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Coming Again

I forgot to tell you about my

REGULAR SPRING STOCK

which came in about the first of March, but lots of people found it out

Attractive Goods and Low Prices

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Meets Passenger Trains at Stamford.

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We have a nice and complete stock

HOSE, CORSETS, GLOVES,
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Good goods and low prices are bringing us good customers every day.

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Respectfully,

Mrs. E. J. HUNT & Co.
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Full blood Durham males also full blood Berkshire shoats, will sell for good fall notes.

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If you want something that is All in paints or oils, go to Robertson's drug store—he will save you money.

"HOUSEKEEPING A FINE ART."

(CONTINUED.)

It was a wise old Spaniard who said, "A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning"—a greater sage than he said, "The wise will increase learning"—but not for a moment confounding learning with wisdom added later—"wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom and with all thy getting, get understanding." Real wisdom is a combination of learning, wit, observation, and common sense to apply it. All this, woman needs to make a housekeeper. To make a success of the business of housekeeping, for it is indeed a business—woman must have system also. To do that her business requires accurate knowledge and skillful use in subjects as diverse as washing silver and testing beef, polishing furniture and corking wholesome nutritious food, tending the children, yet finding time to read and sew—told that these are but a few of the things she must know and do, and even a brave woman will be daunted. But if she plunges in and makes use of all her intelligence to master each problem as it arrives, she will eventually find herself with, at least, a comfortable working knowledge of her subject.

First we will take up the kitchen; Good cooking is the foundation of health and happiness. Therefore every housekeeper, in her art of home making, should be wise enough, wisely enough, to understand cooking in all its branches, even the most humble.

It is very satisfactory to understand the making of fancy ices, sherbets and desserts, but it is essential that the daily necessities should be thoroughly mastered.

We hear so much said about the individuality in every other phase of life, why not cultivate it in our cooking? The art of cooking, and cooking in a pleasing manner, may have more influence over our families than we dream of; and no influence for good, however small, that will help to impress the home life upon our dear ones, should be slighted. A knowledge of domestic management and especially of the culinary department, is essential to every woman—if that woman wishes to be mistress of her own home, if she wishes health and harmony in her household. To a large multitude, therefore, the Domestic Science School would appeal.

Next, the dining room: This room, of all others, should be pretty. It is here that the family assemble three times daily, and the housekeeper, who knows her art, will strive to make this room attractive and comfortable. She will serve every thing in the daintiest manner, she will have flowers, when possible, in the dining room. She will be wise enough to preside over the table in her very best mood; thereby gradually chasing away any frown that may be on the forehead of any member of the family circle, for at the dining table we should be "light-hearted, happy and gay." In this room, too, of all others, the housekeeper who knows her art, will be immaculately clean and neatly dressed.

In arranging our bed rooms, the first thing to be considered is—health. No bed room can be pure and healthy without plenty of sunshine, which is very important the house over. Bed rooms should be simple and cleanly sweet. A prejudice in favor of having one's house work done early in the day should not beguile the housekeeper into having her beds made before they are thoroughly aired. Next to the art of cooking, the care of beds and bedding bears most directly on the health of the family. It should be more generally understood that one of the missions of the sun is to deodorize and purify. "A beautiful sun myth pictures the Goddess Athena flying through the air, scattering health and healing from her outspread wings." There is literal truth as well as poetry in the fancy. When we enter a home, among the first things to attract our attention, are the pictures and from them we can read the taste, or lack of it, of the housekeeper, for they give us the keynote to her character. Maud C. Murray Muller says: "Pictures should be selected always with an eye to the surroundings in which they will be placed." People of moderate incomes who wish tasteful homes, should choose water colors, engravings, or etchings. So much for the pictures. The next consideration is the hanging. No picture looks well unless the background of the wall is in harmony. Do not hang paintings and engravings on the same wall. Pictures of a kind should always be grouped. Another art a housekeeper must know is, to give her rooms expression. An expressionless room

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—Give—

Honest Drugs at lowest prices—Keep a Customer for yours a purchaser—gain his respect, because he knows only reliable Drugs are sold and the prices are right. Our Three Stores are heavy buyers. Our first cost is less than others. Our prices are less for equal qualities. We are content with Live and Let Live profits on large volume of business. The right way is our way. We have been doing this for thirty years, consequently have gained the confidence of all who have had dealings with our

...STORES...

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have a better line of spring and summer goods than you usually see in the west end of Texas. They keep the best and most stylish goods to be had, Why? Because they could't enjoy the large trade they have selling for cash the year round, except, to give the best for the least possible price. Saving money is equal to earning it, and you can't earn it easier than by buying goods of

The Stamford Dry Goods Co.

is no longer tolerated by people of refined taste.

It is or should be, the main object in the life of every housewife to be the queen in the realm called home. We see good housekeepers whose homes are ideals of order and system, but they are not queens, and their domains, alas, are not ideal homes. They are places where chairs and tables and carpets are always in order, and the daily repasts always on time, and beautifully served. This is as it should be, we say, but it leaves our hearts hungering for something we can scarcely define—something sweet and comforting and companionable.

The dear woman in the very strength of her effort to make her home a success, has missed the higher mark in home making, and the saddest part of all, is that she suffers most from her system. She has no time for self improvement or the finer, sweeter things in life.

It would seem a new departure for such a woman to think of herself, and plan to have some time to her self for reading, music or studying her favorite study, but she owes this to her family, home and self, and should make a brave fight for it. For while housekeeping is, indeed, a fine art, some of these things should be a part of it, else the woman will be careworn, weary and dispirited when she should be young and happy. Study the economy of energy and time. Be systematic, that you may save time. Live simply. As a people, we are steadily coming to the knowledge of the elegance of simplicity. Work out of the home life all that is not noble and true. Avoid worrying and all irritability as you would the plague—never let them enter the home, for, if they do, some of the sweetest virtues must needs make room, and woman has missed her art as housekeeper, or home maker. Neglect not the little pleasures of life. Be not too hurried to meet the husband at the door or even to go on to the porch for a last farewell.

So keep thy youth even in old age, and make thy home a home indeed. Then woman, as a housekeeper, will have accomplished the highest art.

E. S.
Makes A Clean Sweep.

There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the Salves you ever heard of, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best. It sweeps away and cures Burns, Sores, Bruises, Cuts, Boils, Ulcers, Skin Eruption and Piles. It's only 25c, and guaranteed to give satisfaction by all Druggists.

The De La Selva—best 5-cent cigar on the market—Robertson's drug store.

Good second-hand cook stove for sale cheap at Alexander Merc. Co.

Two Cars of Furniture.

We have just received two cars of furniture and more yet to come. We would be pleased to sell the citizens of Haskell county all the furniture they want at a low price. We are just starting in business at Stamford and only ask that you come and price our furniture, for we feel sure that to price it gives us a sale. First door south of Patillo's hardware store. 1415 B. M. DURRETT & Co.

Thinking that perhaps on account of the long drouth which has prevailed in this section throughout the past fall and winter there was not much doing in the land business, we asked Messrs. Foster & Jones, land agents, for information on that line. They said that while the business had been unusually quiet something had been doing,—that this year, up to April 1st, they had sold sixteen tracts, aggregating 4,250 acres for a total of \$21,841.50. Most of these sales were to new settlers, and only one tract was sold to parties who bought for speculation or to sell again. The prices ranged from \$3 to \$10 per acre.

Another fishing crowd with camping outfits for several days stay went down on Clear Fork Tuesday. It was composed as far as we could learn the names of the following: Capt. W. W. Fields, J. U. Hollis and Earnest Fields, Lonnie Post, Rev. C. N. Williams Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rupe and Misses Belle Rupe and Laura Garrea.

The statement of the Haskell National Bank published in this issue of the Free Press makes an excellent showing for that institution. Its deposits and cash assets compared with its loans show a very safe and healthy condition. However, the conservative management of this bank keeps it on the safe side at all times.

During the rain and thunder storm Monday night lightning struck the kitchen stove flue on Prof. Whitaker's residence at Pinkerton, wrecking the flue and stove pipe and smashing a churn in the kitchen, then tearing a hole in the floor, but, strangely, not setting fire to the house.

Mr. John Therwanger, residing four or five miles north of town had the misfortune of losing his barn, some feed stuff and tools by burning Friday of last week. Coals blowing thirty or forty yards from a fire in the yard caused the fire.

Dr. Gilbert reports the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wells, residing in the north part of the county, on March 26.

Mr. J. F. Pinkerton left Tuesday on a business trip to the eastern part of the state.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

Several Mormon elders have been holding services at Greenville.

A hailstorm greatly damaged fruit in the southwestern part of Camp County Thursday.

The Dallas Medical College held closing exercises Friday night and distributed diplomas to twenty-five young doctors.

W. K. Blackwell was awarded damages in the amount of \$100 on a claim having ridden in a cold car on the Cotton Belt Railway.

Governor Lanham has appointed Wm. H. Folts of Austin a member of the board of managers of the State Insane Asylum to succeed C. H. Miller, resigned.

The proposed electric line between Fort Worth and Mineral Wells is again being agitated, and there is considerable prospect of its being built. The route is via Springtown.

A negro and a male were killed by lightning during the rainstorm near Tyler. The negro was hastening to the house to get out of the rain. Both were killed instantly.

There are rumors afloat that the Rock Island railroad has plans for building a passenger station in Dallas that will surpass any other similar structure in the South.

All the Texas items in the civil survey bill have been approved, including \$510,000 for the Galveston sea wall and harbor, and \$200,000 for Buffalo bayou channel at Houston.

D. D. Mitchell, 25 years of age, whose home was at Cincinnati, was shot and killed at El Paso Friday. Arthur Eddy, a friend of the deceased, is in the custody of the officers.

Track laying has commenced on the Wichita Falls and Oklahoma Railway, and Superintendent John W. Field says the work will be pushed to Red River as fast as the steel rails arrive.

T. S. Hauneter, a pumper in the employ of the El Paso Southwestern Railway, was killed near Osborn, Ariz., by a passenger train. He stepped from behind a string of cars onto the main line and was mangled.

Three oil wells in the record for Friday at Henrietta. One by Ed. E. Dase, which is only 120 feet deep and flows five barrels. The others are by the Lockridge Oil Company and Jackson Brothers.

An election was held in Waxahachie Friday for and against the issuance of \$25,000 bonds to improvement of the water system of the city. The proposition to issue the bonds carried by a vote of 143 of the issuance of bonds to 23 against.

The total receipts of Dallas post-office for March were \$28,766.54 as compared with receipts of \$22,928.87 the same month last year, making an increase of \$6,837.67, or nearly 28 1/2 per cent. The income and dispatch of mails are in keeping with this return.

Blocker & Rogers of Wolfe City, have been granted a building permit for the erection of a large flouring mill at Fort Worth, to cost \$35,000. The mill buildings will be 45x140 feet, and it is intended to ultimately increase the capacity of the mill to 1000 barrels per day.

The Kansas City, Oklahoma and Houston Railway has commenced the survey of a line from South McAlester to Houston, Texas. This company recently incorporated with a capital of \$15,000,000.

Three companies of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, left Friday for the infantry target range at Leon Springs for a month's practice. They will march overland from Fort Sam Houston to the range.

A number of pool room operators were indicted in Dallas for violating the anti-pool room law. They were bonded under \$250 each, and a strenuous fight will be made to evade the law.

Deputy United States Marshal John T. Black, of Waco, for the Western District, who has resigned and who was succeeded by Alex. Armstrong on appointment of United States Marshal George L. Siebrecht of San Antonio, will go into the cattle business.

Hense Hardin, a negro of Terrell, claims that he is 105 years old. He has lived in three centuries and is undoubtedly the oldest man now living in Kaufman County. He is able to get about and enjoys good health.

Work has begun on the Texas and Brazos Valley shops at Cleburne and when completed will give a floor space of about fifteen thousand square feet and will have a payroll of fully \$20,000 monthly. Last month's payroll amounted to nearly \$10,000.

The Week in the Orient. From Japan's Viewpoint.

Japan Is Well Aware that It Is a Fight of Two to One, with no Favors.

New York, April 4.—A careful survey of eight weeks of the war between Japan and Russia can be thus summarized:

At the end of the week the Japanese seem to have gained a decided advantage in Northern Korea, where they are reported to have put the Russian cavalry to flight. After two engagements on land the troops of Gen. Mishchenko are at Wiju, as nearly as can be ascertained, and the enemy is at Yong Chun, twenty miles away. The Russian cavalry is said to lack food for men and horses.

The first serious land fight occurred Monday at Chongju and the Czar's forces retreated in perfect order after a sharp battle in which both sides sustained rather heavy losses, though each report gives a different estimate. Probably a hundred men were killed or wounded on each side.

Two days later occurred the second fight at Yong Chun.

Port Arthur is believed to have had its weekly bombardment on Wednesday night, though considerable doubt is cast on the report.

The coasting steamer Hanyel, chartered by a Japanese paper, was sunk by a Russian vessel off the Miaotao Island and its passengers and crew were taken prisoners. The captain and two other men escaped by hiding in the hold and reached the Chinese coast.

At Niu-chwang the civil administrator has raised the American flag, which, with those of other nations, was taken down when martial law was declared. The gunboats of the Powers have departed and all nations acquiesce in the Russian action in occupying the port.

A Perry fund, to relieve suffering incident to the war, has been established by Americans living in Japan. The fund is in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Perry treaty with the United States, and \$37,500 already has been subscribed.

Field Marshal Yamagata, who, after the Emperor, is first in command of the Japanese forces and was the original organizer of the Japanese Army, said that the Japanese may have to fight odds of two to one, and that the

clash may come at the Yalu River. The Marshal said:

"Russian troops have been coming south for a long time and it is evident that a conflict must result. As matters have turned out it would have been better if the war had occurred when the Russians first occupied Manchuria, because ever since they have been strengthening their position in that province. Our statesmen, however, wished peace as long as possible. It is difficult to say where the first big land battle will take place. The Russians seem to be in force between Liao Yang and Kaiping on the Manchurian Railroad. They may cross the mountains and possibly meet us at the Yalu.

"Bridges and roads north of Anju have been destroyed by the Russian troops, and therefore the Japanese advances will be difficult. No doubt if the Russians destroy the Manchurian railroad it may not be difficult to repair it for the Japanese troops. We might even replace old material with new; but the difficulty is to reach the railroad. Five months ago the Russian generals planned to put 350,000 men in the field. They must have contemplated supplying them with ammunition and food.

"Two rivers that empty into the Arctic Sea run near Lake Balkal. They are navigable in summer and can be used for transportation. The Russians in this way need not rely on the railroad. Large supplies of American flour have been going to Vladivostok for years and we must expect to meet a well-equipped and well-nourished army of 350,000. It is a difficult matter to fight a nation with 3,000,000 soldiers. We have to lay our plans very carefully.

"There is no doubt that the Cossack cavalry will worry the Japanese Army, which was originally intended for home defense in the mountainous country and is mainly composed of infantry. We must work with the material we possess. When the Japanese Army is compared with other armies it must be remembered that it has only been lately organized. I had no small share in its organization and therefore I see its faults and try to improve it, but never find that it reaches my ideal."

OIL IS THE THING FOR FUEL.

Performance of American-Hawaiian Steamer Remarkable.

New York: Advocates of the use of petroleum as a substitute for coal on the steamers find cause for jubilation in the record which the steamship Nebraska of the American-Hawaiian line has established.

The Nebraska steamed nearly thirteen thousand miles, maintained a good average of speed throughout the fifty-one days necessary to accomplish that long voyage and completed the long run from California to New York without having to stop anywhere on the route for a renewal of fuel—a performance so extraordinary as to command much attention.

Thinks Taber's Plan Good.

New Orleans: Dr. Edmond Souchon, president, and Dr. J. C. Egan, vice president of the Louisiana State Board of Health, returned from the Austin health conference, pleased with the work of that body. Dr. Souchon believes the Taber scheme for quarantining against Mexican fever is as effective as any land quarantine can possibly be. He says he considers Louisiana has no cause for apprehension.

Buying German Built Ships.

New York: It is stated that four ships of the cruiser type built for the Turkish Government by Germany, and also two cruisers built by France, have been purchased by Russia at the price of 40,000,000 roubles (\$20,000,000), the terms being that all be delivered within a short period. This further signifies an intentional mark of the good will of Germany toward Russia. An American house is going to supply tinned provisions to the value of 1,125,000 roubles.

Robbed the Bishop.

San Antonio: Six hundred dollars was stolen out of Bishop Forest's home Friday forenoon while the bishop and the clergy were at service in the cathedral. The money which was taken out of the dresser of Father Barnabe Marinas of the San Fernando Cathedral was to have been paid for the plumbing job in the new priest's home, which is being erected on San Saba street. The loss was not discovered until Saturday.

The oil fuel took up one-quarter less space than coal would have done, and this extra space was utilized for cargo, meaning a big saving for the owners in two directions.

The broad results of the trip is that the vessel showed 12,724 nautical miles at an average speed of 10.35 knots an hour, accomplished the journey from San Diego to this port in 51 days 7 hours and 27 minutes and still had in her reserve tanks sufficient fuel to cross the Atlantic when she fastened along side her pier.

Crude California petroleum was burned during the trip. Of this the vessel had in all 10,500 barrels on board, part in supply tanks, the rest in the reservoir tanks. The vessel will burn Texas oil on her return trip.

Building Exploded.

Marshalltown, Iowa: An explosion in the City National Bank Building at Albia Sunday morning caused three deaths and injured several. The cause of the explosion is unknown, but it is supposed to have originated in the heating plant. Besides the bank building, a clothing store and two grocery stores were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$75,000.

Mark Alexander, one of the pioneer settlers of Ellis County and an old Confederate soldier, dropped dead at Waxahachie Sunday in a street car while on his way to the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Harry W. Meek. It is supposed the cause of his death was heart disease. Mr. Alexander was about 65 years of age and was a native of Tennessee.

When the sun draws water rain follows soon.

Miss Janet House, daughter of E. M. House, of Austin, who is attending school in New York and is in Washington as a guest of Mrs. Culbertson, has accepted an invitation to address a meeting of the Iroquois Club to be held in Chicago on April 13, Jefferson's Birthday.

Sensational reports are made regarding the health of Kaiser Wilhelm's heart, which say that the Emperor's life is very insecure.

THE MUSCOVITES PLAY A WAITING GAME.

Spring Thaws Are Calculated to Give Russians Time to Prepare For Attack.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—As the time approaches for the opening of land operations on a large scale, the Russian authorities are exercising greater vigilance to prevent the news of their plans for the disposition of troops in the theater of war from going abroad. For ten days not a scrap of real information except such as is contained in official dispatches has been given out or has come from the front. There practically exists an embargo upon new dispatches.

It is as if an impenetrable curtain had suddenly been run down on the war in East Asia. Behind this curtain the greatest activity prevails. Gen. Kuropatkin, at his temporary headquarters in Lia Yang, is directing the execution of his plans, moving the troops, strengthening the positions selected and otherwise looking after the organization and innumerable wants of the army in the field.

That the General's plan of campaign has been worked out and that it involves the playing of a waiting game until the disposition of the army has been completed can be stated with positiveness. It can also be stated that these plans have progressed more rapidly than expected. Every day is now considered a distinct gain for the Japanese and a distinct loss for the Japanese. For this reason it can be confidently predicted that the Russians will not do more than harass the Japanese advance in Korea. The gradual withdrawal of the Russians does not mean anything as determining the fighting capacities of the men of the respective armies; it is part of the Russian tactics.

The melting of the snow in a mountainous country will render impassable in the spring the road over which the Japanese must come and this is considered to be almost as effective an opposition as a Russian army corps. The Russians also count upon a Japanese flanking movement in connection with a frontal attack and therefore a Russian force has been disposed along the Tumen to prevent the entrance of a Japanese column there. Another flanking movement is expected at the head of the Lia Tung Gulf, near Niu-chwang, and everything there is being prepared to receive the enemy; but for the present the Russian military authorities believe that the Japanese game at this point has been blocked by the failure of the attempts to bottle up and render immobile the fleet of Vice Admiral Makaroff, which, while free, will be too great a menace to the movement of Japanese transports into the Gulf of Pe Chi Li. Another effort to block Port Arthur is consequently expected daily.

One of the principal objects of Vice Admiral Makaroff's visit to Port Arthur is understood to have been to consult Vice Admiral Makaroff with a view to devising plans for defeating those attacks. It is hinted in high quarters that the next time the Japanese appear off Port Arthur they will find a surprise awaiting them. Vice Admiral Makaroff has returned to Mukden.



Hereford Cattle at Wichita Falls, "Up the Denver."

THRASHING COTTON BOLLS.

A Record on a Hitherto Neglected Crop.

Widom: J. H. Baldwin of Widom, Texas, who, on December 29, 1902, converted his wheat thresher into a cotton huller and ran same in connection with his gin plant, has just closed down the enterprise. This institution has been running continuously since first put into operation, nearly two thousand bales of cotton having been thrashed from this machine, and the revenue derived therefrom has been of great benefit to this community—nearly \$100,000 was paid out for bolls, selling at an average of \$40 per hundred pounds, requiring about three thousand pounds of bolls to make a bale of 600 pounds. Cotton from this process readily sold from 7 1/2 to 10c per pound and the seed brought about half the price of first-class seed. Bolls were brought here from quite a distance and at times wagons with bolls were lined up for a quarter of a mile awaiting their turn to reach the scales

to be weighed. Every available grain house was pressed into service to store bolls and during unfavorable weather for gathering and hauling the bolls were furnished from these reserves through which the machine was constantly at work.

The Way of the Transgressor is Hard. Muskogee, I. T.: A man named "Austin" was shot and killed in a box car near Russell Sunday. He was a native of Austin, Texas, and the only name by which he was known was "Austin." When the killing occurred "Austin" was playing poker in a box car with three companions. They claim that he dropped his gun and that it was discharged, the ball passing through his body. The shooting was under circumstances that the officers will investigate the matter.

The nail department of the American Steel and Wire Company's plant at Hankin, near Pittsburg, was burned, causing the loss of from \$175,000 to \$200,000. There were employed in the mill 350 men and they will be given employment elsewhere.

Larks Find Advocates.

Waco: Three well known citizens of Personville are out in a written statement commending the ordinary field lark for his good work in fighting the boll weevil, and these men, who have been enemies of the lark, have changed and are now his friends. They state that they killed a lark because these birds were damaging corn and oats, but on examination it was found that the bird had five boll weevils in its craw.

Ran Holding an Open Knife.

Palestine: Jesse Calloway, 9 years old, son of Jesse Calloway, Sr., while playing Sunday with his cousin at the residence of his uncle, John Calloway, three and a half miles south of town, in running fell on the little blade of a small pocketknife, which he had open in his hand, penetrating his heart, causing death in ten minutes.

A new railroad is now projected to run from Amarillo to Lubbock, Texas.

The Southern Pacific is bringing over 200 Holland families to raise Texas tobacco.

Full reports from Saturday's prohibition election in Van Zandt County show the pro majority 81c.

Maj. Sam G. Ragsdale, who settled in Burdeseo County in 1855, well-known in that section died Monday.

Grayson County has discovered a new grain-destroying bug which, it is said, threatens wide destruction in grain fields.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Sour Lake has formed itself into a city and a full set of city officials are now in charge of affairs.

Mrs. Laura Casey, of Laredo, accidentally drank a cup of water that had been poisoned to kill rats, and died from the poison.

The National Civil Liberty party, a negro organization, has called a meeting to take place at St. Louis July 8, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for president.

The Morris County National Bank of Naples, Tex., has been authorized to begin business with \$35,000 capital. J. H. Matthews is president, D. A. Cook, cashier.

Ground will be broken in May for a theatre on the site of the Ferris Wheel Park, Chicago, to cost \$150,000. It will be known as Lakeview Theatre and will seat 1435 people.

James Coigate, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, has taken out an insurance policy for \$1,500,000. This is said to be the largest single risk ever accepted on a human life.

The Sully collapse is still engaging attention in the speculative circles. No settlement has been made, but matters are drawing down to a focus that will bring about an adjustment soon.

The Seattle Trade Register says that orders have been placed with local dealers in the last few days for 225,000 cases of Alaska salmon for shipment to Japan for use by the army.

The Railroad Commission has approved the interlocking plant at Caruth, north of Dallas, protecting the crossing of the Houston and Texas Central and Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroads.

Viceroy Alexieff arrived at Port Arthur Thursday and was received by Vice Admiral Makaroff and other officials. He inspected the ships and went on board the torpedo boat destroyer Sini, which distinguished herself in the latest attack by the Japanese.

Private advices received from Washington state that the President has determined to establish a protectorate over the island of San Domingo, which will be such in effect, if not in name.

The Union Trust Company of Boston has closed doors. The nominal assets are about \$1,000,000, with liabilities of an equal sum.

The Federal Trust Company of Cleveland, has assigned. It is understood that it will turn over about \$1,000,000 deposits to the assignee. Its total assets will be about \$3,000,000. The Federal Trust Company has a capital stock of \$1,500,000. Its surplus fund is \$500,000 and it has about \$140,000 undivided profits. According to the last report it had \$2,288,362 in loans and discounts, \$45,200 in real estate loans and owned \$729,000 bonds and mortgages. Its last statement showed individual deposits of \$1,593,328. One of its prominent officials is said to have suddenly disappeared.

The world's automobile records have been broken at Nice. M. Rigolly, driving a 100-horse power car, for the international cup race covered a mile, standing start, in 53 3/5 seconds. In the kilometre (3280 feet) race for the Rothschild cup, with a flying start, Rigolly covered the distance in 25 3/4 seconds.

Boll weevil was discovered at Montgomery, La., near Alexandria. The pest was brought to New Orleans by a country editor. A native of Texas examined it and pronounced it the genuine weevil.

Dispatches say that Russia has bought the Puert Bismarck, and that the price paid was \$800,000.

The Krum Mill and Elevator Company of Denton has amended its charter by increasing its capital stock from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

The Frisco mint has undoubtedly broken all records for gold coinage since the use of money began in civilization, the amount coined March reaching \$33,113,500, an average of more than \$1,000,000 a day.

Ran Holding an Open Knife.

The New York Automobile Club has arranged to make many tours from that city to the St. Louis Fair.

Iowa miners and operators have failed to agree, and 15,500 miners are on strike. Every mine in Iowa is closed.

For sinking Japanese merchantmen in the Sufagari straits at the opening of the war, \$75,000 has been distributed in prize money to the crews of four cruisers of the Vladivostok squadron.

Lawyer Max Josephs, whose disappearance from his office in New York two years ago baffled the police, is said by his father to be alive and well in Australia, although he was long ago given up and insurance on his life collected from Royal Arcanum.

Another pulp decision of interest to paper manufacturers has been handed down by the board of the United States general appraisers, which declares that roused pulp wood is free of duty as paper stock.

THE PROMOTION OF THE ADMIRAL AND OTHER SEA COMEDIES

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He spent the interval at lunch with the British consul.

"I tell you what, Stanley," said the admiral, "I don't care what they did to me, for it's done me no harm. But after this you should be able to make them enforce the laws. If they would only do that the Pacific coast wouldn't stink so in the nostrils of shipmasters and shipowners."

The consul explained the local system of politics. It appeared that every one with any business on the borders of crime insured against the results of accidents by being in politics.

"And if the thieving politicians appoint the man to control them, what's the result?"

"The result is—Shanghai Smith," said the admiral. "Well, I'll see you later. I've an appointment with Mr. Sant, of the Harvester."

The consul started.

"What, with Sant? Why, he got eighteen months' hard labor for killing a man six months ago."

"But he's not in prison?"

"Of course not," said the consul.

"He was pardoned by the governor."

"He's just the man I wish to see," cried Dicky Dunn.

He found Sant waiting at Cartwright's office. He was a hard-bitten, weather-beaten gentleman, and half his face was jaw. That jaw had hold of a long cigar with his back teeth. He continued smoking and chewing, and did both savagely. What Peter had said to him did not come out, but by agreement the admiral was introduced as Mr. Dunn.

"You have reason not to like Shanghai Smith?" said Peter.

"That's so," nodded Sant.

"Mr. Dunn does not like him either. Could you make any use of him on board the Harvester?"

"I could," said Sant, grinning; "he'd be a useful man."

"If you imagined you missed a man to-morrow morning just as you were getting up your anchor, and some one hailed you and said they had picked one up, you would take him aboard?"

"Wet or dry," said Sant.

"I'll undertake he shall be wet," said the admiral. "Eh?" And he turned to Selwyn.

"Yes, sir," replied the lieutenant, "that could be arranged."

"Very well, Mr. Sant," said the admiral.

"And it's understood, of course," said Peter, "that you gentlemen never saw each other and don't know each other when you meet, it being a matter of mutual obligation."

"I agree," said Sant.

"And of course," Cartwright added as he escorted the admiral and Selwyn into the passage, "if there should be a shindy at Smith's and any of your men are in it, we shall all explain that it is owing to your having been put away. And two wrongs then will make it right. I guess the newspapers will call it square."

"Exactly so," said the admiral.

And when he reached the Triumphant he had very nearly worked out the plan by which the row at Shanghai Smith's was to occur.

"I'll just go over it with you, Selwyn," he said, when he reached his cabin again. "Now you must remember I rely on your discretion. A wrong step may land us in trouble with the authorities and the admiralty."

"Well, what do you propose, Sir Richard?" asked Selwyn.

"This is rightly your show and mine," said the admiral. "I won't have any one else in it that I can help. I ought to speak to Hamilton,

unless I have to. Ultimately all the responsibility is mine, of course."

And by that Selwyn understood rightly enough that Dicky Dunn, for all his cunning, had no intention of shirking trouble if trouble came. He went ashore and took Benson up town with him.

"Do you men think it was Shanghai Smith that laid for us, and put the admiral away, Benson?" he asked as they went up Market street.

"There ain't the shadow of a doubt 'e done it, sir," said Benson.

"And they don't like it?"

"Lord bless you, sir. It's very 'ard 'avin' all liberty stopped, but between you and me it was wise to stop it. They would 'ave rooted 'is 'ouse up and shied the wreckage into the bay."

"It's a pity that you and about twenty more couldn't do it," said Selwyn.

"And if one could only catch hold of the man himself and put him on board an outward-bound ship, it would do him good."

Benson slapped his leg.

"Oh, sir, there ain't a man on board the Triumphant that wouldn't do six months' with pleasure to 'ave the 'andlin' of 'im."

"No?"

"For sure, sir."

"I was lying awake last night thinking of it," said Selwyn; "at least, I believe I was awake—perhaps I was dreaming. But I seemed to think that a couple of boats' crews were ashore, and that you went to Shanghai's place for a drink."

"I've done that same, sir," said Benson, "and the liquor was cruel bad."

"And I dreamed—yes, I suppose it was a dream—that you started a row and made hay of his bar and colared him, and took him in the cutter and rowed him about the bay till about four in the morning."

"You always was very imaginary and dreamy as a boy, sir, begging your pardon, sir," said Benson.

"And I dreamed you came to the Harvester—"

"Her that's lying in the bay—the ship with the bad name among sailor-men?"

"That's the ship," said Selwyn; "and you hailed her and asked the captain if a man had tried to escape by swimming. And he said 'Yes,' and then you said you'd picked him up."

Benson looked at him quickly.

"Oh, he wouldn't be wet, sir."

"Oh, yes, he would, Benson. You could easily duck him overboard."

Benson stared very hard at the lieutenant.

"Of course. I could very easy duck him—and love to do it, too. And did the captain of the Harvester own to him, sir?"

Selwyn nodded.

"He would, Benson—I mean he did, of course."

"I suppose," asked Benson, with his eyes on the pavement, "that it had been arranged so?"

"In the dream, yes," said the lieutenant.

"Was it for to-morrow evening, sir?"

"I thought so," said Selwyn. "And the curious thing about it was that the whole thing was done as quietly as possible. All you men went to work in silence without as much as a hurrah. And one of the boats brought me ashore and the other brought the admiral. And it was only after you had put the man on board the Harvester that you came back for the admiral at five o'clock in the morning, Benson."

"And what about the boat as brought you, sir?"

"I came back at twelve and went on board with them, after the fight, and while you were rowing Mr. Smith about the bay, cheering him up."

"Was there anything else, sir?"

"Nothing," said Selwyn, "only that I forget whether it came out. If it did, the man said it was a game all of their own. And I think—no, I'm sure—that if any one got into trouble it paid him well, after all."

"Of course it would, sir," said Benson warmly. "I wish it could really come off. You never know your luck, sir."

"And I think Mr. Smith doesn't," said Selwyn.

"And when Benson went on board again and had a long confabulation with two boats' crews, there was a unanimous opinion among them that Mr. Smith had piled his ship up with a vengeance when he ran against a British admiral."

"There ain't to be no weepings," said Benson—"nothin' worse nor more cuttin' than a stysall 'ank as a knuckle-duster, and even that I don't recommend. An odd stretcher or two and the bottles there will do the job. And the word is silence, now and then."

"Mum's the word," said the men. And like the children that they were, they wrought the whole ship's company into a frenzy of excitement, by dropping hints about, as heavy as a half-hundredweight on every one who was not in the game. Had there been much longer to wait than twenty-four hours, they must have told, or burst. And if they had not burst, the others would have finally reached the truth by the process of exhaustion.

It was none o'clock on the following evening that the admiral went on shore to dine with the British consul. He told Benson that he might be later

than eleven. And as Benson touched his cap he took the liberty of believing he might be as late as five in the morning. And just about eleven Selwyn came ashore in another boat with papers which had to go to the admiral.

"I shall be back in an hour, Thomas," said Selwyn. And the two coxswains were left in command of the cutting out expedition. The whole business was nearly wrecked at the outset by the settlement of the question as to who was to be left in charge of the boats. Finally Thomas and Benson ordered two men to stay, and the defrauded men sat back and growled most horribly as the rest moved off towards Shanghai Smith's in loose order.

"Look 'ere," said Billings to Graves as they were left alone, "it's hobbivous one must stay with the boats; but one's enough, and on an expedition like this, horders ain't worth a damn. I'll howe you a quid, a whole quid, and my grog for a month if you'll be the man to stay."

"No, I'll toss you, the same terms both sides."

The spin of coin sent Billings running after the rest. He was received by Benson with curses, but he stuck to the party all the same.

"Very well, you report me! You

know you can't," he said defiantly. "And I've give Graves a thick 'un and my grog for a month to be let come."

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Japanese Funeral Rites.

Old people in Japan prepare for death by visiting shrines and interviewing Buddhist priests. When a person dies the priest selects a posthumous name (kaimes), and writes it on a slip of white paper on a tablet of unstained wood. The deceased person next lies in state for two days, when the head is shaven and the body dressed for interment in pure white, the costume being similar to that worn on festive occasions. The body is then placed in the coffin in a sitting position, the hands folded in prayer, and the vacant spaces being filled with tea leaves, incense, or vermilion. The night before the funeral is spent by the relatives in prayer, and next morning a procession is formed to the grave, everybody and everything displaying as much white as possible. The periods of mourning vary from fifty days of, or deep mourning, for a parent, during which no business must be done, the razor abjured, and the grave visited daily, to three days for consins, while buku or lighter mourning is observed from ninety to seven days.

Velocity of Radium.

That latest wonder of science, radium, is now believed in some quarters to be the substance of which the sun is composed. Light travels at the rate of 186,000 miles a second. Considering that the brain can scarcely grasp the speed of a bullet, a mere 650 yards a second, it is readily seen how far beyond human comprehension is such a speed as this. Nor is it any easier to grapple intelligently with the speed of the emanations of radium, some of which fly off at a velocity of 120,000 miles a second, and will penetrate steel and various other substances as easily as smoke will pass through muslin. So powerful are these rays that it would be as dangerous to approach radium in any quantity as it is to go near gunpowder with a lighted match. A man entering a chamber containing a pound of radium would have his eyesight destroyed, his skin burned and would probably lose his life.

Revival of Crocheting Art.

The thrifty woman who enjoys crocheting may improve her time during the winter evenings by making lace insertion and trimming for her next summer's white gown.

This new lace is called "relief crocheting," and is exceedingly handsome. It is made of a beautiful quality of crochet linen or silk thread, and is done in roll stitch. Some of the most attractive insertions are made on the bias. For trimming the waist and skirt star medallions should be crocheted.

The work will not tax the eyes, like the old-fashioned thread work, and the woman who wishes to have an elegant black gown of some soft wool or silk could have no handsomer trimming than "relief crocheting" lace.

THE FIRST JUNKET.

Party Leaves New York to Inspect Panama Canal.

New York, March 30.—The members of the Panama Canal Commission sailed yesterday for Colon on the steamship Alliance. They will inspect the entire route of the canal and look over some of the documents of the canal company, preparatory to the delivery of the property to the United States Government. They probably will remain at the isthmus two months. The commissioners were accompanied by Col. William C. Georgan, Assistant Surgeon General of the army; Dr. Lewis Lagarde of the medical department of the army and Dr. John W. Ross, Medical Director of the navy. Roger Farnham, representing William Nelson Cromwell, counsel for the Panama Canal Company, also sailed on the same vessel.

The medical men will plan arrangements for the sanitation of the canal zone.

"Our present plan," said Rear Admiral Walker, chairman of the commission, "is to go over the entire route of the canal, making an investigation of the work done, the improvements that are necessary and the arrangements that will have to be made for proper sanitation in the district. There is hardly anything that I can say regarding our plans. No contracts will be let as the canal is not actually ours."

When told that William Nelson Cromwell had said that the commission would act as if the United States actually had entire possession of the property, the Rear Admiral said:

"That is not so, and I do not think Mr. Cromwell intended to convey that impression. As to the question of labor and of contracts and supplies, these are things too far ahead to be talked of at this time."

Dr. Ross, speaking for the representatives of the medical profession in the party, expressed the opinion that under proper sanitary arrangements the canal zone can be made as salubrious as Cuba.

Among those at the dock when the commissioners sailed was Dr. Amador, Panama Consul, whose father is President of the new republic. "The arrival of the Commissioners," said Dr. Amador, "will be the signal for a great popular demonstration in Panama. There will be a series of entertainments in their honor, as their arrival means the consummation of the dearest wishes of the people of the republic."

Strong Mining Organization.

Ardmore, I. T.: The Colbert Mining Company at Dougherty has been organized with a paid-up capital of \$100,000. The officers and directors are as follows: Joe Colbert of Lindsay, president; C. Scovey of Wayne, secretary; C. J. Walover of Purcell, treasurer, and J. W. Hoeker of Purcell, attorney. C. J. Walover of Purcell, Joe Colbert of Lindsay, J. C. Thomas of Gainesville, C. Scovey of Wayne and J. B. Harrison of Dougherty, directors.

She Nearly Murdered Four Men.

Chicago: The reversing of a little girl's testimony in a murder case has saved five men from the gallows, and the defendants were released. In explanation of the remarkable change of front the child declared that she had been instructed how to testify by the widow of the murdered man. Charges against the prisoners were withdrawn on the spot by the State's attorney and the five men walked out of the dock free by order of the court.

Will Block Harbor at Any Cost.

Nagasaki, March 31.—The Japanese Government is determined to complete the sealing of Port Arthur.

Admiral Togo's latest effort only a small gap in the barrier of sunken ships. To insure the choking of this passage, twenty-eight old steamships are in course of preparation. They are being stripped of all but their machinery and will be driven full tilt at the harbor in squadrons of six until the gap is filled.

If any one of the steamers gains entrance to the roadstead between the sunken Yoshiko and the Yoneyama Maru, the act will be accomplished and the Russian fleet will no longer be a factor in the war.

In any event, although the whole twenty-eight vessels have to be sacrificed, ships will be sunken so thickly about the harbor entrance as to make it impossible for anything larger than a torpedo boat to thread its way out.

El Paso Mineral Matters.

Austin: El Paso County is said to contain a second deposit of salt, and there will be several mineral applications with the Land Commissioner as a result of the recent find. Because of the poor railroad facilities the Brewster County qu-halifer deposits are said to be somewhat dormant. They are ninety miles from the Southern Pacific. One man has practically filed on the new field, which is east of the Terzagus deposits of classer.

FROM UNCLE SAM'S BOUNTY.

Texas Has Fared Exceedingly Well This Session.

Washington, March 31.—Texas did not get all she sought from the present Congress, but under all the circumstances Texas has every reason to rejoice for all that she did get. Exclusive of a number of minor items, may be mentioned the following:

Congress has already appropriated \$400,000 for building locks and dams on the Trinity River, Dallas.

Sabine Lake, Beaumont, has got \$125,000 for building a deep water channel to a connection with Sabine Pass.

By reason of the selection of Fort Sam Houston as a military site, San Antonio will get \$125,000.

The sundry civil expense bill, which will certainly be passed some time soon, carries the following appropriations for Texas:

Continuing Gainesville federal building, \$20,000; temporary federal quarters, Waco, \$7000; Sabine Bank signal station, \$10,000; San Marcos fish culture station \$5220; improving Galveston harbor, \$100,000; building Galveston sea wall through Fort Crockett reservation, \$110,000.

Next session Texas will ask, and will probably get, \$1,700,000 for further improving the Trinity River.

Houston will need and will get at least \$1,500,000 for a new federal building and for the completion of terminals and other improvements in the Buffalo bayou ship channel.

Corpus Christi will require \$100,000 for the construction of a straight channel through its bay to Aransas Pass.

Aransas Pass should secure an appropriation of \$200,000 for completing the deep water work which will give to Southwest Texas a great commercial outlet to the ocean.

There are a number of other vast public enterprises which will call for government expenditures, and if the interoceanic or inland canal bill should pass—and everything favors it—a further sum of fully \$4,500,000 will have to be appropriated.

One Hundred and Six Years Old.

Killeen: Old Uncle Jack Smith of Bell County, is said to be 106 years old. He was born and raised in Germany, and he has a vivid recollection of the great Napoleon, remembers him riding a black and white spotted horse as he passed through Germany. Old Uncle Jack was a sailor for many years before coming to Texas, although he came here in an early day. The old man is nearly blind, and is quite stout for one of his age, but is in poor circumstances.

Prominent Business Man Dies.

Corsicana: J. K. Huey died after a brief illness. He was born near Pittsburg, Pa. May 26, 1827. Early in the fifties he came to Texas. After the close of the war he opened up a hardware business at Navasota, with which he had been connected until his death. He was a director of the National Exchange Bank of Dallas and in the Central Grocery Company of Dallas and Corsicana. He was one of the founders of the hardware firm of Huey & Philip of Dallas.

Mrs. Mary Cook, who was perhaps the oldest person in North Texas, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. B. Maddrey, in Bonham. Mrs. Cook was born in Tennessee in 1807, and moved to where Bonham now stands in 1853. Had she lived until April 21 next she would have been 97 years old.

Pythian Annual Picnic.

Terrell: Representatives from the Knights of Pythias lodges of North Texas met in this city to determine the time and place for holding the annual Knights of Pythias picnic this season. W. F. Boggess of Kaufman was elected temporary chairman and J. L. Stockey of Paris temporary secretary. Greenville was selected as the place for the annual picnic and May 25 the date fixed for the event.

A Texas, Sabine Valley and Northwestern train was wrecked Wednesday. Every car on the train was overturned and several persons were seriously injured. The wreck occurred at a curve and is thought to have been the result of a rail not being placed correctly on the curve.

Dr. J. W. Garnett died at his home in Greenville. Deceased had lived there for a number of years and was one of the oldest practicing physicians of the country.

Ethel, the 9-year-old daughter of Sid Martin, manager of the Head of the River Ranch, accidentally caught her dress on fire one day last week while near an open fireplace at the ranch, and was severely burned, from the effects of which she died Wednesday night.

Gustave Thalberg, of Stockholm, Sweden, is in St. Louis to arrange for bringing sixty Swedish students to Swedish day at the World's Fair, June 24.



Not His Usual Line. Mr. Selph—She thought I was rather severe. She said she didn't think it was like me to talk of others so. Miss Bitter—And it wasn't like you, either. Mr. Selph—Think not? Miss Bitter—No; you generally talk about yourself.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Too Early for Him. "The conditions seem to be unfavorable," admitted the trance medium. "I am unable to get any communication from your late husband." "Well, I'm not at all surprised," replied the widow. "It's only 9 o'clock now and John never did show up till about 2 a. m."

For Remembrance.



Gibbs—Hallo! You've got a knot in your handkerchief. What's that for? Tibbs—Oh, my wife's gone to her mother's for a few days, and that knot is to remind me that she told me to think of her in her absence.—Pick-Me-Up.

The Main Thing. Mr. Nervey—Miss Roxley, I adore you. Will you be my wife? Miss Roxley (thoughtfully)—The idea of your proposing to a girl in my station? You should know better. Mr. Nervey—I do know better, but no richer.

A Movable Feast. Boarder—Why in creation did you ring the breakfast bell at 4 o'clock this morning? Cook—The mistress heard it thundering and told me to hurry up and serve breakfast before the milk soured.—New York Weekly.

How It Happened. Brownovich—Enpeck's wife doesn't jaw him like she formerly did. Smithinski—The worm finally turned, eh? Brownovich—No, it wasn't that; she had some kind of throat trouble and lost her voice.

His Point of View. "But," protested the typewriter boarder, "Adam wasn't contented without a wife." "Perhaps not," rejoined the old bachelor, "but at that stage of the game he didn't know anything of good or evil."

Tangles It All Up. Towne—It's a fact that a person with a strong imagination has absolutely no head for figures. Bowne—Don't you believe it. When my wife gets her imagination to work upon her age she can make arithmetic look sick.

Willing.



"Why, my dear man," declared the hypnotist, "by making a few simple passes before your eyes I can make you forget that you are married." "Go ahead," said the other. "I've been trying to forget it for ten years."

An Easy Matter. Giles—Congress could settle this woman's suffrage business in short order if it was to go about it in the right way. Miles—How? Giles—By enacting a law compelling women to vote. Then they wouldn't want to.

A Cautious Youth. "Bobby, your father wants to see you." The boy looked dubious. "Do I want to see him?" he asked. "How should I know?" "You ought to be able to tell by the look in his eye."

The First Sufferer. Diogenes was discovered with his lantern. "I use it," he explained, "to see the gas after I have lighted it." Hopelessly he continued his quest for an honest man or gas company.—Harper's Bazar.

A Church Sleeper. Parks—Do you know our minister at all? Lane—Oh, I have a nodding acquaintance with him.—Exchange.



"I rely on your discretion,"

but I won't. I'll keep him out of the trouble"—for Hamilton was the captain of the Triumphant. "I suppose the men here are really fond of me?" said the admiral interrogatively.

"They have no monopoly of that," said Selwyn.

"Is there any one of them you could drop a hint to, that you could trust?"

"Of course," said Selwyn; "there's Benson, whose father works for mine as gardener."

"Do you mean Benson, my coxswain?"

"Yes, sir."

"He's the very man. You might let him know that if he should get into any trouble, he will be paid for it. I leave the rest to you. You can go ashore now, with this note to Stanley. That will give you a chance to take Benson with you and speak to him on the quiet. I don't know that I care particularly to hear any more about it till the day after to-morrow,

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A FEATHER IN HEARST'S CAP.

On Monday the supreme court of the United States gave a decision in favor of the right of the Interstate Commerce Commission to fully investigate the anthracite coal and railroad combine or trust. This case was instituted in 1902 before the Commission by William R. Hearst in the interest of the public. He filed a complaint against the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, the Lehigh Valley Railroad, the Delaware & Lackawanna Railroad, the Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey and other roads reaching the anthracite coal mines in Pennsylvania, charging the roads with unjust discrimination and control of the traffic so as to control and raise the price of coal to the consumers.

On the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission the railroad companies refused to submit their contracts in evidence and claimed that Mr. Hearst, not having been personally damaged, could not bring or maintain such a proceeding against them. This blocked the investigation before the Commission and an appeal was taken to the circuit court of New York, and from that to the supreme court of the United States, with the above result. The latter court holding that the railroad companies must produce their coal traffic contracts in evidence for investigation and also sustaining the right of Mr. Hearst to bring such proceeding against them.

A notable fact is that, in the same papers giving the news of the above decision, there appears a news-special from Washington which hastens to inform the public that the decision in the anthracite coal case will not help Mr. Hearst's presidential candidacy and pointing out that Judge Parker's nomination is a foregone conclusion.

No one imagines that it will help Mr. Hearst with the railroads, trusts, and monopolistic combines generally, but if the people have any appreciation of this and much other such work done in their behalf by this man it will help him with them. It is fair to assume that Mr. Hearst did not do it to gain political advantage, as the proceeding was started in 1902, before he was talked of for the presidency—and a number of similar things were done by him long before that. Some will ask what has Judge Parker, who is such a favorite with the "conservatives" done?

WHO ENDORSES JUDGE PARKER?

The Fort Worth Record's special Washington correspondent writes that paper that while the conservative Democrats do not for a moment expect that the radical wing of the party (they designate the regular Democrats who supported the candidate and platforms of 1896 and 1900 as the radical wing) will be sufficiently strong in the next convention to name a candidate; nevertheless they are of the opinion that the movement (by the "radical wing") has gained ground so steadily that it may muster sufficient strength to disturb the convention. Don't that jar you! The more than six millions—more than four-fifths of the Democracy of the nation—who supported the platforms of '96 and 1900 may gain sufficient strength to disturb the convention! In other words, to disturb the plans of the "conservatives"—that's what the old Falgout and Buckner-McKinley-aid-society crowd are calling themselves now. Proceeding, the correspondent says: "The fear is that a strong faction will be created, one which will be unreasoning and disloyal to the party." Now that would jar the pyramids of Egypt or make the teeth of the Colossus of Rhodes chatter! Afraid that the four-fifths of the party who stood loyally to the party through the two last campaigns will be strong enough to become a little disturbing faction in the convention and be disloyal to the party! And it is those who were disloyal through the two campaigns that are saying this! There is gall for you.

Again this correspondent says: "Judge Parker's friends in this city regard his nomination as assured. They state the country at large has expressed its belief and confidence that no candidate should be seriously considered in the convention except he be from the state of New York and carries with him the endorsement of the business interests of the East." Here we have it pat. "Business interests of the East" here means the trusts, monopolies, protective tariff beneficiaries and finan-

cial pirates. That is putting it strong, but it's true.

Again he writes: "They find in Judge Parker an ideal candidate, a man who has shown himself strong, able and conservative, and who regards the party as bigger than the individual so that when the party expressed its will in the platforms of 1896 and 1900, Judge Parker voted for the regular nominee of the party without expressing himself for or against the respective planks of the platform." Well, if that crowd, composed of the "business interests of the East," find in Judge Parker their ideal we are sure we will not, for their ideal is a man who will protect and serve their selfish interests. We notice the Judge voted "without expressing himself." That is one thing that bothers us; we would like for Judge Parker to express himself. Some people and newspapers are assuming to express themselves for him, but they fail to show

their authority—in to name the time, place or occasion on which the Judge said anything to warrant what they say. Eighteen or twenty years ago Judge Parker was active in New York state politics. He managed David B. Hill's campaign for governor. Hill was elected and Parker got his reward by being appointed a judge by Hill. He has been discretely mum ever since. Several things which were not much thought of then have become important questions or issues in national politics since then and Judge Parker has not expressed himself upon them. As there are several brands of people calling themselves Democrats, we would like to know which brand he is. The advocates of Judge Parker's nomination must have some assurance that he would accept the nomination if tendered him, then, if he would do so, it is his duty to himself, to his friends and to the people whose votes it will take to give him that nomination to tell them frankly what he stands for in party and governmental policies and administration. It is begging the question, it is twaddle, to say that it is inconsistent with his judicial position to do so. He does not have to become an active working politician in order to do so. He merely has to say what he is, what he stands for, once for all and be done with it.

"Only those who are opposed to his (Parker's) nomination are in doubt as to his position on the great issues which are to be fought out in the pending campaign."—Record. That isn't true as to THE FREE PRESS. Judge Parker has been on the bench nearly twenty years and has been shut up as close as the spinax as to political issues and governmental policies. Many issues have been fought over in that time and we do not believe the Record can quote Judge Parker's language in defining his standing or views on any such question within ten years.

Being so directed to do by a resolution of congress, Secretary Cortellou of the Department of Commerce and Labor, is having an investigation made of the beef trust by employees of his department. It is being carried on privately and the public can know nothing of its thoroughness. When completed a secret report is to be made to the President and he can pigeonhole it, make it public, or direct prosecution as may suit his inclinations or interests. Not a very satisfactory proceeding.

"Moreover it has not come to be the custom yet for the prospective candidate to write the platforms of the party."—Record. Candidates have been known after election to disregard platforms that did not suit them. In considering the availability of a candidate it is essential to know whether he will fit the platform which we purpose making.

In view of some of the gall and rot upon which the country is being fed by some who are championing Judge Parker as a presidential candidate, he should pray fervently to be delivered from his friends—if he is really the kind of a man that is fit for a democratic president.

The Welcome Rain.

Beginning on Friday of last week, we had several days of cloudy, cool weather with a light wind from the north. Several showers of rain fell during the time, the heaviest being on Sunday night. It extended over the county westward and eastward, and twelve or fourteen miles northward from town. To the southward it extended on beyond this county. At this place the ground was wet to a depth of five or six inches, and we understand that the precipitation grew heavier to the southward. It was sufficient to bring up seeds that were planted and to give farming operations a fresh impetus. We are very hopeful of more rain within a short time, as it is usually the case that when it begins raining here, after a drouth, it continues at short intervals until there is a good season in the ground.

AN ALL-PURPOSE HORSE.

My four-year-old stallion, "Charlie Lee," will make the season at my place 7 miles northwest of Pinkerton at a fee of \$5. He is 16 hands, well proportioned, and one of the best all-purpose horses in West Texas. He won first premium at Haskell street fair last October. The low rate this season is made to get him advertised. I will give owner of best colt from him, shown at Pinkerton in Spring of 1905, a premium of \$5.

WALTER MOREMAN.

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I have a lot of Poland China pigs for sale.
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Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
Visiting sovereigns invited.

TO MY CUSTOMERS and the PUBLIC:—

I am receiving new goods every week now and invite you to call and see my stock.

Big Line of Clothing

just in.

Fine Stock of Shoes

both low and high cut.

Largest Line of Millinery

we have ever handled.

Our Mrs. Martin made a personal selection of these goods in the best markets, having in view the particular tastes and requirements of her customers and they are sure to please you in quality, style and prices.

Fresh Full Stock of Groceries.

I keep this department up to date at all times and am making prices awfully low.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

..T. G. CARNEY..

The Ladies' Aid Societies.
On last Monday from 4 to 6 P. M. the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society at the residence of Mrs. Marshall Pierson entertained in a royal manner the ladies' societies of the several churches of the town.
An interesting program had been prepared. Mrs. Gregory, president of the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society, delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. George Williams, president of the Aid Society of the Christian church.
Mrs. Isbell, president of the Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, and Mrs. English, president of the Cumberland Aid Society, gave reports of the work done in their societies.
Mrs. Litsy, president of the Home Mission Society of the Methodist church being absent, Mrs. McCollum made the report for that society.
Interesting talks were made by Mrs. J. L. Williams, Mrs. Anna Martin and others.
The program was interspersed with music by Mrs. Pierson, Misses Rogers, Roper and Hunt. Mrs. L. T. Cunningham had charge of the program.
After the program Mrs. Pierson, the ideal hostess, served refreshments, and all enjoyed a social hour.
There are in the ladies' societies above mentioned nearly one hundred members, and most of them were present.
Before dispersing it was voted to have these union meetings quarterly. The crowd gave a rising vote of thanks to the ladies of the Baptist Aid Society in general and to Mrs. Pierson in particular for the afternoon entertainment, which had been one of pleasure and profit to all who were present.

TEXAS CENTRAL Railroad.

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No. 1 Arrives from Waco,.....5:45 P. M.
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GOOD CONNECTIONS AT WACO FOR ALL POINTS IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH TEXAS TO POINTS IN THE OLD STATES!

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are the best thing we have ever seen, and those

...STEAM COOKERS...

are just lovely—such a saving in fuel—as well as time and worry of us good house-keepers.

SAY!! You Men Folks!

Why don't you wake up and make your wife a present of one or both. She will be so happy and your dear health will improve with the BETTER COOKING—and life will thus be prolonged several years. TRY IT.

And Say Ladies!

If he want do this, you just come in and order for yourself, and we will make the old fellow pay for it all the same.

RESPECTFULLY,

HASKELL RACKET STORE.

McLemore's prairie dog poison will do the business for you. Pens, pencils, ink and tablets at the Racket Store for school children.

EGGS FOR HATCHING

FROM PURE-BRED SINGLE COMB BROWN LEGHORN CHICKENS.

These are the most prolific layers in the world, and I consider them the best general purpose chickens. They are the best rustlers and foragers on the farm. Fresh Eggs 75 cents for 15—which is just half what the fanciers sell at, and mine are as good as theirs.
You will find these eggs fresh at Williams' grocery store, or call at my place (Couch's ranch) 8 miles from Haskell on Seymour road.
A. M. ALLEN.

MONEY. PLENTY OF MONEY.

Do you want money to take up and extend the time of payment of your vendors' lien notes. If so come and see. The fall and winter rush is over and I can get money for you as quick and as cheap as anybody.
P. D. SANDERS.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Mr. Jerold Hills, who is with the State National Bank at Fort Worth, came in Sunday and spent two or three days with relatives here.

We will have all of the latest things in dress fabrics, notions and trimmings in a few days. T. G. Carney.

Messrs. Jim and Tom Tucker, who have been visiting their mother and old friends in Haskell, left Wednesday morning for Sierra Blanca, where they will make their future home and be visited by the Free Press.

See the newest styles in ladies' ready-to-wear skirts and pattern hats, made by expert makers in New York City. The Stamford Dry Goods Co.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson, on April 4th, a fine boy.

A good meat any time for a quarter at the Daylight Restaurant.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pardue of the Wild Horse prairie on Wednesday.

"Itchme cures itch," or your money back. Jno. Robertson.

Rev. Philley requests us to announce that the Cumberland Presbyterians will begin a revival meeting in Haskell on the first Sunday in May, with Rev. J. B. Nicholson of White-wright.

Have you seen the fine line of candles at the Daylight Restaurant.

Mr. J. F. Stephens has our thanks for a cash subscription secured by him for the Free Press.

Candy, cigars, pop corn, soda water, cakes, pies and bread always fresh at the Daylight Restaurant.

Miss Ara Shrum of Gilmer is visiting in Haskell, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Springer.

For a good cigar go to Robertson's drug store.

At its regular conference meeting last Sunday the Baptist church decided to begin a protracted meeting on Friday before the first Sunday in June.

A surry for sale very cheap. Is second-hand but in good condition. See Alexander Merc. Co.

Mr. A. C. Foster, Grand Visitor for this, the 16th Masonic district, will leave next Tuesday morning for Breckenridge, where he will assist in organizing a new chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Big line of pencil and ink tablets at Robertson's drug store.

Mr. Henry Alexander spent a few days at Hughes Bros. ranch on Paint creek this week.

Messrs. R. E. Sherrill and J. B. Baker visited Abilene the latter part of last week.

Many persons need something to tone the blood and produce a tonic effect as warm weather approaches. A good preparation of Sarsaparilla is the best thing to do this. Spring's Sarsaparilla is a powerful purifier of the blood. Get it at Robertson's drug store.

Haskell people are proving their faith in Haskell and Haskell county by building new houses. One good residence has just been completed and three more are under construction, besides numerous other improvements.

Take Stone Root Compound for kidney, bladder and liver troubles. For sale by Jno. E. Robertson.

At the Haskell public school trustee election and election to raise the district school tax from 15 to 20 cents on the \$100, held last Saturday, Mr. R. E. Sherrill was reelected trustee and the proposition to increase the tax carried by a vote of five to one—all of which is as it should be.

Nyal's Blackberry Carminative, a quick cure for diarrhea—for sale at Jno. E. Robertson's.

Our school trustees are investigating an artificial building stone process to determine whether or not it can be economically utilized in the erection of a new public school building.

Mr. E. V. Griffin and wife visited his brother-in-law, Mr. J. S. Barnett, five miles west of town Thursday. Mr. Barnett has a child very sick with pneumonia.

Mr. S. F. Cummings and family of Del Rio arrived Saturday on a visit to the family of his brother, Mr. S. S. Cummings. Mr. S. F. Cummings is a railway conductor and went on to Fort Worth Monday to attend the convention of railway conductors and Engineers.

Mr. J. T. Bowman was in town Thursday. He says the rain has stimulated farmers considerable. He noticed oats that were sown several weeks ago coming up since the rain.

Mr. H. S. Post having disposed of his interest in the Haskell National Bank and retired from the board of directors, Mr. T. E. Hallard takes his place as a director.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

Straws in the Wind that Are Interesting Haskell People.

An Austin item in Tuesday's newspapers, credited to an Engineering journal, states that the grading on the Rock Island extension from Amarillo west to Tucuman, N. M., is practically completed and track laying thereon will begin soon.

The same publication states that it is reported that construction is to begin shortly on the Rock Island extension as located from Graham to Haskell last year.

The same journal forecasts considerable activity on the part of the Katy road. Referring to the survey just made from Oklahoma City to Wichita Falls in this state, it says: "The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company is believed to be back of this project," and the Austin correspondent comments: "The Katy suspect is more than likely true, as the line from Oklahoma City would traverse a rich country and connect with its Texas system at Wichita Falls, there being a Katy line from Gainesville to that point." It is well known that the Katy has made more than one effort to buy the Wichita Valley road, running from Wichita Falls to Seymour, but could not agree with Morgan Jones on the price. This effort to buy the Valley road is proof that it wants to invade this part of the state. A glance at the map shows that coming southwest from Oklahoma City its course is in nearly exact line with the direction of the Valley road and should it acquire the latter and extend it on to the southwest Haskell would fall exactly on the line.

We also see it stated in a recent paper that Mr. Healey and associates have taken hold of the old grade of Red River and Southwestern—graded from Henrietta to Archer City several years ago—and are endeavoring to promote the building and extensive of same to Abilene. Should they succeed, it may mean a road to Haskell.

Reports received here this week indicate that Mr. M. R. Lock is about to revive his project to build the road surveyed and chartered two years ago from Haskell to Llano, a distance of 210 miles, under the name of the Texas, Mexico & Orient Railway Company. Its headquarters are at Abilene, where it crosses the Texas and Pacific. Some of our citizens who were at Abilene a few days ago learned that Mr. Lock was negotiating with new parties looking to the financing of the scheme and had recently been to New York in that interest. The prevailing belief among the business men of Abilene was that the matter was about to come to a successful issue and that it would not be a great while before active work would be begun on the construction of the road.

Other reports, based on correspondence with Gov. J. S. Hogg, att'y for the Frisco, and a Frisco official at San Antonio, indicate that the Frisco is soon to make a move toward the extension southward of its line from Vernon on the Fort Worth & Denver City road. Haskell would also be in line for this road.

Quite a cool wind came down from the north Thursday night.

Mrs. Meadors visited out at Mr. J. E. Irby's Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. J. L. Robertson and Miss Willie Chambliss visited in Stamford Wednesday.

GRINDING.—Earnest & Sanders will run their mill at Haskell on the third Saturday in each month.

The fishing crowd that spent several days on Clear Fork last week report having had pretty good success.

Mr. W. H. Pearsey has taken a position at Williams' store, where he will be pleased to wait on his friends.

Uncle George W. Reeves was down from Munday this week, spending two or three days with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Collins.

Mr. J. D. Stodghill, a substantial citizen of the south part of the county, was doing business in the county capital Tuesday. He said that farm work was pretty well up in his section and that planting would go ahead rapidly since the rain.

Mr. J. C. Wright, who had a contract and did some grading on Waller's Haskell railroad, was in Haskell this week. He has been keeping in touch with railroad movements affecting this part of the State and has information which leads him to believe that the Frisco will be coming this way from the north before many moons.

Mr. W. T. McDaniel, a prominent farmer and gin man of Wild Horse prairie, was in town Thursday. He said the rain the first of the week wet the ground four or five inches and the farmers went to work planting corn and milo maize. He thinks the latter will be planted largely, as wheat and oats are nearly a failure, and that a heavy cotton crop will be planted.

DR. J. L. G. ADAMS

Eye Specialist, STAMFORD, - TEX.



If you want to know plain facts about your eye troubles, or be cured of ingrowing lashes, so called "wild hairs," Granulated lids, Ulceration, Iritis, Drooped or deformed lids, Lid tumors, Pterygium or a growth over the eye, Cataracts, Opacities, Cross eyes, or if you need glasses fitted accurately, call on Dr. J. L. G. ADAMS, the eye specialist, at Haskell.

April 23rd.

Dr. Adams limits his practice to the diseases and deformities of the eyes that are curable—has been in this special work for the past ten years, gives reference from hundreds who were led to his offices, but now see to read. Several were pronounced hopeless and spent many terms in the State and Assylum, yet they regained vision under his special treatments.

Call at his office or any of his branch offices for names and investigate if you have any eye trouble. Nine patients were led to his offices in the last thirty days, who were pronounced hopeless by others,—now they go where they please without a guide. Doubtless investigate, and those who have had treatment by others and without results are specially invited to allow him to give his honest opinion about their case.

If he can not cure you he frankly tells you so.

yet, if he claims to be able to cure you and you are in doubt you can place his fee in the bank or make note and if he does not do what he promises, you are not out any money. He closely studies the cure of difficult cases and his original treatments are not excelled.

Eight hundred and forty-four cross eyes straightened to date; why remain cross eyed—no choriform, little or no pain and your return home the same day. He will be at

**Haskell
April 23rd.**

ADAMS & GRIFFIN,
Haskell, Munday and Anson.

ADAMS & WRAY,
Aspermont, Clairemont and Dickens.

ADAMS & JONES,
Cisco.

ADAMS & FRANCIS,
Seymour and Benjamin.

Dr. J. L. G. Adams, the operating surgeon of the firms, will be at each of the above offices once each month to perform such surgical operations as may be found necessary.

Meantime persons having eye troubles should call at the office nearest them and see the physician in charge.

Dr. M. T. Griffin, who is now associated with Dr. Adams, gives notice that he will be in their Haskell office for consultation with patients every Monday, at Munday on Wednesdays and at Aspermont on Saturdays.

Spring Goods

—FOR—

..1904..

This is our 14th annual spring stock and we are proud to say that owing to our constantly increasing business and our practice of improving our stock from year to year, we have made this larger and more complete than any that has gone before.

Many of our staple goods were bought on advance orders last fall to avoid the high prices of today—which we knew were sure to follow the advance in cotton. Consequently we are holding to last year's prices on lines covered by these advance purchases. In our

Dress Goods Department

we have a very large and varied line of ginghams and tissues at the old prices, as our order was put in last August for January delivery.

Our Wash Goods Line

is not surpassed by any place, in styles, quantity and variety, and we claim to be far ahead of anything this side of Fort Worth in our line of

White Goods

which covers an extensive assortment of Laces and Embroideries, Ladies' Handkerchiefs and Collars, Muslin Underwear and Ladies' vests.

Hosiery Department

This department covers a very complete assortment in all grades, for men, women and children. Our experience has taught us to have these goods fresh from the mills, as the dye rots the thread if over one year old, so our order for hosiery was put in six months ahead to insure delivery of fresh goods from the mills this spring.

Notion Department

This embraces too many things to mention in detail. But we have very many useful articles and many of the late novelties whose use will suggest itself on sight.

OUR SHOE AND SLIPPER STOCK

will meet the approval of the most fastidious in styles and quality as well as of those who want ease and comfort in a house or office shoe or want something durable to stand hard usage on the farm.

GENTS' FURNISHING DEPARTMENT

Enlarged to meet the demands of all. Shirts, fine and coarse to please all. Collars, Cuffs and Ties, the latest. Men's Hats, latest styles and shapes—best honest goods to be had.

OUR CLOTHING

will be in in due time and you will lose a rare opportunity to make yourself handsome if you fail to garb yourself in one of our spring suits. They are the C. & B. and R. & W. styles.

Important to the Ladies:

Our Millinery Department is presided over by Miss Lula Patrick, whose skill and accomplishment in this line is well vouched for. Having been constantly engaged in this business for many years and buying from one of the best importers in the United States assures the best styles and quality to be had. You are invited to inspect this line and make Miss Patrick's acquaintance.

Yours for a successful year's business on an honest deal from man to man.

Alexander Mercantile Company

The Dearest Girl.

My grandma is the dearest girl!
If you should see her once
I'm sure you could agree with me,
An' not be called a dunce.
She has the softest, gentlest eyes,
An' wavy "iron gray" hair.
"She has a lady's gentle ways"—
(I'm quotin' Bimsh Fair.)
But don't you think she's silly soft,
An' spoils me half to death?
For when she thinks my ways are wrong,
I fairly hold my breath.
Till grandma's through her talk with me;
It almost makes me ill.
To know the wicked boy I am—
An' yet—she loves me still!
She makes me do an' eat an' men
Right out of cookie dough.
An' says when pa is scoldin' me—
"Now he'll be good, I know."
An' I get 'shamed, an' I think I will,
I'll try, an' try, an' try,
For it would be an awful thing
To make my grandma lie."
—Lewis Coren.



THE FEAT OF LITTLE ELLEN

By ENFIELD JOINER.

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Everybody said when the Darceys adopted her that they were mad—hopelessly mad. She was the child of some circus people; her father had been killed by a fall from a trapeze, and her mother, ill at the time, had died from the shock. She herself had appeared many times in the ring; she had acted on the trapeze, had walked the tight rope high above people's heads and had been cheered to the echo when she rode the wonderful horses. The manager felt that she might easily become the world's most famous bare-backed rider and get her picture put up in every village in the country, but then he realized that there were loftier ambitions than that, and when Dr. Darcey offered to take the child and provide for her, he didn't hesitate about giving her up.

And that's how "Little Ellen" was lost to James Simpson's Ten Big Shows. She grew up in a quiet little Alabama town without doing anything more scandalous than yielding to a very natural desire to astonish her playmates by performances on the clotheslines, in the back yard, or on the rafters of the old-fashioned barn, or on the high garden fence. She was dearly beloved by the good old doctor and his wife, and at eighteen might have passed for the daughter of an earl. It was then that Phillip Rogers came home from college, saw her and fell in love with her. And then it was that everybody said he was mad—hopelessly mad. She was pretty, she was well educated, she was lovable, she was altogether charming—but the daughter of circus people—and such people!

But because she was the one woman in the world for the young heir, he married her and took her to a golden paradise in the Rocky Mountains.

Far up in Idaho, on the bosom of the Rockies, lie the marvellously rich "Forget-me-not" gold mines, called now, however, by the name of "Little Ellen." The name was changed after the big strike and this is how it happened.

Phillip represented his father's large interests there and when the strike came on, as the embodiment of Capital, Labor put his name on the fated lists and he was set apart from the first. He and Ellen had been at the mines but a year, and the union men looked on him as a Southern tenderfoot, who ought to be easily managed. But at the end of the first week of the strike, they found that they were dealing with a man whose courage was commensurate with his strength, whom neither threats nor bribes could influence.

All was quiet in the valley below, but Ellen's heart misgave her. As for Phillip, he knew that it was the calm before the storm, for tomorrow at nine, George Moriarty, the leader of the strikers, and Phillip Rogers, the representative of the company, were to confer together.

By the request of the strikers, the conference was postponed until the afternoon, and it was not until after



appeared many times in the ring, sunset that Phillip and Moriarty met in the latter's onerous cabin. Within reach of Moriarty's voice were 400 union men—Phillip looked out at a light up on the hillside and remembered that there was none save himself to help her. Therefore he was reasoning most patiently and earnestly. Heavens! What is this? A flash,

a terrific explosion; Moriarty was lying in a heap before him, splashes of blood and brains on his clothes, a smoking pistol at his feet! It was Phillip's voice that called to the strikers and when they came—God save any man from such a moment! It was in vain that Phillip declared that the shot had been fired from outside—from the window—and that he had even seen the assassin flee—it availed nothing. A rope around his neck and death on the nearest tree within five minutes! The man next in authority to Moriarty stopped them—his was a



plan of more exquisite suffering. It was decreed that their prisoner was to keep watch alone all night over the dead body, the rude cabin being guarded on the outside by a dozen of their number, and the next day he was to hang over a slow fire, kindled on Moriarty's grave.

They agreed and finally withdrew and that night the Rockies echoed to such shouts of carousal as the "Forget-me-not" had never heard before. Phillip sat alone with the dead, watching through the single window the light on the hillside. He looked at it with an unflinching eye, though he knew that six cruel guns were pointed at that window and six at the opposite door. Who committed the cowardly deed for which he was to pay the penalty he never knew. What wrong was avenged, what crime was atoned for by Moriarty's death he never discovered. Indeed so well did the assassin lay his plans that he was never detected.

Meantime the news had been broken to Ellen in the most brutal way. Two hours after the killing, Hamilton, the new leader, was told that the wife of the prisoner wished to see him and Ellen was led in to hear coarse jests, receive gross insults and suffer what was almost death to a tenderly nurtured woman. She asked for only five minutes and as she knelt in the agony of her soul, her helplessness and beauty kindled a momentary warmth in Hamilton's heart.

"Let her see him for five minutes, boys." Then gruffly, "Five minutes, remember, and watch the interview."
How could one little woman thwart the purpose of four hundred men?
The most poignant moment of Phillip's trial came when he saw Ellen led away. It was maddening to think of what might be in store for her. But he preserved his calm and dignified mien, sat down by the lamp, took some letters from his pocket and began to read. His captors looked in at him curiously. As Phillip read not a muscle of his face quivered, though his heart stood still within him for these were the words: "When you hear the whip-poor-will, come to the window. The second call blow out the light. The coast will then be clear—you must escape, dear. Run to the little gulch—for my sake!"

It had come to him by Ellen's hand and the reading of it threw him into the most horrible doubts and fears. She was going to attempt some escape. It would be worse than folly;—it would be madder than madness. He must cry out and save her from such a sacrifice. But some unreasoning hope sealed his lips and the weary hours dragged toward two in the morning. A hush had come over the valley, but the sentinels without

every now and then gave grim tokens of sleepless vigilance.
Suddenly there came the whip-poor-will's call—a whistle he himself had taught to Ellen. He was at the window in a quarter of a second. There was no moon, but a continuous play of lightning relieved the darkness. In the weird light he saw a figure in white, in midair, coming slowly toward the cabin. An exclamation fell on his uncomprehending brain and he knew that one of the men saw it also. Then came a brighter flash and he saw one of the guard fall prone to the earth and three rush heading toward the valley. The other two of the six gave short, inarticulate cries. Then God was good. For, as the remainder of the guard ran around the house, a vivid flash revealed the white figure swaying fifteen feet in the air with its light beard, its haggard face, its shaggy hair! Moriarty's ghost! The men made a simultaneous rush for the shelter of the cabin.

At that moment the light was extinguished and the storm burst over the "Forget-me-not."

Every newspaper in the country told the story of how these lovers fled away into the storm and all the West rang with admiration of Ellen's daring exploit.

Her plan was at once the simplest and most natural. She attacked the great weakness of the enemy—superstition—and as Moriarty's ghost she conquered. The rope on which she walked was one of wire stretched from the trestle of an ore track to a tree near Moriarty's house. In the West trestles are often partly strengthened in this way. How she ever planned the escape, how she managed to pass the guard unobserved, how she kept her footing on the rope, and how she dropped unhurt to the ground she could never tell and the only explanation is that all things are possible to a woman who loves. Faith may remove mountains. Hope may build castles, but love—love, ah, that accomplishes all things.

The "Little Ellen Gold Mines" are the richest in Idaho, but all the wealth that lies waiting there is not half so precious to Phillip, who will one day own so much of it, as is the love of his wife.

Was Once in High Position.

Edward F. Jones of Binghamton, ex-Lieutenant Governor of New York—Jones he pays the freight—sent his card to Senator Frye, president pro tem of the senate. He wrote on the card: "One of your predecessors would be pleased to see you."

Senator Frye came out. Mr. Jones introduced himself.

"I am Jones of Binghamton," he said.

"I am glad to see you, Mr. Jones of Binghamton," Senator Frye replied, "but I do not understand the message on your card. Were you ever vice-president of the United States?"

"Oh, no."
"Were you ever president pro tem of the senate?"

"No," said Jones, "but I occupied your chair, just the same. I was colonel of the Sixth Massachusetts, and one night in April, 1861, we arrived in Washington and bivouacked in the senate chamber. My men slept on the floor, but I slept in the vice-president's chair."

Japan's Time.

"Standard time" has been adopted by Japan, by European residents in China and by the telegraphs and railways of that country.

A clock in Tokio would point with its minute hand as a clock in New York would. The hour hand would, on a 24-hour basis, be 14 hours fast.

The naval action at Chemulpo which began the war opened at 11:40 a. m. Japan time, Tuesday, February 9. That was the equivalent of 9:40 p. m. Monday, February 8, in New York.

Any operations in Manchuria would come under Asian coast time, which is 13 hours faster than New York's. The line where "time changes"—where a ship loses a day going west and gains one going east—is drawn irregularly down the Pacific coast east of New Zealand, whose time is 19½ hours "faster" than San Francisco.

A Country Like a Ship's Hold.

Holland as a whole is probably the lowest country in the world, the greater part of it lying many feet below the sea level. The annual expenditure on dykes to keep out the water is estimated at \$2,000,000. The constantly imminent nature of the danger will be thoroughly appreciated by the stranger, says Baedeker, if he stands at the foot of the great dykes at high tide and hears the breakers dashing against the other side of the barrier at a height of sixteen or eighteen feet above his head. The force of the old Dutch proverb, "God made the sea, we made the shore," will also be apparent. The principal canals are six feet in depth, and not only the surface of the water, but the bed of the canal is often considerably above the level of the surrounding country.

The Halting Tongue.

This broken bit of song to her
This little word to tell
That I could write her better songs
Did I not love so well.
Alas, the half my heart would say
Her heart must only guess;
I could the whole of it reveal
Did I but love her less.
And yet to write a sweeter song
Than ever was heard before,
I would not love her less, and so
I love her more and more.
—Reginald Kaufman in Lippincott.

To Fight Inheritance Tax Law.

The estate of the late Henry Bradley Plant will be assessed \$88,000 by the state of Connecticut under the inheritance tax law, and the heirs propose a vigorous fight to retain the amount, holding the law to be unconstitutional.

SCIENCE and INVENTION

Subtarget for Marksmen.

Between the national guardsmen, regular army, marines and sportsmen, there is a great deal of target practice going on all over the country at all seasons of the year and frequently accidents causing the death or injury of some one are reported through the public press. Probably the majority of these accidents happen to the marksmen, whose duty it is to come in front of the target at intervals and mark out the spots made by the bullets of the gunners around the bulls-eye. Through a misunderstanding signal or blunder it sometimes happens that the marker makes his appearance while the target is still in use, receiving in his own body the bullet meant for the target.

There has recently been designed an apparatus which makes it unnecessary to place a man's life in jeopardy in this manner, the invention being shown in the picture. The gun is clamped in a movable frame, and yet without binding it rigidly in any one position. This mounting has practically the same effect as would be obtainable with a ball and socket joint and the latter might be utilized for the purpose were it not for the object sought to be attained by this invention—namely, the actuating of an auxiliary pointer, paralleling the rifle barrel at all times. As the latter is aimed by the marksman he moves with it the pointer beneath, which indicates on the little stationary target just where the bullet will strike the



Indicates Direction of Aim.

large one. Of course, each gun used on this mounting must first be tested by actual practice, until the pointer is adjusted to indicate accurately the work of the firearm. Then when the gunner pulls the trigger the bullet flies to the main target and the little arrow beneath the gun springs forward and punctures the paper target. After the round is finished the gunner has but to detach this subtarget and he has a complete record of his shots, without waiting until the scorer has summed them up with the aid of his telescope or field glass. As the use of the main target is simply something to aim his gun at and all the scoring is done on the subtarget, it matters little if the bullet marks remain on the main target indefinitely.
The inventor is Henry B. Cummings of Malden, Mass.

Fountain Blacking Brush.

There are some men who need no inducement but the thought of personal appearance to keep their clothes brushed and their shoes polished, and even should they feel that they are unable to afford to patronize a boot-blacking establishment every time their shoes require cleaning, they present themselves with a brush and box of polish and do the work themselves. To others this task is so unpleasant that it more often goes undone, and if they cannot afford to pay for a shine they must have some very convenient method of applying the polish if they are to be induced to keep their shoes looking decent. So it goes that the man who is careful of his appearance deserves to have a convenient outfit, and the man who is careless must have one, and between the two the invention of the brush shown in the picture should not fare poorly.

This arrangement is designed to serve as a storage reservoir for the liquid polish now in common use, and to provide a convenient method of applying it to the leather, ready for the polishing brush. It will be noticed that the bristles in the center are slightly in advance of those forming the surrounding portion of the dauber, being mounted on a sliding rod, which extends into the reservoir. In the upper portion of the latter there is an adjusting screw, which limits the movement of the rod even to the point of preventing it altogether. To start the flow of the liquid it is only necessary to turn the screw once or twice and press the dauber on the shoe, when the central portion of the bristles will elevate the rod and open the valve leading into the reservoir.
Edward R. King of East Oakland, Cal., is the inventor.

A Hive Cover.

Sub.—Would a beehive cover made by covering an inch board with galvanized iron attract heat in summer, make the hive too warm? 2. Would packing be necessary? If so, what material would you use?

1. I have used galvanized iron painted white over wood for covers for several years and I find them quite satisfactory. I would advise painting the hives some light color unless they were to be fully shaded during the hot season. 2. I do not consider packing necessary. If I tried any protection from the heat I would make the covers with a dead air space of three-fourths of an inch between the metal and the wood. This would be quite as effective as any packing and would leave the cover much lighter to handle besides being cheaper.

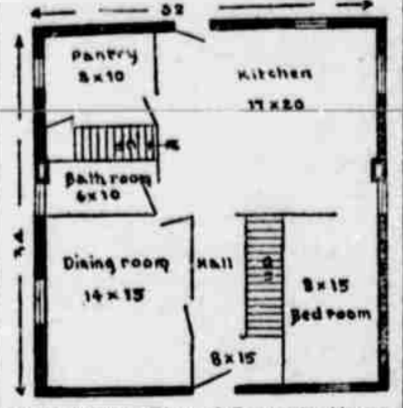
It is no use singing "sunshine" if your life is all moonshine.

PLAN FOR CONCRETE HOUSE.

Directions for Building and Amount of Material Needed.

I wish to build a concrete house next summer and require some advice. I wish to build it 32 feet wide and 34 feet on the side, the walls extend 19 feet above the stone cellar. The cellar will occupy the whole space beneath the house and have 7 feet walls. I would like you to publish a good plan for the upper story, having at least six bedrooms, each having a clothes closet. What thickness should the outside, also the partition walls be? What quantity of gravel and Portland cement would be needed?

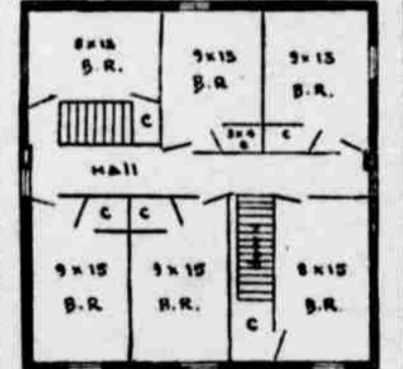
The accompanying plan of the upper story provides six bedrooms and a



Ground Floor Plan of Concrete House, 34 by 34 Feet.

closet for each. The front of the lower story has a window in the bedroom and a large window in the dining room. The front door in the center of the front of the house may be either single or double. The upper story has three windows in front, one for each bedroom.

The cement walls of the lower story should be ten inches thick, and of the upper story eight inches thick; the partition walls in the cellar should be ten inches thick and the wall from the center wall to the front, six inches thick. The concrete should be composed of one part Portland cement and six parts of gravel. The house would require sixty barrels of Portland



Upper Floor Plan of Concrete House.

cement, fifty-six yards of clean gravel and fourteen yards of small stones for fillers.

Wild Mustard Seed.

Constant Reader.—I know of no use whatever for wild mustard seed. The plant itself might possibly be used for green feed as a means of clearing land weedy with it; but it certainly cannot compare as a green feed with white mustard or any kind of rape, which may be grown without risk of leaving the land infested. The seed of wild mustard is altogether too acrid and pungent to mix with chop; and screenings containing large quantities of it had certainly be better burnt than used as feed. I do not think it would even be wise to use it as food for hens, nor is it likely that, if ground, they would eat it, as the seed is almost as pungent as that of the black mustard, from which the table mustard used as a condiment is prepared. Wild mustard has many names, such as charlock, cadullock, herring, rough mustard. As this seed contains a good deal of oil, it might possibly be used for fuel for the engine, when large quantities are noticed in the screenings at threshing time.

Making Wires Do Double Duty.

The system of simultaneous telegraphing and telephoning on the same wires by the apparatus invented by Signori Turchi and Brune which has been in operation for several months on a section of line from Bologna, has proved a thoroughly practical success and the Italian government contemplates the installation of the system on other sections. The two inventors are now in Rome negotiating with the minister of posts and telegraphs the details for a working agreement, which will probably ultimately cover the whole country.

Daffling Tricks of Magic.

The United States bureau of ethnology recently has completed an investigation into the magic of the Indians and has been baffled by feats performed by their wizards, which are fully as wonderful as those of the Oriental fakirs. Missionaries and other reliable authorities have told of plots of grass and century plants made to spring up from the bare ground in a few moments, and other equally mystifying acts of sorcery.

Two of Them.

Towne—I met that fellow De Bates to-day.
Browne—Yes, so he just told me.
Towne—Talk about a man who won't listen to reason—
Browne—Don't! That's what he's just been talking about.

How It Got Its Name.

Teacher—Where did the desert Gobi get its name?
The Dunce—Cause people go by it instead of through it.

Russia's Naval Battles Few.

Russia can point to only two occasions in modern history when her ships were in action. One was the destruction of the Turkish squadron at Sinope, when the number of vessels was equal, though the latter were greatly inferior in size and armament. The other occasion was in the Crimean war, when the Black sea fleet did Russia excellent service, but hardly of the kind usually demanded of the ships of an imperial navy, when she sank her finest ships like coal barges to block the entrance to Sebastopol.

A Russian Bear Story.

There are two kinds of bears in Russia. Here is a true story of one: Two girls, ages 5 and 13, were attacked by a huge bear and the younger was carried off, while the elder, terror-stricken, fled home and gave the alarm. For three days the inhabitants of three villages sought in vain for the lost child. Finally a cordon was drawn around an extensive tract of forest, and the searchers closing in discovered the bear and her booty in a dense thicket. The child was perfectly unharmed, and reclined in a deep, mossy couch made for her by the bear. She had gotten over her first fright, and had subsisted fairly well on nuts and other forest fruits brought to her by the gentle monster. The freakish, but kindly disposed animal was summarily killed by the villagers.

In the Spring.

Lowndes, Mo., April 4th.—Mrs. H. C. Harty of this place, says: "For years I was in very bad health. Every spring I would get so low that I was unable to do my own work. I seemed to be worse in the spring than any other time of the year. I was very weak and miserable and had much pain in my back and head. I saw Dodd's Kidney Pills advertised last spring and began treatment of them and they have certainly done me more good than anything I have ever used."

"I was all right last spring and felt better than I have for over ten years. I am fifty years of age and am stronger to-day than I have been for many years and I give Dodd's Kidney Pills credit for the wonderful improvement."
The statement of Mrs. Harty is only one of a great many where Dodd's Kidney Pills have proven themselves to be the very best spring medicine. They are unsurpassed as a tonic and are the only medicine used in thousands of families.

Douglas Two Presidents' Guest.

Frederick Douglass partook of President Cleveland's hospitality at the presidential mansion, but Douglass had been there before. President Lincoln once sent the request that he come up and take a cup of tea with him. The invitation was accepted, and for the first time in our history was the executive carriage employed to carry such a guest to the White House. Douglass subsequently remarked that Mr. Lincoln was one of the few white men he ever passed an hour with who failed to remind him in some way that he was a negro.

The Lemon as Medicine.

The value of lemons in the treatment of both rheumatism and consumption is now known to be very great. The treatment is to begin with one or two a day and gradually increase the number. In one case of rheumatism twenty-five lemons a day were the dose for a time. As a preventive of illness, however, a half a lemon a day is all that should be taken—that is, if taken every day year in and year out. A half a lemon in a cup of hot water taken an hour before breakfast (without any sugar) will annihilate the darkest of dark brown taster in one's mouth. If you make a practice of eating more butter and sugar than is good for you take lemon and hot water every morning.—Maxwell's Tailman.

It is easier to buy things on time than it is to be Johnny-on-the-spot when the time comes to pay for them.

We give a man credit for being level-headed if he isn't above our level.

EMPTY NOW.

How One Woman Quit Medicine.

"While a coffee user my stomach troubled me for years," says a lady of Columbus, O., "and I had to take medicine all the time. I had what I thought was the best stomach medicine I could get, had to keep getting it filled all the time at 40 cents a bottle. I did not know what the cause of my trouble was but just dragged along from day to day, suffering and taking medicine all the time.
"About six months ago I quit tea and coffee and began drinking Postum and I have not had my prescription filled since, which is a great surprise to me for it proves that coffee was the cause of all my trouble although I never suspected it.
"When my friends ask me how I feel since I have been taking Postum I say, 'To tell the truth I don't feel at all only that I got hungry and eat everything I want and lots of it and it never hurts me and I am happy and well and contented all the time.'
"I could not get my family to drink Postum for a while until I mixed it in a little coffee and kept on reducing the amount of coffee until I got it all Postum. Now they all like it and they never belch it up like coffee.
"We all know that Postum is a sunshine maker. I find it helps one greatly for we do not have to think of aches and pains all the time and can use our minds for other things." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

The one who has to bother with coffee aches and pains is badly handicapped in the race for fame and fortune. Postum is a wonderful rebuild-er. There's a reason.
Look in each package for the famous little book, "The Road to Well-being."



Miss Hapgood tells how she escaped an awful operation by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered for four years with what the doctors called Salpingitis (inflammation of the fallopian tubes and ovaries), which is a most distressing and painful ailment, affecting all the surrounding parts, undermining the constitution, and sapping the life forces. If you had seen me a year ago, before I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and had noticed the sunken eyes, sallow complexion, and general emaciated condition, and compared that person with me as I am today, robust, hearty and well, you would not wonder that I feel thankful to you and your wonderful medicine, which restored me to new life and health in five months, and saved me from an awful operation."—Miss LIZZIE HAPGOOD, 1022 Sandwich St. Windsor, Ont.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Ovaritis or inflammation of the ovaries or fallopian tubes which adjoin the ovaries may result from sudden stopping of the monthly flow, from inflammation of the womb, and many other causes. The slightest indication of trouble with the ovaries, indicated by dull throbbing pain in the side, accompanied by heat and shooting pains, should claim your instant attention. It will not cure itself, and a hospital operation, with all its terrors, may easily result from neglect.

W. L. DOUGLAS
3, 5 & 7 SHOES
W. L. Douglas shoes have by their excellent style, easy-fitting, and superior wearing qualities, achieved the largest sale of any shoes in the world. They are just as good as those that cost you \$4 to \$5—the only difference is the price.

BABY HUMORS
Milk Crust
Scalded Head
and Eczema
Instantly Relieved & Speedily Cured by Baths with

Cuticura SOAP

And gentle anointings with CUTICURA OINTMENT, purest and sweetest of emollients and greatest of skin cures. It means instant relief and refreshing sleep for tortured, disfigured, itching, and burning babies, and rest for tired, fretted mothers, when all else fails.

LEWIS' SINGLE BINDER
STRENGTH ALWAYS RELIABLE
Your jobber or direct from factory, Toronto, Ill.

THERE IS NO SLICKER LIKE TOWER'S
Forty years ago and after many years of use on the eastern coast, Tower's Waterproof Oiled Coats were introduced in the West and were called Slickers by the pioneers and cowboys. This graphic name has come into such general use that it is frequently though wrongly applied to many substitutes. You want the genuine. Look for the Sign of the Fish and the name Tower on the buttons.

Defiance Starch is guaranteed biggest and best of money refunded. 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now.

Any oculist who buys a blind horse should also consult an oculist.

Fruit acids will not stain goods dyed with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures whooping cough. 25c a bottle.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 50c.

Girls who are pretty as pictures are seldom as pretty as their own.

The King of blood purifiers is Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla. It rids the system of the wretched accumulation of impurities. It makes the young feel well—the old feel young. Now is the time to renovate yourself. Simmons' Sarsaparilla cannot be excelled.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.
Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the bowels and destroy worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A.S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N.Y.

Don't Wait—Take the Central.
The H. & T. C. R. R. will sell colonist tickets at \$25.00 to California. On sale March 1st to April 30th. Through sleeper service North, South, East and West. Shortest, quickest, best. For information, rates, etc., call on local agent, or address M. L. Robbins, G. P. A., or Wm. Doherty, A. G. P. A., Houston, Texas.

George Washington's reputation for truthfulness may have been due to the fact that he never traded horses.

Try One Package.
If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.

Don't despise small things, young man. A 19-cent box of candy goes a long way with some girls.

Teosinte and Billion Dollar Grass.
The two greatest fodder plants on earth, one good for 14 tons hay and the other 40 tons green fodder per acre. Grows everywhere, so does Victoria Rape, yielding 60,000 lbs. sheep and swine food per acre.

Nothing makes a quarrelsome man so mad as the refusal of his wife to talk back.

Defiance Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

Wild waves, like some men, make a lot of noise, but they don't say anything.

Every housekeeper should know that if they buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 4-ounce packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Many a man who starts at the foot of the ladder is down at the heel at the finish.

REACH THE SPOT.
To cure an aching back, The pains of rheumatism, The tired out feelings, You must reach the spot—get at the cause. In most cases 'tis the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys. Chas. Bierbach, stone contractor, living at 2625 Chestnut St. Erie, Pa., says: "For two years I had kidney trouble and there was such a severe pain through my loins and limbs that I could not stoop or straighten up without great pain, had difficulty in getting about and was unable to rest at night, arising in the morning tired and worn out. The kidney secretions were irregular and deposited a heavy sediment. Doctors treated me for rheumatism, but failed to help me. I lost all confidence in medicine and began to feel as if life were not worth living. Doan's Kidney Pills, however, relieved me so quickly and so thoroughly that I gladly made a statement to that effect for publication. This was in 1898, and during the six years which have elapsed I have never known Doan's Kidney Pills to fail. They cured my wife of a severe case of backache in the same thorough manner."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Bierbach will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

When flies bite greedily, expect rain.

Ask Your Dealer For Allen's Foot-Ease.
A powder. It rests the feet. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen Sore Hot Callous, Aching, Sweating Feet and Ingrowing Nails. Allen's Foot-Ease makes new or tight shoes easy. At all Druggists and Shoe stores, 25 cents. Accept no substitute. Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N.Y.

Shakespeare says: "Clamorous as turn up their leaves before rain."

Beyond Expression.
G. W. Farlowe, East Florence, Ala., writes: "For nearly seven years I was afflicted with a form of skin disease which caused an almost unbearable itching. I neither work, rest or sleep in peace. Nothing gave me permanent relief until I tried Hunt's Cure. One application relieved me; one box cured me, and though a year has passed, I have stayed cured. I am grateful beyond expression."

Hunt's Cure is a guaranteed remedy for all itching diseases of the skin. Price 50c.

The enchantment of human life, the divine enthusiasm of existence, is the tender relation of one being to the other.

Wonderful Statistics.
When it is considered that the percentage of deaths from consumption is 91 per thousand against 43 per thousand of any other malady, how important to guard against a slight cold. Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein is the great medicine for coughs, colds and consumption. At druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle.

The highest ideals of life are those that lie close to the sub-consciousness; not those things observed in the work-a-day world.

Defiance Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

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For 6105 Money Order.
The John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., mail postpaid 15 trees, consisting of Apricots, Apples, Crabs, Cherries, Plums, Peaches and Pears, just the thing for a city or country garden, including the great Bismark Apple, all hardy Wisconsin stock, are sent you free upon receipt of \$1.65. AND FOR 10c AND THIS NOTICE you get sufficient seed of Celery, Carrot, Cabbage, Onion, Lettuce, Radish and Flower Seeds to grow bushels of choice flowers and lots of vegetables for a big family, together with our great plant and seed catalog (W. N. U.)

About the time a girl celebrates her 17th birthday she likes to refer to herself as an old maid.

You never hear any one complain about "Defiance Starch." There is none to equal it in quality and quantity. 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.

When a lawyer expresses an opinion it's up to the client to pay the expenses charges.

Sowed Mother's Liver Pills.
There is a woman in Phoenix, A. T., who has the correct idea, all right, but whether it will work out remains for the future to disclose. Recently her husband bought a small ranch, and with him she has been much interested in planning improvements, especially in the growing line, with which to adorn the place. The other day beds were prepared for sweet peas, and the lady of the house was busily engaged in assorting her seeds and carrying the little packets out of doors, when their contents were transferred to the beds in regular order. As each variety was planted the name was placed on a small marker, as is the custom with gardeners. In a particularly choice location the contents of a packet were laboriously dropped, one by one, until the row was filled and the earth nicely smoothed over it. When the woman picked up the packet to write the marker she discovered that had carefully planted her mother's package of liver pills.

The Lippencott.
There is an elegance in the mechanical get-up of Lippencott's Magazine that stamps it as a publication of worth. It is one of those periodicals that come just "done enough." It makes no tawdry attempts at art, which so much reminds one of bogus "colonial," "mission" and other houses which can be best denominated as of the "too too" class. The standard of subject matter is too well known and too well kept up to the high "Lippencott standard" to need even comment. The main story in April number is "Incognito," by Helen Sherman Griffith, and the short stories are by Baroness Von Hutten, George Siebel, Joseph Blithen, Seumas McManus, Ella Middleton Tybout and "Wu MacGregor," which is of the Scotchish Scotch, and chuck full of fun and philosophy.

New York's "Jim Crow" Law.
New York city has a "Jim Crow" law, and it applies to women. The elevator starters of the big downtown buildings have made the discovery that women without exception insist upon standing in the front of the elevator cars, making it difficult for the other passengers to get out at their floors. A woman passenger booked for the twenty-second floor will enter a car and take up a position directly in front of the side and maintain it against all manner of physical discomfords. No hint, order, admonition or even insult on the part of the elevator operator can persuade her to move back toward the rear. The operator will say, "You're blocking the channel, madam; move back." This well intended admonition is always taken as a piece of freshness on the part of the elevator man and always ignored. Lately the starters got together on a plan of action. It was decided to have cards printed and displayed in every car bearing this warning: "Women will please stand in the rear of the car." This is a plain case of Jim Crow. The women are relegated to the rear by official order.

A VENERABLE PASTOR CURED BY PE-RU-NA.

Pe-ru-na is a Catarrhal Tonic Especially Adapted to the Declining Powers of Old Age.

In old age the mucous membranes become thickened and partly lose their function. This leads to partial loss of hearing, smell and taste, as well as digestive disturbances. Peru-na corrects all this by its specific operation on all the mucous membranes of the body. One bottle will convince anyone. Once used and Peru-na becomes a life-long stand-by with old and young.



Rev. J. N. Parker.

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T. H. Lomax, D. D., Bishop 2d Dist. A. M. E. of Charlotte, N. C., writes: "I recommend your Peru-na to all who want a strengthening tonic and a very effective remedy for all catarrhal complaints."—T. H. Lomax.
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WHAT PARKER STANDS FOR.

A good many newspapers, their staff correspondents and numerous individuals are setting themselves up to vouch for Judge Parker as being all right and the very man to unite the Democratic party. That is good as far as it goes, but it is only an assertion of these men and newspapers. No statement of facts is vouchsafed by any one of them to show what their opinion is based upon. Beyond the general statement that he is a Democrat, not one of them tells us for what specific principles and policies of government Judge Parker stands, and the judge himself remains as close shut as a clam. We have read much that has been written about the gentleman in the hope of learning "where he is at," but we have found nothing but generalities.

We, in common with a great many other persons, are averse to "buying a pig in a poke."—Haskell Free Press.

There need be no misunderstanding about what Judge Parker stands for. His political life has been an open book, and only since his election to the bench has he refrained from active participation in current affairs.

In the first place he stands for organized Democracy, for the party's authoritative utterances and actions. Differing with Mr. Bryan, as many Democrats did, on the financial question, nevertheless he loyally supported the ticket in 1896 and 1900. He opposed the methods of the Republican party in the acquisition of the Philippines; he believes in a tariff for revenue, in freedom of trade unhampered by trusts, and in a government directed to the accomplishment of the greatest good to the greatest number instead of to the fortunes of class favorites. His decisions reveal a strong, discerning mind, well-balanced and faithful to the spirit of the law.

What more can be asked? His position on the Cuban and Panama treaties? We don't know and nobody cares. They are settled beyond the power of revival. What else is there of current issues. Nothing but historic party principles to which he is committed by a lifetime of faithful party service.

The most favorable feature of Judge Parker's candidacy is that he has not been identified with recent party broils. Strong party man as he is, undoubtedly he would have been but for the official propriety which held him aloof from partisan activity. But from his record previous to his elevation to the bench he may be depended upon, when free from such restraint, to get into the thick of the party fighting.

Judge Parker has not been constantly sneering at those who may not agree with him, as Mr. Cleveland has been doing, nor constantly nagging, as Mr. Bryan has done, but that fact all the more enhances his availability. He has inflicted no wounds, made no enemies, but has pursued the even tenor of his way and stands now in the good graces of all factions that are willing to be reunited upon a sane and winning platform, without trying to bring humiliation upon any man who has honestly stood for his convictions.

His views are better known now than Tilden's, or Hancock's, or Cleveland's, or Bryan's, previous to their actual nominations, and better known than those of any other candidate—better known, for instance, than the views of Mr. Hearst, who boxed the compass on the Cuban treaty, the only matter of any importance disposed of by the house of representatives since he entered congress.—Ft. Worth Record.

Very good, if Judge Parker will endorse it. Let him speak.

Mr. M. E. Park comes forward in our announcement column this week as a candidate for sheriff and Tax Collector of Haskell county, subject to the Democratic primary. Mr. Park has resided in Haskell and Haskell county most of the time during the last fourteen years and has always been a peaceful and law abiding citizen and has shown himself to be conscientious and trustworthy in all his dealings, so that we have never heard his honesty or integrity called in question. There are all qualities which should characterize a man who fills the position which he seeks. While he has had no experience in office, he is a man of good intelligence and as capable of getting hold of the details of the business as most men who are elected to such positions. That he would do so and would conduct the business of the office in a conscientious manner and to the satisfaction of the public we have no doubt. We bespeak for him fair consideration when you are deciding upon your choice of candidates for sheriff and tax collector.

We learn from parties in from Wild Horse prairie Thursday that Mr. E. G. Bennett came near losing his residence by fire Wednesday. The boiling for the family washing had been done in a large kettle in the back yard and the fire was thought to have been extinguished by pouring water on it when the work was done. But it appears that some fire was left, which was fanned into activity by a rather stiff wind, and coals were blown onto some old matting which was lying against and partly under the house, setting it on fire, and when discovered, a blaze was running up the side of the house and beginning to catch to the wood. It was soon extinguished. A few minutes longer would have given the fire such a hold that, with the stiff wind blowing, it could not have been extinguished with the means at hand.

Lunch baskets at the Racket Store.

Epileptic Patients Arrive.

Sixty-five Epileptic patients arrived from San Antonio and Austin Saturday night for the colony, two miles south of this city, and today are happily encoosed in their new and comfortable quarters, surrounded by the best of attendants, doctors, etc., to be obtained. About forty patients were brought in from Terrell, thus depleting the state asylums of this class of unfortunates and placing them in an institution where they can enjoy life in a most delightful climate and be under less restraint. Patients are beginning to arrive, who have not been in any of the state asylums, and the institution will soon be full to its limit of capacity. Applications are coming in from outside the state, but our home applicants will be taken care of first, and no doubt when they are attended to there will be a great many left unprovided for even in the state. From present indications the capacity of the institution will have to be doubled at the next legislative session. This has been the case with all state institutions and this one will be no exception to the rule.—Taylor Co. News.

You know I have been promising you that if you would wait I would show you something nice. Our big stock of new goods are on the road, and if you don't find it neat, nobby and up to date its my treat. T. G. Carney.

I still have the finest Louisiana molasses in stock. T. G. Carney.

Prairie dogs that eat McLeMores' poison won't bother you any more.

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I have for sale five good, young bulls. One is Hereford and Durham mixed, one is 15-16 Durham and three are 7-8 Durham. All the Durhams are deep red color. J. S. McCAN, Ample, Texas.

Robbed The Grave.

A startling incident, is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, by all Druggists.

New Cold Drink Stand.

I have opened up a cold drink stand at the Williams' old stand on the east side of the square, where I will dispense all the popular drinks. My place will be kept neat, clean and orderly, and the patronage of ladies and gentlemen is invited.

Respectfully, SAM DONOHOO.

A Thoughtful Man.

M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25 cts., at all Drug Stores.

I have a good farm to rent, see me at once. T. G. Carney.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of the Haskell National Bank at Haskell, in the State of Texas, at the close of Business March 28, 1904.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$110,820.85
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	9,150.01
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	250.80
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	9,820.40
Other real estate owned	7,416.48
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	2,581.50
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,523.91
Due from approved reserve agents	59,254.50
Checks and other cash items	9.75
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	5.30
Legal-tender notes	9,261.26
Legal-tender notes	14,151.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, 5 per cent of circulation	1,250.00
TOTAL	\$221,555.74
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	60,000.00
Surplus fund	12,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	15,241.31
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	1,194.24
Due to State Banks and Bankers	158.18
Individual Deposits subject to check	99,098.56
Time certificates of deposit	8,035.35
TOTAL	\$221,555.74

State of Texas, County of Haskell, ss: I, G. R. Couch, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. R. Couch, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of April, 1904. Y. L. Thomason, Notary Public, Haskell Co., Texas.

CORRECT: S. W. Scott, T. E. Ballard, M. S. Pierson (Directors).

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.
We are authorized to announce Hon. S. E. Crawford of Graham, as a candidate for re-election to the lower house of the State Legislature from this the 10th Representative District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
We are authorized to announce Mr. Joseph L. Lockett of Stamford, Jones County, as a candidate for District Attorney, 32nd District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.
We are authorized to announce Mr. Cullen C. Higgins of Snyder as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney for the 56th judicial district, subject to the Democratic District convention.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.
We are authorized to announce Mr. Wm. Oglesby as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.
We are authorized to announce Mr. S. V. Jones as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.
We are authorized to announce Mr. Oscar E. Oates as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.
We are authorized to announce Mr. C. D. Long as a candidate for reelection to the office of County and District Clerk, subject to the Democratic primary.
We are authorized to announce Mr. G. T. McCallion for election to the office of County and District Clerk, subject to the Democratic primary.

FOR TREASURER.
We are authorized to announce R. D. C. Stephens as a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR SHERIFF.
We are authorized to announce Mr. T. J. Lannon as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.
We are authorized to announce Mr. J. W. Collins as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.
We are authorized to announce Mr. E. G. Bennett as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.
We are authorized to announce Mr. M. E. Park as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.
We are authorized to announce Mr. S. E. Carothers as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.
We are authorized to announce Mr. E. W. Lee as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.
We are authorized to announce Mr. J. T. Bowman as a candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1, Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

In the next few days our new stock of dry goods, groceries, etc., will arrive and it will be the most complete stock we have ever handled in Haskell. T. G. Carney.

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There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W.H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Guaranteed by all Druggists. Trial bottles free.

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The way to stop prairie dogs from eating your grass and destroying your crops is to give them McLeMores' poison. One dose is all that's needed.

Don't experiment with cheap poisons and lose your time and money, but use McLeMores' poison and make a sure thing of killing your prairie dogs.

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IT WAS GOOD LAST YEAR, BUT IT IS BETTER THIS YEAR. It is the only Sulky Planter that successfully stood up under the severe strain of the season of 1903.

It is strong enough for the hardest work and light enough to be handled easily.

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