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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

must have the credit for it.

We will have lots more new things in by April 1st. These comprise many articles that the ladies have been calling for, and will make my stock more

Complete in All Lines

than ever before. We are mostly interested in cash business and are

Making Cash Prices That Will Interest You.

Your attention is called to

Our Reliable STAR Brand Shoes.



We have been handling this line of shoes for some time and they are giving excellent satisfaction and sell at a moderate price. Our stock of them is complete for men, women and children.

Everybody Come and See Us!

.....S. L. ROBERTSON.....

That Terrell Election Law Alright.

The Terrell election law, which has been soundly cursed by its enemies, and rasped slightly by its friends on account of its length, comes up smiling and thoroughly entrenched in the hearts of the people after every trial. Judge Geralt telegraphed from Waco that "the only fair and honest election held in Waco in twenty years" was the one under the Terrell election law. At Ladonia the people are delighted with the workings of the new law, and Bonham people are loud in its praise. The Favorite says of the election held in that city:

"The law works beautifully. The old time rabble around the polls has disappeared. The ticket marker and the vote trader and the 'agence dispenser' have gone into the wilderness of the unseen. The wonderful change in surroundings from the primaries of old actually contributed to make the citizen feel something of the responsibility and sacredness of the ballot which has been so long held in theory but discarded in practice. Under the old system, by the time a voter had passed all the noisy elements and reached the polls, he was in a frame of mind to put a good many get-even scratches on his ticket. Now it is all different. And there is no longer any reason why the best men of the community should not make their votes count in the choice of officers. There is no longer any reason why the best men who aspire to office should not make the race without the necessity of catering to the rougher elements of the community or spending large sums of money to corral their votes. The avenues that made this element necessary to success are closed—thanks to every legislator who helped to put the election law on the statutes."

The proof of the pudding is the eating, and the new law having proved so satisfactory wherever it has been tried, those of us who have felt a secret dread that all would not be well may calm our fears. For years the people have been clamoring for a law that would give an honest, fair expression of the people at the polls, and the testimony of those who have seen it tried is that we have all that we have asked for in the Terrell law. —Honey Grove Signal.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by all Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

A Foolish Practice.

People who can not see over a mile through a mill stone, can not see why citizens of a town or community will patronize strangers rather than neighbors. Our merchants all help to support the schools, churches, charities, buy the products of the farms and ranches; pay state, county and city taxes, both property and occupation, help to rebuild burned homes, help to build churches and school houses in town and all over the country, and yet men ship goods in here, sell carloads of them, pay no property taxes, pay no occupation taxes, help no church, school or charity, never give a nickel to any public enterprise, and find purchasers by the score. If this meets the eye of a man who has bought from such a stranger, we beg him to reflect on his action.

Is it just?
Is it right as between neighbor and neighbor?

Is it wise, or in his own interest, to send money out of the country when he knows it will never return?

What chance have you at a dollar that goes to Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee or New York?

How can you have the face to buy from a man whom you never saw before and will never see again, and then ask a home merchant to subscribe to a school or church house in your district?

The oily tongued stranger makes you believe that his goods are cheaper and that you have saved a lot of money in dealing with him. This is untrue in nine cases out of ten, and time will prove it to you.

If a wagon, a buggy, a plow, or any other article proves worthless or defective, who will make it good? What is a guarantee of a stranger or a manufacturer in Ohio worth to you?

If you buy a suit of clothes, a vehi-

THE TERRELLS WAY

—Give—

Honest Drugs at lowest prices—Keep a Customer for years 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 us.

...STORES...

The Stamford Dry Goods Co.

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 not 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.

of farm implement of a home merchant he makes his representation good.

Patronize home merchants for your own sake if you do not care for the general welfare of your own town and country.—Arlene Reporter.

There is some little excuse for the man who is talked into buying from an "oily tongued" stranger who brings his goods or pretty samples right to his door, but how about the man who deliberately leaves his home town and goes away, perhaps out of his county, to buy?

More Riots.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorder of the Liver or Kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nerve and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels Nervousness, Rheumatism and Neuralgia and satisfaction guaranteed by all Druggists.

Warm Here, Cold There.

This has been the coldest winter New Yorkers ever experienced. The mean temperature for the three months of December, January and February was 26 degrees. The coldest weather recorded "up the state" was 48 degrees below zero, and ten times the mercury fell to 20 degrees below. Besides the suffering occasioned to the poorer people, the increased mortality was frightful. Deaths from pneumonia in the first week in December were 165; the mortality from this cause increased steadily until the latter part of February, when the fatal pneumonia cases reached 280 in one week, while deaths from broncho pneumonia, pulmonary tuberculosis, acute bronchitis and influenza that week increased the total to 668.—Reporter.

WON'T THEY?

The situation as regards the difference existing between the railways and cattle shippers of the country is daily growing more acute. Both sides have donned their war paint, and the indications are that there is going to be a fight to the finish. The action of the Texas and Pacific in cancelling its interstate live stock tariffs a few days ago may be accepted as an indication of the extremes to which the railways are preparing to go, and it means much trouble for the shippers. It is believed that some method will be found to deal with the new developments in the situation, and it may be accepted as a gospel fact that the great live stock interests of the country will no longer tamely submit to any old form of railway op-

pression and extortion.—Texas Stockman-Journal.

Won't they? They submit very lamely to the packing house combine or trust without making an effort toward its undoing, not taking stock in or encouraging the establishment of independent packing houses. They "don't know whether it's feasible or not." Why not take hold of it in Andrew Jackson style and make it feasible?

What will they do about the railroad situation? Build some railroads of their own?

MARCY NOTES.

A Newsworthy Letter from our Regular Correspondent.

We have been sick at our house, so I could not get off a letter last week. These high dry winds are enough to make any one sick, especially when you have to be out in them.

Marcy town is on a boom again. Mr. Chapman has enlarged his store house and built a new Postoffice and Dr. Greenwade has enlarged his dwelling house.

Quite a crowd gathered at the church last Sunday afternoon to witness the marriage of Mr. John Mansell to Miss Sue Fowler. Real late the crowd went home, as the bridal party never put in appearance. Later we learned that they were married at Mr. Carothers' gate with Mr. K. Worley and Miss Dora Greenwade as best man and maid of honor. They have our best wishes.

Mrs. D. W. Fields and son Walter, who have been quite sick, are able to be up again.

We have had no school in Prof. Waldron's room for two weeks—as he is at his home at Munday sick with pneumonia. We hope to have him back by next week.

Uncle Zed Marcy's family left this week for their ranch on the plains to spend the summer. NELLY BLY.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Winchester of the northern portion of the county were presented with a daughter on the 15th instant.

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PROPRIETOR
LIVERY and
...FEED STABLE.
...PASSENGER AND EXPRESS LINE...
Meets Passenger Trains at Stamford.
GOOD HACKS and TEAMS. Quick Service.
OPPOSITE THE LINDEL HOTEL.

J. C. BELL,
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN
Saddles and Harness.
Full Stock on Hand. Work Promptly Executed.
Repairing done neatly and substantially. Prices reasonable and satisfaction with goods and work guaranteed.
YOUR TRADE SOLICITED.

..Prospectors Hotel..
Best \$1.00 a Day House in the City.
CLEAN BEDS. + + + GOOD TABLES.
SAMPLE ROOM.
J. S. GLENN, Proprietor.
Northeast Corner Square. STAMFORD, TEXAS.

Haskell Telephone Company.
Has Long Distance Connection with All Points, and Direct lines to the following local places.
Ample, Aspermont, Broach Ranch, Shinnery Lake, Mary, Brazos River, McDaniel Ranch, Pinkerton, Cliff, Irby Ranch, Throckmorton, Stamford, Rayner, Orient, Gatlin, Munday, Seymour.
Local Exchanges at Haskell, Aspermont and Munday. Telegraph messages received and transmitted.
J. F. POSEY, Manager, Haskell, Texas.

Herford Bulls.

Ranch Five Miles North of Haskell.
We have eight High Grade Herford Bulls for sale. Nothing under \$1.32 and most of them \$3.64.
J. W. Johnson & Son,
Haskell, Texas.

EGGS AND PIGS.
I have the pure bred, single comb Brown Leghorn chickens and will sell eggs for setting at 75 cents for 15. You will find these eggs fresh every day at Williams' grocery store in Haskell.
I also have a lot of Berkshire pigs to sell at reasonable prices. Call and see them at G. R. Couch's ranch, eight miles from Haskell on Seymour road, or write me at Haskell.
A. M. ALLEN.

Paint! Paint! Paint! That's what Haskell needs. I can fill the bill at prices that you can afford. Come and see at Robertson's drug store.
FOR SALE.
Full blood Durham males also full blood Berkshire shotts, will sell for good fall notes.
A. P. McLEMORE, Haskell, Tex.

Five Bulls For Sale.
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, 7th Ample, Texas.
Prairie dogs that eat McLeMORE's poison won't bother you any more.
If you want something that is all in paints or oils, go to Robertson's drug store—he will save you money.
*If you take Terrells lung tonic you will not cough. Try it.

The Sore Nosed Bear Growling and Snarling

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Rev. W. W. Harris of Nevada, Colorado County, has been called to the Baptist Church at Roxton.

Dallas capitalists and contractors are figuring on establishing a complete sewerage system in Greenville.

Paris business men are weighing a proposition to raise a \$75,000 bonus to secure a \$750,000 duck mill for that city.

A "Jim Crow" street car ordinance went into effect at San Antonio Tuesday. Negroes practically boycotted all cars.

Eleven cars of seed potatoes have been planted around Omaha, Texas, this crop largely supplanting cotton on some farms.

Miss Rosa Finster, of Iowa Park, near Ft. Worth, was thrown from a horse, and suffered concussion of the brain, and her recovery is doubtful.

At Cisco Mrs. Wm. Kliner shot John Walker in the head, with a shotgun. Walker killed her husband about a year ago. Walker is still living.

Frank Schorer, a well known gun locksmith of Galveston, was accidentally killed in the yard at his home by a bullet from a parlor rifle, the trigger of which was sprung by a pet dog.

Ground has been broken at Hico for the erection of the new City Hall that was voted upon lately. It is to be an artistic structure, to cost \$2500, and will be completed at an early date.

Last Sunday some boys were throwing stones at some quail, near Graham, when Otis Smith accidentally struck and killed Luther Moore.

A university graduate has been arrested in Chicago for robbing street letter boxes. He secured as much as \$20 a day, on an average by his plan.

A disastrous prairie fire has just been checked after a two days' burn north of Haskell sixty miles. About 200 sections burned, which will prove quite a loss at this time of year.

While painting a smoke-stack on the engine room of the Stalgen-Kirksey Woolen Mills, a negro answering to the name of "Dan" fell to the ground and was almost instantly killed.

County Judge B. H. White, of Donley County, is dead. He was the first elected judge of Donley County and served continuously from 1882 until the day of his death, and had no doubt served longer continuously than any other County Judge in all the great State of Texas.

Mrs. Hetty Green, America's richest woman, has joined the millionaire colony by purchasing a home on upper Fifth avenue. She has lived in a rented house in Fifth Avenue, near Washington Square. Her new residence is a handsome five-story mansion of the most modern design.

Union labor leaders in Chicago have bought 30,000 acres of land in Mississippi on which they propose establishing a colony of 5000 people. The establishment of the colony is done under the belief that if farm labor is unionized then terms can be dictated to the balance of mankind.

At a birthday party near Kinston, I. T., on Saturday night Sid Chaffin was shot in the shoulder near the heart and may die. Nat Vincent was cut in the neck and back seriously, but he may recover.

A judgment was rendered in favor of the Waxahachie Cotton Mills against the Cincinnati-Beaumont Oil Company of Beaumont for \$6000 for breach of contract to furnish fuel oil to plaintiff.

A dispatch from Bartlett says the south wind has brought millions of boll weevils to this section. They are blown into houses through open windows and doors, and vessels left out of doors uncovered catch them by the hundreds.

Two negroes from Belton went to Killeen to do scavenger work, under contract with the authorities. At 11 o'clock at night they were assaulted by a gang of armed ruffians and severely beaten and driven out of town.

Dick Faulkner of McKinney aged eighteen years, was cut and dangerously wounded by another boy on the high school campus. Two boys became engaged in a fight over a game of base ball and Faulkner attempted to separate them, with the above result.

A timberman named Fletcher was run over by a freight train on the Texas and New Orleans near Muhl Tuesday afternoon. Both legs were cut off. It is thought that he will succumb to the shock.

An Ardmore man has invented a machine for applying a chemical treatment to cotton plants in such a manner as to entirely eradicate every insect, and yet leave the plants uninjured. At least he thinks so, and has applied for a patent.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—The government's private information is not completely reassuring as regards China's sincerity in observing a neutral attitude. Secret advices indicate that at least a powerful party in the Chinese Government is abetting Japanese. Although at first reluctant to credit these reports, Russian authorities continue to receive evidence that the Japanese contemplate landing on Chinese neutral territory west of the Liao river, and 17,000 men are being held especially to await developments in that direction.

Moreover, the Emperor's naval experts, who have been studying carefully the puzzle as to where Vice Admiral Togo's fleet is coaling and provisioning between its appearance off Port Arthur are becoming more and more convinced that it is using as a base some quiet spot on the Chinese coast. After each disappearance not a word is heard of the fleet's whereabouts until it reappears. Calculation of time and distances show that it is quite impossible for the fleet to steam to Nagasaki or Hiroshima, take on board coal and ammunition and come back.

HOUSE AND SENATE.

What to Do With the People's Money is the Question

Washington, March 21.—The post office, the Military Academy and are sundry civil appropriation bills constitute the work mapped out for the House this week. On Monday the House will adjourn early owing to the death of Representative Thompson of Alabama.

The postoffice bill has several knotty questions, such as rural free delivery, salaries, railway mail subsidies and railway mail service, are likely to prolong its consideration for several days. The Military Academy bill is not expected to consume much time. The sundry civil bill probably will be heard the latter part of the week and its consideration extended into the following week. Present indications are that no other matters of importance are likely to be injected into the proceedings of the week. The postoffice report will be read hereafter by the McCall committee, which is to sit in open session during the week.

The present week in the Senate will be devoted almost entirely to appropriation bills, beginning on Tuesday with that of the District of Columbia and following with the Indian and pension bills. Neither the District nor the Indian bill has been reported from committee, but both are promised early in the week, and they will take precedence over the pension bill, notwithstanding the latter is now on the calendar. The pension bill is held for possible additions made necessary by additional legislation, but its consideration will not be long delayed. It is laid, not expected there will be any effort to increase the amount carried by the bill on account of the recent executive pension order. Whatever sum may be required to carry the order into effect will be incorporated in a general deficiency bill. Unobjected bills on the calendar will be taken up tomorrow and further consideration may be given to Senator Fairbanks' bill providing for a new department building in this city.

Life is not altogether a jar of honey. —C. M. Schwab.

To Re-smelter Ore in Mexico.

Monterey, Mex.: A company of well-known mining men is being organized here for the purpose of erecting a smelter at Pedricena, the object being to work the dumps which resulted from former smelting operations at that place. The returns from the Turron smelter for 3000 tons of this material, selected with a view to determining the average value of the entire dump, has yielded handsome profits over freight and smelter charges.

Denton Man Killed by Storm.

Denton: Henry Berg, a prominent farmer, was killed near Bolivar Saturday night during the storm. He had gone out to the barn to look after stock, when the wind struck the barn and demolished the structure. He was killed by falling timbers. His body was found about forty feet from the barn, with part of the timbers on top of him. A straight wind at Pilot Point unroofed a dwelling, but did no other damage.

Austin: Upon the conclusion of the oratorical tournament of Texas negro colleges, held in this city, representatives of the leading negro colleges of the State met and perfected an association of negro colleges. E. L. Blackshear, principal of the State Normal at Prairie View, was elected president, and President Lovingood of Samuel Houston College, secretary. Rules were adopted and it was decided to hold the next oratorical contest at Marshall.

Chas. W. Thompson Dead.

Washington: Representative Chas. W. Thompson of Alabama died Saturday in this city of pneumonia. Mr. Thompson had been sick just a week, having been attacked first last Sunday night. Toward the end he suffered intensely. Accompanied by his son, Charles W. Thompson, and the Congressional committee, he remains left Monday night for Tuskegee, where the interment will take place Wednesday.

A stock company has been formed at Hugo, and will be incorporated at once for the purpose of putting in the latest improved type of a steam laundry at that place, which is to be erected and in operation by May 1.

Three cases of smallpox have developed near Lawrence. The disease is of mild type and is not spreading, the infected persons having been placed under quarantine by the County Health Officer.

FROM FRONT AND REAR.

Japanese Said to Have Captured Port Arthur.

London, March 22.—A number of rumors are printed in the newspapers here, but they must be accepted with great reserve. The Telegraph's Tokio correspondent cables a newspaper report of the Japanese occupation of Port Arthur after a combined land and sea attack Saturday and Sunday. It is asserted a division of Japanese landed on the Liao Tung peninsula Sunday and engaged the Russians near Port Arthur, while the fleet bombarded from Saturday evening until Sunday morning. The same correspondent reports a sharp encounter at Chyong Syong (on the Yalu River about thirty miles northeast of Wiju) in which the Russians lost 600 in killed or wounded.

The Chronicle's Shanghai correspondent hears from Niuchwang that the Japanese crossed Tatung Pass, forty miles from Hai Cheng, and that collisions occurred with the Russians. Reports from Seoul and Tokio are to the effect that Marquis Ho has arranged to lend 5,000,000 yen (\$2,500,000) to Korea on easy terms.

According to the Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent, China is appealing to the Powers for an extension of a year in the period for the payment of the indemnity growing out of the Boxer troubles.

The correspondent at Tien Tsin of the Daily Mail reports that Katakota, a Japanese merchant and Russian spy, has been assassinated by being buried alive, but that the Japanese authorities disavow any knowledge of the assassins.

Kobe, March 22.—The American says a report reaches here, which has as yet has not been officially confirmed, that the Japanese have effected a landing in the Liao Tung Peninsula in the rear of Port Arthur. The landing, it is said, was made Saturday night while the Japanese fleet kept up a vigorous bombardment of Port Arthur. The Japanese landing force is said to have comprised a full division and to have been strong enough to withstand any efforts of the Russian force now on the peninsula to dislodge it.

According to the report more Japanese troops are being rushed to reinforce those already landed and it is expected there soon will be a force sufficient to completely invest Port Arthur, if it is deemed advisable to take it by storm.

While the report has not been officially confirmed, it is generally believed to be true.

When Irrigators Meet.

Waco: The Texas Irrigation Association, which will meet here on the 9th of next month, will get a warm welcome from the local irrigators, who for many years have been striving to arouse interest in that line of public improvement. The work accomplished by truck growers has demonstrated that water at command is all that is needed to insure heavy production annually. Capt. S. R. Roussau, a specialist in that line, says opportunities are offered in the Brazos system generally superior to the utmost possibilities of the Nile and that the coming convention can be made to mark the commencement of an era of great prosperity in Texas.

The Novo Vremya publishes prominently a Paris dispatch declaring that a triple alliance between Japan, China and Korea has been formed, which was the real object of Marquis Ito's visit to Seoul.

Prohibition Law Upheld.

Washington, March 22.—The supreme court Monday handed down its decision in the case of the State of Texas against Granville Rippey, of Grayson County. The decision affirms the ruling of the lower court, with costs, thus sustaining the constitutionality of the Texas local option law. This is the case recently argued here by Attorney General Bell for the State of Texas and Judge George Clark for the defendant, Rippey.

Lots of Weevil Already.

Austin: Col. Jefferson Johnson, chairman of the State Boll Weevil Commission, states that he is informed by reputable, reliable men that the boll weevil has appeared earlier and stronger than ever before. He says that from Travis and other counties he hears that the weevil are out ready for their destructive forages on the cotton plant. He attributes the numbers and early appearance to the exceedingly mild winter.

Perhaps Fatally Shot.

Paris: John Harmon, a young man about 20 years old, whose relatives reside in the Territory and in Arkansas, was shot at Tigertown, this county, at noon Monday. The bullet passed entirely through his body, inflicting a wound believed to be fatal. Deputy Sheriff Hogue and Terry left for the scene of the tragedy. Joe Ike Malton, a young farmer, came in before the officers arrived at Tigertown and surrendered.

Horrible Tragedy at Temple.

Temple: A bloody tragedy was enacted Monday afternoon in the office of the manager of the Independent Telephone in this city. Mm. McLaughlin, the manager, was shot in the breast with a 38-caliber pistol three times and instantly killed. W. R. Chandler is under arrest. After shooting McLaughlin Chandler turned to the next room in the telephone office and sent two bullet holes through his (Chandler's) wife, whose life hangs on a slender thread.

Mr. McLaughlin was manager of the Independent Telephone Company here, and has been since its organization two years ago. Mrs. Chandler was the chief operator of the company, which position she has held for a year or more. The shooting occurred in the company's office over Hamill's drug store. Mr. Chandler immediately gave himself to the officers.

Territory Tragedies.

Tahlequah: Friday night, while out with a party of young people on a possum hunt, Christian Gulager, a prominent young cattle man, was shot and mortally wounded. He was driving a surry in which was another young man and two young ladies, when fired upon by an unknown person in ambush, one shot taking effect in his back.

South McAlester: Mine Inspector William Cameron found the body of William Tucker, the shot her who lost his life in the fire in Samples mines on February 12. The mine was sealed for twenty days and then a fall of slate was found to have shut off ingress. It had been feared that Tucker had been shut up alive, but the condition of his body proved that he had died instantly.

Guthrie: The small son of John Jamison fell underneath the wagon wheels and was crushed to death while the family were moving overland through the Oteo Reservation to Cleveland, Ok. At Hobart, Robert Halls, an eighteen months old child, fell backward into a tub of boiling water and was killed.

Former Mayor William R. Grace died of pneumonia at his residence in New York. He was in his seventy-second year.

All New England was agitated by an earthquake Sunday night.

John Maynard, a negro, was lynched by a mob at Montgomery station on the Santa Fe railroad. He was charged with being one of a party of negroes who robbed several Bohemians, and after beating them, killed one.

Charles Dillingham and F. A. Reichardt have qualified as receivers for the Houston Oil Company. Their bonds are \$50,000 each.

Michael Brush, a New York burglar, shot Officers Hugh Enright, who died on the way to the hospital, and Jacob Bachman, mortally wounding him, and then shot himself through the head.

A. W. Colgate, the wealthy soap manufacturer of Massachusetts, dropped dead at Pasadena, Cal., a few days since.

A Missouri Town Laid Waste.

Kansas City, Mo.: A special from Higginsville, Mo., says that fifty buildings are partly wrecked, one man is mortally wounded and several others hurt, the town is in darkness and the streets strewn with debris as the result of a tornado and hail storm. The hail on the streets was a foot deep within five minutes after the storm came, and some of the stones were as large as hen eggs. Dozens of trees in the town were blown down and several horses were killed on the streets.

Victims of a Depraved Taste.

Bremond: Saturday Albert Kawalski purchased a bottle of carbolic acid, and he and Martin Stopauski also purchased a bottle of whisky. While coming back to town, they took a drink from the bottle containing carbolic acid, thinking it to be the whisky. Both men dropped dead in a few minutes after they reached the city. Both were leading members of the Polish race here.

While firemen were in the third story of a burning building in Chicago engaged in fighting a fire, the roof fell in and six of them were injured, one seriously.

The clothes of the eight-months-old child of F. A. Drinkard, of Cleburne, caught fire from a match and the child was so badly burned that its recovery is very doubtful.

The heavy rains have demolished green bugs in Collin County.

Francisco Garcia, aged 20, living on Garcias ranch, near Victoria, in accidentally dropping his pistol was shot in a vital place, dying in fourteen hours.

Francisco Villayas, aged 26 years, a brakeman on the Mexican National, was found dead in an outhouse at Laredo with a bullet hole in his body.

Orders have been received at department headquarters from Washington calling for the abandonment of Camp Eagle Pass at Eagle Pass, Tex.

Any Wife and Any Husband.

Men are pretty pilable creatures. A good many of them owe their downfall to ill-considered marriages; but as many more owe their success in large part to their wives. When a woman marries, she has just one duty before her—to be a helpmate to her husband. She may neither be satisfied to sit at home and be taken care of, nor to go her own way and be interested in her societies, her clubs or her own exclusive matters. She and her husband are one. His interests are hers. If they expect to get anything out of life, they must get it together. Work, pleasure, pain, must be met with a common front; then there will be common progress. It is right and proper that a woman should be ambitious for her husband. Something is wrong if she is not. So when we find one who is, she presents an example worth pointing to.

It is a wise man who chooses a wife meet for him; it is a wise woman who sets out to help her husband, and a very foolish one who allows herself to be a drawback, or merely a piece of luggage to be carried along.—April Woman's Home Companion.

For Growing Girls.

West Pembroke, Me., March 21.—Mrs. A. L. Smith of this place, says that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best remedy for growing girls. Mrs. Smith emphasizes her recommendation by the following experience: "My daughter was thirteen years old last November and it is now two years since she was first taken with Crazy Spells that would last a week and would then pass off. In a month she would have the spells again. At these times she would eat very little, and was very yellow, even the whites of her eyes would be yellow.

"The doctors gave us no encouragement, they all said they could not help her. After taking one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills, she has not had one bad spell. Of course, we continued the treatment until she had used in all about a dozen boxes, and we still give them to her occasionally, when she is not feeling well. Dodd's Kidney Pills are certainly the best medicine for growing girls."

Mothers should heed the advice of Mrs. Smith, for by so doing they may save their daughters much pain and sickness and insure a healthy, happy future for them.

Odd Irish Marriage Customs.

Shrove Tuesday weddings in Ireland are exceedingly common and sometimes among the peasantry they are celebrated in strange circumstances. There is a story of a young peasant girl being aroused out of bed on the night of Shrove Tuesday to be married before midnight to a well-to-do Irish-Australian whom she had never seen, though he was known to her parents, who made the match. It turned out a happy marriage. The young people usually take the matter philosophically, believing that their parents know best how to make them happy. This anecdote is told of a Tipperary girl: "Biddy" asked her friend, "are ye goin' off this Shraff?" "Musha, I don't know that," said Biddy, "but they're sittin' on me upstairs"—meaning that matchmaking was in progress. Another story relates to a number of weddings taking place in a Munster church on Shrove Tuesday. "An' where's yer intended, Joe?" one again was asked. "The gov, Mick, I couldn't tell ye; but I believe she's up there amongst the feathers and ribbons in the front row of seats." He learned who she was when the names were called out.

No wonder some are tired of religion when they take it all in kangaroo leaps.

Talent, lying in the understanding, is often inherited; genius, being the action of reason and imagination, rarely or never.—Coleridge.

DOCTOR DID IT.

Put on 36 Pounds by Food.

Feed a physician back to health and he gains an experience that he can use to benefit others. For this reason Grape-Nuts food is daily recommended to patients by hundreds of physicians who have cured themselves of stomach trouble. One doctor says: "Although a physician and trying to aid and assist my fellow beings to enjoy good health it must be admitted I formerly did not enjoy the best of health myself. In January, 1899, I only weighed 119 pounds. At this time I was living in the Ohio Valley and began to think I had about seen my best days. One day about 3 years ago I had an opportunity to try Grape-Nuts food for my breakfast. I liked it so well that I ate three teaspoonfuls three times a day and have regularly used it up to the present time, and I now weigh 155, a gain of 36 pounds and enjoy the best of health.

"Not only has Grape-Nuts made this wonderful change in me, but through it I have helped my friends, relatives and patients. The sustaining power of this food is simply wonderful."

"I have one patient who is a section hand on the C. & O. R. R., who eats nothing in the morning but four tablespoonfuls of Grape-Nuts and yet does his very hard work up to lunch time and enjoys the best of health and strength."

"I could name a great many cases like this and I still prescribe Grape-Nuts in my practice every day." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ask any physician about the scientific principles on which Grape-Nuts food is made. He'll tell you the principles are perfect.

Then a 10 days' trial proves that the principles are carried out in the food ("all the good of the grains so treated that anyone can digest it all") Shown in renewed physical strength and brain energy.

"There's a reason."

"Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, 'The Road to Wellville.'"

Merger Decision Far-Reaching

By Opinion Declaring Northern Securities Company Illegal, Supreme Court Settles for All Times the Right of Congress to Regulate Inter-State Commerce

Every contention of the Northern Securities company to legal existence, to the right to control three great railroad properties and operate them in harmony was denied by the Supreme Court of the United States March 14, Justice Harlan delivering a majority opinion. The decree of the four circuit judges of a year ago was affirmed and the first \$1,000,000,000 railroad corporation, the first concern to centralize ownership of the great

checked; the crowning scheme of the age of consolidation has been rebuked. A score of the same character were ready for launching. The Northern Securities was a test of the limitation of financial combinations. In the railroad world it was a new feature; it opened up illimitable possibilities of controlling the traffic of the country, of controlling it without the need of great capital. The right of the corporation to hold the

continue to be directed by the same interests. When the legal advisers have measured and weighed the opinion it may be possible to accomplish the same result by lodging the ownership of the stocks in some other railroad, as is now done in a score of similar cases, as the New York Central owns Lake Shore, as the Pennsylvania owns Baltimore and Ohio, as the Oregon Shore Line owns the Southern Pacific, being in turn owned by the Union Pacific.

As an individual cannot be prohibited from buying securities, so a railroad corporation cannot be prohibited. In the majority opinion there is no reference to this form of control. The question was not raised and non-interference with the scores of cases where such control is held may be regarded as pointing out the way for the retention of the Hill properties.

While the decision does not touch upon the ordinary method of holding railroads, it has a direct bearing upon the industrial situation. Many of the corporations formed along the trust line in the last ten years come under the designation of an unlawful combination as laid down in the dictum of the opinion. The Securities company as the head and front of those offending is Justice Harlan's keynote, and every combination of properties, every putting together of manufacturing concerns has been based upon the Securities idea. The United States Steel combination exchanged its stocks for those of a dozen great corporations, many of which were in turn built upon many competing plants. This corporation, which is used as illustrative of the others, derives its revenue by dividends from the underlying plants, each one of which is governed by its own board, but under direction and control of the central power.

From its promulgation the Sherman anti-trust act was understood as establishing a criminal offense to be proceeded against by form of indictment of individuals and to bring a corporation to punishment in the infliction of a fine. Instead of seeking a specific act of restraining trade by overcharge, rebate or extortion, the government profited by the trend of practice before courts and appealed to the injunction. The proceedings against the Securities company was to enjoin it from doing things feared or alleged and the order of the court below was in the form of injunction, now affirmed by the Supreme court. The Securities company being punished not for what it has done but what it is capable of doing.

The same procedure is imminent against any corporation which owns the stocks of two or more engaged in the same line of business. The court declares there is but one remedy, the repeal of the law; if the enforcement along the line outlined in the opinion becomes fashionable Wall street traders will congratulate themselves that the blow fell after Security values had been brought down to the dollar for dollar basis and liquidation may possess an element of profit.

John Marshall Harlan, who handed down the decision in the Northern Securities case, has been an associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States since Nov. 29, 1877. He was born in Boyle county, Kentucky, in 1833, was educated in Center college and Transylvania university, and was a county judge at the age of 25. From 1861 to 1865 he was colonel of the Tenth Kentucky regiment in the Union army, and from the latter year until 1867 was attorney general of the Blue Grass state. Justice Harlan was one of the arbiters in the Bering sea case. He it was who handed down the decision in the famous Nebraska maximum freight rate case.



Supreme Court Justice Harlan.

In two months of its projection competitive buying by a transcontinental rival, the Union Pacific, brought on the panic of May 9 and the pleasure of success was marred by relinquishment of half the control of the Burlington to its rival.

Though the security scheme is killed the Hill-Morgan plan is not dead; through personal ownership, through combinations of individuals, much of the original purpose will be retained. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern and Burlington will



Great States of the American Nation which have been under the control of the Railroad Merger.



A Sketch From Life of James J. Hill, the Father of the Northern Securities Company, Which the Supreme Court Declared to Be an Illegal Trust.

carrying companies, is declared to be in violation of the law against combinations in restraint of trade.

It is not the first victory that the Sherman anti-trust act has scored in the Supreme Court, but it is the greatest. The railroad cases which preceded had to do with agreements; the decisions against industrial methods were directed against price schedules. This recent opinion struck at the corporation itself; it went beyond the mere incident of a rate, of a specific violation of the law, and held that the formation of a company to operate competing properties, even though the announced intention is one of economical operation, of lower rates or of greater benefits to the public, the thing itself is wrong.

The Northern Securities company must disband, resolve itself into its units, the Northern Pacific railroad and the Great Northern railroad. Its \$100,000,000 stock issued for the former at 115 for 100 shares and for the latter in the proportion of 180 for 100 shares will be re-exchanged. The Burlington, the third part of the combine, is controlled by the other two. The ownership will remain in the same hands, the management will not be changed. The policy will not be altered, but the power of the court to go beyond dissolving the corporation was recognized. The corporate embodiment of the scheme of unification alone is struck down. The apparent contradiction between corporation and individual holdings of securities of competing properties split the court, and the balance was against the great scheme of J. P. Morgan and James J. Hill.

The majority decision was supported by Justices Harlan, Brown, McKenna, Day and Brewer, the latter differing as to the method of reasoning, but agreeing with the conclusion. The minority likewise was partially disjointed, Justice Holmes reading an opinion in which Chief Justice Fuller and Peckham united, Justice White delivering a personal opinion more radical than his fellow dissenters. But there is no hope held out in any of the dissenting opinions of a rehabilitation of the scheme. Justice White stands alone in opposition to the basic principle of the anti-trust act, which he characterized as "destructive of human liberty and destructive of every principle upon which organized society depends."

Justice Harlan and his three associates gave a wider latitude to the anti-trust act than previous decisions which were directed against specific violation of its terms. The Supreme court throws the mantle of the act over any company or combination which puts into a common ownership the stocks of competing railroads and inferentially competing industries. It holds that such consolidation or merger destroys and restricts trade and as such restrains trade and it is not necessary to cite specific acts.

With five judges in its favor, the construction of the law is absolute; there is no evasion; no escape. The reach for corporation power has been

Grandson of the Mikado.

Perhaps the most interesting small boy in the world is the little Prince Micchi, grandson of the Japanese Mikado and destined himself to be a mikado some day. He will be 4 years old next month. The heir presumptive to the great eastern throne has the distinctive of being the first baby of the royal house of Jimmu Tenno who has been allowed to grow his hair like an English baby. Both his father and the mikado, when babies, had their heads shaved early by their nurses.

Strong in Vitality at 82.

Benjamin F. Manierre, at one time a leading Republican in New York City, and more recently a prominent prohibitionist, is 82 years old, but is recovering from a surgical operation which might have killed many a man young enough to be his grandson. It was discovered recently that he was suffering from hernia and an operation was found to be necessary. The venerable patient refused to take an anesthetic and while the surgeons were at work laughed and told stories.

Senator Scott Tells of Travels.

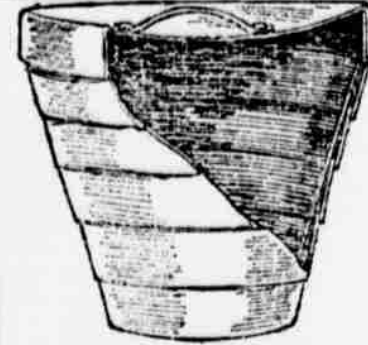
Senator Scott of West Virginia has published a neat little book bearing the title "Letters From Foreign Lands." The volume tells with some detail of the senator's four abroad last summer, and is illustrated. Some of the snapshots are unique. There is a group of Nubians wading out to the boat at the first cataract of the Nile. Then one photograph shows a "front view of a Spanish gentleman in reduced circumstance;" and another "a reverse view of the same gentleman."

SCIENCE AND INVENTION

Collapsible Hat Box.

What to do with his silk hat is a problem which confronts the owner many times in the course of a year. When traveling around from place to place it is a nuisance, but he wants it so often when he has arrived at his destination that he often wears it or carries it with him in a hat box made for the purpose. In the former instance he is under necessity of having it ironed frequently, and in the latter he is troubled with a bulky package which is of no use to him except when the hat is in it.

The advantage of this box illustrated is that when not in actual use it can be folded flat and placed on a car seat or on the floor without occupying much space. When it is desired to place the hat in the box the owner has only to open the box as he would a collapsible drinking cup, setting the wire struts in position to prevent its closing again, when the hat may be inserted and the cover closed, as though



Folds Up When Not in Use.

It were a stiff box. The sections are all united by a flexible cloth lining, which is drawn tightly from top to bottom when the box is expanded and lies loosely between the sections when they are collapsed.

James Frye of Toronto, Canada, is the inventor.

Fires from Electric Wires.

It was claimed at one time that the substitution of electricity for gas and petroleum in lighting would result in a lessening of the danger from fire. But a recent report issued by the Montreal Fire and Light Committee tends to show that the danger has been increased rather than diminished by the change. The report gives a record of 150 fires due to electric currents during the last three months of 1903, with an aggregate loss of \$1,500,000. When classed according to causes, the list shows that twenty-two fires were due to the contact of telephone, telegraph and other low potential wires with electric lights and other high tension circuits. Wires grounded on gas pipes were responsible for nineteen fires. Eleven fires were due to the defective wiring of gas fixtures, five to the puncturing of gas pipes by the currents on flexible cords wrapped around them, three to short circuits in moldings, three to open link fuses in porcelain cut out bases, fifteen to overheated resistance coils and heating devices, and nine to incandescent lamps coming in contact with inflammable material. In the same report 135 fires are recorded in which electricity was suspected of being the cause, but in which all material evidences of origin were destroyed.—Toronto Globe.

Great Things Promised.

At present the phenomena of physics are, as it were, divided into two camps: acoustics and heat, which are explained from the laws of mechanics; and electricity, with its subdivision, light, which has not been satisfactorily thus explained. For half a century we have tried to explain electricity mechanically, and may be said to have failed; let us now try to explain mechanics electrically, and see where that will lead us.

Perhaps it is a mere matter of words whether we say that all matter is electrically charged or that all matter is modified conclusions if, in explaining phenomena, the laws of electricity should be taken as the premises from which we start, instead of, as hitherto, the inertia of matter. And, inasmuch as the more nearly any explanation approaches the truth, the better does it point the way to fresh knowledge, the fact that so radical a change may be about to take place is one of the reasons why there is a feeling of expectancy in the air. It is hoped that light may be thrown upon universal gravitation and other obscure problems, and it is suspected that science is trembling on the verge of something great.—Nineteenth Century.

New Safety Razor.

All razors may be converted into safety razors by means of a recently patented guard. The novel features, aside from its universality, of this device as enumerated by the inventor are simplicity, economy and lightness of structure, ease with which the guard may be removed for cleaning and the dispatch and convenience with which it may be placed in position. The essential and characteristic construction of the shank or guard, is the clamping mechanism, by means of which it may be locked on one side or the other of the blade, or so constantly removed. The guard is structurally formed to slip over the razor back by an endwise longitudinal movement, in which position the edge lies along the cutting edge and subject to proper spacing. The common sight of a cut chin, particularly among self-shavers whose age has affected their steadiness of hand, attests the necessity that exists for a convenient safety razor of universal application.

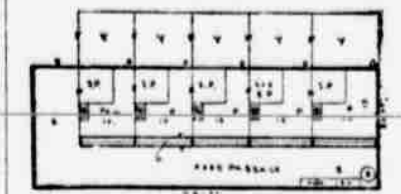
PEN FOR FORTY HOGS.

Structure in Which the Live Stock Will Always Thrive.

M. I. E.—I would like to see a plan for an up-to-date pen to accommodate from thirty to forty hogs. I have plenty of suitable lumber to construct it with.

Ans.—The accompanying plan is for a pen 58 feet long and 29 feet wide. It can have a flat roof, or an upper story may be put on to hold bedding, feed, etc., and to open up for a slaughter house by having a windlass above. If the roof is flat and no upper story is provided the windows should be placed in the roof, but otherwise the windows would require to be set in the wall.

The walls and ceilings are continuous, practically air tight and consist of the following layers, commencing from the outside: Inch lumber, two plies of building paper, four inches of kiln dried planer shavings, two thicknesses of building paper and one



Ground Floor Plan of Pen for Forty Hogs.

layer of inch lumber. The door and troughs are composed of cement-concrete; the troughs are marked T and stand under the woven wire fence. The pen is ventilated by openings near the ceiling and floor, which pass through the wall, and point downwards on the outside. The partitions between the pens and feed alley, marked F in the cut, are of heavy woven wire, so that all the pigs may be seen from any part of the pen and a parts of the building are equally well lighted. The pens have elevated sleeping beds, which are always dry and clean; these are marked S. P., and are about three feet from the floor and have narrow ledges at the outer edges to hold the bedding. Connected with each pen is a small yard marked Y, inclosed with a woven wire fence. Each yard is about 19 feet square and floored with cement.

The feed passage, which is eight feet wide, has a boiler marked B, for steaming feed at one end. Close to this is a trough or box S. F. for steaming feed, and next to that are the feed bins.

Feeding Pullets: Eggs for Hatching.

E. S.—Will the feeding of pepper and prepared poultry food to pullets during the breeding season injure the hatching quality of the eggs? How should eggs be saved for hatching?

The use of black pepper occasionally in the mash, in small quantity, will be rather beneficial than otherwise. It must not be continued too long. Prepared poultry foods—in fact, all stimulants to winter egg laying—are calculated to weaken the germs in spring eggs, especially if the birds are closely confined. The best way to save eggs for hatching is to have them laid when the germs of the eggs are thought to be stronger; that is, when the fowls have had a run out after their long term of winter confinement. Where hens have had a run during the winter in barn, stable or shed, it is possible that the germs of the eggs laid by them may be strong at an earlier date. The eggs should be placed with small end down and kept in a cool, but not cold temperature, and they should be put into incubator or under hens as soon after they are laid as possible.

Moss in Meadows.

E. C. W.—My meadow is badly infested with moss from one to four inches high. How can it be destroyed without plowing the land?

Ans.—The usual treatment for meadows infested with moss is to give them a top dressing of lime, and it is probable that this does some good, but it is sometimes not very effective. I do not think that there is any good method of freeing land of such a thick growth of moss as you describe, except by plowing it up and giving it a heavy dressing of stable manure. The presence of the moss indicates that this treatment is necessary. If the land requires drainage, the question must be considered whether it is worth that extra expenditure. Where a little moss occurs in a field in tufts, these may be sometimes got rid of by sowing in the hummocks, which opened up by frost in the spring, a good handful of orchard grass and white clover. Of course any other grass suitable to the locality would do, but it would be well always to include the white clover.—J. F.

Thin-Shelled Eggs.

H. B.—My hens lay eggs with thin shells and very tough skins. They are fed mash of bran, corn meal and meat scraps in the morning and whole corn, oats and buckwheat at night.

Ans.—The hens require lime. This may be given by placing a piece of lime in the drinking water and by leaving bits of wall plaster about on the floor of the house. Finely crushed egg shells and small quantities of lime added to the mash would also help the condition. It is considered by many poultry keepers that the grain should be given in the morning and the mash late in the afternoon. The grain should be thrown among litter of cut straw so that the birds will get vigorous exercise while procuring their breakfast; this stimulates their circulation for the day and keeps them in fine trim for laying.

HEALTH AND LLELITY

A Burglar "With Religion."

Former State Senator Guy once was asked to defend an ex-convict who was charged with burglary, says the New York World. He refused the case, but had a talk with the prisoner. In the course of conversation the burglar said:

"I had a partner once, but he got religion."
"Indeed! I presume he quitted the business?"
"Nixy; I just fired him, see? What could a man like me expect of a chump who always wanted to open a safe with prayers?"

The Mistress Was Forgiving.

D. C. Brewer tells of a colored maid who came home about two hours later than she ought and burst out to her mistress:

"Oh, missus! I've got 'ligion! I've got 'ligion!"
"Very well," said the mistress, "I'll forgive you this time. But don't let it happen again."—Boston Record.

Comes to the Same Thing.



Bings—Do you consider it proper to mind the baby?

Bangs—Well, I think it proper to mind the wife.

Now a Respectable Citizen.

Drummer—What became of old Tuffnut, who formerly owned a disreputable dive on Blank street?

Merchant—Oh, he reformed several years ago and is now one of our most honest and respected citizens.

Drummer—What business is he in now?

Merchant—None at all. He made a fortune out of his dive and retired.

Two Methods.

"The average married woman," said Henpeck, "works her game so as to play 'man-of-the-house' and get control of the purse strings."

"Oh, I don't know," replied the other, whose wife is a cute, cooling little creature, "sometimes she plays her game so as to work the man-of-the-house to the same end."—Philadelphia Press.

Signs of Progress.

"I think Arthur would have proposed to me last night if you hadn't come in the room just when you did."

"What reason have you for believing that?"
"He had taken both of my hands in his. He had never held more than one of them at a time before."—Stray Stories.

A Common Failing.

"He started out to be the architect of his own fortunes. Did he succeed?"

"Well, he's the architect all right, but he didn't succeed in putting up much of a structure."
"What seemed to be the trouble?"
"He revised the plans too often."

Queer Notion.



Mr. Peck—Jack writes me from the country that it's lovely out there—regular paradise, he says.

Mr. Blinks—H'm! Did he take his wife with him?

Mr. Peck—Shucks, man! What's your idea of paradise, anyway?

Exchange of Compliments.

"I love you, papa," said four-year-old Margie, as she climbed upon her father's knee.

"And I love you, dear, when you are a good girl," rejoined her father.
"But, papa," continued Margie, not to be outdone, "I love you even when you ain't no good."

Force of Habit.

He—What would you do if you were starving, dear? Would you steal a loaf of bread?

She—Certainly not! I'd walk into a cafe and get a meal and charge it.

He—To whom?
She—To you, of course.—Detroit Free Press.

Not an Everyday Occurrence.

Cheerful Widow—Why so dismal?
Future Husband—I am afraid our wedding trip will take all the cash I have saved up!

Cheerful Widow—What of it? A wedding trip only happens once in five or six years.

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HASKELL, TEXAS, March 29, 1904.

An item from Oklahoma, O. T., says the Katy has a corps of engineers in the field surveying a route for its extension from that place to Wichita Falls, Texas, via Mineo, Anadarko and Mountain Park, and thinks it probable trains will run to Wichita Falls within a year.

The Baylor County Banner is authority for the statement that "Parties at Vernon, who claim to be posted on the situation, claim that the proposed road will soon be extended south from that town with El Paso as the objective point. Seymour will be on a direct line, and would evidently stand a good chance to get the road." A look at the map shows Haskell well in line also.

The Dallas News quotes E. P. Spears, president and general manager of the Dallas and New Mexico Railroad as saying that arrangements have about been completed for the resumption of actual operations in the matter of building the road, and track laying will begin in a very short time. The company was organized for the purpose of building a railroad from Dallas to Roswell, New Mexico, a distance of about 450 miles. The company has a grade completed from Dallas to a point in Wise county, about 60 miles. Its direct route lies through Haskell county.

The Scientific American gives the following on the authority of a French scientific journal: "Every day the journals bring to our notice new accidents due to the negligence or imprudence of those having petroleum lamps under their charge. Every well kept kitchen is provided with a little stock of milk. While water only quenches the flame of petroleum or gasoline, milk immediately extinguishes it and prevents all danger. This is a process which every mistress of a house ought to post in a prominent place in her kitchen." We may also state from experience that we know that an oil fire can be extinguished very quickly by throwing a quantity of dry ashes upon it. Dry sand or road dust would perhaps be as efficacious.

The Texas Stockman-Journal, in a review of range conditions in this State, says that the range country is still in need of a good rain, but cattlemen say the country can go until May without serious loss. Cattle as a general thing are getting thin in flesh, but they are in remarkably good shape, considering the short range. There have been no losses this winter, and it is not believed there will be any more cold weather to endanger them. What the Journal says applies generally to the live stock interests of this section, though this is no longer a strictly grazing country. It is the wet, cold winters that hurt cattle most and sometimes cause heavy losses, but the one just passed has been a remarkably dry and mild one, hence no losses have been suffered.

THE PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW.

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."

Many newspapers seem to think that they are making headway for Judge Parker by exclaiming that he is gaining rapidly, that the people are fast turning to him as the man of the hour, etc., on the same principle that you can yell "Fire" and draw a crowd. But it isn't true, the people are not Parker enthused, because they know nothing to be enthused about. If the facts about Judge Parker were given to the country he might be found to be eminently satisfactory to the people, but they want the facts and then to exercise their own intelligence in basing an opinion upon them. If those who are advocating Judge Parker

want to make progress in his behalf, it is high time they were getting down to details. They nor Judge Parker should be afraid or ashamed to express his views. It is begging the question for the Judge or his friends to plead that it is incompatible with his judicial position, or even indelicate, for him to state his political views and the policies of government which he believes should prevail. Judges render decisions based solely on the law and facts of cases presented to them—at least they should do so, and not according to their political ideas—at least they should not. This being true, it makes no difference what Judge Parker's political views are so far as his judicial position is concerned, hence there is no good reason for his withholding his views—if he is or will be a candidate.

HOW LONG?

Much that is favorable is being said in many newspapers and by individuals throughout the country as to the ability and fitness of Senator Baily of Texas for the presidency of the United States, but these references almost invariably conclude with the statement that he is not available because he is a Southern man. How long is this proscription against the South to last, pray?

The South has not stultified itself by an admission that the principles for which it seceded and fought were wrong—and will not, but she accepted the result in good faith and has demonstrated her loyalty to the government in every instance that has arisen and in every way possible—the Spanish way furnishing a notable instance. And yet she is told to stay in the back yard and is not accorded that consideration to which she is entitled as an important, loyal and integral part of the government.

Again we ask how long is this thing to last? How long are we to submit to it before showing some proper resentment?

NEED OF STOCK FARMERS

South Offers Unexcelled Opportunities to Such, Says Southern Field.

Many times we have urged the claims and advantages of the southern states as an unexcelled field for stock raising. Too much can not be said in asserting and reasserting the statement that the South has more positive advantages than any other section of the country for profitable stock raising. It matters not whether the stock be horses, mules, cattle, sheep or hogs. Every condition almost favors and promises the largest profits to the stock farmer who knows his business and will pursue the business carefully. Lands for grazing purposes are to be had in almost every section of the South, so low, the cost of necessary buildings is so small in comparison with other sections, that the investment called for is less than in the North, the Northwest.

Climatic conditions are the most favorable. Long grazing periods, short feeding periods, long growing seasons in which two or three crops of grasses and forage crops may be raised in one year, utter security of stock from the cold of winter are all advantages arising from the mild climate.

The South needs stock farmers and dairy men. She offers them more chances for success than do other sections. They are settling within her borders and are more than satisfied, but there is room and need of more of them, and in every state.—Southern Field.

What the Southern Field says in the above applies with peculiar force to this part of Western Texas. As THE FREE PRESS has often said, we believe that no part of the world is more thoroughly adapted to the breeding and rearing of live stock of every kind on the "stock farming" plan than is this section of country. We base this belief on the observations of twenty-odd years. We believe that in no part of the world do live stock of every kind enjoy so great an immunity from all forms of disease as it does here. Our native grasses are extremely nutritious and fairly abundant, with proper care. The mild winters and dry climate, especially in winter, are very favorable, requiring but little expense in providing shelter and making lighter feeding and for a much shorter time produce the same results that heavy feeding for a long period of time is required to produce in colder climates. Another important factor in the cost of production is the comparative cheapness of the land, its fertility and the ease with which abundant crops of the most nutritious grains and forage are produced, such as the common sorghum, millet, kafir corn, milo maize and others.

For these reasons the business should be made more pleasant and profitable here than in almost any other section.

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.

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

Lunch baskets at the Racket Store.

Mr. S. E. Carothers, whose name appears in our announcement column as a candidate for Tax Assessor, subject to the Democratic primary, is among the oldest citizens of Haskell county, having resided here for the last sixteen years, and being principally engaged in farming. He is a man whose character is untouched by any evil report and whose conduct as a peaceful and law-abiding citizen has won for him the esteem of all. He served throughout the civil war as a confederate in the army of Tennessee under Johnson and Hood, losing an eye in the service. Mr. Carothers has made two previous races for the assessor's office, falling 27 votes short the first time and lacking only 14 the last time he ran, in 1900. There is no doubt that he would be conscientious, fair and impartial in the discharge of the duties of the office should the people decide to favor him with it. He says that the office would be of particular value to him this time and he hopes the people will give his claims fair consideration.

Mr. R. D. C. Stephens announces this week for reelection to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic primary. Mr. Stephens is too well known in Haskell county as a moral, upright man and law-abiding citizen to require any extensive introduction to its voters. He was elected by a good majority at the last election and has been faithful and painstaking in discharging the duties of his office—and duty well done is about as good a recommendation as any one can bring. He is desirous of having the office for another term and asks that if the people are satisfied with the service which he has rendered that they give him their endorsement by reelecting him, assuring them at the same time that he will duly appreciate it and that with the experience he has had he will be able to render even better service in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Collins have the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of their infant son on Friday of last week, when only four days of age. They have a better consolation, however, in the fact that while it touched the shores of earth but briefly, it is harbored for eternity in heaven.

Mr. W. W. Kirk of Roby, the law member of the West Texas Development Co., with offices at this place and Roby, spent several days with the Haskell office this week.

Messrs. Robertson and Kirk of the West Texas Development Co. made a business trip to Benjamin this week, returning yesterday.

Big 5-cent school tablets at the Racket Store.

FREE PRESS and Dallas News, \$1.75.

...DIRECTORY...

THE CHURCHES.

CHRISTIAN—Services every Sunday at 11 o'clock. A. M. Rev. J. H. Williams, pastor. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Prof. L. T. Cunningham, superintendent.

METHODIST—Services every Sunday at 11 o'clock. A. M. and 8:00 P. M. Rev. J. L. Lusk, pastor. Conference first Sunday in each month at 4 o'clock P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. A. M. Mr. W. P. Whitman, superintendent.

BAPTIST—Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8:00 P. M. Rev. J. L. Lusk, pastor. Conference first Sunday in each month at 4 o'clock P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. A. M. Mr. W. P. Whitman, superintendent.

SOCIETIES.

W. C. T. U.—Meets Tuesday evenings after the second and fourth Sundays in each month at 5 o'clock at the home of the members. Mrs. A. B. Mason, president; Mrs. Levi Metcolum, secretary.

THE SENIOR LEAGUE—Meets every Sunday evening at the Methodist church at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Anna Martin, president; W. S. Scott, secretary.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE—Meets every Sunday evening at the Methodist church at 5 o'clock. Mrs. J. C. Caperton, superintendent; Miss Ethel Gilbert, president; Miss Pearl Grissom, secretary.

THE SENIOR ENDRAGON—Meets every Sunday evening at 4 o'clock at the Christian church. Prof. L. T. Cunningham, president; Miss Ollie Norris, secretary.

THE B. Y. P. U.—Meets each Sunday evening at 5:00 o'clock at the Baptist church. Mrs. L. T. Cunningham, leader.

THE COURTS.

DISTRICT COURT.

The regular terms of district court are convened on the first Mondays in January, April, July and October. D. H. Hamilton, judge; J. E. Willough, attorney; C. D. Long, clerk.

COUNTY COURT.

The regular terms of county court are convened on the first Mondays in January, April, July and October. D. H. Hamilton, judge; J. E. Willough, attorney; C. D. Long, clerk.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

The regular sessions of the commissioners' court are held on the second Mondays in February, May, August and November.

JUSTICE COURTS.

Precinct No. 1.—Meets on the third Monday in each month at the court house in Haskell. J. T. Krowles, justice of the peace.

Precinct No. 5.—Meets at Marey on the fourth Saturday in each month. S. V. Jones, justice of the peace. W. T. York, constable.

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..

LIVER TROUBLES

"I find Thedford's Black-Draught a good medicine for liver disease. It cured my son after he had spent \$100 with doctors. It is all the medicine I take."—MRS. CAROLINE MARTIN Parkersburg, W. Va.

If your liver does not act regularly go to your druggist and secure a package of Thedford's Black-Draught and take a dose tonight. This great family medicine frees the constipated bowels, stirs up the torpid liver and causes a healthy secretion of bile.

Thedford's Black-Draught will cleanse the bowels of impurities and strengthen the kidneys. A torpid liver invites colds, biliousness, chills and fever and all manner of sickness and contagion. Weak kidneys result in Bright's disease which claims as many victims as consumption. A 25-cent package of Thedford's Black-Draught should always be kept in the house.

"I used Thedford's Black-Draught for liver and kidney complaints and found nothing to equal it."—WILLIAM COFFMAN, Marblehead, Ill.

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

Flower pots, all sizes, Racket Store.

PETERS' Barber Shop

West side of Square...
Your Patronage Solicited.
Haskell, - Texas.

DAYLIGHT RESTAURANT!

WHITFIELD & HULL, Proprietors.
BREAD! CAKES! PIES!
Fish and Oysters.

N. W. Cor. Square, 1:1 HASKELL, TEXAS.

I. O. O. F.—Haskell Lodge, No. 325.
C. D. LONG, N. G.
J. E. WILLIAMS, V. G.
GUEST WHITAKER, Sec'y.
Lodge meets every Thursday night.

Elmwood Camp No. 24.
J. B. Russell, Com. Com.
Joe Irby, Clerk.
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
Visiting sovereigns invited.

TEXAS CENTRAL Railroad.

STAMFORD.

No. 1 Arrives from Waco.....5:45 P. M.
No. 2 Leaves for Waco.....11:00 A. M.

GOOD CONNECTIONS AT WACO FOR ALL POINTS IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH TEXAS TO POINTS IN THE OLDSTATES!

VIA Cotton Belt Route and Memphis, H. & T. C., So. Pacific & New Orleans.

Write us a letter, Stating When and Where you want to go. We will advise you promptly, Lowest Rates, and give you a Schedule of the Trip. W. F. McMILLIN, THOS. F. FARMER, Gen'l Pass. Agent, Waco, Texas.

OH MY! MY!!

THESE - TURKEY - ROASTERS

—at the—

RACKET STORE

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 wont 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.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Don't forget the school trustee election next Saturday. Remember that capable and active trustees are essential to good schools.

Reserve your seats now—they will all be taken soon. Bob Taylor March 28th at Stamford.

Mr. J. W. Collins' friends are glad to see him out again after his recovery from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Halmark, on the Bledsoe ranch in the eastern portion of the county, are reported quite sick with pneumonia.

A great many teachers will take a course in the Roberts Business Colleges at Bowie and Chickasha this spring, preferring to enter the commercial world where there are opportunities for advancement to remaining in the school room.

"Itehine cures iteh," or your money back. Jno. Robertson.

Mr. Ernest Fields, who is with his brother in the grain business at Howe in the eastern portion of the State, arrived Thursday night on a visit to his parents and other relatives, and expects to spend several weeks here.

Mr. J. S. Fox and assistants commenced the erection this week of a neat and commodious residence in the southwest part of town for Dr. S. L. Post.

When you want to kill prairie dogs use McLenore's poison, it's a sure thing.

Mr. M. E. Park returned the latter part of last week from Abilene, where he has been working for the Electric Light and Ice Co. for some time.

Mesdames C. C. Riddell and Guy Hemphill of Aspermont visited friends in Haskell this week.

Meals at all hours, night or day, at the Daylight Restaurant.

If you wish to learn something about the most practical Business Colleges at Bowie and Chickasha, address Roberts Business College, Bowie, Texas, or Chickasha, I. T.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Halmark of the Cliff neighborhood on the 12th of this month.

Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Ford were over this week from Aspermont and spent a few days with friends.

A new line of gentlemen's shirts at Alexander Mer. Co's.

District Judge H. R. Jones returned home Tuesday from Snyder where he concluded a term of the district court last week. Since his last visit at home the Judge has been absent several weeks, having held a two weeks term of court at Roby, attended the big Odd Fellows meeting at Sherman, held a term of court at Snyder, and held an important examining trial in the case of G. R. Green, who was charged with the killing of his father-in-law, R. W. (Ross) Millsap, on January 13, resulting in the defendant being placed under a \$10,000 bond.

Mr. R. E. Sherrill is making some improvements about his home.

Mr. S. R. Riley of the Pinkerton neighborhood was in this week and became a subscriber to THE FREE PRESS. Mr. Riley moved to this county last fall from southeast part of the state, near Thornton, where the farmers had to appeal for help this spring on account of the ravages of the boll weevil last year.

Mr. G. Rader, a prominent farmer of the Mid community, dropped in the other day joined our list of readers. Mr. Rader says his wheat is holding up remarkably well under the dry weather, still promising to make a fair crop with rain soon.

Messrs. J. B. Riddling and L. D. Courtney of the Ample neighborhood were in town Thursday and paid THE FREE PRESS a call, the latter having the paper sent to a friend in Travis county.

Mr. W. J. Norton of the Stamford Ice Co., was here this week to arrange for supplying this place with ice.

The Haskell boys have organized a base ball team and "Captain" Thomason says they intend to lay it over the Stamford team too bad to talk about.

There will be a special sermon tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the Christian church to the children, subject, "Some Boys." And on the third Sunday in June, 19th, there will be a protracted meeting commenced at that church with R. H. H. Burnett as evangelist.

Mr. T. L. Atchison of the Miller creek neighborhood, was in Thursday having his little daughter's eyes treated by Drs. Adams & Griffin.

The Commercial Course in the Roberts Business Colleges is full and up-to-date and is practical bookkeeping from start to finish and includes Banking and Corporations.

Prohibition Election Void.

The court of criminal appeals rendered its decision Wednesday in the case of ex-parte Rash Mitchell, who was arrested on a charge of violating the local option law in this county. Following the decision in the Cook county case, in which it was held that that part of the local option law which authorized commissioners' courts to group subdivisions of a county, less than the entire county, in one election was unconstitutional, the court in this case held that the election on September 8, 1902, in the three precincts of Haskell county was void on account of the grouping of same in the election, and Mitchell was discharged. This means that prohibition is not in force in any part of Haskell county.

Notice to U. C. V.

All members, especially those of J. E. Raines Camp, are urgently requested to meet at the court house in Haskell at 2 o'clock, Saturday, April 9th. There is important business to come before the meeting, don't fail to be there.

Head in your annual dues to Adjt. S. L. Robertson.

Respectfully,

B. F. McCOLLUM, Commander.

If you wish to learn how to write 150 words a minute in shorthand in seven to twelve weeks, attend one of the Roberts Business Colleges at Bowie or Chickasha. They are the same in every respect, and are owned by Jno. T. Roberts of Bowie, Texas.

Mr. G. W. Thomason returned Wednesday evening from a month's visit in Northern Texas where he had professional interests to look after at Dallas, Fort Worth and Henrietta. The return trip was made overland, and Mr. Thomason enjoyed the sports of fishing and hunting.

Miss Sibyl Collins, who is teaching the Brushy school No. 2, spent Saturday and Sunday with the home folks.

Since Dr. Adams was here last, he was called to Lampasas by Dr. Francis, a leading physician of that place, to perform three surgical operations on the eyes of his patients, which we understand he did successfully; a letter just received by him from Dr. Francis stating that all three of the parties operated on are doing nicely and are rapidly regaining their sight.

The Roberts Business Colleges, Bowie, Texas, and Chickasha, I. T., offer the best in everything that a school of that character can offer.

The fact that a number of Haskell's citizens are making substantial improvements about their premises and that two handsome new residences are in course of erection and others planned to be built soon, is the best of evidence of a gratifying recovery from the feeling of uncertainty which has prevailed for some time on account of our failure to secure a railroad. This is as it should be, for the splendid country surrounding Haskell together with other natural advantages, assure its stability and prosperity, even without a railroad. While railroad building has been defeated and delayed our location and general situation with reference to proposed railroads and extensions is such as to make it almost certain that we will have one or more in the not very distant future.

County Judge Hamilton spent a few days this week on his farm in the southern portion of the county.

Mr. Aggie Stephens and sister, Miss Ella, of Dickens are visiting relatives in Haskell.

Mr. W. T. Simpson, one of the progressive Sandhills farmers, had business in town Thursday.

Mr. J. E. Mansell and Miss Susie Fowler of the Marcy neighborhood were married on Sunday, the 20th instant, Rev. J. Y. Philley of Avoca performing the ceremony. This young couple stand high in their community and THE FREE PRESS joins their many friends in wishing them many years of prosperity and happiness.

Mr. J. T. Bowman disposed of a load of oats in town Thursday at 50 cents per bushel. Having oats to sell at this time of year is better than having to buy them.

Messrs. H. H. Nesbitt and M. E. Park, who have the contract to build Mr. W. E. Sherrill's residence on the east side, commenced work Monday. A large part of the material is on the ground and the foundation of brick has been laid. It is to be a framed building of five rooms besides a hall, bath room, closets, pantry, etc.

Mr. J. D. Roberts and son, Vontrees, of the northeastern portion of the county were in town Thursday.

Mr. Henry Free brought his little daughter in Thursday and had her eyes treated by Drs. Adams and Griffin.

Postmaster Jno. B. Baker and wife left last Saturday for Hamilton where Mrs. Baker visited with relatives while Mr. Baker attended the Republican State convention at Dallas, to which he was a delegate.

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 office, but now see to read. Several were pronounced hopeless and spent many terms in the State Blind Asylum, 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. Doubtters 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 choroid, 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.

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 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

An Exposition of Modern Wonders

The World's Fair of 1904 Is the Greatest Educational Factor as Well as the Most Stupendous Entertainment that Was Ever Organized—No Words Can Describe Its Magnificence or Magnitude

Mr. E. E. Stevens, editor of the Minneapolis Union, visited the World's Fair at St. Louis a few days ago, and the following letter in the Union describes in part what his impressions were:

To Readers of "The Union":
I have been through the World's Fair grounds again to-day for the third time since coming to St. Louis last week, and every day the wonder within me grows. I had imagined from the descriptions that the management intended to eclipse anything ever before attempted, but I had no idea of the tremendous size, the magnificent designs, the splendid settings, and the artistic beauty of the buildings. I was somewhat prepared to see something of the ordinary, but my mind had by no means grasped the splendors which will be open to the visitors to the World's Fair this summer. Of course the grounds and the buildings at this time are in a chaotic state, and the weather was unpropitious for pleasant visiting, but even with these drawbacks, and with nothing but the bare and in many cases but partially finished buildings to be seen, the

to send his children there, as they will never have an opportunity again to see anything approaching it, and they might travel all their lives and not see as much of the world as they will see here within the confines of this great Exposition. Every nation in the world will be represented, and a trip here will be a liberal education in itself. I certainly hope that every reader of "The Union" will take my advice and go to the Fair, even if they can spend but a few days there. It will be the event of a lifetime, and no one should deny themselves this much of the pleasures of the world, even if they have to deny themselves in some other direction. By all means make up your minds right now that you are going to the St. Louis World's Fair, and begin saving for that purpose right now, if necessary. And don't fail to give the boys and girls an opportunity to go. They will learn more here in a week than they will in school in a year.

I wish I could make this strong enough so that every reader of this paper would make up his mind to see the World's Fair, for I am sure every one who comes will agree with

New York. All are famous composers and their compositions have the originality and high merit expected for such a signal event. The several pieces will be played by the many bands in their musical programs during the Exposition, under the direction of the Bureau of Music.

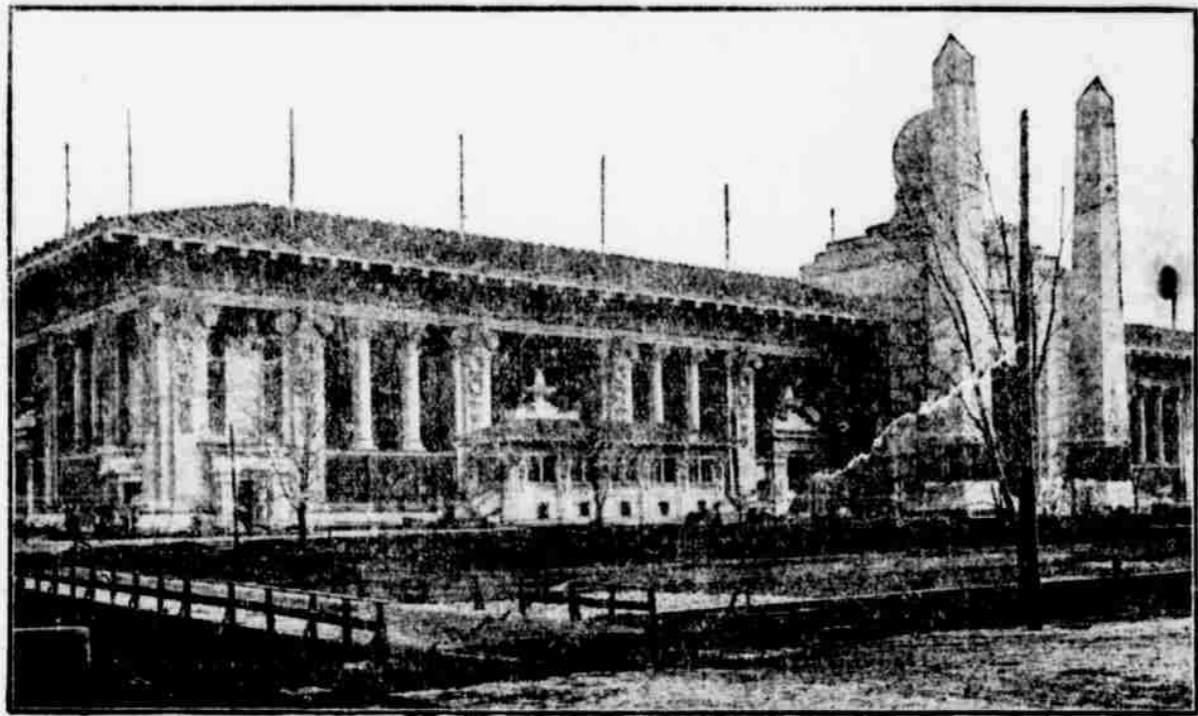
OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Dozens of Unique Materials Used in the Creation of World's Fair Statuary.

Enduring marble and temporary staff, which have marked the statuary of past expositions, are not the only kinds at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, although more works of art carved from these materials are there exhibited than were ever collected at one place in the history of the world.

Many odd materials have been made up into artistic figures that eloquently proclaim the idea of the designer. Some of these unique statues are colossal in size and large sums of money were expended in their making.

Birmingham, Ala., has built a



Palace of Mines and Metallurgy.

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grounds are well worth traveling hundreds of miles to see, even as they are. This being the case, what will it be when everything is completed and when nature has combined with art to make this the fairest vision ever seen by mortal eyes.

It would be presumptuous on my part to attempt to give a description of the grounds or of the buildings, and when I attempt a description I am at a loss for words, and can only repeat, "Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful." The grounds are a natural beauty spot, and with the addition of the buildings, the statues, the fountains, the lamps, the escalades, and all the cunning contrivances of art, the visit will be one which will never be forgotten, even if one should not go inside the buildings at all. And then the inside of the buildings—buildings covering acres and acres of ground, and stretching out for what seems to be interminable distances—when these are filled with the works of nature, of art, of science and of skill from every portion of the known world, who would be so foolish as to miss it?
I would make it compulsory upon every parent who can afford to do so,

me that there was never anything to equal it and that the one who misses seeing it will never have another opportunity to see its equal.

Sincerely yours,

THE EDITOR.

HYMN OF THE WEST.

The Poet Stedman Has Written the World's Fair Hymn and It Has Been Set to Music.

Western folk will be charmed by the beautiful hymn written by Edmund Clarence Stedman upon the invitation of the World's Fair management. He calls it the "Hymn of the West," a title befitting so splendid a production. It has five stanzas, and Prof. John K. Paine of Harvard University has written the music, which is no less grand. The first public rendering of this hymn will be on the opening day of the great exposition, Saturday, April 30, when a drilled chorus of 800 voices will sing it. Other musical compositions specially written upon invitation of the World's Fair management are a march by Frank Vanderstucken, director of the Cincinnati orchestra, and a waltz by Henry K. Hadley of

statue of Vulcan. It is 50 feet high, the base constructed of coal and coke and the statue cast in iron. It portrays Birmingham's importance as a manufacturing center. King Cotton is Mississippi's offering. Cotton is the material used, and the giant is as tall as Alabama's Vulcan. The Spirit of Utah is manifested in an artistic figure modeled from beeswax. Idaho presents the figure of a Coeur d'Alene miner cast from copper. Golden butter was used by a Minnesota artist as the appropriate material for a statue of John Stewart, the builder of the first creamery. Louisiana presents two curiosities in sculpture—a figure of Mephistopheles in sulphur and Lot's wife carved from a block of rock salt. California shows the figure of an elephant built of almonds.

World's Fair Notes.

The exhibits will amount to twenty thousand carloads.

A machine will stamp the likeness of a World's Fair building on a penny for souvenir collectors.

The Inside Inn, a hotel on the World's Fair grounds under Exposition control, has 2,359 rooms.

SERVED AS MESSENGER BOY.

Congressman Hardwick Mistaken for One of the House Pages.

Congressman Hardwick, the boyish-looking man from Georgia, has had the experience that has befallen other youthful statesmen. He was standing close to the speaker's desk one day when one of the reading clerks, mistaking him for a page, said: "Run and bring me that paper that is lying on Gen. Grosvenor's desk." Smiling at the clerk's error, the Georgian did as requested. Half an hour later the chair recognized "the gentleman from Georgia," and to the surprise and mortification of the reading clerk, Mr. Hardwick, the beardless boy, who had performed messenger duty a short time previous, arose and delivered a long speech on the race problem in the south.

The Crinoline Is Coming.

The new skirts with their extreme fullness, especially toward the front, will be the mother of our old crinoline. Nothing but the stiffened petticoat will throw into shape the wide skirts of the immediate future.

In a week or two the Irishman was back at work. The day of his return, seeing him at his post, Mr. Wright asked him with a smile how he liked his beef tea.

"Shure, not a bit," said the old man, bluntly.

"Why," said Mr. Wright, "beef tea is delicious if you heat it and add a little salt and pepper."

"Well, sor, it may be good that way," said John. "But I put milk and sugar to it."—Los Angeles Times.

THE PROMOTION OF THE ADMIRAL AND OTHER SEA COMEDIES

By Morley Roberts Author of "The Colossus," "The Fugitives," "Copyright, 1903, 1904, by The Curtis Publishing Company, Copyright, 1903, by L. C. Page & Company, (Incorporated)."

(Continued.)

The Settlement With Shanghai Smith

It is easy to understand that there was something more than a flutter in shipping circles in San Francisco, to say nothing of the sailors' boarding-houses, when a telegram reached that city from New York which was expanded as follows:

"Admiral Sir Richard Dunn, whose mysterious disappearance in San Francisco three months ago caused such great excitement, has arrived at New York in command of the ship California. He was, it appears, assaulted and drugged, and put on board that vessel, and owing to a series of exciting incidents during the passage, finally took charge of her. The admiral is in good health."

He states that he has no idea who was responsible for the outrage.
The bartender at Shanghai Smith's house was the first to spot this cable. He put his hand on the bar and vaulted it.

"Say, Billy, see this."
He shook up the runner who was taking a cask on a hard bench, having been engaged between four and six in getting three drunken men on board the Wanderer. He was very tired and sulky.

"Well, wold's up now?" he grunted.
"Hell is up, and flamin'!" said Tom. "You ain't forgot the admiral by any chance, now?"

Billy woke as suddenly as if he had been sleeping on the lookout and had been found hard and fast by the mate.
"Eh, what, has the California turned up?"

"You bet she has," said Tom. And he burst into laughter. "What d'ye reckon he was on board of her when she came to N' York?"

"Cook's mate?"

"No, captain, captain! Think of that. And he says he don't know who laid him out and put him aboard of her."

Billy rose.
"Here, gimme the paper. You're drunk."

He read the telegram with protruding eyes.
"By the holy frost, but he must be a dandy. Say, Smith must know this."

He marched to Smith's bedroom and induced his boss to sit up and hear the news, after Smith had used more bad language with his eyes shut than most men in San Francisco could lay their tongues to when wide awake.

"Don't I tell you it's about the admiral," expostulated Billy; "it's about Dunn, as you shoved on the California."

But now Shanghai was wide awake. He looked at Billy with wicked eyes.
"As I showed in the California, eh? Say that again and I'll get up and knock the corners off of you. You miserable Tarhead, if I hear you whisper that I had the last joint of the little finger of my left hand in the game, I'll murder you."

Billy fell back from the bed in alarm. Though he looked big enough to have eaten Shanghai Smith, he lacked the "devil" which had made his boss what he was—the terror of the "coast" and of sailormen, and a political power in his quarter of the city.

"Oh, very well then, Mr. Smith, but who done it?"

"Understand that no one knows who done it, you dog," said Smith, reaching for what he called his "pants," "but if any one done it, it was you. And don't you forget it, I hire you to do the work, and I'll see you does it."

And Billy went back to Tom.
"He's fair lunny, that's what he is."



Now Shanghai was wide awake.
But if he reckons I'm goin' to the calaboose for him, he'll run up agin a snag."

And presently Smith came out to breakfast with a face as black as a rear cyclone. Billy and Tom jumped when he spoke, and all those men in his house who were in a leeshore, as regards dollars, got away from him and adorned a neighboring fence.

"What's wrong wiv Shanghai?" asked a Londoner; "es a black 'un, but I never seed 'im so rorty as this!"

And no one answered him. They were a sick crowd at any time, and now, when their slave-owner roared, their hearts were in their boots.

But Smith was only trying to keep up his own courage. Not once, but

Mr. Peter Cartwright: "It looks as if I'd better face the music. I wonder if he has any kinkle as to the man who did it? It's more than I have, unless it was Smith, or Sullivan."

He looked with a groan at the pile of correspondence which had accumulated since the admiral's disappearance.
"And here's the British consul wants to see me to-morrow!" he cried. "They'll cinch me if they can get no one else."

And he went on board the Triumphant feeling as if he was out of a job.

The admiral received him courteously, and was alone.

"This has been a bad business, admiral, sir," said Mr. Cartwright, "and as chief of police of this city I feel it as a personal slur. Your request to see me anticipated me by no more than twelve hours. I proposed to seek an interview with you to-morrow morning."

"I am obliged to you," said the admiral. "Will you have anything to drink?"

"It was rather cold on the water," replied Cartwright.
And when the chief of police had a tumbler of hot whiskey and water in both hands, the admiral opened up.

"I've sent for you, Mr. Cartwright," he began, "to tell you that I don't



"Yes, I've had some experience."

Cartwright opened his mouth and stared at the admiral in surprise. Then he began to imagine he understood. Sir Richard Dunn had evidently been somewhere on the night of his disappearance which would not suit him to have known.

"Ah, I see," said Cartwright, with a subtle smile.

"I've my own notions as to the brand of justice dispensed in this state, Mr. Cartwright. It is considerably milder than the native liquor. I want your assistance in doing without the law, and in administering justice myself. Have you any notion of the gentleman who shipped me in the California?"

"It was probably a boarding-house master," said Cartwright.
"Of course."

"It might have been Sullivan, or the Shoeney, or Williams, or Smith." "Is that the scoundrel they know here as Shanghai Smith?" asked the admiral.

(To be continued.)

MAKE MONEY ON TOURISTS.

Swiss Recognize Commercial Value of Their Scenery.

The commercial value of her scenery to Switzerland has been computed by Herr Freuler of Zurich, and what this statistician finds is a most interesting confirmation of the fact that Swiss prosperity is conferred by the foreign tourist. About 100,000 people visit the Alps every year, and 350,000 people in all resort to the country for pleasure, health or incidental business. In an average season they spend in railway and steamboat fares \$275,000, and in board and lodging, etc., \$3,800,000. What that means to Switzerland is best shown by the statement that nearly a fifth of these sums is disbursed on railways and in hotels by her own population. These are useful figures. One stores them up against a day when it may be necessary to discuss shortcomings with a hotelkeeper or a railway official. But we must be fair. Dr. Freuler says on the other hand that only \$2,475,000 is clear profit—on a capital investment of \$22,000,000—and on this showing he holds that we get off very cheaply. Well, it is a profit of 11 per cent. Seeing that half the hotels are open only for the season, and cost very little for maintenance when shut, some of them must do uncommonly well.—Pall Mall Gazette.

"Yes, I've had some experience," he said, "and I don't know that it has done me any harm. I know more of the conditions on board merchant vessels than I did before."

"And what do you propose to do, Sir Richard?" asked Selwyn an hour later. "The authorities and the police seemed very anxious to do what they could."

The admiral lit one of his own cigars, and found it more to his taste than the ship's tobacco of the California.

"I don't propose to trouble the police," he said, "nor need there be any international correspondence so far as I'm concerned. I'll play my own game. I think, Selwyn, that I know who laid for us that night. And from what I learnt in the California (I learnt a lot, by the way), I've a notion that ordinary justice would never get hold of the man, at least not in San Francisco, not even if I paid for it."

"Then what?"

But Dicky Dunn interrupted him. "I've a notion," he said significantly. And that afternoon he sent Selwyn ashore with a very polite note to the chief of the San Francisco police, saying that Rear Admiral Sir Richard Dunn would be very glad to see that gentleman on board the Triumphant late that evening, if he could make it convenient to come.

"Let the band begin to play!" said

Women Learning Business Methods.
The women of Germany are establishing commercial schools for girls, at which are taught bookkeeping, correspondence, physical geography, English, penmanship, commercial law, typewriting, arithmetic, German and French. By and by the men will have to tote water or break stones in the streets. The female invader is an assured fact.

Spanish War Pensions.
About \$5,500,000 have already been paid in Spanish war pensions; the average yearly value of the Spanish war pension is \$137, and the average annual value of all other pensions is \$133, and 304,809 applications for Spanish war pensions await adjudication.

Women Beautify City.
The women of Tomas River, N. J., have formed a village improvement association to beautify the city, and have elected Mrs. G. E. Burr president.

AMUSED MEN OF MONEY.

Conductor Forget His Audience in His Earnestness.

What is known as "the millionaire's train," running from Morristown, N. J., to Hoboken, carries a number of men known to the world of finance. The conductor is David Sanderson, to whom his passengers, grateful for his uniform good nature and efficiency, have just presented a handsome watch and a purse of gold. They insisted on his making a speech, and Sanderson did so, winding up in this way: "Some people wonder why it is I have had such great success in life; why I have had no trouble with nobody. Even the other conductors don't understand it and they often ask me how I get along with the drunks on my train, and I just tell 'em—" Such a shout of laughter went up from the millionaires that Sanderson's speech ended then and there.

Bimmelstein Not Interested.

On the car the other morning I happened to hang by the strap next to Bimmelstein's. Between begging patrons of and granting pardons to my

BEEF TEA NEW TO HIM.

Irishman Spoiled the Preparation by His Addition.

Orville and Wilbur Wright, the inventors of the most successful flying machine that has appeared thus far, live in Dayton, Ohio, where they conduct a bicycle factory.

An aged Irishman, a faithful employe of theirs for a number of years, was kept at home last month by illness. Orville Wright, a basket on

near neighbors, I managed to read a few paragraphs in my newspaper. One of them told of a remarkable find by a Nippur expedition of the University of Pennsylvania. It was nothing less than a well-preserved and thoroughly authenticated tailor's bill nearly 5,000 years old.

Since Bimmelstein himself is engaged in the clothing business, I thought he would be interested in this ancient relic, so I told him about it, but the story seemed to make no impression on him.

"Hang it, man," said I, "don't you understand? It's a tailor's bill almost 5,000 years old."

"Vell," he answered, "vot is it good for? They can't collect it."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Many Royal Visitors Coming.

If all promises are fulfilled, the United States will have royal visitors galore next summer. So far these have announced their intention to visit the land of the free: King Leopold of Belgium, King Menelik of Abyssinia, the crown prince of Germany, the crown prince of Sweden and the crown prince of China.

his arm, visited the sick man one afternoon.

"Here John," he said, "are some dainties I have brought you. Here is some fruit; here is jelly; here is a tonic, fine for the aged, here is some superb beef tea."

"Beef tay, is it, sor?" said the old man. "Shure, an' it shud be good, that beef tay. 'Tis a drink Oi never tried before. Oi thank ye, sor, for all ye've brought, but specially Oi thank ye for the foine beef tay."



Miss Alice M. Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn., tells how woman's monthly suffering may be permanently relieved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

DOLLAR HUMOR CURE From Pimples to Scrofula From Infancy to Age

To those who have suffered long and hopelessly from Humors of the Blood, Skin, and Scalp, and who have lost faith in doctors, medicines, and all things human, CUTICURA Soap, Ointment, and Pills appeal with a force hardly to be realized.

DRPSY Cures Oives quick relief. Removes all swelling in 8 to 20 days; permanent cure in 30 to 60 days. Trial treatment free.

PATENTS that PROTECT Thompson's Eye Water

Character, in matters great and small, consists in a man steadfastly pursuing the things of which he himself feels capable.—Goethe.

Defiance Starch should be in every household, none so good, besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

One way to make light of your troubles is to burn your unrecipited bills.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, cures whooping cough, croup, hoarseness.

When two flatterers meet, his Satanic majesty goes away back and sits down.

PURINAM FADELESS DYES cost but 10 cents per package.

Some men don't care very much what church they attend just so the pews have soft cushions.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure, 25c.

Less than 7 per cent of the power used in manufacturing plants in the United States is electric.

When You Buy Starch buy Defiance and get the best, 16 oz. for 10 cents. (Once used, always used.)

The Trans-Siberian Railway crosses five rivers, each of them as long as the Mississippi.

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.

Over 100,000 pounds of opium prepared for smoking purposes were imported last year, and the importation is increasing.

There is now Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a mortal disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable.

A short-sighted man always expects his neighbor to look through his glasses.

Insist on Getting It. Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.

The Denver Road. A boom does not, ultimately bring about the best results to a community. The Pan-handle is not on a boom, but is enjoying the most rapid growth of any section of Texas.

The man who is above his business may one day find his business above him.—Drew.

Salaries from \$65 to \$125 per month, 12 months in the year. Take a Business and Shorthand course at Tyler College, Tyler, Texas.

A careful review of the past ought to make men less dependent over the present.

Lewis' "Single Binder" straight 3c cigar. No other brand of cigars is so popular with the smoker. He has learned to rely upon its uniform high quality.

People who scatter thorns for others sometimes forget to put on their shoes.—so they find the thorns again.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, but because they 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 5-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents.

Behind the clouds the sky is forever blue, but we forget that part in contemplating the coming storms.

Your poor wearied wife losing sleep night after night nursing the little one suffering from that night howl for children and horror to parents, cough, should have a bottle of Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein, an undoubted croup preventive and cure for coughs, colds and consumption.

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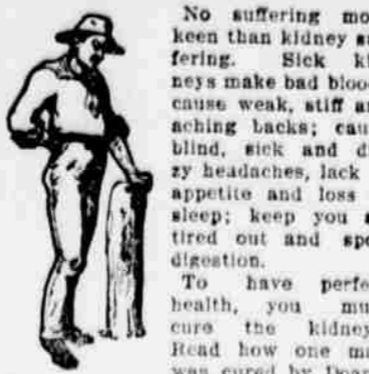
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Don't Wait—Take the Central. The H. & T. C. R. R. will sell colonist tickets at \$25.00 to California. On sale March 1st to April 30th.

The secret of matrimonial happiness lies in satisfying the brain as well as the heart.

All Up to Date Housekeepers use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better, and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

EIGHT YEARS OF TORTURE.



No suffering more keen than kidney suffering. Sick kidneys make bad blood; cause weak, stiff and aching backs; cause blind, sick and dizzy headaches, lack of appetite and loss of sleep; keep you all tired out and spoil digestion.

To have perfect health, you must cure the kidneys. Head how one man was cured by Doan's Kidney Pills after eight years of torture.

Henry Soule of Pultney St., Hammondsport, N. Y., says: "For eight years I suffered constant agony from kidney complaint. I endured the worst torture from gravel and the kidney secretions were excessive and contained sediment like brick dust. I had to get out of bed from ten to twenty times a night and the loss of sleep wore me out. Indigestion came on and the distress after eating was terrible. Doan's Kidney Pills effected a complete and lasting cure, and after the symptoms of kidney trouble were gone my stomach began to work as it should. This lasting cure, especially in a person of my age, proves the great value of Doan's Kidney Pills more convincingly than could any words of mine."

Doan's Kidney Pills sold by all druggists; price 50 cents per box, or mailed on receipt of price by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Write for free trial.

Time loosely spent will not again be won.—R. Greene.

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.

The chief source of self-happiness is the act of making others happy.—Russell Sage.

The Best Results in Starching can be obtained only by using Defiance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money—no cooking required.

Good works is not the price of a ticket to heaven, but the proof of the right to enter there.

Rheumatism's Killing Pain. Left in quick order after taking 10 doses of Dr. Skirvin's Rheumatic Cure, in tablet form. 25 doses 25c. postpaid. WIS. DRUG CO., LA CROSSE, WIS. (W. N. U.)

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Quaker Broke his Rule.

Many years ago a Quaker store-keeper in Philadelphia had a lot of hatchets which were unsalable, and he worked them off by compelling each purchaser of other considerable articles to take also some of the hatchets. Now, he had a deadly antipathy to war and bloodshed, and one day a purchaser came in from a far western county for a lot of blankets, and they were set apart for him with the usual proportion of hatchets. "But I don't want the hatchets, Jonathan," said he. "Oh, but thee must take them," said Jonathan, "or thee can't have the blankets." "Oh, very well," said the purchaser, "thee Indians are fighting and tomahawking each other all around where I live, and they will buy these hatchets and use them for tomahawks." "Thee shaltn't have them—give them back!" said the Quaker; and so the purchaser got his blankets without the hatchets.

Money in Snake Venom.

For a risky and exciting and profitable—if you survive—mode of earning a livelihood a new Australian industry can be confidently recommended. It is the collection of snake venom, a substance that, like radium, is valued by the grain. A pound of it is said to be worth \$25,000. It is in active demand by chemists. It is obtained from three species—the death adder, the brown adder and the tiger snake. The reptiles must be caught unharmed. Tiger snakes are the best for they carry the most venom.—San Francisco Examiner.

The Newest Gun and Best Gun.

A middle-aged resident of Virginia, who always shoots with the coolest and newest of guns, has never owned a fowling piece in his life. It is doubtful if he has sufficient capital to buy one. Recently a discovery was made by a party of shooters from New York who shot with him near Currituck a few days before wild ducks were outlawed in this state. He had a beautiful gun that had never been used. The price of it was \$250, a big one in those days. He shot two days and disappeared to return within twenty-four hours with another weapon of different make, but quite costly. With that he also shot two days. An inquisitive member of the club learned: Gun manufacturers know pretty well who are the good shots of the world; they know that our Virginia can hold his own with Grover Cleveland; they ship him a gun C. O. D. with the privilege of trying it two days, he depositing the price and freight charges with the express company; he shoots two days and returns the gun as not quite to his liking. That's all. His two days with the finest gun in the world cost \$5.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME Are Never Without Peruna in the House for Catarrhal Diseases.



MR. AND MRS. J. O. ATKINSON, INDEPENDENCE, MO. UNDER date of January 10, 1897, Dr. Hartman received the following letter: "My wife had been suffering from a complication of diseases for the past 25 years. Her case had baffled the skill of some of the most noted physicians. One of her worst troubles was chronic constipation of several years' standing. She also was passing through that most critical period in the life of a woman—menopause. In June, 1895, I wrote to you about her case. You advised a course of Peruna and Mannin, which was at once commenced, and have to say it completely cured her. She firmly believes that she would have been dead only for these wonderful remedies.

"About the same time I wrote you about my own case of catarrh, which had been of 25 years' standing. At times I was almost just going. I commenced to use Peruna according to your instructions and continued its use for about a year, and it has completely cured me. Your remedies do all that you claim for them, and even more. Catarrh cannot exist where Peruna is taken according to directions. Success to you and your remedies." John O. Atkinson.

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W. L. DOUGLAS \$3.00 & \$3.50 SHOES. W. L. Douglas shoes have by their excellent styling, 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 \$8—the only difference is the price.

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I have the pure bred Royal Blue strain of Barred Plymouth Rock chickens from prize winning stock in both Illinois and Texas. See me if you want fine eggs.

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"Ichme cures Itch," Jno. Robertson.

A full line of school tablets at the Racket Store.

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Alexander Mercantile Co. are in receipt of a fine line of hosiery.

Swamp Root—the great kidney and liver medicine, at Robertson's drug store.

Seed potatoes, onion sets and garden seeds all just received at S. L. Robertson's.

Remember the date, Monday March 28th. Gov. Bob Taylor will be in Stamford.

Fresh home-made hog lard for sale at the City Meat Market, J. N. Ellis, proprietor.

S. L. Robertson receives fresh groceries each week and sells them low for cash.

Every body is going to hear Bob Taylor. Join the procession, March 28 at Stamford.

A big line of ladies', children's and bad boys' hose at Alexander Mercantile Co's. store.

New line of pants, ladies skirts, jackets and many other things. Come and see. T. G. Carney.

Think of it—Gov. Bob Taylor, the famous Tennessean, will be in Stamford and lecture March 28.

McLemore Prairie Dog Poison is the cheapest, surest and best. It is for sale at the Haskell Racket Store.

This may be your last opportunity to hear the famous Bob Taylor. Don't miss it. March 28th is the date, at Stamford.

New ties and suspenders in individual boxes, the very latest and noblest to be found, are at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Two hours unalloyed mirth and pleasure is assured those who hear Gov. Bob Taylor on March 28th at Stamford, Texas.

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

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

LOST—Mr. Boaz Rice lost a fine new black hat Saturday night a short distance south of town. If the finder will leave it at this office it will be returned to Mr. Rice.

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.

Don't blame your neighbor if you fail to hear the wonderful fiddler and delectable lecturer Gov. Bob Taylor on March 28th at Stamford. Seats going rapidly. House will be packed. Get your tickets now. On sale at Yates drug store.

Dr. St. John, the dentist, writes us that he was not able to meet his appointment here on the 28th inst., but that he will be here on April 4th and remain one week. Old and new patients are requested to meet him at Terrells Drug Store. He assures satisfaction on all his work.

LEAVITT LOCALS.

Mr. J. M. Miller and wife are visiting relatives near Pinkerton.

Mr. Joe Taylor of Stamford, visited friends here last Sunday.

Frank Thurmon of Haskell is visiting friends at this place this week.

Mrs. Johnston and children of Stamford, are visiting friends in the Leavitt community.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Woods, which has been quite sick for some time, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith visited the family of Mr. J. M. Blakely on Wild Horse prairie, last Sunday.

Mr. Serap Pearson of Big Springs, Texas, is visiting his old time friend, Mr. T. J. Pennell of this place.

The farmers out in this part of the country are very much discouraged owing to the dry weather. However they haven't given up in despair yet. Most of them have their land all broke and are ready and waiting for rain.

CORINNE.

County Treasurer Stephens is making some substantial improvements about his home, including the erection of a wind mill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.
We are authorized to announce Hon. S. R. Crawford, of Graham, as a candidate for reelection to the lower house of the State Legislature from this the 19th 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, 29th District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.
We are authorized to announce Mr. Joseph C. Higgins of Snyder as a candidate for reelection to the office of District Attorney for the 29th Judicial District, subject to the Democratic District convention.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.
We are authorized to announce Mr. Wm. Long 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.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.
We are authorized to announce Mr. G. T. McCullough for election to the office of County and District Clerk, subject to the Democratic primary.

FOR SHERIFF.
We are authorized to announce Mr. T. J. L. Cannon 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.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.
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.

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Biggest Diamond to Be Cut.

In Jewelers' circles great interest has been awakened by the announcement that cutting operations have been commenced on the great Jaegersfontein Excelsior, the largest and finest diamond in the world. The stone was held for ten years before its owner could make satisfactory arrangements for its cutting, which has now been undertaken by a firm in Amsterdam, Holland. It was transported from London to Amsterdam under special police protection, and a carpeted room with a specially made safe, has been provided for its care during the progress of cutting and polishing.

This wonderful gem was found on June 30, 1895, at Jaegersfontein, in the Orange Free State. It was picked up by a native; although a white overseer was standing near him he managed to secrete it. He delivered it personally to the manager, and as a bonus he received \$750 and a horse.

The diamond weighed in the rough about seven and one-third ounces. It is of a beautiful bluish color. It measures three inches in length, one and one-half inches in thickness, two and one-half inches in greatest and one and one-third inches in least breadth. The Excelsior has now been broken into sixteen pieces, the three largest of which are 158, 147, and 130 carats, respectively. It was originally valued at \$1,000,000.—Chicago Chronicle.

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The water tower at the State Epileptic Colony at Abilene has fallen down and will cause another delay of several weeks in getting the patients installed in the institution, as they can not be put in until a supply of water is provided. The delay of the contractors in getting the tower and tank erected had already caused a delay of several weeks and just as it was thought to be ready and the superintendent of the colony had gone to collect the patients from the other asylums the thing collapsed.

The tower was 70 feet high, the structural work being of iron or steel, and on top of this tower was placed a 75,000 gallon water tank. It is said that it was only about half filled with water when it toppled over, smashing the tank and twisting and breaking the tower so that entirely new material will have to be procured. The cost of the tower and tank was \$7,500, and it is supposed that the loss will fall on the contractors, as the job had not been formally accepted by the State. It seems clear that the structure was too weak for the weight it would have had to carry.

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