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## Initiative, Referendum

Should Be Included in New State Constitution.

Would Eliminate Legislative Graft and Do Away With Pernicious Lobby.

A recent press dispatch from Oklahoma City says:

The passage of the primary election bill by the last legislature is the first step to what may lead to the election of every officer in the new state directly by the people.

Present conditions are parallel to those obtaining in Oregon before that state adopted the initiative and referendum; which has practically put that commonwealth beyond the reach of "special interests." This provision has been given to the people of the two territories in many of the papers here, and comments upon it made by thinking writers in both sections show that it will be acceptable to the people of the new state, and that they will demand that it be made a part of the constitution.

Speaking of this measure Selwyn Douglas who has studied the question closely, said:

"There can be no objection to this measure if it be conceded that the people have the right to govern themselves. Self-government is the principle upon which the American states are all founded. However, up to this time we have had little of it in the Twin Territories. Our legislatures have been corrupted and we have been constantly at the mercy of the jobbers and lobbyists. By the adoption of this provision in our constitution and laws we will be no longer at their mercy, and the lobby will disap-

pear. The destruction of the lobby of itself is sufficient to justify the adoption of the provision.

"There is nothing undemocratic or un-republican in the provision, nothing that the strongest partisan in any party can object to unless he is at the same time interested more in the illegal schemes and financial advantages of some great combine or corporation than he is in the welfare of the general public. A personal friend in Oregon writes me that for twenty years prior to the adoption by that state of the provision the legislature of the state had been notoriously corrupted by lobby influence.

"He also declares that since the 'initiative and referendum' had been made a part of the organic and statutory law of the state the lobby had gone out. Many things have been accomplished for the welfare of the people in the state of Oregon by virtue of the power given them by the initiative and referendum.

"If the papers of the Twin Territories will make it a part of their business to frequently discuss and to invite discussion in their columns on initiative and referendum as provided in the Oregon amendment for a period of three months preceeding the election of delegates to the constitutional convention, very little opposition will develop to the adoption of such a clause in the Oklahoma constitution."

### Wherein Woodward Lacks Wisdom.

If Woodward fails to become one of the leading cities of Oklahoma, it will be directly traceable to its lack of advertising.

There is not a town in Oklahoma, not even in darkened Indian Territory, but that advertises its goods more than Woodward. Even the smaller towns of the county surpass Woodward in this particular.

For this reason, principally, these smaller towns are steadily drawing trade away from Woodward.

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Our merchants have fine stocks of goods, but in nearly every instance fail to keep that fact prominently before the public. And here is where they lose out, and the town loses by reason of their untoward policy.

One store has almost discarded publicity than by any other method except that of giving rebates. Even the most ignorant people know that where rebates are practiced the purchased goods are inferior and the patrons are usually robbed in quality.

Woodward merits better of her merchants. It has three newspapers, equal to any town of like population in Oklahoma.

Woodward should draw trade from long distances instead of losing trade to local competitors in the smaller towns.

Woodward can never be a real city until its merchants rub their eyes free from the blind conservatism which sees in advertising a bug-bear of expense instead of the needed publicity which will coin profits by increased volume of trade to each merchant in the town.

Facts are good nuts to crack. You have them here for your benefit.

### Demand For Mules.

The active demand for mules and the advance in price for a number of years past was attributed in a measure to foreign wars, such as the South African War and the war between Russia and Japan. The wars have now ceased and the world is at peace and yet the price of the mule advances rather than recedes and the demand for him is even greater than during the period of foreign demand for war purposes. The increase in price is said to be due in part also to the better quality of the mule now produced. The extension of our farming area and the recognition of the mule as a superior and economic beast of burden is largely responsible for growing demand and the advance in price. The mule has more endurance than the horse; he requires less care and

less feed. The general prosperity in the South has been especially responsible for much of the increased demand as the mule is peculiarly well adapted to service in the warmer climate. The price which cotton is commanding is factor and it is increasing the cotton area and enabling the farmer and cotton planter to pay good prices. There is a pleasing advance all along the line and there seems to be no immediate danger of the mule supply becoming excessive.

### Replacing Light Steel.

Now that the Santa Fe has started to replace the light steel on the Panhandle line with seventy-five pound material, there is no question left in the minds of the railroad men as to the intentions of the company regarding the making of this line the main route to California.

Already three miles of the line has been rebuilt. The company started work at Danville and is working west. Twelve miles of steel is distributed ready to be put down and the rails for three more miles is in cars on the side tracks at Wellington. In all 56 miles will be laid on the division out of Wellington this year.

These statements come from E. A. Austin, superintendent of the Santa Fe at Wellington. To a reporter for the Eagle Mr. Austin said:

"It will take time to put the Panhandle line in shape to handle the heavy California traffic. The company expects to be sending its main line passenger trains to California through Wichita and on over the Panhandle in less than two years."—Wichita Eagle.

Decoration day was fittingly observed in Woodward. The G. A. R. and the local militia marched to the cemetery, followed by a long line of citizens and the usual ceremonies marked another milestone on the maps of the living, in memory of the dead veterans. In the afternoon, addresses were made by Col. Lon Cameron of Alva and Hon. S. B. Laune of this city, at the District Court room to a crowded house. The day was fine and everything passed off as per program published in last issue of the WOODWARD NEWS.

This office is prepared to print jack and horse cuts on short notice at reasonable rates.

# THE SWINE Department

## HOGS.

### THE HOG PASTURE.

Prices for hogs still continue good and there are reasons to believe that they will hold up for quite a while. The less corn that is needed to produce a fat hog the greater the profit. To produce pork economically and profitably, pasture is a necessity. The man with lots of alfalfa on good bottom land has his hog pasture problem solved. If he can pasture his alfalfa and still make three crops of hay off of it, he can continue pasturing without damage to his stand of alfalfa.

But many of our people do not have enough alfalfa on that kind of land and do not have land that will grow it profitably. They must provide something else and must do it right away. Dwarf Essex rape, planted in rows two feet apart on manured land will give a big yield of nutritious forage throughout the summer. It must be cultivated a little when dry weather comes. Sorghum is an old standby and a liberal patch of it has many uses on the farm. It is useful every season but the very dry ones, it is sure to make some feed. It may be sown at any time from now until July. For hog pasture, it helps to put in rows and cut it once a time.

Cowpeas and soy beans do have their place in the hog lot. Sometimes hogs waste cow peas by rooting after the roots instead of eating the tops. Soy beans should be ready mature before pastured. They give a good crop of grain that the pigs can harvest with little loss. Peanuts have their uses as hog pasture, though they are not generally grown.

It takes good land to give big yields of forage crops. Manure the hog lot well every year. Well manured land stands drought better than thin, hard paid without any vegetable matter in it.

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### KEEP PIGS GROWING.

There is nothing that pays better on the farm than time given to properly caring and feeding hogs and pigs. In years past the pigs had to take care of and shift for themselves. It was thought not worth while to extend any attention or particular care upon them.

It is known now that this failure was expensive, as nothing is more profitable to give time and thought than to the feeding and care of the hogs.

They should be kept growing from the start. Never permit them to become stunted through lack of feed, as it requires too much effort and extra food to get them started up again.

It is much easier to keep a ear in motion when once started than to be compelled to start it every once in a while. Growing the pigs is of the same character. They should be fed a grain food with pasture from begin-

ning to the end to get the best growth out of them. Of course you want to get all the growth and gain out of grass that you possibly can, but to get the best results it must be combined with a grain food of some character.

Keep them growing. Keep them in good condition. Be sure that they do not get constipated. Watch them closely and your labor and attention will be rewarded.—Swineherd.

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### A YEAR'S HOG SLAUGHTERING.

The Cincinnati Price Current shows that the total slaughtering of hogs in commercial plants for the year ending March 1, was 31,285,000 head. It is hard to comprehend this number, but if these hogs could be placed in a line it would girdle the globe. Their cost is estimated at \$365,487,000. This is the greatest number of hogs ever slaughtered in one year, but their aggregate cost has been higher in years when prices were better. During the past decade the slaughtering of hogs has been practically at a standstill. It has varied from year to year but without any tendency to increase. In the same period of time the western slaughtering has shown a steady growth, due to the location of packing plants near the source of largest supplies. The increase in packing last year was practically all in the summer season, March 1 to November 1, a time when hogs are produced with least cost, indicating that producers are awake to this important point. The average weight of the hogs marketed is much less than it was twenty-five or thirty years ago. Producers have found that the light hog is least costly and consumers prefer that kind. The tendency of this business has been in favor of the producer for many years. He can now market a hog that costs him a minimum at a price around the top. He has many markets and convenient to his location. His hogs can be handled at any season of the year instead of during the colder months only as was the case years ago. And the slaughterers have developed new markets, uses and economies in which he shares. Producers have shown their appreciation of these advantages by steadily and enormously increasing their output of hogs.—National Stockman and Farmer.

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It is predicted that the agitation for the bacon hog will ultimately change the character of the United States hog. The all fat hog of the past will in the future be partly replaced by the bacon hog, and the fat or lard hog as a whole will in the future more nearly approach the bacon hog in form. Of course there will always be a demand for lard; consequently there will always be a place for the fat or lard hog, but the bacon hog will occupy a more prominent position in the future than in the past.

There is no better grain ration for young growing pigs than wheat middlings. The pigs like it and it contains the food nutrients in just the right proportions to give the most economical results, says a correspondent in the Michigan Farmer. But when you attempt to feed corn with wheat middlings, then there ought to be a little skim milk to mix with the middlings to balance up the corn ration. Middlings contain a nutritive ratio of one to four, which is just right for the young growing pigs. Corn contains too large a per cent of carbohydrates, hence the ration when you add corn is made a little too wide or the most economical feeding.

### Kingfisher Chautauqua Announcement.

This year it will open its main programme on June first, but on May 31st, Thursday, there will be a Farmers Free Day when the entire programme will be lectures on subjects of vital interest to farmers. At 10 A. M. Prof. Nicholson, State Entomologist, of the Oklahoma Agricultural College, will lecture on "The Time to Fight Insects." At 1:30 p. m. The Texas Alfalfa King R. E. Smith, will deliver a lecture on "Alfalfa, Live Stock and Riches." He will be immediately followed by Director Field, of the Oklahoma Agricultural College, on the subject of "Farming Upland Profitably." It will mean an hundred of dollars to every farmer who hears these lectures, and follows the knowledge obtained.

Beginning June 1st there will be a round of lectures, and entertainment from breakfast on the grounds in the park at 7:30, until 11 at night. Boys over ten years old will be all day under the instruction of two of the most noted Y. M. C. A. Athletes in a round of sports and athletics. The young ladies will be given instruction in elocution and physical culture by one of the most talented readers of the land. A celebrated male quartette will give daily concerts. A brilliant lecturer will hold round-table. All this will occur every day.

One of the greatest Sunday School experts will train Sunday School officers and teachers in a normal course for more successful work. There will be two evenings of eastern magic, two of moving pictures. The great wit, McClary, will be here two days, Dr. Snape one, Dr. Hughes two, Bishop Brooke one, and others one or more.

Expense has not been spared to make this, the fourth annual assembly, the greatest and best that there has been. There will be hundreds camping in the shade of the trees in the park, and it is the one opportunity of the year to get a rest, and be instructed and entertained while resting. Everyone who tries it will be glad for having done so.

We see by the papers that Shawnee, Hobart and Tonkawa are taking steps to have Congress set aside school sections adjoining the respective towns, for educational purposes. It would appear that Woodward would have as much merit in her favor for setting aside a school section for a county high school.

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W H Holcomb to R I McManus, ne 1/4 nw 1/4 sec 15 se 1/4 sw 1/4 s 1/4 sec 10-23-21,	310
J Seaggs to E H Richard et al: lots 1-2 blk 9 E Woodward,	550
E H Richard to H Roth, e 1/4 nw 1/4 ne 1/4 sec 20-23-19,	1500
H Roth to M Richard w 1/2 ne 1/4 sec 20-23-19,	600
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N H Trowbridge to L Stump, part of ne 1/4 sec 12-20-19,	40
H W Rosabaugh to S E Vincent, n 1/2 se 1/4 sec 24-27-19,	500
K C Candy to F I Veitor, lots 5 6 blk 7 Supply,	69
M B Grapes to S J Cooper et al, s 1/4 ne 1/4 ne 1/4 sec 22-26-22	1000
W P Murray to T H Murray, sw 1/4 sec 1-22-26,	1500
F E Downs to F H Wilkes s 1/4 sec 37-24-25,	2000
V M Still to G Jones, s 1/2 nw 1/4 s 1/4 ne 1/4 sec 27-25 25,	500
W E Halsell to F V Brandom sw 1/4 sec 36-25-22,	120
C A Pierson to H Stephenson, nw 1/4 ne 1/4 sw 1/4 ne 1/4 nw 1-4 se 1-4 nw 1-4 sec 19-25-22,	1600
A Lacamp to school Dist 128 part of ne 1-4 sec 26-20-24,	1.00
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F G Clark to Farmers bank part of sec 12-20-19,	25
M Austin to A W Cruson, ne 1-4 sec 29-24-19,	1600
J P Gandy to J Gandy, lots 9-10 blk 11 Supply,	2500
J C Gandy to J Gandy lots 6-7-8-12 blk 11 Supply,	250
P Lafore to W W Standiford, lot 13 blk 49 Woodward,	40

FARMERS, WHISKY AND BANKS

United States Treasury Grants Favors to the Last two Only

"A few years ago," writes Tom Watson in his Magazine for May, "during

a period of great stringency in the money-market, the farmers of the West and the South pleaded with the Government for relief. They asked that the United States Treasury lend them money at the same rate of interest that the Government paid on its bonds. To secure the loan, they offered to give a mortgage on their lands, and deposit warehouse receipts for cotton, wheat and corn.

"The proposition of the farmers was rejected with a burst of ridicule and wrath which even now seems incredible. The whisky dealers were securing a loan of many millions of dollars, annually, from the Government, at five per cent, interest. That is to say by depositing the whisky with the Government, they could use in their business, for three years, at five per cent, interest, the tax of ninety cents per gallon which was then imposed upon the whisky.

"The national bankers could deposit their property with the Government and secure the loan of hundreds of millions of dollars practically free of interest. That is to say, the national banker could deposit his bond with the Treasury Department and get ninety dollars in notes to be used as money for every hundred dollars of bonds so deposited.

"But when the farmers asked to have the same system of national loan extended to land, cotton and wheat, the statesmen who voted loans on whisky and bonds could see no good thing in the proposition."

Married.

An interesting wedding occurred here last week wherein Austin B. Jones of Bloomington, Ill. and Mrs. Sarah Flick of Peoria, Ill., were united, by Rev. J. W. Kendall. Mrs. Flick was a heavy purchaser of Fort Supply reservation land some years ago, and Mr. Jones came out with her to see the country. The charms of Woodward air and scenery were too much to withstand, and the wedding was pulled off at once. Both parties are wealthy and both are believers in Woodward county's permanent prosperity.

Geo G. Naden and Mrs. Martha Turner, both prominently identified with the business life of Gage, came up Wednesday, were pronounced husband and wife by Rev J. W. Kendall, and departed for Kansas City on night train, all on Wednesday May 23rd. The News joins hosts of friends and best wishes for their present and prospective happiness.

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Every contract includes offer and an acceptance.

An offer or proposal for a contract may be made in person, by agent, telegraph, or by letter, and an assent to it or an acceptance of it may be given in the same manner.

If the proposition is made by letter, and is sent by mail, the person making the offer may retract by a subsequent letter which reaches the offeree at any time before an answer of acceptance has been written and put in the mail.

Example: A in Detroit mails a letter on Friday to B in New York offering to sell him five hundred dozen eggs at eight cents a dozen. This letter reaches B Saturday noon. Sunday morning A writes a letter to withdrawing his offer, which letter reaches B Monday morning, which he is in the act of writing a letter accepting the offer. It is too late for him to mail the letter and thereby accept it.

As soon as an acceptance is put into the mail the contract is closed as to both parties.

Example: On Friday, A in Detroit writes a letter to B in New York, offering him five hundred dozen. The letter reaches B Saturday noon. Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock B writes a letter accepting the offer, and deposits it in the mail box provided by the post office delivery B receives a letter from A withdrawing his offer. A's withdrawal is too late; the contract was closed at 3 o'clock.

An acceptance by letter takes effect from the time when it is mailed and not from the time of its receipt by the party making the offer.

A retraction, however, takes effect when the letter of retraction is received and not at the time of mailing it.

The law as to the making of contracts by letter, telegraph, etc., grew out of the practice in early days of transmitting communications by private agencies. In an early case it was decided that a sale was complete when the letter of acceptance was mailed in response to a mailed letter containing the offer, the court merely deciding that by sending the offer through the mail the offerer made the mail his agent for the receipt of his acceptance.

The theory is therefore that where a man making an offer uses the United States mails for the purpose of transmitting his offer he makes the postoffice department his agent, and an acceptance delivered to an agent is the same as if delivered to the principal. It is on this theory that a contract is complete when the acceptance is delivered to the postoffice for transmission; while a retraction is not complete until it is delivered to the person to whom it is addressed, the mail not being the agent of the acceptor but the agent of the offerer, that being the means he has chosen by which to offer.

The fact that the post has become a public agency and not a private agency as formerly, does not prohibit the application of the theory; one may make a public agency his own agent as much as he can make a private individual his agent.

So one may be bound when he really

does not know that he is bound, as one does not usually know the moment when an acceptance is put into the mails.

If a proposition and its retraction reach the person to whom they are sent at the same instant of time the question arises as to the result of an acceptance. It has been held that if the offer was opened and an acceptance posted before the letter of retraction is opened and read, the contract is binding. If the letter containing the offer is opened and read and afterwards the letter of retraction is read, and then a letter accepting is posted, it is not a contract. The person must have had no actual notice of the retraction at the time when he mails his acceptance in order that the contract may be complete.

If A should send by mail an offer of goods at a certain price, and ten hours later to ensure a sale, send a second offer of the same goods for less money and B mails an acceptance of the first offer before he receives the second offer, he cannot avoid his first acceptance by writing an acceptance of the second offer and putting it in the mails, stating therein that he avails his first acceptance. If on receipt and two hours later receives the second offer of a lower price and then telegraphs his acceptance of the second offer, disaffirming the first, he is still bound to the first acceptance. A contract once made is irrevocable except by the agreement of both parties. The moment the letter accepting the first offer was posted the contract was complete, even although the acceptance never reached the offerer. Nearly all questions of validity of contracts by mail and telegraph may be answered by bearing in mind that the contract is complete the moment the letter accepting the offer is posted.

It must be borne in mind that the posting of the letter of acceptance, or the sending of the telegram, must be such a posting or sending as puts the communication practically out of the control of the sender; for instance, if the acceptor wrote his letter of acceptance and placed it in his own private letter box to be called for by his own private messenger at a certain time in the day and taken by him to the post office, it is not posted within the meaning of the law. Or, if the acceptor give the letter to a messenger, other than a postman or accredited agent of the postoffice department, he has not thereby made the acceptance complete until his messenger has placed the letter in the postoffice box, or the postoffice, or delivered it to an accredited agent of the postoffice authorities, so that if one writes a letter of acceptance and give it to a private messenger to be taken to the postoffice and a telegram is received withdrawing the offer while the messenger is en route to the postoffice, even although he may be at the very door of the office, the retraction of the offer is sufficient.

It is barely possible the statehood bill will crawl out of hiding and hop some appropriation bill and ride into enactment. What a disagreeable comment on that miserable imbecile, old Joe Cannon,

**ALCOHOL FOR FUEL.**

I enclose copy of report of the Committee on Ways and Means on The Payne Bill, H. R. 17453, providing for the use, of internal revenue tax, of domestic alcohol rendered unfit for use as a beverage, which was passed through the House on April 16th by a vote of 222 to 7.

The enactment of this bill will greatly benefit the farmers, both by providing additional domestic markets for corn, potatoes, and other farm products, and by giving them a material that can be used for illuminating, heating and cooking purposes, and as a motor fuel for the internal combustion engines which are used for running farm machinery.

The enclosed certificate shows that when burned in a lamp using an incandescent mantle, alcohol gives a brilliant, steady white light at a cost that compares favorably with kerosene. It has been demonstrated that with two lamps giving the same candle power light, one containing a quart of alcohol and the other a quart of kerosene, the alcohol lamp will burn almost exactly twice as long as the kerosene lamp. There is no question but that denaturized alcohol can be sold for less than twice the price of kerosene, and it would be extensively used for lighting.

For heating and cooking purposes alcohol has been found to give excellent results, as it is clean, safe and economical, and would be used to a very large extent, particularly in those sections of the country where wood is scarce and coal is dear.

The only liquid fuel now available for international combustion engines is gasoline, which has more than doubled in price during the past few years owing to the greatly increased use of this kind of engines for farm work, and for motor vehicles and power boats. Unless an alternative fuel can be secured, there is every prospect of a still further increase in the cost of gasoline, which will make its use by the farmers for motor fuel purposes prohibitive.

That this legislation is entirely practicable is shown by the experience of Great Britain, Germany, France, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Argentine Republic, Brazil, Cuba, and other foreign countries, where no taxation is imposed on industrial alcohol.

Under separate cover I send you copies of the petition asking for the enactment of this legislation. Please sign these petitions, and have them signed any parties who may favor the removal of this tax, and send one of them to each of the Senators from your State, with a letter urging them to use their influence with the Senate Committee on Finance to secure a favorable report on this measure, so that it may become law at the present session of Congress.

The wood alcohol and other antagonistic interests are making a vigorous effort to delay action on the Payne Bill in the Senate, and it is highly important that all who favor this legislation should immediately write to their senators, advising them as to the importance of this legislation, and asking them to do all in

their power to further it.

Yours very truly,  
NAHUM J. BACHELDER,  
Master National Grange.

**REPORT NO. 1917.**

Report on comparative test of the Boivin incandescent mantle alcohol lamp and a round wick center draught Miller kerosene lamp. Order No. 1859.

The technical details of the test are set forth in report No. 1916. The nature of the lamps tested is indicated in the attached photograph.

From the results of the tests the following data are compiled:

Alcohol Lamp, One Gallon will last 57 hrs. 5 min.; Candle-power 30.35; Candle-power hours 1732.

Oil Lamp, One Gallon will last 28 hrs. 40 min.; Candle-power 30.8; Candle-power hours 883.

Approved by Clayton H. Sharp, Test officer.

Electrical Testing Laboratories,  
PRESTON S. MILLER.

**TAX-FREE DENATURED ALCOHOL.**

(From the report of the Committee on Ways and Means on House Bill 17453, providing for the removal of the internal-revenue tax from domestic alcohol rendered unfit for beverage purposes.)

The bulk of free denatured alcohol in Germany is used for the purpose of light, fuel, and heat. A lamp is now made with a Welsback mantle which produces a very strong, steady, and high-grade light by the use of alcohol. Experiments have been made testing this lamp with the most improved pattern kerosene lamps with round wicks and of equal candle-power; it was found that a gallon of alcohol would keep the alcohol lamp burning twice as many hours as would a gallon of kerosene burning in the most approved pattern of kerosene lamp which is in general use. In other words, 1 gallon of alcohol is equal to 2 gallons of kerosene for lighting purposes. Hence, it follows if the price of alcohol methylated is less than double the price of kerosene its use, especially on the farms and in the villages of the country, would become enormous.

During the past few months experiments have been made in adapting gasoline power engines to the use of alcohol. This has been successfully done in Germany for several years though there they generally mix 25 per cent. of gasoline with the alcohol to obtain a more ready ignition of the fluid, which is forced into the cylinder of the engine in the form of vapor. Experiments in this country have developed the fact that alcohol can be used just as readily as this mixture with gasoline on the gasoline itself and the operation of the engine with its use is perfect. The use of small motor engines running with gasoline has become very large. In the estimate before the Committee, it would appear that 300,000 of these engines were now in use and that the annual output is more than a hundred thousand.

These engines are especially adapted to farm use for pumping water, cutting feed, filling silos, threshing grain, and the multiplied uses to which a stationary power on a farm is

adapted. The principal objection to gasoline, aside from its cost, is the danger to the farm buildings from fire. A gasoline fire cannot be quenched with water. On the other hand, water seems to scatter the gasoline and increases the danger. But an alcohol fire is easily put out by the use of water. Large numbers of these motors are also used in automobiles, the number of which is increasing with wonderful rapidity, and for motors in small boats.

Alcohol would be able to supplant gasoline and kerosene in the production of power and light and great good would result, especially to the farmers of the United States. It seemed reasonable that this result would follow, and, with the temporary loss which would come to the wood alcohol industry. This belief is shared by the great mass of our citizens from all parts of the United States, and the demand for tax free denatured alcohol is well-nigh universal.

**Report of School Treasurer.**

The following is the report of N. R. Walker, treasurer of the Woodward schools for the year ending May 29, 1906:

RECEIPTS.	
Territorial fund	\$1,130.88
County tax	1,458.24
District tax	3,215.04
Bonds for building	1,540.00
Bal. May 28, '05	383.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,637.42</b>
EXPENDITURES.	
Teachers	\$4,610.51
Janitor	398.36
Incidentals	477.03
Fuel	257.95
Insurance	98.72
Building and furniture	1,658.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,600.93</b>
Balance in treasury	36.49
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$7,637.42</b>
Outstanding warrants	708.05

**Sale Dates.**

The American Galloway Breeders' association claim the following sale dates:

October 11th, American Galloway Breeders' association, combination sale, Kansas City, Mo.

December 6th, American Galloway Breeders' association, combination sale, Chicago, Illinois.

C. K. Luce and wife and E. R. Linn and wife contemplate leaving for Chicago, June 6, 1906. The ladies expect to remain all summer, while the gentlemen will return in about ten days.

Another heavy rain fell yesterday afternoon. There has been no lack of rain so far this season.

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Woodward county is a beauty spot of the universe. Its green carpeted prairies, fertile fields and sparkling streams all combine to make it the ideal home of progressive, intellectual, cultured and prosperous people.

"Taxes at 6 per cent in a county the size of Woodward, Whew!" This is the common remark of would-be investors. The county can never make a substantial growth under these conditions. Drive the rascals out!

The City Council should lose no time in certifying our population to the Governor, asking him to proclaim Woodward as a city of the first class. We understand that every member of the council is in favor of this action; hence there should be no delay.

A. N. Howe was down from Madison this week shaking hands with many old friends. Mr. Howe resides just across the line in Beaver county and is one of the earliest farmers and cowmen of that section and hauled the first load of wheat into Woodward from north of the Santa Fe. He was also the first man to hand in a subscription to the Live Stock Inspector when it started here a little over twelve years ago.

Our cartoon showing Oklahoma kneeling in petition for statehood in last issue is from the pencil of U. M. Cooley, formerly of Woodward county, who is an artist of rare concept and power. The NEWS expects to publish more of his cartoons from time to time and its readers will be pleased to know that Mr. Cooley is now equipped in Kansas City for making all kinds of pictures, designs, half tones, zinc etching and everything of this nature and invites your patronage.

Bill Bolton is now publishing Freeman, Millers' statehood poetry. No doubt Joe Cannon will now surrender at discretion. —Wichita Daily Eagle. Joe Cannon would have been deprived of his power to hurt Oklahoma if congressman Victor Murdock of the Wichita Eagle and a few of his fellow representatives from Kansas and Missouri who claim to be friends of Oklahoma, had possessed sufficient courage and manhood to spike the dead old smooth-bore when they had a chance to help us, but refused to do so.

Fire was discovered at the depot Sunday, but by the time the hose cart arrived the fire was all extinguished. No damage was done, however, except a small hole which was burned in the roof.



Had it not been for the unfriendly vote of congressmen from Kansas and Missouri who refused to vote for Statehood at a time when their votes alone would have given us the state, this old man's whiskers would have been shorn long ago.

When a man has no friends it is usually his own fault.

Congressman Murphy says: "In my opinion statehood is dead." When it is considered that Murphy less than six months ago, told the people of the Indian Territory that there was a good chance for the separate admission of that territory as the state of Sequoyah, the conclusion is invariably reached, that his opinion does not amount to much.

The farmers may conclude to name a county ticket, as each of the old parties will undoubtedly do. Under this arrangement, some of the present county officials hope to sneak back in, after plundering the people for one or more terms of mistaken trust. The only way therefore to get these varmints, is to spot 'em now before the campaign opens, and when you vote, be sure that not one of them is on your ticket!

The "old man" left yesterday morning for Shawnee, Okla., to attend the Territorial Editorial convention and put in his best licks for Woodward. Just before going he amputated his whiskers and in the future instead of being mistaken for Judge Marum or Col. Brockhaus, everybody will be calling him Mr. Viets, proprietor of the new clothing store—when the editor has his head covered, of course.—News.

Russia has forbidden the publication of Kuropatki's history of the war. The old general must have confined himself to the truth.

Doctors Ralph and J. M. Workman are going to Boston the 29th of this month to attend the annual American Medical Association to be held at that place and during their absence, Dr. Pierson will have charge of the railroad patients.

The principle of "Lowest responsible bid for all public work" is living vital, and everlasting. With it enforced, graft hides, its ugly mug and the people, get good government at lowest cost. The NEWS asks nothing for itself that it does not grant to all others, the right to bid for public printing and has no sore spots when the lowest bidder gets it!

It is all stuff to talk about the local election in the twenty-six counties of Oklahoma costing a hundred thousand dollars. And why wouldn't it be just as well to provide that the officers elected this fall should hold over, as to provide that the officers elected two years ago should hold over. This is a mere mathematical problem, and even if the enabling act is passed, the people may refuse to accept such a constitution as may be presented. Stranger things have happened. —Kingfisher Free Press.



The telephone Co. are at work on their new poles.

Col. McPherson who has been visiting in Iowa, returned Wednesday evening.

Geo. M. Sprigg left Monday for his ranch in Dewey county to look after business affairs.

J. D. Palmer from Oklahoma City is the new Slide Trombone player in the Redmen's band.

Mrs. Jim Hastings and mother, Mrs. Layton, are visiting Mrs. Geo. Hastings at Gage this week.

L. J. Hudson and wife moved their furniture from the milliner shop to their farm near Tangier, Monday.

W. E. Jennings made a flying trip to Shattuck last Saturday. He reports crops fine in that vicinity.

J. J. Gerlach and wife are visiting in Canadian, Texas, Oklahoma City and other various points this week.

Mr. Harding from Eastern Oklahoma has rented the Cattle King hotel for one year beginning with July 4th.

Jno. Miller drove out in the country Sunday and killed a snake 12 feet long. This is the truth, because he told us so!

Wheat crop received some encouragement from rains Tuesday, but more is needed. Some fields are jointing very low.

E. R. Linn had the misfortune to have a \$55 colt badly cut in the wire fence, last week, out on Mr. Morgan's place west of town.

Att'y. Clyde Wyand made a business trip to Beaver City last week. His family also went with him, returning the first of this week.

T. J. Gates from Moscow was trading in the city Monday. He says the Santa Fe is driving stakes and cutting timber for the new railroad.

J. A. Piburn of Lamont, Grant county, Oklahoma was in town Saturday on business. He is an old time friend of the editor; knew him in Kansas.

While riding a bad broncho last week Tom Yarrow met with serious accident coming what is termed a kind of Rectill abscess. The trouble became so painful and dangerous that Doctor Rose was called on and now Tommy is out again feeling and realizing a rapid recovery.

#### SUCCESSFUL PRESS MEETING.

Enid Eagle:

The meeting of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory press associations at Shawnee Friday and Saturday was the largest and most successful meeting of territorial quill-pushers ever held. With the attendance from Oklahoma was much larger than that from Indian Territory, the latter made a noble showing of themselves.

The indorsement of Frank H. Greer for president of the National Editorial Association by a practically unanimous vote was a fitting tribute to Oklahoma's pioneer metropolitan newspaper man.

In the selection of officers and place of next meeting the following division was made, by resolution: Indian Territory, place of meeting, national committeeman, first and second vice presidents, secretary and treasurer, and two members of the executive committee: Oklahoma, president, third vice president, financial secretary, and three members of the executive committee.

The officers selected under this rule were:

President, O. K. Benedict, Hobart News-Republican; first vice president George H. Evans, Chickasha Express; second vice president, F. E. Amos, Vinita; third vice president, Maud Thomas, Beaver Herald; financial secretary, Harry Gilstrap, Chandler; treasurer, Louis Paulin, Durant; national committeeman, Col. C. B. Douglas, Muskogee Phoenix. Executive committee, W. I. Drummond, Enid Eagle; Robert A. Neff, Lawton Democrat; C. F. Barrett, Shawnee Herald; Paul Smith, Atoka and A. N. Kate, Claremore.

The following were named as delegates to the national convention at Indianapolis.

W. E. Bolton, Live Stock Inspector, Woodward; George A. Smith, Tribune Chandler; Roy Stafford, Oklahoma City; Lon Whorton, Sentinel, Perry; John P. Hinkle, Gazette, Stillwater; J. J. Burk, Transcript, Norman; E. E. Brown, Times-Journal, Oklahoma City; Maud O. Thomas, Herald, Beaver; Roy Williams, Constitution, Lawton; J. W. Bishop, Chieftan, Cleo; W. M. Allison, Signal-Star, Snyder; E. D. Prichard, Republican, Erick; R. H. Wessel, Enterprise, Frederick; P. R. Coldren, Enterprise, Granite; J. B. Campbell, Hornet, Waukomis; L. G. Niblack, Leader, Guthrie; W. B. Walker, News, Arapaho; C. B. Douglas, Phoenix, Muskogee; W. S. Russell, Capital, South McAlester, R. H. Simpson, Capital, Tishomingo; William Stryker, Democrat, Tulsa; Sidney Suggs, Ardmoreite, Ardmore; S. L. Johnson, Workmen, Okmulgee; F. S. E. Amos, Leader, Vinita; Harry Kyle, News, Cuth McAlester. Crossett, Caddo Herald.

The people of Shawnee are certainly entitled to first money as entertainers. They neglected nothing to make the visit an enjoyable one and a pleasant memory to all who attended. The city was profusely decorated with flags and bunting, and every convenience was placed at the disposal of the visitors.

A reception, ball and banquet, carriage and street car rides over the city, and many other courtesies won for the beautiful forest city a warm

place in the hearts of all the newspaper men. The Pioneer Telephone Company tendered the free use of all its lines in the two territories during the entire two days, while the Shawnee street railway company invited the visitors to ride anywhere at any time on the same terms. At the reception at Carnegie Library, the beauty of Shawnee were present, making that occasion one of the most pleasant imaginable.

#### DESTRUCTION OF SAN FRANCISCO.

##### Stupendous Disaster to be Shown in Miniature.

Norfolk, Va.

The destruction of San Francisco by earthquake and fire is to be made the subject of the most elaborate mechanical spectacle ever devised which is to be seen next year at the Jamestown Ter-Centennial, near Norfolk, on the borders of Hampton Roads, Virginia. The spectacle is to be on the lines of the Johnstown and Galveston Flood production. The New York man who controls a large tract of space for amusement concessions at the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition next year said: "Artists and photographers are already on their way to San Francisco to get the material for reproducing the disaster in miniature, with fidelity of every detail. It is probable that the spectacle will be worked out under the direction of E. J. Austin, the English artist, who made successes of the Johnstown flood at the Buffalo Exposition and the Galveston flood at the St. Louis World's Fair, both of which are now at Coney Island. From a showman's standpoint the Frisco disaster offers great possibilities and we are going to take advantage of them."

The destruction of the great American city with the miraculous escape of the bulk of its 400,000 inhabitants, out-classes in interest and dramatic effect most of the great disasters in the history of the world. The drama of this dreadful event as reproduced in miniature at the Jamestown Exposition will bring it before the mind of the beholder with a vividness second only to having seen the actual event. In fact it will give a far clearer idea of the frightful ruin of a great city in a few moments than could possibly have been gained by being present in the western city at the time of its destruction. This is true because it will be seen in its entirety, a thing impossible to one who was actually in the horror, and it will be seen without the natural right and unnatural discomfort which accompanied the witnessing of the actual event.

To the visitor to the Jamestown Exposition the drama of ruin will set forth with all the romantic interest that attaches to the history of the last days of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

#### Another Murder in Beaver County.

Last week a young German former known by the name of Fratyke and his mother, who have a claim near Guyman, were found murdered. Investigation developed the fact that it was

a young man named John Rank who had worked for them was missing and an officer started in search of him. He was found near Carthage and captured although heavily armed. He at first denied all knowledge of the crime but finally confessed that he first killed Fratyke and then shot the old lady twice while she was attempting to escape. Rank claims Fratyke owed him twenty dollars for work but quarreled with him and would not pay it. Rank is about 22 years of age. He has served time in the reform school.

#### Good Crop Outlook.

The crop outlook at this time is promising, the figures for May 1 issued from the bureau of statistics show the condition of winter wheat 91 per cent, winter rye 93 per cent, meadow land 92, spring pasture 91 per cent. Of the acreage of spring plowing 64 per cent was completed on May 1. This is somewhat less than other years the weather during March and April retarding this work. Of spring planting 53 per cent is reported as having been completed on May 1. This work has also been somewhat delayed by the lateness of the season.

Although the acreage of winter wheat has decreased 6 per cent, the estimated yield is considerably larger than last year. The past winter was an exceptionally mild one and crops were not injured to any extent until the cold snap in March and then those sections of the country covered with snow escaped any serious injury. During the past week the winterlike weather wrought considerable damage to garden truck and fruit crops in many sections, but the growing grains were uninjured. The area to be devoted to corn will be as large as last year and indications point to a bumper crop again this season, the only thing to hinder it being unfavorable weather from now on.

Weekly trade reports state that the government report on the crops lent much encouragement to the trade in all lines. Correspondents report that farm work is progressing rapidly, live stock of all kinds is in good condition and the outlook from the farmer's standpoint is especially bright.

#### Is Sued for Large Sum.

Kingfisher, Okla., May 14.—Suit was filed in the district court of Kingfisher county, today, for \$10,000 against J. C. Fisher, of the O'Keene Eagle, by J. E. Engler, a farmer residing near Kingfisher. Mr. Fisher and a party from O'Keene were driving an automobile into Kingfisher, when they met Mr. Engler and his two children in a carriage. Their horses became frightened and ran a way. The vehicle was badly wrecked and one of the children seriously injured. Engler at once returned to Kingfisher and filed suit, serving notice on the parties before they left town.



The above picture of Mrs. Gec. Marton Hamilton was ordered in time to appear with her letter from Washington in last issue, but failing to arrive, we give it this week instead. Mrs. Hamilton has promised other interesting, descriptive letters at some future date.

#### Woman's Power and Influence in the Home.

The old aphorism, "That man is what he eats" is true to a great extent with man physically. But morally and socially man is to a great extent what woman makes him from the cradle to the grave. When Susan B. Anthony said: "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" she uttered the truth when applied morally and socially; that none will deny. Then there is a great truth enounced in the proposition which stands in antithesis to this and reads like this: "The hand that rocks the cradle can ruin the world morally and socially"; this being true how great are woman's responsibilities, and how careful she should be in exerting her influence in the right direction, and in the proper place. And this brings us back to our starting point, "The home." Here is where woman's influence is first felt, and if not for good here, then nothing but disaster and sorrow will follow her work in life. Home is what woman make it. God made woman as an help meet to man, and a keeper of the home, and has given her sphere in which to live and move, if she rightly fills her place in life then she is the greatest blessing ever bestowed upon man. The old saying "Kind words can never die" carries with

them such a truth that we ought never to forget them. By kind words Woman brings sunshine into the home when clouds are brooding over us. How many homes are made a Paradise by Woman, when her husband comes home ruffled with the cares, toils and vexations, of business in this life, and every thing is dark and gloomy about him, if that wife can let in a little sunshine by a few kind words and loving caresses, it turns darkness into light, sorrow into joy, and makes home a little heaven on earth. But on the other hand how many homes are made miserable by woman's failure along this line. In coming home man finds darkness instead of sunshine, a cold cloudy state instead of light and love, is it anything but natural for him to turn elsewhere? Woman can by kind words and deeds bring a ray of light and the warmth of the sun into a man's heart, that will dispel his gloom and drive away all his sorrows. And on the other hand she can by cross words and a crabbed disposition add to his vexation, and bring sorrow until she destroys his love for her; and makes that little home a little hell on earth.

The happiness of many homes is destroyed by woman assuming to wear both the boots and pants. Such a condition in any home will cause bickerings and quarrels that destroy the love and happiness of any home. Where there is no love there is no happiness and anything that will destroy the love between husband and wife will destroy the happiness of the home. Woman assuming the leadership in the beginning brought upon the husband the curse of death, since that time her assumed leadership has cursed many homes, and broken up the ties of love and relationship that God intended should not be put asunder.

No man can resist and turn away from the light and warmth of love reflected by kind words and good deeds, woman has in her power to confer. Woman's power and influence is so great that she brought us death in time and life in eternity, she can turn bitter into sweet, and our sorrows into joys, make us happy in time, or she can cause darkness to brood over the home and drive to a life of sorrow and finally to everlasting ruin.

I here lay down a proposition and challenge the united clergy of the world to deny it. God never established any society other than the home and the church for man's happiness here or hereafter, all others are of human origin, and Christ said in Mat. 15: 13. "every plant which my heavenly father hath not planted shall be rooted up." Then what will become of all the societies organized by preachers and others that takes woman from home and destroy that happiness that comes of the association of husband and wife.

#### Memorial Day.

We observe the 30th day of May in memory of the brave men who lost their lives for our sake. We scatter flowers on the graves of the blue and the gray, for today we stand as one nation,

one people, one government, one God. We could not have observed this day if we were a divided nation. But as we are all free Americans we observe memorial day in unity. We are known as one of the strongest nations on the globe, and every man is free, yes free to worship one God and one flag. The stars and stripes wave free in the home of the brave and we strew flowers on the grave of many a gallant boy who fell in freedom's cause. Many of the brave men who sleep beneath the sod fought for right and God; they fought for equal rights for every man. The man or boy who fought for freedom fought for a good cause, and well may we strew flowers on their last resting place. We should not forget that many hearts ache from that sad day when their loved ones marched away from home and friends to answer freedom's call. Let us honor them and try and impress on the minds of the younger generation that their freedom was bought by the blood of man, who died that they might live in a free land. Freedom! Oh, what a consolation to live in a free land, where no human is in slavery but all are free to think and act as they wish, where no hand of oppression can keep mankind down.

Our boys fought for equal rights and, thank God, they died a noble death. And may we never their brave lives forget for the flag now waves from the Atlantic to the Pacific. One flag, one God, one people, united we stand and may we never divide for division will weaken the cause of freedom. We today breathe the pure air of America and may God protect our grand old flag and may we always live in the land of the free and stand for God and Liberty.

#### Oklahoma Land Openings.

Oklahoma has experienced six land openings in her seventeen years, and present indications are that the seventh will soon occur in the south western part of the Territory, where the Kiowa and Comanche pasture of 480,000 and the wood, reserve of 25,000 acres will be thrown open to settlement within the next four months. The Stephens bill, which during the present session passed both the house and senate, has again passed the house following the inclusion of a clause which provides allotment for Indian babies born since June 6, 1900.

Old Oklahoma opened on April 22, 1889; Iowa Sac and Fox reservations September, 1891; Cheyenne and Ara-

paho, April 19, 1892, the Cherokee Strip, September, 1893; the Kicasapo country, 1895; the Kiowa, Comanche and Caddo country, generally known as the Wichita, on August 6, 1901.

"No Man's Land" was added in 1890 as Bayer country, and in 1896 Greer country, formerly claimed by Texas, became a part of Oklahoma.

A system differing from the old "sooner" plan and the later lottery idea is to be adopted in opening the lands of the big pasture and the wood reserve to settlement. Each quarter section, for no man will be permitted to take more, will be sold to the highest bidder. Whether sealed bids will be asked, or the lands be sold at public auction is a question congress is leaving with Secretary Hitchcock to solve. At the time of making a bid, one-fifth of the purchase price must be paid down, the remainder to be paid in four equal installments. After a settler secures a tract of land, then he must comply with the homestead law of the United States. The persons, who bid, but do not secure a homestead, will get the one-fifth purchase price restored to them. In adopting this plan, the government is using the same system as did the Oklahoma school land leasing board in 1901, when it leased the school lands in the Kiowa and Comanche country. Congress has fixed the minimum price per acre in this land at \$5.

#### One of Lincoln's Stories.

While the war was going on, some men were talking to the president about the aid and comfort the British were giving to the rebels. There upon Mr. Lincoln told this story: "One day a stranger came into a little town in Illinois and wanted to be shaved. There was no regular barber there, but there was a man who sometimes shaved people, and to him the stranger applied. The pro tem barber, after sharpening his razor upon his boot, commenced operations. The cheeks of the stranger were sunken in, and to work to better advantage, the barber put his finger in the man's mouth to push out his cheek, and, sa-shing a way, cut through the man's cheek and cut his own finger.

"There you lantern jawed cuss!" he howled, you have made me cut my finger." "I think," said Mr. Lincoln "these British people are putting their fingers where they will get them cut."

And he was not mistaken, for their fingers were cut to the extent of fifteen million dollars awarded to the United States under the treaty of Washington for the settlement of the Alabama claims.—George H. Williams, in the Pacific Monthly for May.

The Metallic telephone system is being started to Alva this week and they expect to finish it in about a month or six weeks.

H. S. Simmons of the Simmons Bros. Land Co., returned home Friday, from a trip to central Illinois. He says they are having quite a drought in that section, and many farmers have suspended their spring work, awaiting rain.

# JOHN HENRY

AT THE THEATRE

BY HUGH McHUGH  
(George V. Hobart)



FOR ME.

I was down on the card to lead a lady friend of mine to a New York theater where you can roll around in an orchestra chair at fifty cents a throw.

When a guy can buy a couple of cosy-corners in a dead swell theater for fifty cents per coze, he's a mark to blow four plunks to squeeze into one of those joints where they feed you on problem plays and fricassed pasts.

I figured it out that way, and stood pat.

That evening finds me in the parlor as usual. You know the parlor I mean. When a guy reaches that condition where he gives himself the careful glance and says, "Gee! I got to get shaved this evening!" you can bet there's only one parlor in the world for him.

I'm sitting on the sofa with one mitt lying carelessly on the family album and the other bunched around a 51.70 cane, when my lady friend floats into the arena.

There's a short-arm clinch, a break-away, and we're back in our corners.

"Oh, John Henry!" says my lady friend, giving her real hair a couple of taps and glancing out in the dining-room to see if mother was rubbering.

I tell you, boys, it's aces when your lady friend does that after a short clinch. There's nothing to it.

When a girl stamps her foot and talks with a tobasco lisp and says,



MUST GET A SHAVE FOR TO-NIGHT.

"How dare you kiss me, sir? You are impertinent, sir!" it's a 30 to 1 shot that Gussie Gladton, the ribbon

girl, who calls every Tuesday evening, first gave her an excuse for writing that libretto.

Anyway, after the bell rings I says to my lady friend, "If you'll tease a trolley with me, we'll be on our way to-morrow night to the theater!"

"Oh, how lovely!" says my lady friend. "I do so love to go to the theater. Where shall we go?—Oh! I know! Let's go and see Sara Bernhardt! I'm just dying to see her!"

Up and away to the mines! Sarah Bernhardt at five plunks a chair and me scratching gravel to get my laundry back from foreign lands of a Saturday night!

"I'm just dying to see Sara!" says the Sweetest Thing Ever, and I'd be a small bunch of parsnips if I hadn't volunteered in the life-saving service then and there.

"Yes," I says to my lady friend, "I thought you'd like to see Bernhardt!" and all the time I'm giving this glad speech I'm going down the line mentally to see who will give me quick action on a steam-heated touch.

Anyway, after a Labored Conversation with a friend, I'm helped to the price next day, and I patter away for the pastebards. My lady friend togs out in her reveiry rags, and I'm somewhat of a Big Event myself when we slide into the Gold-Bond building and reach out for Ten-Dollars' worth of amusement, hot off the griddle.

"Mercy me!" says my lady friend, after the curtain has been up a while, "what are they talking about? I can't understand a word!"

I'm sitting there holding the funeral services over my ten plunks, so I'm not wise to what's doing on the stage.

"What's the matter?" I says.

"Listen!" says Clara Jane. I listened. In a minute I was next. The trackwalkers on the stage were talking Dago! Dago, mind you! and me just after putting on mourning for my ten plunks!

"Oh! they're doing the trick in French," I says, off-hand, just as though I paid my car-fare in French every morning.

Say! I don't know enough about French to find Paris on the map—honest, that's straight! But I'm thinking of my dear departed ten, so I makes the play!

"What are they saying now?" says the Proposition in Peaches.

Right there was where I fell in the cellar.

"Bon gre de la tour be jee!" I says, handing her the hottest accent that was ever turned loose.

"Oh, John Henry!" says my lady friend. "Why, I didn't know you could speak French! How lovely!

what does it mean in ENGLISH?"

It was up to me to make good.

"It means," I says, "that Sara is handing a cal-down to the old guy that looks like a cheese sandwich. She says to him, 'See here! you've got another bun on! How dare you trall into my flat with your tide high enough to float a battleship?'"

"That doesn't sound very poetical," says the Extreme Limit.

"It isn't poetical," I says, "but it's the goods, all right. 'Bon gre,' that's French for a bun, and 'de la tour' means the rest."

That was where I caught step with my finish.

I had to translate everything that was said on the stage, and I couldn't even pronounce the name of the piece they were playing.

All I could do was to remember some of the swell language I had heard at other play joints, and I rushed them at my lady friend so fast that she hadn't time to decide that I ought to be on my way to a foolish house.

When Bernhardt addressed a lot of French supers I used up a bunch of tickle-your-fancy language that May Irwin hands to her rib-racked audiences, and my lady friend stood for it.

When Coquelin pushed out his chest and jawed every one in sight, I threw my whole soul into the translation and handed my lady friend a line of talk that I heard in a burlesque at "The New York." Coquelin made an awful hit with my lady friend. If I could have remembered more of those good things Coquelin would have been aces with her ever after.

Before the first act was over I had Sara talking about a sure cure for rheumatism that I read in an almanac, and I had Coquelin reciting the "Charge of the Light Brigade."

It was a hot evening—for me!

Before the second act was half through I went off my dip. I was nutty from pit to dome. I had enough bum French in my topknot to start one of those sit-back-hold-tight table d'hote places, with wine at 46c a grab.

It was fierce.

But it was all off when I put Sara into Mother Goose. That was the last camel. My lady friend wouldn't stand for it when I told her that Bernhardt was saying "Old Mother Hubbard, she went to the cupboard." She thought I was stringing her. I guess I was.

I told her that the French had gone to my head. Clara Jane said I looked pale, and hadn't we better go home; she had enough, anyway!

I'll bet she had. I'll bet four dollars my lady friend had the worst play, bar none, that was ever adapted from the French. That's what she had, and I had such a headache!

After we paddled off home my lady friend said she didn't exactly understand the plot of the play, but she'd be glad if I got the book and read the rest of it to her.

Me!—off to the woods! Me!—to the tall timber till she wakes up! No more glad tidings from the French for me. My lady friend is the Whole Output, but she'll have to get out of her trance and take me without mayonnaise dressing.

I was a lobster to sit in the game, but I'm not pate de foie gras enough to stay there after my feet get cold.

Yours, on the griddle,

JOHN HENRY.

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Its Turn.

"Yes, she's pretty. Her nose is slightly—er—retrouse, is it not?"

"Oh, yes; she has what we call the stockyards nose."—Chicago Tribune.

A Hint for Woodward Merchants.

The Gage Banner under the caption of "The Opportunity of Gage," has the following, which is forceful, "exactly, precisely, the identical point" for our Woodward merchants to carefully consider:

THE OPPORTUNITY OF GAGE.

You may pick up a county seat paper and scan its columns and not more than one fourth of the business men make any pretense of advertising their business. They seem to have a lack of energy and push, or a sort of don't care about them, or a lack of pride. The thing for Gage business men to do is to get busy and advertise, thereby get the bulk of trade started in this direction, make the right kind of prices, thereby being able to capture and hold the trade. Now is the opportune time, we have a town of 650 population which is greater than the county seat had five years ago. The thing to do is to keep pushing to the front. There is need of more business and office buildings. People are here almost daily looking for business locations, and a number of good enterprising business men have been compelled to pass up our town on account of being unable to secure a suitable building.

Frank Greer For President.

"Bill Bolton worked head and toe nail for the State Capital at the Shawnee Editorial Association convention. Has Bill Bolton taken the advice of 'Bre'r Duncan' that 'it would be more money for you Bill if you'd stand in and get the work at better figures?'" —John Goobie in Register.

Not on your tintype, Johnnie! "Bre'r Duncan" standing in with a corrupt county board in Woodward county and choosing Frank Greer for president of the National Editorial association are altogether different propositions and it takes mounmental nerve to even suggest a connection. Frank H. Greer is peculiarly qualified for the National presidency, both by reason of long service and conspicuous ability but he is splendidly fitted to fill this position thereby giving to each person in Oklahoma the advantage of the wide spread advertising his election would insure to our beautiful and prosperous territory. Go to, Johnnie, go to!

Mrs. Ed. Snow gave a picnic in honor of her niece, Miss Eva, who is visiting her, Saturday, May 26th, at the McPherson lake north of town. About twenty guests were invited and all had a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. Louis Morrison, formerly Miss Mary Tandy of this place, is home on a visit to her father and family.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

May [7 to May 15.]

E P Severs to L A Payton, sec 20-26-19,	\$1.00
A David to M H Stevens e $\frac{1}{2}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ net. sec 25-20-21,	1200
P G Prophet to J H Saxton, e $\frac{1}{2}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 14-20-19.	1000
J J Gerlach to L C Pickering, n $\frac{1}{2}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 5-24-21,	125
C A Low to First Christian Church Gage, lots 4-5-6 blk 1 S H add.	750
J A Innis to E G Innis, lot 3 blk 20 G&M add Woodward,	190
C M Howell to E P Severs, sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 20-26-19,	1472
Sheriffs Deed to W H O'Brian, lots 1 to 12 inclusive blk 11 Woodward,	140
E M Lee to L H Martin lot 1-2 s $\frac{1}{2}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 2-22-19,	3000
E C Markman to S M Carpenter, part of lot 8 blk 9 City,	200
D F Gossage to J S Parker, w $\frac{1}{2}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 26-22-21,	800
J Kanneiser to H C Trader, e $\frac{1}{2}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 31-25-22,	700
Miss A Massey to town of Gage, part of sw $\frac{1}{4}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 3-21-24,	1.00
B J Viets to H J Parkins, e $\frac{1}{2}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 6-21-24,	400
I Moore to E Snow, e $\frac{1}{2}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ e $\frac{1}{2}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 31 nw $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 32-24-25,	1500
M A Johnson to G Remmele, se $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 2-21-21,	2700
O A Oylor to L A Marick, e $\frac{1}{2}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 24-25,	2400
M E Oylor to L A Marick, s $\frac{1}{2}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 24-25,	2400
F Grayer to C R Cutter etal, lot 2 blk 17 Supply Okla,	100
G Miller to P Z McClung sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 15-24-24,	1800
S L Kasey to P L McClung sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 15-24-24,	202.27
O S McEwen to M E Parkinson, ne $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 3-25-21,	960
L J Hudson to J L Enlaw, lot 3 blk 59 Woodward,	2500
O A Wilson to R J Woodmansee, nw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 31-26-25,	1850
Mooreland R E Co to B A Ruttman, lots 1-2 blk 6 Mooreland	350
F M Brandom to G Keegan, sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 34-25-22,	1600
F M Shore to C T McCoun se $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 1-29-36,	450
W B Taylor to M M Arrington, lots 1-20 inclusive blk 62 Woodward,	1750
W B Taylor to M M Arrington, lots 11-12 blk 26 Woodward,	750
L Davis to C M Davis, se $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 12-25-17,	1.00
J L Blair to J F Ravensecraft, e $\frac{1}{2}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 26 ne $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 35-26-25,	1865
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E Rumpfelt to L H Lurton, se $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 27-20-24,	300
E A Nixon to S A Caress, lot 13 blk 10 Supply Okla,	150
K C Gandy to S A Caress, lots 11-12 blk 15 Supply,	175
J Huffman to G H Coombes ne $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 14-23-22,	2000

L H Rohres to Pratt, se $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 32-29-23,	2000
E J Viets to J M Byers, n $\frac{1}{2}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 21-24,	400
J M Byers to J H Parkins, se $\frac{1}{4}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ sec 6-21-24,	400
W F Laird to R R Metz, lot 19 blk 1 Mooreland,	775
J F Jarboe to E S Kline, etal lot 7 blk 2 Woodward,	700

RAILROAD OWNERSHIP.

Some Pertinent Points on This Pertinent Question

What would be said in this day of great material advancement and material development, if our Government were to grant an exclusive franchise to a private corporation to operate steamboats and freight boats on all of our rivers? It is needless to say that there would be a general uprising of the people to demand of Congress revocation of such a great and valuable privilege.

The Government now owns the railroads in the Philippines and Alaska it will own them in Panama.

During the last year there were more than nine thousand people wounded or killed in railway accidents—in fact, the number was greater than the soldiers killed at the first battle at Manassas or at Fredericksburg, during the Civil War—greater than the number killed in the Spanish American War.

Under Government ownership there would always be a competent and adequate force of employes to operate the roads, in striking contrast to the inadequate force now under private ownership, which frequently requires too long hours and allows too little rest, with disastrous results to lives and property.

Under private ownership their influence is too frequently seen and felt in Congress in securing subsidies for carrying the mails.

All of these dangers and abuses would be removed under Government ownership.—James B. Lloyd in May Watson's.

The National Music Co.

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The paper clerks on trains Nos. 201 and 202 have been promoted from \$900 to \$1000 per year and clerks, W. L. DeRoche and W. L. Hellums have left the day line and taken runs on the night trains. R. O. Albin and Jack Whallon have been sent here to fill their places.

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**The Spencer Seedless Apple.**

There has been much said recently about the Spencer seedless apple. Companies have been formed in 17 states for the propagation of this unique novelty. For our own satisfaction and for the information of hundreds of thousands of our readers we deemed it expedient to make a careful investigation of this fruit, as well as the original trees and the surrounding under which it is being propagated. To this end early last October we requested a disinterested party, the well-known horticultural expert, W. Frank Crowley of Montrose, Col., to go to Grand Junction and report without gloves in every detail. His report is as follows:

**MR. CROWLEY'S REPORT IN FULL.**

"I have made the trip to Grand Junction, Col., and investigated the Spencer seedless apple, as directed by you. So far as I am able to understand the proposition, there is no fake or humbug connected with it. I was somewhat surprised to find among the stockholders some men whom I have known for years as thoroughly practical and honorable horticulturists. Among these are William Bomgardner of Grand Junction, who has been prominent in Colorado horticulture for years. W. G. Carpenter of Grand Junction is another, who was formerly engaged in the nursery business at Fairbury, Neb. I. N. Bunting editor and proprietor of the Daily Sentinel and mayor of town, is a stockholder and one of the directors. Charles S. Newton, president of the seedless apple company is a prominent business man and manager of the electric and gas company. Among other stockholders are men equally prominent and responsible.

"I met a number of the stockholders and talked with them about the Spencer seedless apple, but John F. Spencer was not at home. He had expected me the week before and while waiting for me had neglected business which he was obliged to attend to the week I was there. Not being able to talk with Mr. Spencer, I did not learn anything definite about the origin and development of the Spencer seedless apple.

**FRUIT FROM THE ORIGINAL TREES.**

"However I did see the bearing trees in his orchard and, though the crop had been gathered, I found a few specimens still hanging on the topmost branches. These I gathered and cut to prove that they were the genuine seedless apples. Mr. Spencer has about 50 of the trees, varying in age from six to 12 or 14 years. It is from these trees that all of their specimens of the fruit are harvested. The crop was rather light last year, as it was with most apples in Colorado, but I was given the privilege of cutting as many as desired and of taking as many as I wish to send you.

"From a sample apples sent you will see that this variety has great commercial value. It is a novelty, but a long step in advance of other freak, seedless apples that have been produced. It is a good shape and the size is not bad. It will compare favorably with the Jonathan in size and is larger than Jonathan or Missouri Pippin. The flavor and eating quality of the Spencer seedless is ahead of Ben

Davis. It is as good as many other winter varieties.

"The apple is not entirely without seeds at all times. This we could hardly expect. The secretary told me that he had found no way to distinguish between apples of this variety which have seeds and those which have none, except by cutting into them. On the day of my visit, we tried in vain to find a sample with seeds. Mr. Green has a theory that the apples with seeds are the result of cross-fertilization with pollen from other varieties, as all trees now in bearing are no great distance from other varieties. It is difficult to prove anything along this line.

"The claim first made that the apple was seedless, and wormless is now reduced to seedless and coreless. I consider their claim of having a seedless apple well founded. As to the coreless part, you will note on sampling the fruit that there is a semblance of core, although not nearly as much as in ordinary varieties.

"The worst fruit I can find with the apple is the hollow in the calyx end. Among the samples I sent you are some of the worst of these, and some of the best, including some of the largest and smallest. The originator and others think this defect can be remedied by selection in propagation.

**FACTS ABOUT THE COMPANY.**

"The home or mother company at Grand Junction is not growing stock for sale; but they have a nursery from which buds were cut for the other companies. Naturally this nursery does not present an attractive appearance as all the trees from 1904 buds have been cut within 4 to 6 inches above ground the past season. The nursery trees started at Grand Junction, owing to the scarcity of water in 1904 and poor land, have not done very well. It is an adobe soil not well suited for growing nursery trees.

"The company has agreed to wait another year before putting the Spencer seedless apple trees on the market. The parent company owing 51 per cent of the stock in each state company, enables it to regulate these things. This shows the wisdom of organizing the companies in the way they have done. As soon as the trees are put on the market, the monopoly of the business will pass from their hands, as all nurserymen will have their equal right to propagate the trees. Knowing that the chance for making money out of the Spencer seedless apple alone will last but a few seasons the company has decided to enter the general nursery business.

"From the information I gathered it would seem that, rather than a stock-jobbing concern, it has been one of shrewd business organization for the purpose of growing at great cost a large number of trees, so as to put them on the market at the same time, and to protect the various persons who have furnished the money to do this. It is evident that this is one of the few instances where the originator of a new fruit will reap a good reward for his labor.

"While some of the claims made for the Spencer seedless apple have been overdrawn, they have not been exaggerated more than is usually customary with new fruits and novelties. I

know that many new varieties, with less merit than the Spencer seedless apple have been put through the ordinary channels of nursery trade with more extravagant claims. People as a whole are used to these things and usually take all tree agent's claims with a grain of salt. So by taking the grain of salt, along with the Spencer seedless apple, we may say it is practically all they claim it to be.

Some of the apple picked by Mr. Crowley from the original trees and sent to our New York office, are shown in the accompanying illustration. The fruit was in perfect condition when it arrived. The apples were wrapped in newspaper placed in a box and set outdoors by us, where they remained with some western New York Baldwins from the orchard of Luther Colamer of Monroe county, until the first week in February. The box was then opened and two of the fruits, a Spencer seedless and a Baldwin, were sectioned and photographed as reproduced herewith. If any difference in the appearance and keeping quality in this instance it was in favor of the Spencer seedless, as shown by the picture. All the seedless apples sent us, save one, were sectioned. In one instance there was a partially developed seed. All the others were seedless and practically solid. The opinions of Mr. Crowley are fully confirmed by our examination of this fruit.—Horticultural Practice.

**Through Service to Denver.**

The Fort worth & Denver City Railway Company, popularly known as "The Denver Road", announces that, effective June first it will establish a new through sleeping car line between Lafayette, La., and Denver Colorado, the routing of same to be via the lines of the Southern Pacific Company between Lafayette and Houston, the H. & T. C. Road between Houston and Fort Worth, and "THE DENVER ROAD" between Fort worth and Denver. This is a new feature in favor of the satisfactory accommodation of a constantly increasing tourist business to Colorado, and will undoubtedly serve with favor and tend to increase such tourist business from Louisiana and Southern Texas' points; also from points in Central Texas along the line of the H. & T. C. Road.

In addition to the foregoing, announcement is made that double daily through train service will be again established via the F. W. & D. C. Ry. through to Denver about June 1st, and that in all likelihood a third train will be placed in service for the accommodation of local business between Fort worth and Quanah, Texas.

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"During my visit I became interested in your efforts to improve your ranch near town, and especially in your desire to grow alfalfa on some of your sandy land.

So having had a bit of experience in handling a small tract of that kind of land a few years ago, I take the liberty of writing a description of my work at that time.

Sandy land and our winds are a bad combination, and apt to discourage any of us.

This particular piece of sandy land I am to tell you of, was on the south of my buildings, when I lived in the town of Englewood, before I moved down on the ranch, where I now live.

So one spring I started to get alfalfa on the land, to give me a little pasture for a few Jersey cows, as well as to stop the sand from making life so miserable at the house.

I plowed the land, harrowed it good, and made beautiful seed bed and then sowed the seed.

It came up in good time, only to be met by the drifting sand and so to be bruised to death, so the sand came over to the house worse than ever.

Well I couldn't stand it by, and stand that drifting sand. It was now May first, a little late for putting in the seed, but I concluded to list the tract to corn, running the furrows east and west across the direction of the prevailing winds, and see if that would stop the blowing of the sand long enough to allow the alfalfa seed to germinate and grow.

After the corn was in, I sowed the regular amount of alfalfa seed broadcast on the tract, and did not harrow it, depending on the winds blowing the sand off from the top of the lister ridges, and so covering the seed in the space between the ridges.

The seed came up well on about two thirds of the land, that is the space between the ridges.

And I found the next spring that the action of the wind and rain had quite an effect in leveling the land, and that there had been no blowing the sand on that tract, as all of the sand blown from the ridges, had fallen in the trench, and so was at once out of the action of the wind.

The next spring, I cross harrowed the land pretty well, and re-seeded again to alfalfa, in this manner getting the land quite level and by the second seeding, which was done after the growing alfalfa had started to grow, getting a stand on the face of the land.

Now I so far know of no better way to get alfalfa started on sandy land.

I found the same dry condition, in your country, as exists here.

On all hands the soil, but hopeful improvement of the homesteader, was to be seen, appearing to show the end of the large pastures.

If this is so then, I am quite sure, that the homesteader can only succeed by a combination of farming, and cattle. The few cows the farmer in your country must keep are to be good milkers, or he can not live.

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If your farmers are to live they must make use of small tidings he can surely raise, until he can at least become acquainted with the new country he has come to. He must farm in accord with the conditions he finds here. He will have to do good work, better than he ever did before. But he now has the advice a Campbell bell to guide him, as we who came here twenty years ago did not.

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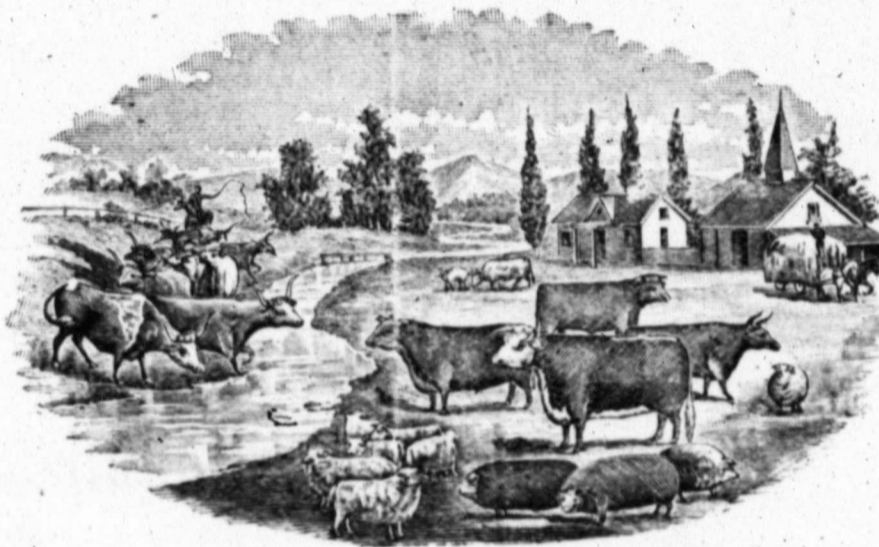
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#### Kansas City Markets.

Stock Yards, Kansas City, Mo., May 29th, 1906. The supply of cattle last week footed up 32,000 cattle and calves and the bulk of the supply came in first three days, especially Tuesday, 13,000 cattle having been received on that day, against 14,000 previous Tuesday. The heavy run at Chicago Monday depressed prices on heavy plain steers here about 10 cents, and Tuesday's heavy run caused another decline on this class. Light and handy weight steers were the best sellers, and closed the week with but a very small loss. In some cases they were steady with the previous week's high level. The top for the week was \$5.60 against \$5.75 previous week.

The run of cattle this week started but liberal, 9000 here yesterday and the same number here today. The week opened yesterday with a strong and active market, 10 cents higher on the good kinds, and is strong today. The top steers today sold at \$5.40, against a top yesterday of \$5.55, bulk of sales at \$4.25 to \$5.25. Good heavy cows are in strong demand, in some cases 10 cent higher, veals scarce and 15 to 25 cents higher, at \$5.00 to \$6.25. Bulk of the cows sell at \$2.75 to \$4.40, heifers at \$3.30 to \$5.00, bulls at \$2.50 to \$4.00. Stockers and feeders closed last week showing a loss of 10 to 15 cents from close of previous week, but they are firm and active this week. Some black-stockers sold at \$4.80 yesterday, bulk of stockers at \$1.25 to \$4.30, feeders at \$3.50 to \$4.60.

Hog receipts have been liberal for

the past two or three weeks, but the demand here absorbs the supply readily and packers have had to ship in hogs lately to fill their orders. The market last week opened lower in sympathy with lower prices at Chicago declined 15 to 20 cents first three days. The week however, closed showing no loss from close of previous week. The high time last week was on Friday, top was \$6.50. The market opened a little lower yesterday but today is 5 to 7 1/2 cents higher, top \$6.47 1/2, bulk of sales \$6.30 to \$6.42 1/2, lights up to \$6.35. Supply here today 18,000, against 13,000 yesterday.

J. A. Rickart,  
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