Brooklyn. Mrs. Hill is given to the romantic. At sixteen she married Halsey Corwin of Brooklyn, but she soon after divorced him.

HUNGARIAN STATESMAN HERE



One of the most eminent of European statesmen, Count Albert Apponyi, member of the Hungarian parliament and ex-minister of public worship and education of Austria-Hungary, is now on a visit to this country in the interest of international peace. He has come to deliver a series of lectures on the difficulties of the peace problem in Europe and to urge this country to become the world's leader in the efforts to abolish war. This is not his first visit to the United States. He came here in 1904 to attend the peace conference held at St. Louis. He has been active in the cause of the world's peace for many years and has attended interparliamentary conferences on the subject at Brussels, Christiania, Paris and London.

Count Apponyi is a member of a Hungarian aristocracy which traces its descent in an unbroken line back to 1235. He was born in 1846, was educated in schools conducted by the church and has been in public life since 1872. He was a conservative when first entered politics, but is now the leader of the nationalists, or the Kossuth party, in Hungary. Although an aristocrat by birth and heredity, he is loved for his democracy and years ago relinquished the seat which was his right in the Hungarian house of peers in order to sit in the lower house.

MOUNTS HIGH IN THE ARMY



Another step in his steadily upward career has been taken by Col. Enoch H. Crowder, whose enviable army record is one to stimulate emulation. Gen. George W. Davis, judge advocate general of the army, was retired on account of having reached the age limit, and to the vacancy thus created Colonel Crowder has succeeded in the ordinary course of promotion, as he was the senior colonel in the judge advocate division.

Colonel Crowder is a native of Missouri, where he was born April 11, 1859, the son of John Herbert and Mary (Weller) Crowder. He graduated from the Military academy in 1881, and in 1886 he received the degree of LL. B. from the University of Missouri. Colonel Crowder served in the Philippine Islands in 1898-1901. During the war between Japan and Russia he became conspicuous as an observer of the field maneuvers, being with the Japanese army from April, 1904, until 1905. In Cuba, 1906-'07, he acted as financial advisor of the Cuban government, his services being greatly valued.

IMPORTANT COMMITTEE HEAD



One of the figures of the Sixty-second congress will be Representative Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, selected by the Democratic caucus to head the all-important ways and means committee. Mr. Underwood will be the Democratic floor leader, succeeding in that position Representative Seno E. Payne of New York, and will give his name to the new tariff bill which the Democrats propose to put through.

Mr. Underwood never held an office or was a candidate for such a position until 1894. Then he ran for congress, the entire issue being the tariff, and he had a bitter fight. Speaker Crisp came into the district to help him and when the votes were counted he had won by 1,000. Since that time he has never had an opponent for the nomination. He has been elected to congress eight times, three times without being a close friend and confidential adviser of Champ Clark and is only forty-eight years old. He was born in Boyle, Ky. His grandfather was a colleague of Henry Clay in the senate. Mr. Underwood attended the University of Virginia, graduating in law in 1880. It was there that he began to get his Democratic ideas.

READY FOR SPRING

To all the People in the Surrounding Country

At your convenience we are ready to serve you.

Our preparations for the approaching season have been on a more elaborate scale than ever before.

Magnificent stocks have been assembled.

Many new lines have been added.

Our facilities for handling business have been increased.

Delivery service has been improved.

There seems from our point of view nothing left undone that would contribute to the interests of the people generally.

Advantages to be Gained

These are many. Deliveries are quicker. Smaller stocks may be carried. Purchases of goods only as needed may be made.

Why We Can Serve You Best

We have the goods—as comprehensive in their range of styles and qualities as may be found anywhere, adaptability to this State and section considered. We make the prices—buying of the same original sources of supply as other progressive houses, freighting by water to Galveston, saving every item of freightage possible.

Testing the Matter

Put us to the test—the approaching season will offer a most favorable opportunity. Come and inspect carefully and critically our various lines and learn at first hand the many advantages offered by us.

Our Showings for Spring Include Everything in Dry Goods and Kindred Lines

Dry Goods, Notions,
White Goods, Laces
Embroideries,
Underwear, Hosiery
Suspenders, Gloves
Furnishings

Visiting People Are Invited to Make Our Store Headquarters.

Pecos Dry Goods Company
HOUSE OF OPPORTUNITIES

LOOK TO IRRIGATION

Last Season's Drought Causes Minnesotans to Think.

Want Some Insurance Against Loss of Such Crops as Fruit, Garden Truck and Some Varieties of Field Products.

How last season's drought has set thoughtful men in Minnesota to considering the possibilities of irrigation as an insurance against the loss of crops—at least of such crops as are grown on limited areas, like fruit, garden truck and some varieties of field products—is shown by an article by F. L. Marsh of Champlin, in Farm, Stock and Home, which is in part as follows:

"Irrigation in arid regions is a difficult problem. So is conservation of soil moisture in semi-arid regions. But no one thinks it impious or foolhardy to try either. When a section usually humid becomes temporarily more than semi-arid, can we not at least try to prevent harm, and to some extent make up the deficiency?"

"Gasoline or wind power is cheap, and water is, in many localities, plentiful. Why not use it? I am aware that it is a man's size problem. When we see people try to wet their gardens with a sprinkling can and then say watering is of no benefit, we should recollect that an inch of rainfall means more than 900 barrels to the acre, and six barrels to the square rod. And it needs not one inch, but several. Thus something more is needed than the pail method; the light application that makes a surface crust and leaves the soil dryer after a day of sunshine than it was before. A thorough soaking is required, and the amount of water it takes on sandy land is surprising.

"On the other hand, the amount of water a good pump will throw in a day is surprising. The amount that can be raised on an acre or two of well fertilized, well tilled, and well watered land is very surprising. Another favorable point is, when it is dry it is likely to be hot, and soaking with cold water is better than the scalding vapor bath from sprinkling the hot soil.

"Likely it will be wet next year? How do you know? It will take much more rain than we have had yet to put the subsoil in decently moist condition, and a lot of rain or snow to make a store for next season's conservation or waste. (Which of the two shall it be?)

"Where shall we get the water? What about the thousands of lakes and streams in Minnesota? Can we make no use of them? What about that wonderful underground lake that lies under all this drift-covered region; often only a few feet from the surface, and in strata through which water will flow freely to a drive point? Can't we tap and use that—perhaps with reservoirs made watertight with mud as are our lakes—if we cannot reach a lake or stream?"

"Now I can't tell much about how to irrigate. I know how I intend to try next season if I don't put it off and forget; but my method might not suit another farm.

"I have never seen a season without a drought here or in the east; when a good soaking sometimes during the growing season would not have been a great benefit to berries, potatoes, garden stuff, grass land, and—in lesser degree, perhaps—to all other crops. I would not suggest going into the matter heavily or thoughtlessly, but why not try it on a little patch at least? It would give some vegetables and fruit for winter, and many have none this year. A man here in the village has pumped water on his garden by hand, and has more crop than many times the land without water. He did not sprinkle, but kept the pump going for hours at a time."

The Laying Flock.

Above all, do not allow roup to get a foothold, for nothing will stop their laying any quicker than this. If you have any pullets affected remove them at once from the flock, for roup is very contagious. It would be well to dose the drinking water of these affected ones with a good roup cure for two or three days.

Have you made the nests attractive? If not, this may be another reason why they have not begun to lay as yet. They should have plenty of nice clean nests, each provided with a nest egg. All cock birds should be kept away until the breeding season, for excitement or unrest of any kind is harmful to the unmated hen. If you have erred in bringing up this year's pullets, do not make the same mistake next year.

Warm Place for Sows.

A good, warm, well ventilated sleeping place is absolutely necessary to keep the sows from piling. They will pile up to keep warm where their sleeping quarters are cold. See that the bedding is frequently changed.

SUGAR BEET IN EXPERIMENT

Net Profit of \$24.82 Represents About Best That Can Be Expected From Culture.

This is the time to think seriously about hauling out the manure and applying it to the beet land for by this time we are all agreed that we cannot keep on growing sugar beets without replenishing the soil. We have had plenty of demonstrations to clinch this manure agreement so that there need no longer be any question about it. In all the sugar-coated talk we get from the trust nothing is ever said about the disastrous deterioration of our soils under culture and it is a matter we can no longer sidetrack. Last year in Otero county a field containing 54 acres of cultivated land was planted to beets. The soil is black, heavy adobe, easily cracked when becoming dry so that frequent irrigation is necessary. The preparation of the seed bed, seeding, cultivation and irrigation were carried on promptly and thoroughly regardless of expense, as it was desired to raise the crop according to the standard method of the valley.

Ten acres in this field was fertilized with ten tons of stock yard manure to the acre during the previous winter. On these ten acres which averaged 17.5 per cent, sugar about two acres were sprayed with double strength bordeaux mixture in order to prevent leaf spot. While the disease was not entirely prevented it was checked to considerable degree and the 28.1 tons harvested from this part of the field containing 1.92 acres averaged 14.64 tons the acre with 18.1 per cent sugar.

The second patch also contained ten acres and was fertilized with ten tons of lime the acre from the factory settling basin but not manured. The increase of 6.3 tons on each acre of this land was very marked. Still it must be said that where the lime was used more irrigation was needed during the season. The third patch containing five acres was not manured or limed. The yield was a fraction less than ten tons the acre and probably represents very closely what the whole field would have yielded if no manure or lime had been supplied.

The remainder of the field contained 29 acres, which were manured with ten tons of stock yard manure the acre. This tract showed an increase of 2.36 tons the acre over the adjoining tract not manured. The total cost to grow and harvest these beets, not including rent, was \$45.22 the acre, which left a net profit of \$24.82 and this result comes very near representing about the very best that can be expected from beet culture in this country when the best efforts are put forth to bring a crop through.

Make Cement Posts.

During the winter months a farmer can make a great many cement fence posts if he has some building in which to work where it will not freeze. If he only has molds for a half-dozen posts he can fill them daily and will accumulate posts pretty fast.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

It pays to feed the colts grain. Turn the colts in the yard every day for exercise.

The sheep bites close, and will eat weeds down to the roots. Animals widely different in type very seldom blend successfully.

The favorite age of mules in the market is from four to six years. Three to four brood sows are as many as should be allowed to nest together.

Animals are as uncomfortable as a man would be when forced to stand or lie on a cold cement floor.

Ensilage is one of the cheapest succulent feeds that can be supplied to farm animals during the winter.

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The purpose of a Commercial Club is to promote the prosperity of a community, and no city is up-to-date unless it can boast a live Commercial Club.

Good roads are winning a permanent place in popularity with the farmers and no community is considered progressive that has not improved its public highways. Build good roads and place your community in the progressive class.

The university tax bill has passed authorizing a levy of four cents which shall be divided between the University and the A. & M. college, the former getting 2:45 and the latter the remainder. The levy will raise approximately \$800,000 per annum.

It seems a new precedent is to be set in the matter of establishing county seats. A message from Austin of the 7th states that the McGown bill creating Culbertson county out of the eastern portion of El Paso county had finally passed and is up to the governor for approval. It also states that "Van Horn is to be the county seat." Who knows? Kent and Sierra Blanco are both after this plum.

"Small trees from big acorns grow" or "large trees from small acorns grow"—the old saying goes something like this, but suffice that. When plants stop growing they soon fade and die. The same may be said of a village, town or city, county or province. Everything by force is compelled to move along or else when the progress stops it soon ceases to exist.

A child is not born a man or a woman. It takes 18 to 20 years and sometimes more to mature that child physically and mentally. A city is not made in a day but each peanut roaster, each shanty and each business concern adds one more step in that direction. Let's all work together and keep on working and encouraging new enterprises, new buildings and new corners until Pecos has outgrown the most sanguine expectations of her most optimistic citizen.

The Record is sorry to state that Pecos, like all other cities, has a few moss-backs—not exactly mossbacks, but people who do not wish to see her grow. They are built on too weak a foundation for such a city as Pecos is destined to be. Substantial citizens who subscribed liberally to the building of the P. V. S. since they have been detached from their coin, and have the road, and see the progress along all lines are sore. They have not yet had their eyes opened. They cry, "we do not need another bank, clothing or dry goods store, grocery, newspaper or even a blacksmith shop. It will divide our already satisfactory trade and then none will be able to run a respectable business." Since the building of this road the business of Pecos has almost doubled, new enterprises have sprung up and are doing satisfactory business, and no one has felt keenly the competition caused thereby who have kept awake and invited trade and treated their customers with courtesy and respect. Each and every legitimate enterprise added to a village increases her wealth and the wealth of every citizen within its confines. You may not see it, but it is a fact.

Texas has 122,000 births annually, which is a birth every four minutes, according to the Texas Commercial Secretaries Association, which keeps a close tab on the work of the stork in the state. This is a splendid record but even at this rate it will take the stork sixty-five years to double our population. The stork is a valuable bird but entirely too slow for empire building. We need people from other states and countries.

The immigration movement towards Texas is assuming larger proportions every day, and practically every important railroad whose lines extend into Texas are running special excursion and homeseekers trains into the state. A pleasing feature of our immigration is that it is composed of a class of prosperous, substantial men and women who are turning their faces toward Texas with the view of making permanent homes in the state. The movement towards Texas is a perfectly natural one, as Texas presents golden opportunities to every class of citizenship.

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Will Moses who for ten years was employed as work train foreman and otherwise by the Pecos Valley division of the Santa Fe, has a similar job on the Pecos Valley Southern from Pecos to Balmorhea the thirty-three mile railroad south from Pecos. Will was up last Saturday to see his family who will remain here until after school for the year. —Carlsbad Current

Ben Kraus spent a day or two in El Paso on business this week.

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Reeves
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain judgment issued out of the honorable district court of Reeves county on the 14th day of December, 1910, by the clerk of said court for the sum of nine hundred twenty-six and 50/100 dollars, with interest thereon from the 14th day of December, 1910, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of The Pecos Valley Bank in a certain cause in said court No. 718 and styled The Pecos Valley Bank, a partnership firm composed of W. D. Cowan, John Cowan, Sid Cowan, F. W. Johnson, B. R. Stine, J. L. Duncan, J. G. Love and W. H. Browning, Jr., vs. Charles H. Thorpe and J. N. Leven and placed in my hands for service, I, C. Brown, as sheriff of Reeves county, Texas, did on the 22nd day of February, 1911, levy on certain real estate situated in Reeves county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:
Abstract No. 2738, survey No. 20, block No. C7, public school. Abstract No. 2739, survey No. 21, block No. C7, public school. Abstract No. 2740, survey No. 22, block No. C7, public school, and all situated in Reeves county, Texas, and containing 1920 acres more or less and levied upon as the property of Charles H. Thorpe and J. N. Leven and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1911, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the courthouse door of Reeves county, in the State of Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said judgment I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Charles H. Thorpe and J. N. Leven, and in compliance with the law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding day of sale, in the Record, a newspaper published in Reeves county.
Witness my hand this 27th day of February, 1911. C. BROWN,
Sheriff Reeves county, Texas.
By S. C. Vaughn, Deputy. 16-3t

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Reeves.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of of a certain judgment issued out of the Honorable J. P. court of precinct number one of Reeves county, on the 16th day of May, 1910, by Max Krauskopf, J. P. of precinct number one of Reeves county, Texas, or the sum of one hundred and ninety-five and 80/100 (\$195.80) dollars with interest thereon from the 16th day of May at the rate of ten per cent per annum and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of the Pruett Lumber Company in a certain cause in said court No. 628 and styled Pruett Lumber Company vs. Ike Johnson, and placed in my hands for collection, I, C. Brown, as sheriff of Reeves county, Texas, did, on the 27th day of February, 1911, levy on a certain real estate, situated in Reeves county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Abstract 2665, survey No. 43, block No. 58, public school land, containing 640 acres more or less, situated about nine miles northwest from Toyah, Reeves county, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Ike Johnson, and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1911, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the court house door of Reeves county, in the State of Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said judgment, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Ike Johnson.
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Record, a newspaper published in Reeves county.
Witness my hand, this 27th day of February, 1911. C. BROWN,
Sheriff of Reeves county, Texas.
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These prizes will be made attractive and worth winning, and announcement is made of same at this early date so that all farmers may take notice and so prepare their soils as to try to win one or more of the prizes. Premiums will be awarded for the best specimens of Alfalfa, Fruits, Broom Corn, Sugar Beets, Vegetables, Cotton, Milo Maize, Kaffir Corn and all other Products.

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Church Announcements

METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY—9:45 a. m., Sunday School, C. S. McCarver Supt. 11 a. m., Preaching. 4 p. m., Juvenile Missionary Society (1st Sunday only) Mrs. Ben Randal, Lady Manager. 4:15 p. m., Epworth League, A. J. Curtis, President. 8:00 p. m., Preaching.

TUESDAY—Missionary Society, 1st and 3rd Tuesday's, at 3 p. m. Steward's meeting 1st Tuesday at 8:00 p. m.

WEDNESDAY—Prayer Meeting at 8:00.

FRIDAY—Teacher's Training Class at 8:00 p. m.

SATURDAY—Choir Rehearsal at 8 p. m.

The Missionary Society which was to have met last Tuesday will meet next Tuesday at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night talks and papers will be presented by Bro. McCarver, Sisters Warner and Douglas. Let each member be present.

Strangers welcomed.

HUBERT M. SMITH, Pastor.

Rev. R. S. Tooley will conduct a revival in Pecos beginning on April 9, under the auspices of the Methodist church. Those who have heard him speak of the worth of the man and the preacher in glowing terms.

H. M. SMITH, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching and Communion at 11 a. m.

Junior C. E. at 4 p. m.

Senior C. E. at 6:45 p. m.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday.

A hearty welcome extended all.

HOMER L. MAGEE, Minister.

BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY—9 a. m., Sunbeams. 10 a. m., Sunday school.

11 a. m., Preaching.

4:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U.

8:00 p. m., Preaching.

MONDAY—8 p. m. Men's meeting.

WEDNESDAY—8 p. m., Prayer Meeting.

SATURDAY—8 p. m., Choir practice.

Ladies Aid meets twice a month on Monday's at 4 p. m.

Deacons meet twice a month.

J. B. COLE, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday night at the home of the pastor.

No preaching Sunday as pastor will occupy the pulpit in Van Horn.

A. E. MILLER, Pastor.

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Our Ladies' Slippers are the "hit of the season."—Pecos Dry Goods Company.

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Reeves County. Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of J. D. Shelton, deceased, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Reeves County, to be held at the courthouse thereof, in the town of Pecos, on the 4th Monday in April, 1911, being the 24th day of April A. D. 1911, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 16th day of February, 1911, in a cause numbered 745, wherein Mrs. J. D. Shelton is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of J. D. Shelton are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Suit for the partition of the following described property, to-wit: Lots Six (6) in Block Seventeen (17) in the town of Pecos, Texas, as shown by the plat of said town, recorded in Book 2, Page 259 of the Deed Records of Reeves County, Texas; also Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) all in Block Twenty-nine [29] of the Deed Records of Reeves County, Texas, as shown by the plat of said town, recorded in Book 2, Page 259, of the Deed Records of Reeves County, Texas; also Lots One and Two [1 and 2] in Block Fifteen [15] in the town of Toyah, Reeves County, Texas; also Lots Three (3) in Block Sixteen (16) in said town of Toyah, Reeves County, Texas; it being alleged in plaintiff's petition that plaintiff and said unknown heirs are the sole owners of said property that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple title of an undivided interest in one-half of said property and said unknown heirs the joint owners in fee simple title of the other undivided one-half interest; it being alleged in said petition that said J. D. Shelton, deceased, died on or about the 10th day of Sept., 1910, in Pecos City, Texas, and at the time of said death he and plaintiff were lawful husband and wife, and that said property was the community of said plaintiff and her said deceased husband.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, H. N. McKellar, Clerk of the District Court of Reeves County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the town of Pecos, this the 16th day of Feb.,

A. D. 1911.

SEAL H. N. MCKELLAR, Clerk of District Court of Reeves County, Texas.

Issued this the 16th day Feb., A. D. 1911.

H. N. MCKELLAR, Clerk of District Court, Reeves County, Texas. 2-17-4-7

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New News of Yesterday

by E. J. Edwards



George W. Curtis as Preacher

Famous Literary Man Frankly Read the Sermons of Others to His Little Congregation on Staten Island.

In October, 1877, about a month after George William Curtis had made his brilliant speech at the Rochester, New York, state convention of Republicans in defense of the administrative acts in New York state of President Hayes and John Sherman, as secretary of the treasury—the speech which stirred up United States Senator Roscoe Conkling, at bitter odds with Hayes and Sherman over their removal of certain office holders, to make his now historic reply, in which he referred to Mr. Curtis as a “man milliner”—I went one Sunday to Staten Island to hear George William Curtis preach. Not many persons knew that the charming essayist, the brilliant lecturer, the editor of Harper's Weekly, a man of international fame as a writer, was also the preacher in a little Unitarian church which stood within a few minutes' walk of Mr. Curtis' Staten Island home.

It was a somber autumn day. There had been a heavy storm from the sea, and the wind had not died down at the time of the morning service, so that the branches of the trees whipped occasionally against the windows of the little church as Mr. Curtis conducted the services and read the sermon. His voice was very rich, his utterance distinct, and he so read the sermon as to hold the undivided and close attention of the little congregation to the closing sentence.

After the service he came down the aisle and greeted me, and I said to him: “That was a printed sermon, was it not, that you read to the congregation?”

“Oh, yes,” he replied, “that was one of Thomas Starr King's sermons.” (Thomas Starr King was the Unitarian preacher who, more than any other man, perhaps, saved California to the Union in 1861.) “I make a practice, in selecting sermons for the morning service, to find one especially

appropriate to the day, sometimes to the weather.”

I asked Mr. Curtis if his service in that little church was temporary, and if not, what led him to add this to his many other responsibilities.

“Why, I just got into the way of it, I suppose,” he replied. “Our church was without a pastor at the time, and my friends asked me to conduct the service and to deliver a short address. I told them that I thought the better part would be for me to select some one of the sermons of our great preachers, and they fell in with my idea.

“Why shouldn't a clergyman depart at times from his customary sermon writing, turn to his library, take down some of the religious treasures that he has there, and say frankly to his congregation: ‘I am this morning going to read you a sermon by Theodor

Parker, or by Thomas Starr King or by Henry Ward Beecher.’

“You know, there has been some complaint at the unwillingness, of men, at least, to go to church. Perhaps the reason is that the regular clergyman gets exhausted. Congregations are very quick to detect mental effort, and they know whether a sermon has been perfunctorily written or not. Could not this situation be remedied by frankly reading sermons by the great pulpit leaders? I have found that all the good men of all denominations who have written and delivered sermons have said something that would be of value to other congregations than their own. And I know that our service, in this little Unitarian church, has been very pleasant to us all, has done us much good; and we look forward from one Sunday to another to these simple exercises, when we are able to receive the best thought of the best preachers through the medium of the printed page.”

Sherman's Lost Opportunity

Thinking General Mower Was Mistaken, He Missed a Chance to Capture Joseph E. Johnston and His Entire Army.

How many opportunities Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman felt that he lost no one knows probably. Yet to one man—like Sherman, a veteran of the Civil war—the general once admitted that his lost opportunities were several in number, and he outlined in some detail how he lost a splendid opportunity in North Carolina, after he had made his famous march from Atlanta to the sea, to capture Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's army, bag and baggage, more than a full month before that intrepid Confederate leader surrendered his forces to his Union opponent.

“Some time about the middle of the seventies of the last century, a soldiers' reunion was to be held in my country town,” said Mr. James N. Brown, now a resident of St. Louis, and a veteran of the Tenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, “and thinking that the presence of General Sherman

would be a drawing card, I visited him at his home in St. Louis to invite him to attend our reunion.

“With my regiment I had followed Sherman from Atlanta to the sea, and into North Carolina in the late winter of '65, or, as some would put it, the very early spring; so, while we were discussing various incidents of the war, it occurred to me to ask the general about a strategic movement made by the Union army in North Carolina that had always puzzled me more or less.

“It will be remembered by those present that Gen. Joseph E. Johnston attacked the left wing of Sherman's army at Averysboro, N. C., on March 19, 1865, and handled it pretty roughly. The Seventeenth Corps, under Gen. Francis P. Blair, was on the right of the army and headed straight for Goldsboro, N. C., some twenty-five miles east, where we hoped to meet the commands of Schofield and Terry coming up from the coast. Orders were given to Blair to change his course, which he did, marching all night and gaining a position near the Confederate left. Then, about noon of March 21, orders were given to Gen. Joseph A. Mower, commanding the first division of the Seventeenth corps, to force a crossing over the swamp which protected Johnston's left. This was accomplished, and, much to our surprise, we found ourselves at Johnston's headquarters where we recaptured some of our own men who were held as prisoners.

“Mower learned from our men that the Confederates were surrounded—Sherman's flanks resting on Mill creek, a deep stream—and that the only way Johnston could retreat was across a narrow bridge, and this was under the fire of our men. He at once sent a staff officer to Sherman to explain the situation and ask reinforcements. Sherman, instead of reinforcing, ordered a withdrawal, which was being made just as Wade Hampton's cavalry attacked Mower's right, and the Confederate infantry his left. This opened the pocket and let Johnston out.

“I led up to this situation and asked General Sherman why he gave the order to withdraw. In his vigorous manner he replied:

“I thought Mower was mistaken in his position. I knew him to be a brave, hard fighter, but looked on him as reckless, and I could not believe Johnston would ever permit himself to be caught in such a position. I also knew that if Mower was where he said he was, Johnston would not surrender without a desperate fight, which meant that many of you boys would be left in the pine woods of North Carolina to the tender mercies of the Confederates. My spies had reported that Lee was reinforcing Johnston, how much they could not tell. I did not know what Schofield and Terry were doing down at Newbern, and it was possible that I might be forced back to the seashore somewhere. I also thought I could maneuver Johnston out of his position and, after making a junction with our army at Goldsboro, give him attention later on.

“But if I had known the exact situation, the general concluded in his clear-cut, characteristic style, ‘I would have sent a division to reinforce Mower, and sent orders to press the enemy all along the line to prevent his sending troops against Mower, and Johnston would have been forced to surrender before night—one of my lost opportunities, Mr. Brown.’”

Glance That Broke Bad Habit

Reproachful Look of a Stranger Cured William R. Grace of Using Strong Language, Reform Being Immediate.

A modern Dick Whittington was the late William R. Grace. He ran away from his home in Ireland when he was fourteen years of age, and thirty-four years later found himself elected mayor of the new world's metropolis, to be re-elected four years later, or in 1884. He has gone down in municipal history as one of the strong Democratic mayors of New York.

“I think every man who occupies a prominent public position, or who is in a position of authority in private life, should be very careful to do nothing which would give the slightest offense or cause any shock to those who profess and practice a high standard of moral conduct.” Mayor Grace said to me upon an occasion when we were speaking of a lapse of propriety—not serious—which a man of some public station had permitted himself. “Let me illustrate this by an incident in my own career—and it is one which gives me some gratification whenever I look back upon it.

“You know, that after I had worked my way on a sailing vessel to New York and been here about four years, I made my way to Peru, where I spent the early part of my business life. There I was brought into daily and constant contact with sailors, for ours was a shipping business and some of them were very rough men. As a result, I suppose, I fell into the habit, which is very common at Lima and Callao, of using strong language, and especially when I was excited. I want to say in my behalf, however, that I never permitted myself any oath that was blasphemous; the strong language which I did use would not be esteemed by many persons as very profane. Still, it was not a good habit and did not set a good example.

“In due time I returned to New York as head of the firm which had employed me in Peru, and I brought back with me my habit of using strong language. That was in 1865, and I indulged in it to my heart's content right up to about the time I was

nominated for mayor for the first time. Then, one day, something in the course of business excited me so greatly that I used a lot of strong language that was as near blasphemy as anything I had ever uttered.

“As I was exploding in this fashion I chanced to look past the clerk whose blunder had caused my excitement and language, and beheld a young man—a caller at the office—looking at me with an expression of astonishment and, I thought, reproach, which I shall never forget. He was a young man who regarded me very highly. He knew that I was active in some of the work of my church. He knew that they were talking of nominating me for mayor of New York. And there, all of a sudden, I stood revealed to him as a man who made use of strong language.

“That glance burned into my soul, it seemed. And as it was still upon me, or seemed to be, I said to myself that, leaving all other personal considerations out of view, no man should do anything which should cause a young man to feel that he was being set a bad example—which would give him a moral shock. And then and there I determined that never again would I make use of any manner of speech which would justify the slightest reproach being visited upon me by look or word.

“It may not have been a very serious or glaring defect, but I broke the habit immediately, and I have never made use of strong language since. And in consultation with others about it we came to one opinion: that, besides being a bad example, strong language of the kind I had used was vulgar, something no gentleman should permit himself to indulge in. And you will now see some of the results of that view in the spread of an association whose cardinal principle is the refraining from the use of strong language of any sort whatsoever.”

The association that Mayor Grace referred to was one of the local organizations whose success eventually resulted in the formation of the now powerful and widespread Holy Name Society of the Roman Catholic Church.

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The amendment to the anti-pass law known as the right of contract bill will become a law upon receiving the governor's signature, the house having adopted the senate amendments to the bill.

The house bill provided that the railroad commission should use passes only when traveling on state business, while the senate amendments adopted in the house permits the commission to travel on passes on any business. As finally passed the bill permits volunteer firemen to accept passes while attending conventions, also delegates to farmer's congress, also confederate veterans to reunions and it also permits newspapers to exchange advertising space for transportation.

Our interest is yours; it pays to walk a block.—Pecos Dry Goods Company.

Mr. Swanson has moved his family into his new residence in the Clark Addition.

See those boys spring suits at the W. T. Read Merc. Co's.

Mrs. W. E. Poer came in from the VH ranch Sunday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McIlvain. This is Mrs. Poer's first visit away from the ranch in a long time and it is hoped by her friends that her visit will be a very pleasant one.

Packard Shoes, a new line, all leather; let us show you.—Pecos Dry Goods Company.

Some of the many friends of our fellow townsman, E. L. Collings, are hoping that he will soon return to remain a citizen of Pecos.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Casey, Sr., left last Sunday for a visit to the home of their son, Dr. Casey at Albany. These amiable old people are a blessing wherever they go.

We can help you, ladies, in designing your entire wardrobe.—Pecos Dry Goods Company.

The noise of the hammer and saw is heard in our city and rumor has it that much building is to be done in Pecos in this good year 1911.

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Most of the sick people in town are reported as improving.

E. O. Johnson, cowpuncher recently with Bogel south of Pecos, was in town this week.

"I suppose," gushed the gushing young damsel, "that as you work here in the gathering twilight you often stop to look at the golden orb of day as it sinks slowly to rest, and as it sinks you see painted in the glowing skies beautiful pictures that arouse within your bosom ambitions—ambitions which never may be realized but which lift your soul to a higher realization of the joys and opportunities of life. Is it not true sir?"

"Well," replied Joshua Simpkins, "I have not—that is, not since I signed the pledge and joined the church."

A Big Minstrel Show

The Pecos Commercial Club Band is arranging a program and will give a Minstrel on Friday evening, March 17th. It will be an "Old Fashion Georgia Minstrel," and it is expected that among the leading features will be selections by a noted old-timer with the fiddle, as well as "A wild Irishman" direct from the sod. Watch for further announcements.



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Nellie Melba is another whose golden throat was perfected by nature. When Melba left her Australian home for Paris, where she acquired some "frills," her voice was perfect, so no one, unless it be the unknown teacher in faraway Melbourne, can honestly claim any credit for Melba's "vocal method."

Mme. Tetrizzini, who came rather late into her own, was always a natural singer. It is reported that she studied tone production but five months. But Tetrizzini lived in the home of her sister, Mme. Campanini, who is a singer, and hearing this singer practice for years supplied the clever listener with ideas which enabled her to curtail her own studies by several years.—Harper's Bazaar.



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