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Collier's Drug Store

Always
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"QUEEN QUALITY"
Shoes hold the world's record for sales of women's shoes. The public demand value. "Queen Quality" Shoes give it, hence this record. Low cuts in all leathers—
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The Store With the Goods.

NOTICE

All parties knowing themselves to be indebted to Norman's Paint Store will please make their arrangements to pay same at once.

Our recent heavy loss by fire and heavy obligations to meet in the near future makes it absolutely necessary that we collect every cent we have out at once.

Yours Very Truly,
Norman's Paint Store.

Affidavit of Commissioners' Court to Examination of County Cash and Assets.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)
Haskell County,)

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT,
May Term, 1909.

Before me, J. W. Meadors Clerk of the County Court in and for said county, personally appeared the members of the Commissioners' Court, whose names are below subscribed, who, upon their oaths, do say: That the requirements of Art. 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by the regular session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, have in all things been fully complied with, and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the quarterly report made to and filed in this court by A. G. Jones, County Treasurer of said County, for the quarter ending the 13th day of May, 1909, and held by him for said county, have been fully inspected and counted by them at this term of said court; and that the amount of money and other assets in the hands of said treasurer are as follows, to-wit:

Total amount of cash in the various funds belonging to the county, thirty-two thousand, four hundred, seventy-five and 1-100 dollars, (\$32,475.01);

Joe Irby,
County Judge, Haskell Co.
C. T. Jones,
County Commis'r. Pre. No 2
J. O. Stark,
County Commis'r. Pre. No. 3
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of May 1909,
J. W. Meadors,
County Clerk, Haskell Co.

ery, Towels, Handker-
-nice line at the Racket



HELLO BILL!

Wednesday, a large herd of Elks with antlers erect, invaded this city in such force that it capitulated on the spot, and as a token of unconditional surrender, every business house draped their fronts with streamers of white and purple and filled their show windows with appropriate emblems. The display of Elk pencil drawings, executed by Mr. J. W. Dellis and hung in Dellis Bros.' show windows attracted the attention of all passers.

By Thursday noon, the whole town was full of Elks from the depths of unknown forests. The herd was rounded up before noon and driven to the cool shades on the moss covered banks of the lakes in the south-east part of the city, to graze in green pastures and refresh themselves with sparkling waters, and nip the juicy mosses so dear to the cuisine of the Elk. After the preliminary repast and refreshments the ruminating bipeds spent an hour of rest and meditation in the cool shades. The elders challenged the young "Bills" to feats of climbing, leaping and bipedal efforts in nipping the loftiest and tenderest buds from the scrubby trees of the mountain sides. All evening long and into the night the young were given lessons that revealed the deep mysteries of climate and forest, and the art of self preservation was inculcated.

These duties over the ladies were received to partake of the banquet that followed.

There were covers laid, and four hundred guests were in attendance. From every quarter of the state they came. The lodges of Wichita Falls and Abilene turned out large delegations. Hon. W. H. Murchison acted as toast master. The invocation was by J. T. Roberts of Wichita Falls, a lay reader of the Episcopal Church. Among

the speakers were Hon. W. L. Grogan, W. F. D. Batjer and Mr. Overshiner of Abilene.

During the banquet a storm was on, the lightning flashed and the the thunders rolled, but it only served to stimulate the oratory and reparte of the company. The gentlemen wore dress suits and the gowns of the ladies were the most beautiful and expensive. Each lady wore a white rosette with an amethyst in the center, emblematic of the colors of the order.

One of the most striking and novel features provided for the entertainment in which all the guests participated was a reproduction of Larry Chittenden's "Cow Boy's Christmas Ball." The figure being taken from the lyric poem written by the poet on his ranch in Jones County some years ago.

The local Elks are overjoyed at the large attendance and the success with which the institution of the lodge was attended.

If there should be any inaccuracies in this article we beg to be excused, as we were not accorded the usual opportunity to gain a knowledge of the details.

The country editor is called upon to do more charity work than any other individual, and a great deal of work is not appreciated as it should be by those who ask it. We are thinking seriously of enumerating some of the things we are called upon to publish free of charge for which we should receive pay. Any matter for publication that is purely of a personal nature or that is intended as an advertisement to bring returns to an individual, firm, corporation or society should not be expected to go in the paper free. But we are glad to say the public is beginning to understand these conditions better than formerly, and many things are readily paid for that in times past were considered items of news. This of course makes the life of a country editor easier and puts his business more on a plane with other business concerns.—Upshur County Echo.

The country newspaper is as much responsible for the above mentioned conditions as anyone, and it is foolish for the newspaper to whine and complain because it is rode to death. A paper that will allow the people to thus use its columns ought to bear the results without a murmur. The best plan according to our idea is to run a newspaper as a business and if it don't pay

quit it.—Crowell Index.
The Free Press has very little complaint to make on this score. The church societies and other institutions, that usually use a good deal of free space, show a very fair and liberal disposition toward us and cheerily pay when they use advertising space with us.
Some times the committees think we ought not to charge but when we make the proper explanation they readily agree to pay. There are times however when people think it our duty to publish matter that is strictly advertising as news matter, and they feel like the paper owes it to the public to do a great deal of such work, and when a paper does it, there is a lack of appreciation. As a rule the country editor contributes more of value to public enterprises, and gets less credit, than any other business. We find that there are many unjust calls on our liberality, and we have to be on guard to keep from being imposed on, but that usually when the people are brought to realize the cost of running a printing plant, they are willing to do the right thing.
J. L. Tippitt will come at once and adjust your machine. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone No. 17.



THE gift of a HOWARD Watch has been the deciding event in many a young man's career. The HOWARD habits of punctuality—of decision—of attention to details. Unconsciously a man begins to live up to his watch.
The leaders in America's progress have been proud to rely on the HOWARD. Every HOWARD is made and adjusted as a fine watch. Cased and timed in its own case before leaving the factory. Printed ticket fixes the price—\$35 to \$150. Let us show you this distinctive watch.

Nothing is more appreciated by a young man than a watch that has real value.

The HOWARD Watch Co. never made a cheap watch. Every watch they make has at least 17 jewels and is adjusted to heat, cold and different positions.

The South Bend is another fine watch. We have just received a lot of high grade 17 jeweled adjusted movements of the above make, and will be pleased to show them to you.

Gus Evans
Cogdell's Drug Store.

THE TELEPHONE GIRL

The telephone girl sits still in her chair and listens to voices from everywhere; she hears all the news, she knows who is happy and who has the blues; she knows all our sorrows, she knows all our joys, she knows every girl who is chasing the boys; she knows of our trouble, she knows of our strife, she knows every man who talks mean to his wife; she knows every time we are out with "the boys" she hears the excuses each fellow employs; she knows every woman who has a dark past; she knows every man who is inclined to be "fast"; in fact there's a secret beneath each saucy curl that quite demure looking telephone girl; If the telephone girl told all that she knows it would turn half our friends into bitterest foes; she could sow a small wind that would soon be a gale, engulf us in trouble and land us in jail; she could let go a story which (gaining in forces) would cause half our wives to sue for divorce; she could get all our churches mixed up in a fight and turn all our days into sorrowing night; in fact, she could keep the whole town in a stew if she'd tell a tenth part of the things that she knew. Oh, brother, now doesn't it make your head whirl, when you think what you owe to the telephone girl?—Exchange.

NOTICE

No one has any authority to buy any merchandise or material of any kind and have charged to us.
E. A. & S. W. Blount,
of Nacogdoches, Texas.

Wanted—A man and wife, man to do farm work, woman to do house work, to begin about June 1st.
R. W. Herren
18-4tp
Haskell, Texas.

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OSCAR MARTIN, Publisher

HASKELL, TEXAS

EVERYBODY MUST HAVE A UNION

Boston has begun it, of course. Where else should a new movement in religion, letters or labor start? This time it is a movement to organize all the school teachers of the United States and Canada in a union to be called the North American Teachers' League, says the New York Evening Sun. When the teachers have all been unionized they are to demand higher salaries, shorter hours, less work and pensions, and, if necessary, fight for these recognized and necessary ends of all unions. Does anybody object? Nobody objects. Why should any objections be made? Why shouldn't the school teachers unionize and fight for more money and less to do? Why, for that matter, shouldn't all kinds of workers organize? There ought to be a bankers' union, a doctors' union, a clergymen's union, a lawyers' union, a merchants' union, a manufacturers' union, a bookkeepers' union, a plain clerks' union, a domestic servants' union, a wives' union, and so on. There will have to be if the new departure in unionism is significant of anything. Everybody must have and belong to a union to do his or her fighting, and when all the unions have been organized that can be and they are all fighting for more money and less work at one another's expense everything will be lovely.

A bride of three weeks, coming from a home of luxury to share the humbler fortunes of her young husband, killed herself because the demands of work upon her young husband's time caused her to feel neglected. Mothers who bring up daughters in idleness have much to answer for, and not the least responsibility is the selfish, dissatisfied dispositions which their daughters carry through life to their own disadvantage. A girl who had earned her own living, and understood the call of duty to the wage-worker, would not have taken her own life in a fit of pettishness. The president of Mount Holyoke college spoke truly in her approval of the working girl as a better wife than the college girl or the girl who has never known any occupation but playing time.

Some New York creditors of a tobacco firm, consisting of two brothers, which failed several years ago, are feeling somewhat differently from the average man who has an April fool joke played on him. There was much sympathy for the brothers who fell into financial difficulties, and they had no trouble in effecting a settlement at 50 cents on the dollar. In fact, the adjustment was regarded as especially satisfactory under all the circumstances. The brothers left New York and located in Canada, and in due time they were almost forgotten in a quarter where they had cut a wide swath in their day. But April first they reappeared in town, hunted up all the creditors with whom they had compromised and, though under no legal obligation, paid the full amount of the old debts. The brothers had prospered in Canada, and among other good fortune had struck it rich in a mine. The creditors think it the best April fool joke they ever experienced.

Spain is going in on an extensive scale for internal improvements, which are to include public works, reforestation, irrigation and the construction of canals, highways and buildings for public use. A bill authorizing a loan of \$200,000,000 for these purposes has been introduced in the Cortes. This is about the wisest thing that Spain could do. The country has large possibilities in the way of development, and the money, spent wisely, will add greatly to the general prosperity and foster material growth.

The navy certainly has cause to resent the action of a judge who sentenced a 17-year-old forger either to enlist in the navy or go to a reformatory. The nation is proud of its jack tars and of the personal record they have established in the historic trip around the world, and the implication that the discipline of a highly honorable branch of the service is a sort of reform school for wayward boys and embryo criminals is one which the nation will side with the sailors in resenting.

The manager of the Boston Ice Company is kind enough to say that no increase in the price of ice is contemplated, but there are strong indications that people in some parts of Massachusetts may have to spend for ice this summer what they may have saved on coal last winter.

Nevada will stand for prize fights occasionally and gold-mine promoters most of the time, but it is beginning to shrink from the get-single-quick-divorce business.

GOOD NEWS EPITOMIZED

HAPPENINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE

BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

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

WASHINGTON NEWS.

According to advices received by Government officials in Washington the so-called cement combine, capitalized at \$150,000,000, has disbanded. The cement combine was organized Dec. 27, 1908, and was composed of the following companies: The Alpha Portland Cement Company, the Atlas Portland Cement Company, the Portland Cement Company, the Chicago Portland Cement Company, the Lehigh Portland Cement Company and other small concerns.

The Minister of Finance has decided the cash found in the Imperial Palace of Yildiz, residence of Abdul Hamid, the deposed Sultan of Turkey, will be used in meeting the expenditure incurred by the mobilization of the first and second troops and the march on Constantinople to restore the Constitutional Government. The funds in question amount to nearly \$8,000,000.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

Belton is to have a clean-up day and the date named is Wednesday, June 2.

L. D. Dozier, president of the St. Louis Aero Club, Saturday closed a lease for a lot where the club will hold its big international aero meet, centennial week, October 4.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad Company announced Friday that, acting upon the advice of its legal department, it will place the 3c basis of passenger rates in effect in Missouri on May 25.

That actual construction work on the Texas cut-off of the Santa Fe will be started before November of the present year was the declaration of C. W. Post of Battle Creek, Mich., who arrived in Fort Worth Thursday.

Believing that it is better late than never, John P. Brady, a contractor and builder of Baltimore, has had erected at his country house, Hickory Grounds, near Gardenville, a monument to the memory of the first Adam, man.

A balloon trip over the Atlantic from Boston to Europe is planned by Prof. W. M. S. ... designed as meteorologist at the Blue Hill Observatory, Boston, after sixteen years of study of the direction and velocity of wind currents.

The County Commissioners' Court will make an appropriation for the cost and hereafter award a contract for the construction of two steel bridges, on piers and masonry, one to span the Tonkawah and the other the Middle Bosque at Waco.

Crackmen visited Frankston Friday night between 1 and 2 o'clock, blowing open the vault door and safe of the First State Bank, securing between three and four thousand dollars and wrecking the safe and breaking out the plate glass front.

Capt. Jackson Kirkman, formerly of Mississippi, an editor and well known as a Confederate veteran, died in a hospital in Washington, Tuesday.

It is the purpose of Gen. James Allen, chief of the Signal Corps, to send the Wright and Herring aeroplanes, should these machines meet the requirements at the test at Fort Meyer next month, to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex., for the purpose of further experimenting and for drilling the members of the Signal Corps in the use of these flying machines.

Left with a nursing bottle Sunday night to enjoy herself until her mother prepared the family dinner, the four months' old daughter of Samuel Conway at Clinton, Okla., was found later lying dead on the floor. The neck of the bottle was thrust down her throat sufficient to choke her to death.

A contract has been let by the Gulf Coast Oil and Gas Company of Shreveport and Gibsland to R. T. Tucker, an experienced oil field operator of Humble, to drill four wells in Bossier and other parishes east of Shreveport.

Electing officers and choosing Temple as the next meeting place, the State Firemen's Association ended its convention in Gainesville Friday.

The wool boom continues in all American markets and throughout the producing centers. After several months of strenuous trading at constantly rising values, there is no indication in any part of the world of waning activity of strength. Worsted mills have all the business they can handle, and recent reports from makers of woollens show evidence of material improvement.

Representatives of Texas Oil Company have made surface examination of soil near Naples, Tex., and will begin operations here for oil soon.

A series of tornadoes in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma late Friday killed at least five, injured fifty-five, devastated one town, wrecked a train and did great damage to property, twenty-five were injured by a storm that swept over Mount Washington and Fairmount Park, suburbs of Kansas City. At least two of these are thought to be fatally injured and others seriously.

An 8-month-old child of Steve Granville, colored, living on the Hunter farm, near Terrell, was burned to death Monday night.

Louis Atchison, the oldest colored citizen of Hillsboro, said to have been 105 years of age, died at his home in the colored residence section Tuesday.

A small party of women left Louisville Tuesday for the mountains of Kentucky to study the educational and natural features of the State.

Several hundred delegates were in attendance when the international convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers opened in Atlanta, Ga., Monday.

The thirteenth annual convention of the Oklahoma Bankers' Association, which will be held at Enid on May 18, 19 and 20, promises to be a record breaker.

Dirt has been broken for the new telephone building in Brownwood. The building will be the home and head office for the West Texas Telephone Company.

Burglars Saturday night in Rice entered Fortson Bros. store at the rear entrance by cutting out the screening and prying open the door. Some \$200 worth of merchandise was taken.

The biggest case that has ever come up from Oklahoma before the Interstate Commerce Commission was filed Thursday, asking for an adjustment of the rates on cotton seed and the by-products.

Gas well No. 1 on Schnell farm, two and one-half miles southeast from Petrolia, was brought in at a depth of 1,820 feet. Three streams of gas were struck in this well.

At the end of a ten days' visit, Rear Admiral Ijichi of the Japanese navy and the officers and crews in the training cruisers Aso and Coza, from San Francisco, sailed for Esquimalte, Monday.

One of the most interesting acts of the Southern Baptist convention Saturday in Louisville was the projection of a movement to enlarge the endowment of the Louisville Seminary to \$1,000,000.

President Taft Tuesday promised Senator Culberson of Texas to visit Galveston at the first opportunity. If he makes a trip West this fall, the President intends to return through the South.

The explosion of a stick of dynamite carelessly or maliciously placed in a stove caused the death of two men and the serious injury of three others Monday at the Petermah coal mine near Fredericksburg, Ohio.

In anticipation of the contemplated visit of President Taft, former Secretary of War, to the Southwest soon, it was decided by the Lawton Chamber to extend an urgent invitation to him for a visit to Lawton and Fort Hill.

Judge Williams in Mercer, Pa., Monday sentenced James Boyle, convicted of kidnapping Willie Whittle, to imprisonment for life. Mrs. Boyle was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$5,000 and costs.

Losses by fire in the United States and Canada during the month of April was compiled from the carefully kept records of the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin and aggregated \$19,345,200, which is considerably less than for the same month a year ago, when the Chelsea conflagration of \$10,500,000 swelled the total to \$26,000,000. The fire losses thus far this year reach the total of \$22,000,700, as compared with \$99,804,000 for the first four months of 1908.

Train 271, carrying four coaches, was wrecked Tuesday night, six miles west of St. Jo. Engineer Frasier was killed and Conductor Littlefield slightly injured. Only meager reports were obtained from those who came in on a headcar.

Three men were killed and twelve others badly injured Friday when 700 pounds of dynamite exploded aboard quarter boat No. 3 at Codjoes Key on the Florida East Coast Railway extension.

Mrs. Augusta Evans-Wilson, a well-known authoress, died at her home in Mobile, Ala., Sunday morning from an attack of heart failure.

In a conflict which occurred Tuesday night between Panamanian police and employees of the canal zone, near the dividing line, C. M. Abbott, an electrician in the power house at Cristobal, an American, and a negro, also American, were killed.

Four men were instantly killed and a number of others injured at the Luffin-Rand Powder Works at Columbus, Kan., Monday.

Two or three car loads of Irish potatoes have been shipped from Tyler within the past few days, and from now on large shipments will be made daily.

San Antonio and Southwest Texas got a drenching rain early Sunday morning, the first for this city in many weeks.

Matilda Nitsch, 10-years-old Sunday drowned in the Salado short distance from the St. Hedwig road in San Antonio while playing on the bank of the stream with a younger sister and brother.

William Stockbridge was accidentally shot and killed by his brother on the Lazarus Ranch near Abilene late Saturday afternoon.

Three hundred delegates were present when President Yantis of the Texas Bankers' association called the convention to order Monday at Houston. Hundreds of people are on the verge of starvation in the mountains of Mexico following a forest fire which has already done damage to the amount of a half million dollars, killing much livestock and sweeping over many farms. The fire is still raging.

GREAT STRIKE OF GAS

PEOPLE FLOCK TO PETROLIA TO SEE WELL THAT FLOWS 20,000,000 FEET PER DAY.

THE WELL IS 1820 FEET DEEP

Pressure So Great Lifts 1,800 Feet of Pipe Out of Well.

Petrolia, May 11.—Gas well No. 1, on Schnell farm, two and one-half miles southeast from this city, was brought in at a depth of 1,820 feet. Three streams of gas were struck in this well, the last one throwing water, 125 feet high. Hundreds of people from surrounding country and cities of Wichita Falls and Henrietta, a constant stream of people have surrounded it all day. The pressure being so great as to lift the 1,800 feet of pipe it was with almost superhuman effort that most expert drillers kept the pipe from going through the top of the derrick, which is 104 feet high. The gas pressure is safely estimated at 1,000 pounds, while its capacity is conservatively estimated at 20,000,000 feet per day.

Late reports show the well to be constantly gaining and the excitement, is intense. This makes six large gas wells in the Petrolia field.

Tyler Lynching Case.

Tyler: After a recess since last Saturday the hearing of the cases growing out of the lynching of the negro Jim Hodge on Saturday, May 1, was resumed Wednesday before Judge R. W. Simpson. All of the witnesses on the stand have been in the interest of the defendants, and their testimony that defendants Horace Turner, Joe Mattosato, Audrey Campbell, Ross Ford, Horace Austin, Lewis Adams and Birdo Pyron had abandoned any intention of lynching the negro after the young lady failed to identify him and the witnesses located the above-named defendants at different parts of the city and away from the lynching when it was going on.

Dry Weather Delays Work.

Dallas: Dry weather has delayed the cutting of hay. It will not be until the middle of next month that an appreciable quantity of the forage will be cut, and until that time prices will probably continue high. It is usual at this time for offerings of new-mown hay to be made, and prices are consequently lowered. But this year the exception is notable. Prices are advanced \$1 per ton over what they were a month ago.

Private Car is Attached.

Brownsville: The private car of C. E. Schaff, vice president of the New York Central Railway, was attached here Tuesday by Sheriff Garza on a suit filed last night by parties residing in Harlingen, who allege that they cleared some land owned by Mr. Schaff, near Harlingen, and that he has refused to pay for the work, the amount being over \$300.

For Intercounty Road.

Waco: County Judge Tom McCullough is about to submit to the County Commissioners the plan recently suggested of a wide, highly improved, State longitudinal highway, approximately following the ninety-sixth meridian, from the Red River to the Rio Grande, the road to be built by each county through which it passes.

Active Farmer Aged 105.

Cooper: A couple of days ago J. C. Cauley, who lives near Rattan, in this county, was in town and looking exceedingly spry and healthy for a man of his age. He is now 105 years old and will be 106 in January, 1910. He was born in Ireland and has been in America seventy-five years.

Plans Balloon Trip to Europe.

Boston: A balloon trip over the Atlantic from Boston to Europe is planned by Prof. Henry H. Clayton, who recently resigned as meteorologist at the Blue Hill Observatory after sixteen years of study of the direction and velocity of wind currents.

Conference at Arlington.

Arlington: The district conference of the Fort Worth District, M. E. Church, South, met here Thursday to continue until Sunday.

Long Sentence for Kidnappers.

Mercer, Pa.: Judge Williams Monday sentenced James Boyle, convicted of kidnapping Whittle, to imprisonment for life. Mrs. Boyle was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$5,000 and costs.

At Work in Arlington.

Arlington: The outfit of J. W. Maxey & Co. of Houston has arrived and work has commenced on the sewerage system and will be rushed to completion as soon as possible.

Stamford Gets Sanitarium.

Stamford: The locating committee for the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium has decided to accept the bid of Stamford. The committee spent Tuesday in the city and the terms of the contract were agreed upon.

Detroit, Texas, Has Big Fire.

Detroit: About 9:30 o'clock Wednesday night fire was discovered in the rear of Heath Bros' dry goods store and spread rapidly, doing \$75,000 worth of damage.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing Cities and Towns with a Population in Excess of 5,000 to be Incorporated by Special Act.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6. Senate Resolution to amend Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution of the State, authorizing cities and towns within the State of Texas to be incorporated by special act where the population exceeds five thousand inhabitants.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, be amended so that the same shall hereafter read and be as follows:

Sec. 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect an annual tax to defray the current expenses of their local government, but such tax shall never exceed for any one year one-fourth of one per cent, and shall be collectible only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied and all fines, forfeitures, penalties and other dues accruing to cities and towns shall be collectible only in current money.

Sec. 5. Cities having more than five thousand inhabitants may have their charters granted or amended by special act of the Legislature and may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purposes shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed two and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city; and no debt shall ever be created by any city or town be made to assess and collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and create a sinking fund of at least two per cent thereon.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall [be] duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such newspaper may be published, and the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature.

At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution."

Sec. 3. That \$5000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

(A true copy.)
W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Validating School Districts and Their Bonded Indebtedness and Authorizing Levy and Collection of Taxes to Pay Such Indebtedness.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5. House Joint Resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 3a, validating school districts and the bonded indebtedness of such districts and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes to pay such indebtedness.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be known as Section 3a, which shall read and be as follows:

Sec. 3a. Every school district heretofore formed, whether formed under the general law or by special act, and whether the territory embraced within its boundaries lies wholly within a single county or partly in two or more counties, is hereby declared to be, and from its formation to have been, a valid and lawful district.

All bonds heretofore issued by any such districts which have been approved by the Attorney General and registered by the Comptroller are hereby declared to be, and at the time of their issuance to have been, issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of this State, and any and all such bonds are hereby in all things validated and declared to be valid and binding obligations upon the district or districts issuing the same.

Each such district is hereby authorized to, and shall, annually levy and collect an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay the interest on all such bonds and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to redeem the same at maturity, not to exceed such a rate as may be provided by law under other provisions of this Constitution. And all trustees heretofore elected in districts made up from more than one county are hereby declared to have been duly elected, and shall be and are hereby named as trustees of their respective districts, with power to levy the taxes herein authorized until their successor shall be duly elected and qualified as is or may be provided by law.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such newspaper

The Purple Tie.

The speaker who railed against the purple necktie and the wearer thereof is suspected of lacking in artistic appreciation. What's the matter with purple? It is not frivolous, for it is used variously as the token of royalty or the emblem of mourning? It looks well in a rainbow, on a hat, in a garden. Why not in a tie? Compared with some prevailing reds it is mild and modest and shrinking. In connection with a purple nose, a tie of the same hue might be faulty as a

may be published. And the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds."

Sec. 3. That \$5000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

(A true copy.)
W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution in regard to Formation and Taxing Power of School Districts.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6. House Joint Resolution to amend Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free school, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts, heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein, provided that a majority of the qualified property-taxpaying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three (3) months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such newspaper may be published. And the Governor shall and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Section 3, of Article 7, of the Constitution in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Section 3, of Article 7, of the Constitution in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts."

Sec. 3. That \$5000 or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

(A true copy.)
W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Validating School Districts and Their Bonded Indebtedness and Authorizing Levy and Collection of Taxes to Pay Such Indebtedness.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5. House Joint Resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 3a, validating school districts and the bonded indebtedness of such districts and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes to pay such indebtedness.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be known as Section 3a, which shall read and be as follows:

Sec. 3a. Every school district heretofore formed, whether formed under the general law or by special act, and whether the territory embraced within its boundaries lies wholly within a single county or partly in two or more counties, is hereby declared to be, and from its formation to have been, a valid and lawful district.

All bonds heretofore issued by any such districts which have been approved by the Attorney General and registered by the Comptroller are hereby declared to be, and at the time of their issuance to have been, issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of this State, and any and all such bonds are hereby in all things validated and declared to be valid and binding obligations upon the district or districts issuing the same.

Each such district is hereby authorized to, and shall, annually levy and collect an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay the interest on all such bonds and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to redeem the same at maturity, not to exceed such a rate as may be provided by law under other provisions of this Constitution. And all trustees heretofore elected in districts made up from more than one county are hereby declared to have been duly elected, and shall be and are hereby named as trustees of their respective districts, with power to levy the taxes herein authorized until their successor shall be duly elected and qualified as is or may be provided by law.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such newspaper

Would Collect \$12 Per Head.

Washington: Senator Overman of North Carolina offered an amendment to the tariff bill in the Senate Monday, by which he proposes to place a head tax of \$12 on each immigrant coming into the United States. Mr. Overman proceeded to discuss the amendment by unanimous consent.

Federal Court at Tyler.

Tyler: The April term of the United States Circuit and District Court for the Eastern District of Texas convened here Monday morning, Judge David E. Bryant presiding.

Color Scheme, but despite disparagement it cannot be regarded as indicative either of a vacuous mind or a soul adrift.

It was the Last Day. The graves had opened, ex propria vigore. Not so, however, the bottles wherein the surgeons had pickled all the appendages, etc.

"What's the matter?" whispered the spectators, uneasily, one to another. "They're hunting for a corkscrawl!" explained the ushers, civilly.

THE LION'S SHARE

BY OCTAVE THANET
AUTHOR OF THE MAN OF THE HOUR

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SYNOPSIS.

The story opens at Harvard where Col. Rupert Winter, U. S. A., visiting, saw the suicide of young Mercer. He met Cary Mercer, brother of the dead student. Three years later, in Chicago, in 1906, Col. Winter overheard Cary Mercer apparently planning to kidnap Archie, the colonel's ward, and to gain possession of Aunt Rebecca Winter's millions. A Miss Smith was mentioned, apparently as a conspirator. Winter unexpectedly met a relative, Mrs. Millicent Melville, who told him that his Aunt Rebecca, Archie and the latter's nurse, Miss Janet Smith, were to leave for the west with the colonel and Mrs. Melville. A great financial magnitude was about the train on which Col. Winter met his Aunt Rebecca, Miss Smith and Archie. He set his orderly, Sgt. Haley, to watch over Cary Mercer. Col. Winter learned that the financial manager is Edwin S. Keatcham. On approaching Cary Mercer, the colonel was snubbed. Winter, aided by Archie, cleverly frustrated a hold-up on the train. He took a great liking to Miss Smith, despite her alleged connection with the kidnaping plot, which he had not yet revealed to his relatives. The party arrived in San Francisco. It was thought that there were big persons behind the hold-up gang. Archie mysteriously disappeared.

CHAPTER V. Blind Crows.

"But this is preposterous," cried Mrs. Melville, "you must have seen him had he come out of the room; you were directly in front of the doors all the time."

"I was," admitted the colonel; "can the boy be hiding to scare us?" He spoke to Miss Smith. She had grown pale; he did not know that his own color had turned. Millicent stared from one to the other.

"How ridiculous!" she exclaimed; "of course not; but he must be somewhere; let me look!"

Look as they might through all the staring empty rooms, there was no vestige of the boy. He was as clean vanished as if he had fallen out of the closed and locked windows. The colonel examined them all; had there been one open, he would have peered outside, frightened as he had never been when death was at his elbow. But it certainly wasn't possible to jump through a window, and not only shut, but lock it after one.

Under every bed, in every closet, he prowled; he was searching still when Mrs. Winter returned. By this time Mrs. Melville was agitated, and, naturally, irritated as well. "I think it is unpardonable in Archie to sneak out in this fashion," she complained. "I suppose the boy wanted to see the town a bit," observed Aunt Rebecca, placidly. "Rupert, come in and sit down; he will be back in a moment; smoke a cigar, if your nerves need calming."

Rupert felt as if he were a boy of ten, called back to common sense out of imaginary horrors of the dark. "But, if he wanted to go out, why did he leave his hat and coat behind him?" asked Miss Smith.

"He may be only exploring the hotel," said Mrs. Winter. "Don't be so restless, Bertie; sit down."

The colonel's eye was furtively photographing every article of furniture in the room; it lingered longest on Mrs. Winter's wardrobe trunk, which was standing in her room. Randall had been dispatched for a hot-water bottle in lieu of one which had sprung a leak on the train; so the trunk stood, its door ajar.

"Maybe he is doing the Geneva stunt there—is that what you are thinking?" she jeered. "Well, go and look."

Light as her tone was, she was not unaffected by the contagion of anxiety about her; after a moment, while Rupert was looking at the wardrobe trunk, and even profanely exploring the swathed gowns held in rigid safety by bands of rubber, she moved about the rooms herself.

"There isn't room for a mouse in that box," growled the colonel.

"Of course not," said his aunt, languidly, sinking into the easiest chair; "but your mind is easier. Archie will come back for dinner; don't worry."

"How could he get by me?" retorted the colonel.

"Perhaps he went into the neighboring rooms," Miss Smith suggested. "Shall I go out and rap on the door of the next room on the left?" On the right the last room of the party was a corner room.

"Why, you might," acquiesced Aunt Rebecca; but Mrs. Melville cut the ends of her words.

"Pray let me go, Aunt Rebecca," she begged, suiting the action to the words, and was out of the door almost ahead of her sentence.

The others waited; they were silent; little flocks of color raddled Mrs. Winter's cheeks. They could hear Millicent's knock reverberating. There was no answer. "Telephone to the adjacent room," proposed the colonel.

"I'll telephone," said Mrs. Winter, and rang up the number of the next room. There was no response; but when she called the number of the room adjoining, she seemed to get an answer, for she announced her name, you see a young lad?" she concluded, after an apology for disturbing.

"He belongs to our party; has chance got into your room? and there?" In a second she put the receiver with a heightened

color, saying: "They might be a little civiler in their answers, if it is Mr. Keatcham's suite."

"What did the beggar say?" bristled the colonel.

"Only that it was Mr. Keatcham's suite—Mr. E. S. Keatcham—as if that put getting into it quite out of the question. Some underling, I presume."

"There is the unoccupied room between. That is not accounted for. But it shall be. I will find out who is in there." Rupert rose as he spoke, pricked by the craving for action of a man accustomed to quick decision. He heard his aunt brusquely repelling Millicent's proposal of the police, as he left the room. Indeed, she called him back to exact a promise that he would not make Archie's disappearance public. "We want to find him," was her grim addendum; "and we can't have the police and the newspapers hindering us."

In the office he found external courtesy and a rather perfunctory sympathy, based on a suppressed, but perfectly visible conviction that the boy had stolen out for a glimpse of the city, and would be back shortly.

The manager had no objection to telling Col. Winter, whom he knew slightly, that the occupant of the next room was a New England lady of the highest respectability, Mrs. Winthrop Wigglesworth. If the young fellow didn't turn up for dinner, he should be glad to ask Mrs. Wigglesworth to let Mrs. Winter examine her room; but he rather thought they would be seeing young Winter before then—oh, his hat? They usually carried caps in their pockets; and as to coats—boys never thought of their coats.

The manager's cheerfulness did not especially uplift the colonel. He warmed it over dutifully, however, for his woman-kind's benefit. Miss Smith had gone out; why, he was not told, and did not venture to ask. Mrs. Melville kept making cautious signals to him behind his aunt's back; otherwise she was preserving the mien of sympathetic solemnity which she was used to show at funerals and first visits of condolence and congratulation to divorced friends. Mrs. Winter, as usual, wore an inscrutable composure. She was still firmly opposed to calling in the aid of the police.

Did she object to his making a few inquiries among the hotel bellboys, the elevator boy and the people in the restaurant or in the office?

Not at all, if he would be cautious. So he sallied out, and, in the midst of his fruitless inquisition, Millicent appeared.

Forcing a civil smile, he awaited her pleasure. "Go on, don't mind me," said she, mournfully; "you will feel better to have done everything in your power."

"But I shall not discover anything!" "I fear not. Has it not occurred to you that he has been kidnaped?"

"Hm!" said the colonel. "And did you notice how perturbed Mrs. Smith seemed? She was quite pale; her agitation was quite noticeable."

"She is tremendously fond of Archie."

"Oh—she knows more than she will say."

"Oh, what rot!" spluttered the colonel; then he begged her pardon.

"Wait," he counseled, and his man's resistance to appearances had its effect, as masculine immobility always has, on the feminine effervescence before him. "Wait," was his word, "at least until we give the boy a chance to turn up; if he has slipped by us, he is taking a little passee on his own account; lads do get restless sometimes if they are held too steadily in the leash, especially—if you will excuse me—by, well, by ladies."

"If he has frightened us out of our wits—well, I don't know what oughtn't to be done to him!"

"Oh, well, let us wait and hear his story," repeated the soldier.

But the last streaks of red faded out of the west; a chill fog smoked up from the darkening hills, and Archie had not come. At eight, Mrs. Winter ordered dinner to be served in their rooms. Mrs. Smith had not returned. The colonel attempted a military cheerfulness, which his aunt told him bluntly, later in the evening, reminded her of a physician's manner in critical cases where the patient's mind must be kept absolutely quiet.

But she ate more than he at dinner; although her own record was not a very good one. Millicent avowed that she was too worried to eat, but she was tempted by the strawberries and carp, and wondered were the California fowls really so poor; and gave the sample the benefit of impartial and fair examination, in the end making a very fair meal.

It is not to be supposed that Winter had been idle; before dinner he had put a guard in the hall and had seen Haley, who reported that his wife and child had gone to a kinswoman in Santa Barbara.

"Sure the woman has a fine house intirely, and she's fair crazy over the baby that's named after her, for she's a widdy woman with never a child except wan that's in livin', a little gurry; and she wudn't let us rist 'til



"Yes," he said, very quietly, "it is blood."

she'd got the cratur'. Nor I wasn't objectin', for I'm thinking there'll be something doin' and the wimin is on-convenient, thim times."

The colonel admitted that he shared Haley's opinion. He questioned the man minutely about Mercer's conduct on the train. It was absolutely commonplace. If he had any connection (as the colonel had suspected) with the bandits, he made no sign. He sent no telegrams; he wrote no letters; he made no acquaintances, smoking his solitary cigar over a newspaper. Indeed, absolutely the only matter of note (if that were one) was that he read so many newspapers—buying every different journal vended. At San Francisco he got into a cab and Haley heard him give the order: "To the St. Francis." Having his wife and child with him, the sergeant couldn't follow; but he went around to the St. Francis later, and inquired for Mr. Mercer, for whom he had a letter (as was indeed the case—the colonel having provided him with one), but no such name appeared on the register. Invited to leave the letter to await the gentleman's arrival, Haley said that he was instructed to give it to the gentleman himself; therefore, he took it away with him. He had carried it to all the other hotels or boarding places in San Francisco which he could find, aided formerly thereto by a friend of his, formerly in "the old—th," a sergeant, now stationed at the Presidio. Thanks to him, Haley could say definitely that Mercer was not at any of the hotels or more prominent boarding houses in the city, at least under his own name.

"And you haven't seen him since he got into the cab at the station?" the colonel summed up.

Haley's reply was unexpected: "Yes, sor, I seen him this day, in the morning, in this same hotel."

"Where?"

"Drinking coffee at a table in the court. He wint out, havin' paid the man, not a-signin' an' he guv the waiter enough to make him say 'Thank ye, sor,' but not enough to make him smile and stay round to pull off the chair. I follered him to the dura, but he got into an automobile—"

"Get the number?"

"Yis, sor. Number—here 'tis, sor. I wrote it down to make sure." He passed over to the colonel an old envelope on which was written a number.

"M. 20139," read the colonel, carefully noting down the number in his own memorandum book. And he reflected: "That is a Massachusetts number—hump!"

Haley's information ended there. He heard of Archie's disappearance with his usual stolid mien, but his hands slowly clenched. The colonel continued:

"You are to find out, if you can, by scraping acquaintance with the carriage men, if that auto—you have written a description, I see, as well as

"Of course, no allusions are made to any real M. 20139."

"I believe it is Mrs. Wigglesworth herself," declared Aunt Rebecca. "Bertie, I'm going into the other room; she will talk more freely to you. She would want to spare my nerves. That is the nuisance of being old. Now open the door."

She was half-way across the threshold before she finished, and the colonel's fingers on the doorknob waited only for the closing of her door to turn to admit the lady in waiting.

A lady she was beyond doubt, and any one who had traveled would have been sure that she was a lady from Massachusetts. She wore that little close bonnet which certain elderly Boston gentlewomen can neither be driven nor allured to abandon; her rich and quiet black silken gown might have been made any year within the last five, and her furs would have graced a princess. She had beautiful gray hair and a soft complexion and wore glasses. Equally evident to the observer was the fact of her suppressed agitation.

She waved aside the colonel's proffered chair, introducing herself in a musical, almost tremulous voice with the crisp enunciation of her section of the country. "I am Mrs. Wigglesworth; I understand, Col. Winter—you?—yes, no, thank you. I will not sit. I—I understand Mrs. Winter—ah, your aunt, is an elderly woman."

"This is my sister-in-law, Mrs. Melville Winter," explained the colonel. "My aunt is elderly in years, but in nothing else."

The colonel, in a few words, displayed the situation. He had prevailed upon his visitor to sit down, and while he spoke he noticed that her hands held each other tightly, although she appeared perfectly composed and did not interrupt. She answered his questions directly and quietly. She had been away taking tea with a friend; she had remained to dine. Her maid had gone out earlier to spend the day and night with a sister in the city; so the room was empty between six and seven o'clock.

"The chambermaid wasn't there, then?"

"I don't think so. She usually does the room and brings the towels for the bath in the morning. But I asked her, to make sure, and she says that she was not there since morning. She seems a good girl; I think she didn't—but I am afraid I may have found something. I thought I might see Mrs. Winter's niece about it—she glanced toward Millicent, who said, 'Certainly,' at a venture; and looked frightened."

"And you found—?" said the colonel.

"Only this. I went to my rooms, turned on the light and was taking off my gloves before I untied my bonnet. One of my rings fell on the floor. It went under a rug, and I at once remarked that it was a different place for the rug to the one where it had been before. Before, it was in front of the dresser, a very natural place, but now it is on the carpet to one side, a place where there seemed no reason for its presence. These details seem trivial, but—"

"I can see they are not," said the colonel. "Pray proceed, madam. The ring had rolled under the rug?"

Mrs. Wigglesworth gave him a grateful nod.

"Yes, it had. And when I removed the rug I saw it; but as I bent to pick it up I saw something else. In one place there was a stain, as large as the palm of my hand, a little pool of—it looks like blood."

Mrs. Melville uttered an exclamation of horror.

The colonel's face stiffened; but there was no change in his polite attention.

"May we be permitted to see this—ah, stain?" said he.

The three stepped through the corridor to the outside door, and went into the chamber. The rug was flung to one side, and there on the gray velvet nap of the carpet was an irregular, sprawling stain about which were scattered other stains, some crimson, some almost black.

Millicent recoiled, shuddering. The colonel knelt down and examined the stains. "Yes," he said, very quietly, "you are right, it is blood."

There was a tap on the door, which was opened immediately without waiting for a permission. Millicent, rigid with fright, could only stare helplessly at the erect figure, the composed, pale face and the brilliant, imperious eyes of her aunt.

"What did you say, Bertie?" said Rebecca Winter. "I think I have a right to the whole truth."

CHAPTER VI.

The Voice in the Telephone. "Well, Bertie?" Mrs. Winter had gone back to her parlor in the most docile manner in the world. Her submission struck Rupert on the heart; it was as if she were stunned, he felt.

He was sitting opposite her, his slender, rather short figure looking shrunken in the huge, ugly upholstered easy chair; he kept an almost

constrained attitude of military erectness, of which he was conscious, himself; and at which he smiled forlornly, recalling the same pose in Haley whenever the sergeant was disconcerted.

"But, first," pursued his aunt, "who was that red-headed bellboy with whom you exchanged signals in the hall?"

The colonel suppressed a whistle. "Aunt Becky, you're a wonder! Did you notice? And he simply shut the palm of his hand! Why, it's this way: I was convinced that Archie must be on the premises; he couldn't get off. So I telephoned a detective that I know here, a private agency, not the police, to send me a sure man to watch. He is made up as a bellboy (with the hotel manager's consent, of course); either I, or Millicent, or that boy has kept an eye on the Keatcham doors and the next room ever since I found Archie was gone. No one had gone out with our seeing him. If any suspicious person goes out, we have it arranged to detain him long enough for me to get a good look. I can tell you exactly who left the room."

"It is you who are the wonder, Bertie," said Aunt Rebecca, a little wearily, but smiling. "Who has gone out?"

"At seven Mr. Keatcham's secretary went down to the office and ordered dinner, very carefully. I didn't see him, but my sleuth did. He had the secretary and the valet of the Keatcham party pointed out to him; he saw them. They had one visitor, young Arnold, the Arnold's son—"

"The one who has all the orange groves and railways? Yes, I knew his father."

"That one; he only came a few moments since. Mr. Keatcham and his secretary dined together, and Keatcham's own man waited on them; but the waiter for this floor brought up the dishes. At nine the dishes were brought out and my man helped Keatcham's valet to pile them a little farther down the corridor in the hall."

These items the colonel was reading out of his little red book.

"You have put all that down. Do you think it means anything?"

"I have put everything down. One can't weed until there is a crop of information, you know."

"True," murmured Aunt Rebecca, nodding her head, thoughtfully. "Well, did anything else happen?"

"The secretary posted a lot of letters in the chute. They are all smoking now. Yes—he was on his feet and at the door in almost a single motion. There had been just the slightest tattoo on the panel. When the door was opened the colonel could hear the rattle of the elevator. He was too late to catch it, but he could see the inmates. Three gentlemen stood in the car. One was Keatcham, the other two had their backs to Winter. One seemed to be supporting Keatcham, who looked pale. He saw the colonel and darted at him a single glance in which was something like poignant appeal; what, it was too brief for the receiver to decide, for in the space of an eye blink a shoulder of the other man intervened, and simultaneously the elevator car began to sink.

There was need to decide instantly who should follow, who stay on guard. Rupert bade the boy go down by the stairs, while, with a kind of bulldog instinct, he clung to the rooms. The lad was to fetch the manager and the keys of the Keatcham suite.

Meanwhile Rupert paced back and forth before the closed doors, whence there penetrated the rustle of packing and a murmur of voices. Presently Keatcham's valet opened the farther door. He spoke to some one inside. "Yes, sir," he said, "the porter ought to be 'ere now."

The porter was there; at least he was coming down the corridor which led to the elevator, trundling his truck before him. He entered the rooms and busied himself about the luggage. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

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The house that Jack built.

Did you ever hear of the house that Jack built?

Did you ever see the house that Jack built?

The O'Brien Enterprise, Vol. 1, No. 1, came to our exchange table this week and we have placed it on our exchange list.

One of our leading merchants called our attention to the fact that Haskell is sadly in need of more hotel facilities. This is a matter that has been tentatively discussed in the Commercial Club and we have heard many expressions of approval. No doubt that during the Elks meeting here the hotel facilities have been taxed to the limit.

In the matter of the jail location, Mr. J. L. Baldwin has taken charge of and fenced the lots and built an iron auto garage on the lots. When the people come down town Wednesday morning they found his carpenters hard at work. It is not proper for us to express our opinion on the merits of the controversy as there will probably be litigation over the matter.

Ex. Gov. Vardaman of Miss. will deliver a lecture at the court house on Wednesday night May 26th, this lecture will be delivered under the auspices of the Haskell Board of Trade.

The governor's subject will be "The impending Crisis." Tickets will be on sale at Collier's Drug Store after Friday May 21st. Be sure and secure your tickets before the RUSH.

The Wichita Falls & Northwestern railway, which has been in operation from Wichita Falls to Frederick, Ok., for the past two years, has under way an extension to Altus, Ok., which it is proposed to finish within the next six months. It is stated that Mangum, which is in line with the proposed extension of the line into Kansas, has offered a bonus of \$100,000 for the immediate extension of the road to that place. It is thought that this extension will follow that to Altus, without stopping the work.

Mr. W. A. Trice met us on the street the other day and took us to task for not saying more about the waters of Haskell. He said that he was eighty-two years old, had lived in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Texas, and that Haskell had the finest shallow well water he ever saw, besides it possessed mineral waters of the best medicinal qualities along with the good sweet waters and that we people ought to show greater appreciation of the fact.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brown visited relatives in Jones County Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Thornton visited friends in Jones Co. Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Humphries and Miss Flo Ulmer visited friend at Plainview Saturday and Sunday.

Well digging is the order of the day around Howard and some are finding fine water while others are not finding any. There was singing at Mr. Alexanders Sunday night; all report a nice time.

Come again Phoens and Harley we are glad to hear from that part of the world.

Miss Mamie and Lolo Williams say they like Howard better than they did and are becoming better satisfied.

Mr. Bowen and family visited friends near Rose School house Sunday.

A number of our young folks attended the picnic at Rose School house Friday and reported a nice time.

With best wishes to the Free Press and its Editor, I remain as ever,

Old Joe Clark.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED. That you summon, by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Haskell if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day thereof, the unknown heirs of O. A. Pattee whose names and residences are unknown, to be and appear before the Honorable District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be held in the County of Haskell at the Court House thereof, in Haskell on the 16th Monday after the first Monday in February 1909, the same being May 24, 1909, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court, on the 10th day of May A. D. 1907, and the answer and cross plea of defendant, A. H. Tandy, filed May 27, 1907, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 433, wherein J. U. Fields is plaintiff and W. T. Hudson, A. H. Tandy, W. C. Wasson and the unknown heirs of O. A. Pattee are defendants.

The nature of the demands of plaintiff and defendant, Tandy being as follows, to wit: Plaintiff's demand being evidenced by original petition alleging substantially: That he is the legal owner and holder of two promissory notes executed by the defendant, Hudson, payable to the order of Jefferson Johnson, executor of the last will and testament of N. S. Walton deceased, each for \$200.00, bearing date of April 10, 1900, due respectively April 10, 1902, and April 10, 1903, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, payable annually, and providing for 10 per cent additional upon the principal and interest as attorneys fees if said notes should be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection or if collected by suit, and that the balance then due upon said notes was secured by vendor's lien upon a certain tract or parcel of land situated in Haskell County, Texas, containing 80 acres, known as block 117 of the Peter Allen survey of 2 league and one labor, abstract No. 2, as the same is shown from a map or plat of the subdivisions of said Peter Allen survey recorded at page 400 of volume M7 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, which vendor's lien was reserved in a deed conveying said property to defendant W. T. Hudson, executed by W. M. Walton acting for himself and the said Jefferson Johnson acting as executor aforesaid, bearing date of April 10, 1900; that the defendants, A. H. Tandy and O. A. Pattee, by judgment liens held by them against W. T. Hudson, were claiming to be junior lien holders against the said W. T. Hudson, and as such junior lien holders to have an interest in the above described property; that the vendor's lien aforesaid was only valid and subsisting as against the north 65 acres of the 80 acres above described, and said suit by plaintiff was for the collection of his aforesaid debt and the foreclosure of said vendor's lien.

The demand of the defendant, Tandy, as shown from his said answer is for the foreclosure of a judgment lien upon said premises with a decree that on sale of said property, the debt of plaintiff, above mentioned, be first satisfied. 2. The debt and judgment of the defendant, Tandy, be satisfied and the surplus, if any, be disposed of by the trial court as the other parties in said suit should show themselves entitled to, and for a divestiture of any title or claims by defendant, to Wasson, said property, and that he be forever debarred from any part of said property.

The allegations in said answer with reference to the claims of defendant, Tandy, being in substance: That on the 26th day of May 1903 in cause No. 341 on the docket of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas, wherein W. T. Hudson and J. N. Webb were defendants, he the said Tandy did on that date secure a judgment against the said defendants, J. N. Webb and W. T. Hudson, for the sum of \$3213.17 and for \$7.20 cost, said judgment drawing 8 per cent interest per annum from date; that said judgment is a valid and subsisting judgment and constitutes a valid and subsisting lien against said property

from the first day of June 1903, at which date said judgment was properly filed, recorded and indexed in the judgment lien records of Haskell County, Texas; that the defendant, O. A. Pattee, has a judgment lien junior in point of time to the lien of said Tandy, and that said lien of said Pattee and his equity of redemption should be forever extinguished and debarred unless he should take up said lien of said Tandy and the lien of plaintiff in said suit; that on the 26th day of April 1906, the defendant, Wasson, procured from the defendant, Hudson, and his wife for a recited consideration of \$2000.00, a deed to 32½ acres of land off the north end of the property above described.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, And have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Haskell, this, the 31st day of March A. D. 1909.

J. W. Meadors,
Clerk District Court of Haskell County, Texas.
(L.S.) By Worthen Long, Deputy
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C. B. Meador, Pastor.

Mrs. Wiggs and Lovey Mary played at the opera house Saturday night, was a grand success in every way, including the financial feature.

Miss Graham gave a splendid interpretation of Mrs. Wiggs.

Mrs. Steadman as Miss Hazy looked like real life. Miss Lucy Olgott: In this character Miss Bessie Lemmon did splendid work tossing away like an artist the engagement ring when Robert Redding (Mr. Bruce Bryant) refused her demand to cut his relations with the chum she did not approve.

Miss Fay Parsons as Lovey Mary, caught the audience with her natural grace and ease.

The minor characters were portrayed in a manner to give effect to the main drama.

The play will be reproduced Tuesday night the 25th instant.

The girls of the Baptist Sunday School met with Bro. Arbuckle Tuesday afternoon, May 18th, and organized a Philathea class.

The following officers were elected.

Sybil Collins President.
Coot Hughes, Vice President.
Ruby Poole, Secretary.
Margaret Pierson, assistant Secretary.

Florence Couch, Treasurer.
Hellen McFatter, Reporter
Bro. Arbuckle, Teacher

Two committees were appointed by the President, one to look after seats for our class room, the other to see about the literature. The executive officers will have a business meeting Friday evening 6.30.

Attention Farmers.

We will take wood for what you owe us or will do Blacksmithing for wood either cord or pole wood if you have wood to sell. See us, we will swap work with you.

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The subject for discussion at the Baptist church Sunday morning will be, 'a man's value to society and a man's cost to society.'

At night the subject will be, 'the lowest possible estimate of life a result of what?'

The general public is cordially invited to attend all of our service.

Jno. A. Arbuckle, pastor.

Taken up by W. F. Draper, a light bay mare mule 15 hands high, 12 or 15 years old, no brand white spot on jaw and left thigh, shod in front, left ear split. Owner call at my place 1 mile northwest of Haskell, pay for this notice and get mule.

Mr. W. S. Fouts has returned from Dr. Milligans Sanitarium at Oklahoma, where he underwent treatment for appendicitis. Mr. Fouts says he believes he got a permanent cure without an operation. We understand that some physicians claim the disease can be successfully treated without the knife.

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OLD POT

THE MAY FLOWER 289 Years Ago

Mr. J. R. Hopkins of Oklahoma is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Tayloa. Mr. Hopkins has a three or four gallon pot that came over in the May Flower in 1620. His ancestors first settled at Plymouth and then moved near Boston. From there they went to Virginia, then to Georgia and in the later part of the seventeenth century they moved to Caney Gap, Clinton County Kentucky, and cut a road into a cane break in a valley, fenced with walnut rails ten acres and planted it in corn. The bears were so bad to eat the corn that they made paddles and had the children go to the field and rake them on the fence to scare the bears out of the field daily. The canes lapped over the road way cut into the break until the ox wagons looked like they were going into a tunnel when driven in. The pot has descended down the line of the eldest son, and has been owned as follows: By Enos who brought it over from Wales, Aaron, Elijah, Dennis, E. L. and J. R. Hopkins.

The May Flower carried a cow so a wooden cover was provided and the pot was used as a churn on the voyage which occupied six months. Back in Kentucky the pot was used to cook the flesh of such game as bear, deer and turkey, and after the game was all gone it was used on special occasion when pork or turkey was substituted for wild game. These occasions were sometimes attended by noted personages, Govs. Lesley, Brumlett and Samples having eaten of the flesh cooked in this old relic. Aaron Hopkins sold the pot for \$3.00 once, but his mother refused to let it go, and as Aaron had spent the money, she agreed to spin the chain and filling and weave eight yards of tow cloth in a week without assistance, so when the man returned for the cloth at the end of the week, she had unaided performed the wonderful task, and delivered the eight yards of cloth.

Mr. Hopkins says that he has refused several offers of \$1000 for the pot, and that it will go to his eldest son.

Mr. Jno. V. Glass who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. H. Davis, left Monday for his home at Birmingham Alabama. Mrs. Davis accompanied him as far as Abilene, where she will visit friends for a few day.

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Time Table

Schedule of trains on Wichita Valley R. R. arriving and leaving Haskell.

Train No. 2 East Bound due 8:35 a. m.

Train No. 1 West Bound due 7:15 p. m.

Train No. 6 East Bound due 10:15 p. m.

Train No. 5 West Bound due 5:25 a. m.

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For fresh and up to date groceries call on Stephens & Smith.

Joe Taylor has returned from San Angelo.

White Bermuda Onions at Stephens & Smiths'.

Nice fresh butter on ice at the City Grocery.

C. E. Bowers has rented the Ellis & Williams building and is putting in a stock of New Dry Goods.

Mirrors repaired at Wm. Wells.

Mr. A. P. Darr of Dallas is visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. F. M. Morton of this city. Mr. Thad Darr, son of A. P. Darr, has been visiting in this city for several days.

Judge Gordon B. McGuire made a professional visit to Houston the later part of last week. He said he saw a good rain while he was gone.

C. W. Carmean and son of Hico called at our office Wednesday. Mr. Carmean renewed his subscription while here. He owns a large track of land in the eastern part of the county.

Gus Evans wants to clean your watch.

A. B. Godon arrived from East Texas a few days ago, and will have charge of Mr. C. E. Bowers Dry Goods business at Sagerton.

Dr. J. A. Moore of Johnson county has moved to Haskell, Dr. Moore visited Haskell a few months ago and was so impressed he resigned the office of health officer of Johnson county and move here to do general practice. His professional card will be found in an other column.

Mr. M. A. Gordon of Cumby is visiting his relative, Mrs. C. E. Bowers of this city.

Watches repaired and cleaned by Evans.

Mr. G. E. Langford left Saturday to visit a brother in Hill county and will also visit Hunt county before he returns, he will join M. Langford at Oklahoma City and accompany her home.

By request, a reproduction of "Mrs. Wiggs" and "Lovey Mary" will be given at the Opera House, Tuesday, May 25. Moving pictures between acts. Prices 10 and 25 cents.

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Ice cold soda water served at the City Grocery.

Mrs. A. H. Norris returned Friday of this week after a ten days visit to her sister, Mrs. K. J. Horn of Stonewall county.

Mrs. O. B. Norman and children are visiting in Grayson county this week.

Mrs. S. H. Brewer of Cameron is visiting her son Mr. Rube Brewer of this city.

The Presbyterian Sunday school class had a picnic Tuesday on mule creek. They reported a nice time.

Go to Bowers' for full Vamp shoes.

Now is the time for Evans to clean your watch.

Mr. Jno. E. Robertson of Weirnet was in the city Thursday.

Mr. Alex Edwards has purchased an interest in the City Grocery.

Haskell county was visited Tuesday by local showers and Wednesday morning it began to rain about 3 o'clock and rained for about four hours, putting a good season in the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Oglesby entertained a party of young friends at their home Monday night. 42 and other games interspersed with instrumental music were the features. Among the guests were Miss Bessie Wilson of Gatesville, Mrs. O. E. Patterson of Lubbock, Misses Mamie Meadors and Cootie Hughes.

The swellest shirt waist ever brought to the town, at Bowers'.

Go to Bowers' for ready made Garments.

We have had rain, now spend a little money on your watch by having Evans to clean it.

There's a Reason...
"There's a Reason," in place...
to Wellville, in place...
Have read the above...
and appear from the...
use genuine, true,...

RESUME OF WORK BY LEGISLATURE

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Administration and Many Other Measures Passed By Each of the Three.—The Governor Pleas.

PASSED AT REGULAR SESSION.

Of the 1,000 measures introduced in both branches of the Thirty-First Legislature during the regular session which ended March 13, 246 were passed. One hundred and thirty-four of these were purely local measures.

List of Bills Passed

House Joint Resolution No. 5.—Submitting proposed Constitutional amendment to validate Independent School District bonds. This and all other Constitutional amendments are to be voted upon by the people on the second Tuesday in August, 1909.

H. J. R. 6.—Validating school districts and providing for formation of same. A Constitutional amendment to be voted upon as above.

H. J. R. 7.—Submitting proposed Constitutional amendments providing for establishment of Confederate Woman's Home.

Senate Bill No. 1.—Making appropriation to pay mileage and per diem of members of Legislature.

S. B. No. 2.—Making appropriation to pay contingent expenses of Thirty-First Legislature.

S. B. No. 3.—Providing for taxation in towns which have surrendered incorporation.

S. B. No. 15.—Providing that the Supreme Court in transferring cases from one Court of Civil Appeals to another shall transfer them to the court nearest the counties from which appeals were taken.

S. B. No. 18.—Regulating bulk sales of merchandise.

S. B. No. 19.—Making an appropriation for a cotton bagging factory which Penitentiary Commissioners are authorized to establish.

S. B. No. 23.—Creating Sixty-Eighth Judicial District in Dallas County.

S. B. No. 29.—Locating Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin.

S. B. No. 43.—Authorizing formation of navigation districts.

S. B. No. 47.—Making appropriation to pay Presidential electors.

S. B. No. 48.—Requiring railroads to equip locomotives with ash pans.

S. B. No. 50.—To establish a tuberculosis sanitarium.

S. B. No. 57.—Giving effect to Constitutional amendment authorizing sex tax in common school districts.

S. B. No. 62.—Making it a crime to send defamatory anonymous letters.

S. B. No. 67.—Creating Sixty-Ninth Judicial District in Midland county.

S. B. No. 68.—Requiring railroads to use same names as postoffices for stations.

S. B. No. 89.—Providing for drainage districts.

S. B. No. 103.—Giving towns and cities the right to condemn right of way for sewers, etc.

S. B. No. 110.—Prohibiting use of vulgar or profane language over telephone lines.

S. B. No. 115.—Authorizing purchase of Lamar papers.

S. B. No. 117.—Requiring railroads to employ only men with certain experience to operate trains.

S. B. No. 121.—Providing that judgment may be taken in Justices' Courts at first term against non-residents cited by publication.

S. B. No. 129.—Extending time for railroads to construct lines.

S. B. No. 132.—Authorizing counties of more than 50,000 to issue bonds for viaducts, etc.

S. B. No. 143.—Prohibiting the wearing of badges of certain orders by non-members.

S. B. No. 147.—Providing a lien for mechanics for wages.

S. B. No. 153.—Providing for an investigation of the penitentiary system by a committee, composed of four members of the Senate and five members of the House; to begin their investigation after adjournment.

S. B. No. 171.—Authorizing investments of school funds in bonds of common school districts.

S. B. No. 173.—Making the law uniform as to District Attorneys' fees.

S. B. No. 183.—Amending anti-nepotism law so as to exempt notaries public and persons who have been five years or more in service of the State.

S. B. No. 187.—Ratifying Galveston causeway contract.

S. B. No. 238.—Authorizing the formation of levee districts to prevent overflows.

S. B. No. 240.—Requiring railroads to place "full crew" on trains.

House Bill No. 5.—Establishing a State normal school west of the ninety-eighth meridian.

H. B. No. 19.—Making theft from person a felony.

H. B. No. 51.—Requiring railroads to repair equipment in Texas.

H. B. No. 68.—Laying a high occupation tax on frosty joints, etc.

H. B. No. 69.—Laying a high occupation tax on the solicitation of orders for liquor in dry territory.

H. B. No. 78.—Amending county and

city depository law so as to permit depositories to deposit in lieu of real estate or surety company bonds, the bonds of the United States, the State, etc.

H. B. No. 90.—Prohibiting bookmaking, pool-selling, betting and wagering on horse racing.

H. B. No. 109.—Creating a Bureau of Labor.

H. B. No. 127.—Requiring railroads to provide sheds for car repairing.

H. B. No. 142.—Establishing a Library Commission.

H. B. No. 152.—Appropriating \$350,000 to refund liquor dealers' licenses.

H. B. No. 163.—Anti-black list law.

H. B. No. 221.—Requiring railroads to equip cars with safety appliances. Same as Federal statute.

H. B. No. 248.—Making an appropriation to pay deficiencies of the State Government for past two years.

H. B. No. 251.—To validate sale of Atascosa County lands.

H. B. No. 256.—Establishing a maximum permit fee for foreign loan and other foreign corporations, the effect being to reduce the fee of large corporations which were about to withdraw from the State.

H. B. No. 262.—Creating the Seventeenth Judicial District in the Panhandle.

H. B. No. 290.—Exempting Montgomery County from squirrel law.

H. B. No. 410.—Increasing pay of County Commissioners.

H. B. No. 478.—Authorizing the purchase of the papers of John H. Roagan.

H. B. No. 1.—Authorizing cities to own land for waterworks, etc.

H. B. No. 27.—Entitling claimants against railroads for \$200 or less to recover attorney's fees where railroad has refused to settle without suit and the amount sued for is recovered.

H. R. No. 28.—An amended pure food law.

H. B. No. 89.—Amendment to Robertson insurance law, striking out provisions authorizing Commissioner of Insurance to waive any part of act; strikes out requirement that securities shall be deposited; gives life insurance companies ten years in which to complete investment of 75 per cent of Texas reserves in Texas securities; establishes a graduated tax proportioned to the investments, ranging from 3 per cent down to 1 1/2 per cent, this tax to be in lieu of all other taxes; strike out provision requiring securities to be at par; leaves to the courts the settlement of questions as to whether companies which withdraw from State shall pay taxes for period they were out of the State in the event they shall return.

H. B. No. 116.—Providing a salary for Mining Inspector.

H. B. No. 182.—Providing for revision, codification and annotation of statutes.

H. B. No. 232.—Prohibiting delivery of liquor to minors.

H. B. No. 279.—Providing for teaching agriculture in normal school.

H. B. No. 295.—Prohibiting the driving of scrubby sheep over public roads or the lands of another without consent.

H. B. No. 336.—Permitting foreign corporations to pay franchise taxes by Sept. 1, 1909.

H. B. No. 448.—Placing Bee, Benders and Terrell Counties in the Fifteenth Congressional District.

H. B. No. 452.—Authorizing wholesale druggists in dry territory to sell alcohol to retailers.

H. B. No. 472.—Providing local option as to hide and animal inspection law.

H. B. No. 490.—Exempt Bell County from Auditor law.

H. B. No. 513.—Amending election law as to procedure in contests.

H. B. No. 577.—Providing pay for County Commissioners as road superintendents.

H. B. No. 211.—Authorizing railway, express and telegraph companies to contract for exchange of service.

House Bill No. 35.—Prohibiting raffles.

H. B. No. 179.—Providing for plumbing inspection.

H. B. No. 217.—Amending Confederate pension law relating to application so as not to require the oath of indigency, etc.

H. B. No. 223.—Increasing salary superintendent public buildings and grounds from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

H. B. No. 229.—Laying high occupation tax on sale of cannon crackers.

H. B. No. 230.—Providing for teaching of cotton classing at A. & M. College.

H. B. No. 297.—Providing for taking and perpetuation of evidence relating to service of ex-Confederates so as to entitle them to pension.

H. B. No. 447.—Giving Commissioner of Agriculture additional power in the matter of preventing fruit tree diseases.

H. B. No. 487.—Prescribing penalties for abandonment after marriage in case of seduction.

H. B. No. 476.—Requiring railroads to provide sanitary facilities at stations.

H. B. No. 496.—Fixing fee for filing annual statement Printers Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association.

H. B. No. 529.—Increasing pay of jail guards.

H. B. No. 568.—Providing that private corporations may have twenty-one directors; the law has heretofore allowed only thirteen.

H. B. No. 596.—Permitting towns of 10,000 or more inhabitants to adopt commission form of government, consisting of three Commissioners, one of whom shall be the Mayor.

S. B. No. 77.—Placing lunatics and non-comps on same basis as minors in court procedure.

S. B. No. 82.—Pay jury commissioner the same as jurors.

S. B. No. 84.—To amend fish and oyster law so as to extend closed season for oysters and to prohibit selling

for fish in salt water at certain seasons.

S. B. No. 111.—Regulating the practice of nursing.

S. B. No. 115.—Allowing District Judges traveling expenses when visiting courts in their districts other than in the county of their residence.

S. B. No. 137.—Providing for appointment of Assistant District Attorneys in Bexar and Tarrant Counties.

S. B. No. 154.—Recognizing lines operating motor cars as "interurbans."

S. B. No. 178.—The sixteen-hour bill.

S. B. No. 191.—Providing for prospecting for minerals on State lands.

S. B. No. 198.—Authorizing merger of the Wichita Falls railroads.

S. B. No. 201.—Establishing a training school for juveniles, turning the property of the Gatesville reformatory over to same. Also Senate bills 203 and 204 conforming to the statutes to the change.

S. B. No. 208.—Providing for extension of the terms of District Courts.

S. B. No. 218.—The general vagrancy bill.

S. B. No. 233.—Requiring insurance companies other than life to deposit funds with the State for the protection of policy holders.

S. B. No. 252.—Confirming the title in the United States Government to a section of land in El Paso County—the Fort Bliss reservation.

S. B. No. 264.—Providing for the creation of road districts with superintendent.

S. B. No. 269.—Appropriating \$50,000 to pay half the expense of a topographic survey of the water sheds and coastal plain of Texas as a preliminary to the construction of levees of other works to prevent overflow and to promote drainage, said survey to be made by United States Geological Survey.

S. B. No. 291.—Codifying laws as to fire, accident and health insurance companies.

S. B. No. 296.—Amending the law relating to hunting on inclosed lands.

S. B. No. 300.—Providing for removal of property of Court of Criminal Appeals to Austin and providing for a assistant clerk of that court.

J. R. No. 6.—Authorizing cities of 2,500 or more inhabitants to incorporate by special charter.

The following local bills were passed:

Charters or charter amendments for Austin, Marshall, Palestine, Texarkana, Waco, Galveston (authorizing grade raising bonds and prescribing saloon limits), Denison, Beaumont, Gainesville, Fort Worth, Dallas (authorizing sewerage disposal bonds), Temple, Greenville, Corpus Christi.

Providing for deputy County Superintendents of Schools in Harris and Travis Counties.

Establishing County Courts at Law in Bexar and Tarrant Counties.

Placing McCulloch and San Saba Counties under the hunting on posted lands bill.

Fixing time of holding court in districts 5, 7, 26, 33, 40, 46, 51, 61, and in Fannin and Nolan Counties.

Reorganizing Twenty-Eighth Judicial District.

Exempting Val Verde, Karnes, Medina and Terrell Counties from the operation of the hide and animal inspection law.

Putting Farmer and Oldham Counties under said law.

Creating independent school districts as follows: Mertzon, Nixon, Agricultural and Mechanical College, McLean, Baird, Pate, Ballinger, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Burleson, Grandview, Martindale, Longview, Seago, San Antonio (conforming to Baird decision), Lake Victor, Palmer, Henrietta, Carlton, Deport, Sunset, Ferris, Eldorado, Wheeler, Water Valley, Hamlin, Hereford, Dorchester, Higgins, Goliad, Venus, Corpus Christi and Sanflore.

Changing jurisdiction of County Courts of Brewster, San Augustine, Shelby, Henderson and Ochiltree Counties.

Validating incorporation of town of Rule.

Providing road systems for the following named counties: Brown, Montague, Burnet, Grayson, Cook, Lamar, Val Verde, Mills, Montgomery, Newton, Jasper, Sabine, Lavaca, Fayette, Uvalde, Frio, McLennan, Lee, Shelby, Bexar, Anderson, Jack, Ellis, Tyler, Cherokee, Camp, Kaufman, Upshur, Lampasas, Jones, Titus, Palk, Williamson, Karnes, Erath, Coryell, Delta, Archer, Runtless, Kendall, Eastland, Hood, Houston, Rusk, Bastrop and Hamilton.

Including Collin County in fish protection law.

First Called Session.

The first called session of the Thirty-First Legislature completed its work April 11, having been in session thirty days, the full limit of the Constitution.

Below is a statement of the work, arranged under the heading of the subjects submitted by the Governor, with some preliminary explanation as to platform matters at the regular session.

1. Provisions for guaranteeing deposits in banks.

2. Reform of the procedure in Civil and Criminal Courts, so as to expedite the administration of justice and diminish its cost.

Senate Bill 60.—Conferring civil and criminal jurisdiction upon the County Court of Concho County.

House Bill 16.—Providing that briefs of not more than fifteen pages will count as personal appearance of attorney on appeals. The limit has been eight pages.

House Bill 17.—Providing that counties need not give appeal bonds.

Senate Bill 19.—Where defendant is cited by publication trial may be had at first term of court after service is completed.

Senate Bill 12.—Regulating official

Irreparable Loss to Mexico.

The Springfield Republican calls attention to the irreparable losses caused by the fire in the City of Mexico which destroyed the building where the chamber of deputies had met since 1872. Among the documents that were burned were the constitution of 1861, which was signed at Chilpancingo and for many years was guarded in the state archives in that city; the act of independence, signed in 1821 when Iturbide entered Mexico; the constitution of 1824, the constitu-

tion of 1857, under which the latter-day reforms were initiated, and the signatures of the heroes of Mexican independence and Mexican history.

English Plea for Cities Beautiful.

What England wants just now is a man, or several men, of infinite ability and ample means, who, purely for the sake of their art alone, will prepare imaginary schemes showing how and in what way our cities ought to grow. If they are to be healthy dwelling places and beauty spots instead of blots upon our land,

compensation. Senate Bill 15.—In sales of land by executors and administrators, citation shall uniformly be for twenty days.

Senate Bill 20.—Validating sales of real estate by foreign executors.

Senate Bill 22.—Fixing amount of bond on appeals to District Court in probate cases.

Senate Bill 29.—Authorizing appeals from injunctions in vacation to prevent clouding of title.

Senate Bill 50.—Fixing time of holding court in the criminal district of Galveston and Harris Counties.

Senate Bill 79.—Diminishing civil and criminal jurisdiction of County Courts of Crockett and Edwards Counties.

Senate Bill 72.—Providing that in estates of less than \$1,000 annual report need not be filed except upon order of Court.

Senate Bill 33.—Providing that Judges may in vacation exercise all the powers that they do in term time, with certain limitations as to entering final judgment.

Experiment Stations.

8. Establishment of additional agricultural experiment stations, especially in Central West and Northwest Texas.

House Bill 11.—Appropriated \$25,000 per annum for next two years to establish experiment stations, to be located by a board composed of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of Agriculture. They must, however, locate a station in each of the following sections: Northwest Texas, West Texas, black land belt and rice belt. The board may discontinue any station heretofore established or hereafter to be established or may change the location of same.

House Bill 115.—Establishing an agricultural experiment station for tobacco in Nacogoches County.

4. Granting of adequate authority and ample means to State Health Department.

Senate Bill 8.—Creates a Board of Health, consisting of seven physicians, each of whom must have had ten years' experience in Texas, provides a staff for the State Health Officer. Authorizes the promulgation of a code relating to quarantine and the disposal of sewerage and garbage, the observance of which shall be mandatory.

Senate Bill 64.—Authorizing the State Health Officer to send indigent consumptives back to their homes in this State.

Senate Bill 69.—Establishing a home for lepers.

5. Regulation of charges of irrigation canal and pipe line companies.

Senate Bill 74.—Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to collect data upon the subject of irrigation in Texas and deliver the same to the Governor, who shall submit it to the next Legislature.

6. Protection of the salt water fish and oyster industries along the Texas coast.

House Bill No. 3 was passed, covering the subject, and making many new regulations.

1. Regulation of passenger fares on railroads.

A 2c fare bill was introduced in the House, was reported adversely, and died upon the calendar.

2. An appropriation for payment of expenses of Attorney General's Department in suing for recovery of State lands, and legislation providing for the compulsory attendance of witnesses upon such suits, to be brought in County where land is situated or in Travis County at the option of the Attorney General.

Senate Bill 18.—Appropriates \$25,000 to be used by Attorney General in any suits of the State.

3. Adequate laws for the rendition, assessment and equalization of property for taxation, and to provide penalties and fines.

House Bill 102.—Requiring Tax Assessors to make up rolls one month earlier.

House Bill 103.—Requiring automatic tax board to calculate rate one month earlier.

4. Reimbursement of county school funds which have been impaired.

A bill introduced upon this subject died on the calendar.

5. To provide for supervision, examination and control of all banks other than National.

The Cretion guarantee bill provided for such supervision, etc., as to State banks. It failed of passage.

6. Such legislation upon the subject of life and fire insurance as will provide adequate and safe insurance in Texas.

H. B. 123.—Prohibits companies which are chartered to transact fire, marine, tornado or inland insurance, from doing a life insurance business. Corrects an error in life insurance code passed at regular session.

S. B. 25.—Establishing a fire insurance rating board, to consist of the Commissioner of Insurance, another member to be appointed by the Governor, and a third member to be appointed by the Governor upon nomination of the insurance companies.

H. B. 65.—Providing for the incorporation, regulation and supervision of co-operative life insurance companies.

H. B. 55.—Defining and regulating fraternal beneficiary associations.

7. Amend anti-trust law as to penalties, fees, etc.

S. B. 26.—Makes the penalty for violating anti-trust law \$50 to \$1,500 per day. Fixes fees of Prosecuting Attorneys at 10 per cent of first \$10,000 and 5 per cent on additional amounts recovered, but they shall receive only one-half of this amount where cases are compromised before trial in original court.

8. To conform the Texas laws to the Federal laws upon the subject of liability of railroads to their employees and to fix the venue in personal injury cases.

Worked 70 Years at Anvil.

S. E. Chamberlin of Enfield has the honor of being the Bay state's oldest blacksmith. For 70 years this veteran, now white-haired at the age of 84, has stood at the anvil, and during that time he has shod more than 12,000 pairs of oxen and 60,000 horses.

He can set a pace to-day that is strenuous for a man much younger.

When he was 50 years old he frequently shod seven pairs of horses each working day, making the nails

S. B. 24.—This covers the subject. It substitutes the doctrine of comparative negligence for the doctrine of contributory negligence.

9. To amend and strengthen the statutes regulating the granting of liquor licenses and for the revocation and cancellation of the same.

S. B. 46.—Making it a felony to sell liquor in dry territory, penalty two to five years.

S. B. 35.—Making it a felony to sell liquor in dry territory, penalty one to three years.

S. B. 65.—Prescribing form of ballot to be used in local option elections.

H. B. 66.—The Robertson-Fitzhugh liquor traffic law. It amends the Baskin-McGregor law, making the restrictions very much more rigid.

10. To provide a State water, and light plant at Austin to supply installations.

S. B. 23. Appropriated \$250,000 for the purpose.

11. Amend inheritance tax law so as to enlarge its scope.

SOUTHWEST GETS RAIN.

First to Fall in One Locality in Seven Months.

San Antonio: San Antonio and Southwest Texas got a drenching rain early Sunday morning, the first for this city in many weeks.

KATY WRECK KILLS FOUR.

Denison, May 13.—Passenger train No. 271, on the Wichita Falls branch of the Katy, Tuesday night, while running twenty-five miles an hour, struck a temporary track that had been built around a freight wreck which occurred the day before, resulting in the engine and three of the four coaches behind it being derailed; three dead, one perhaps fatally scalded, eight seriously injured and one slightly hurt.

Dallas Not to Get Balloon.

Washington: Gen. James Allen, Chief of the Signal Service of the Army, is not inclined to permit dirigible No. 1, the only dirigible balloon in the army, to be moved from Fort Meyer for participation in the Dallas or Toledo, Ohio, military tournaments.

Bankers Association in Convention.

Houston: Three hundred delegates were present when President Yanis of the Texas Bankers' association, called the convention to order Monday at the Prince theater.

Lumber Order 7,500,000 Feet.

Beaumont: Lumber companies in this territory have received a letter of inquiry from the Rock Island-Prisco System purchasing department asking for 7,500,000 feet of lumber and 240,000 railroad ties.

Strawberries Shipped From Tyler.

Tyler: A compilation shows one hundred and forty-seven carloads of strawberries shipped from Smith County during the present season, the estimated value of which is \$150,000.

For Statue of Cleveland.

Chicago: The Graver Cleveland memorial committee has decided that the most appropriate memorial which could be erected to the late President would be a statue.

Train Wreck Near St. Jo.

St. Jo: Train 271, carrying four coaches, was wrecked Tuesday night six miles west of here. Engineer Frasier was killed and Conductor Littlefield slightly injured.

Handley Votes Bonds.

Handley: The election here to vote on the proposition to issue \$20,000 bonds to build a new school house resulted in a vote of eighty-eight for the bonds and three against.

Engineer Killed; Fireman Hurt.

Little Rock: Joseph E. Browning of Little Rock, engineer, was killed and J. H. Doyle of Argenta, fireman, was seriously scalded and injured in an iron mountain freight train wreck at Parland Monday.

Student Troubles in London.

London: It is stated that the Government will make an example of the rebellious students of the Commercial School to suppress insubordination of students, which is becoming widespread.

Explosion Costs Two Lives.

Wooster, Ohio: The explosion of a stick of dynamite carelessly or maliciously placed in a stove caused the death of two men and the serious injury of three others Monday at the Painesville coal mine near Fredericksburg.

Itasca Votes School Bonds.

Itasca: At the election Saturday on the proposition to issue \$35,000 school building and equipment bonds, the issue was carried by a vote of 160 to 76.

Negro Woman's Body Found.

Longview: Some boys in bathing Sunday discovered a black hand sticking up and gave the alarm. It was the body of Mary Hunt, a negress, who has been missing since Monday night.

Plan Five-Story Building.

Temple: At a meeting of the directors of the City National Bank Tuesday, plans were adopted for a five-story bank and office building.

All Who Would Enjoy

good health, with its blessings, must understand, quite clearly, that it involves the question of right living with all the term implies. With proper knowledge of what is best, each hour of recreation, of enjoyment, of contemplation and of effort may be made to contribute to living aright.

Consequently, the Company's Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna gives general satisfaction. To get its beneficial effects buy the genuine, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and for sale by all leading druggists.

VENGEANCE.



"I wonder at your allowing Hix to marry your daughter. I thought you were mortal enemies."

The Tyranny of Yesterday.

There are some people over whom yesterday tyrannizes. That is to say, they shrink from doing to-day anything that differs in the least from what they did 24 hours ago.

Only Sure Cure for Tuberculosis.

In view of the constant agitation and misrepresentation with regard to the treatment of consumption, the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis has issued a statement in which it states that the only sure cure for this disease is fresh air, rest and wholesome food.

A Boomerang.

At a small country boarding-house sort "down in ole Virginia," this past summer, the girls decided to give a dance in the town hall on the mutual benefit plan, so to speak.

LIGHT BOOZE

A minister's wife had quite a tussle with coffee and her experience is interesting. She says:

"During the two years of my training as a nurse, while on night duty, I became addicted to coffee drinking. Between midnight and four in the morning, when the patients were asleep, there was little to do except make the rounds, and it was quite natural that I should want a good, hot cup of coffee about that time.

"After three or four years of coffee drinking I became a nervous wreck and thought that I simply could not live without my coffee. All this time I was subject to frequent bilious attacks, sometimes so severe as to keep me in bed for several days.

"After being married, Husband begged me to leave off coffee for he feared that it had already hurt me almost beyond repair, so I resolved to make an effort to release myself from the hurtful habit.

"I began taking Postum, and for a few days felt the languid, tired feeling from the lack of the stimulant, but I liked the taste of Postum and that answered for the breakfast beverage all right.

"Finally I began to feel clearer headed and had steeper nerves. After a year's use of Postum I now feel like a new woman—have not had any bilious attacks since I left off coffee."

"There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

NEW LIFE AND STRENGTH

Obtained Through Proper Action of the Kidneys.

Mrs. Josiah Straw, 526 N. Broadway, Canton, So. Dak., says: "I suffered for some time with rheumatic pains in my limbs and was weak and languid. The irregularity of the kidney secretions also caused much annoyance. After using Doan's Kidney Pills I did not have these troubles. They seemed to put new life and strength into my system and helped me in every way.

My husband had an experience almost the same, and it is with pleasure that we both recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

ONE AGREEMENT.



Mr. Henpeck—It's no use. We can't agree on a single subject.

Mrs. Henpeck—You're wrong, dear. I always agree with you on the weather.

SKIN TROUBLES CURED.

Two Little Girls Had Eczema Very Badly—In One Case Child's Hair Came Out and Left Bare Patches.

Cuticura Met with Great Success.

"I have two little girls who have been troubled very badly with eczema. One of them had it on her lower limbs. I did everything that I could hear of for her, but it did not give in until warm weather, when it seemingly subsided. The next winter when it became cold the eczema started again and also in her head where it would take the hair out and leave bare patches. At the same time her arms were sore the whole length of them. I took her to a physician, but the child grew worse all the time. Her sister's arms were also affected. I began using Cuticura Remedies, and by the time the second lot was used their skin was soft and smooth. Mrs. Charles Baker, Albion, Me., Sept. 21, '08."

What Kind of an "Office."

Once upon a time a child who was asked on an examination paper to define a mountain range, replied: "A large-sized cook stove." The same method of reasoning seems to go with older growth. A recent examination paper at the Sheffield Scientific school at Yale contained the question, "What is the office of the gastric juice?" And the answer on one paper read: "The stomach."—Everybody's Magazine.

Saved Him.

"It didn't kill me, but I think it would if it had not been for Hunt's Cure. I was tired, miserable and well nigh used up when I commenced using it for an old and severe case of Eczema. One application relieved and one box cured me. I believe Hunt's Cure will cure any form of itching known to mankind."

The Scrubwoman's Lunch.

"I used to let my scrubwoman get herself a little lunch," said the city flat dweller. "It's the nice thing to do, I know, and I like to do it, but I had to quit in self-defense. She took an hour to get her lunch and eat it and charged me extra for the time she put in."

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

The Appropriate Place. "That ship carries a big cargo of eggs."

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine. The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

The Main Thing. Poeticus—What age do you think most charming in a woman? Cashit—A rich heritage.

Lewis' Single Binder cigar—richest, most satisfying smoke on the market. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

It is a point of wisdom to be at peace with men and at war with vices.—H. C. Chapman.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 10c a bottle.

Corns are proof that nature is capable of small, mean things.

BRIGHT IDEA.



Miss Citykid—Oh, Willie, wouldn't it be lovely if we could catch one and take it home and tame it?

It's Everywhere.

The Huts of the poor, the Halls of the rich, Are neither exempt from some form of Itch; Perhaps a distinction may be made in the name, But the rich and the poor must scratch just the same. O, why should the children of Adam endure An affliction so dreadful, when Hunt's Cure does cure? All forms of Itching. Price 50c. Guaranteed.

A Slight Misunderstanding.

The personally-conducted tourists were viewing the ruins of the Alhambra. "How inspiring!" rapturously exclaimed Mrs. Windfall. "Who built that castle?" "The Moors," explained the guide. "The Moors?" repeated the near-cultured lady, "oh, yes (turning to her husband), some of their descendants are particular friends of ours, aren't they, George?"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Never Disappoints.

"Many extensively advertised remedies are failures when put to the test. Hunt's Lightning Oil is an exception. Confidence in it is never misplaced—disappointment never follows its use. It is certainly the greatest emergency remedy now obtainable. For cuts, burns, sprains, aches and pains I know no equal."

GEO. E. PADDOCK, Doniphan, Mo.

Work Ahead for Josh.

"I'll be kind of glad when Josh gets home from school," said Farmer Cornstossel. "I have an idea he can be right useful." "Are you going to put him to work?" "Maybe. I've exhausted all the language I know on that team of mules. But I haven't given up hope. I want to see whether Josh can startle 'em some with his college yell."—Washington Star.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

Sold by DRUGGISTS, pure 75c. J. C. CHENEY & CO., Props, Toledo, O. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Work for the Young Man.

There is a place for you, young man, and there is a work for you to do. Rouse yourself up and go after it. Put your hands cheerfully and proudly to honest labor. A Spanish maxim runs: "He who loseth wealth, loseth much; he who loseth a friend, loseth more; but he who loseth his energies, loseth all."

Rough on Rats, unbeatable exterminator. Rough on Hen Lice, Nest Powder, 25c. Rough on Bedbugs, Powder or Liquid, 25c. Rough on Fleas, Powder or Liquid, 25c. Rough on Roaches, Powder, 15c, Liquid, 25c. Rough on Moth and Ants, Powder, 25c. Rough on Skeeters, agreeable house, 25c. E. S. Wells, Chemist, Jersey City, N. J.

Two Ways.

"Does Mrs. Gabby disseminate circumjacent information?" "No, she doesn't; she just gossips about the neighborhood."

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine. Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach, Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

Suns, Stars, Comets & Co. "Why do they so often name newspapers after the heavenly bodies?" "That's easy—because they shed light upon the earth."

Try Murine Eye Remedy For Red, Weak, Watery, Watery Eyes. Compounded by Experienced Physicians. Conforms to the Pure Food and Drug Law. Murine Doesn't Smart. Soothes Eye Pain. Try Murine for Your Eyes.

A Diplomat. Mother—Aren't you ever going to get over fighting, Willie? Willie—Yes'm, when I'm licked.

Free! A 10c package of Garfield Tea to anyone mailing us this notice, with name and address, and names and addresses of 10 friends not now using the Ideal Laxative. Garfield Tea Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

All pleasure must be bought at the price of pain. For the true, the price is paid before you enjoy it; for the false, after you enjoy it.—John Foster.

Those who keep Hamlin's Wizard Oil in the house do not have to buy any other remedy for sore throat. No other remedy will cure this trouble so quickly or so surely. Remember this.

Go to sleep without supper, but rise without debt.

Answer This Question

When thousands of women say that they have been cured of their ailments by a certain remedy, does this not prove the merit of that remedy?

Thousands of women have written the story of their suffering, and have told how they were freed from it by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—for thirty years these reports have been published all over America.

Without great merit this medicine could never have gained the largest sale of any remedy for woman's ills—never could have become known and prized in nearly every country in the world.

Can any woman let prejudice stand between her and that which will restore her health? If you believe those who have tried it you know this medicine does cure.

Read this letter from a grateful woman, then make up your mind to give Mrs. Pinkham's medicine a chance to cure you.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—"I am a firm believer in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I was a great sufferer from organic female troubles for years, and almost despaired of ever being well again. I had bearing-down pains, backache, headache and pains in my abdomen, and tried Mrs. Pinkham's Compound as a last resort. The result was astonishing, and I have used it and advocated it ever since. It is a great boon to expectant mothers. I have often said that I should like to have its merits thrown on the sky with a search-light so that women would read and be convinced that there is a remedy for their sufferings. "My husband joins me in its praise. He has used it for kidney trouble and been entirely cured."—Mrs. E. A. Bishop, 1915 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

For 30 years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been the standard remedy for female ills. No sick woman does justice to herself who will not try this famous medicine. Made exclusively from roots and herbs, and has thousands of cures to its credit.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health free of charge. Address Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass.



Advertisement for Wrigley's Spearmint Gum. Text: "Little girls, big girls, Little boys, big boys, chew and chew Wrigley's SPEARMINT. But they can't chew out the delicious crushed mint leaf flavor. It lasts, and lasts, and WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT PEP-SINGUM LASTS."

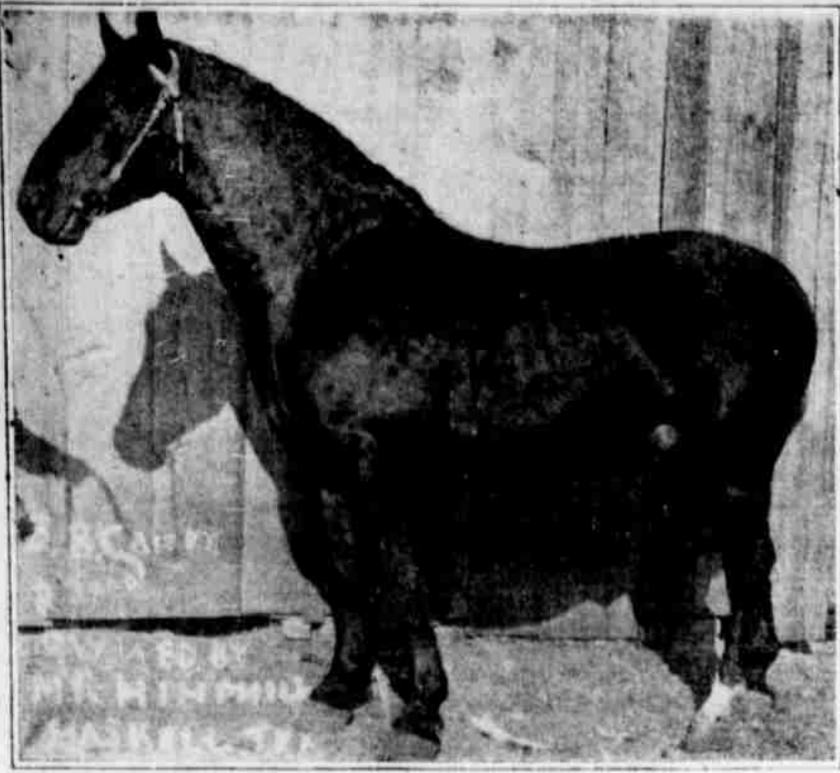
Advertisement for Daisy Fly Killer. Text: "Hypocrisy. Dr. Cook—Briggs, what is a hypocrite? Briggs: '12—A hypocrite is a student who comes to freshman English class with a smile on his face.—Wisconsin Sphinx."

Advertisement for Partine Toilet Antiseptic. Text: "Partine TOILET ANTISEPTIC. NOTHING LIKE IT FOR THE TEETH Partine excels any dentifrice in cleaning, whitening and removing tartar from the teeth, besides destroying all germs of decay and disease which ordinary tooth preparations cannot do. THE MOUTH Partine used as a mouth-wash disinfects the mouth and throat, purifies the breath, and kills the germs which collect in the mouth, causing sore throat, bad teeth, bad breath, grippe, and much sickness. THE EYES when inflamed, tired, aching and burn, may be instantly relieved and strengthened by Partine. CATARRH Partine will destroy the germs that cause catarrh, heal the inflammation and stop the discharge. It is a sure remedy for uterine catarrh. Partine is a harmless yet powerful germicide, disinfectant and deodorizer. Used in bathing it destroys odors and leaves the body antiseptically clean. FOR SALE AT DRUG STORES, 20c. OR POSTPAID BY MAIL. LARGE SAMPLE FREE! THE PAXTON TOILET CO., BOSTON, MASS.

Advertisement for Dodd's Kidney Pills. Text: "DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES OR RHEUMATISM, BRIGHT'S DISEASE, DIABETES, BACKACHE. 375c Guaranteed. W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 21-1909."

Advertisement for Hair Restorer. Text: "You Look Prematurely Old. Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use 'LA CREOLE' HAIR RESTORER. PRICE, \$1.00, retail."

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B. B. CRISPY

I am the owner of B. B. Crispy, the \$3000 Imported English Hackney Coach Horse. This horse is 5 years old, he will make the season at my place 1/4 miles N. E. of Haskell, Texas, and Simmons Bros. Stable, Rule, Texas. I will go to Rule Monday, the 24th and stay 6 days and then back at my place in Haskell and will continue that way 6 days at each place all through the season, you can see the photo of him above and is a true one of the horse, taken at my place. Terms of breeding is \$17.50 to insure sound live colt and \$15.00 to insure foal. I will answer all phone calls and pay for them. For any information you want on the horse, call me, my residence phone number is 323. I will be glad to refer you to some of his colts. Write me what day you will come to my place or at Rule and I will hold that day for you if possible. I have got a pasture to take care of mares and wont charge anything extra, got grass, most all smooth wire fence around place. Come and see this horse, no doubt will arrive in your mind but what he is the finest horse in the county, he is an all purpose horse and has not got big feet, but a small foot for a horse his size, has no long forelocks, he is a duple bay and is a beautiful horse, his record in trotting is about a mile in 4 1/2 minutes. Now if you have got a fine blooded mare why do you want to degrade your stock, when you have a chance to grade them up. I have the papers to show him to be a pure blooded horse, his weight is 1374 lbs. and I have cut the price from \$25.00 to \$17.50 and insure a sound live colt. Come or call me over the phone or write me what day you will come and your time will be held for you if possible.

You will never know the worth of this horse to the county until his colts are two and three years old and then it may be too late for a chance at the horse. All that have colts of this horse are satisfied with him and are bringing back that can possible do so.

M. R. Hemphill.

Judge Oscar E. Oates Dead

We regret to chronicle the death of Judge Oscar E. Oates who died from a stroke of apoplexy at his in this city. Saturday, the 15th instant and was buried in the Haskell Cemetery. He was born Jan. 7, 1861 at Legget Polk county Texas. Was 48 years of age at his death. Married Miss Mary Josie in 1891. To them were born 6 children 5 of whom survive him. He was converted and joined the church in 1892. Studied law under Judge James Hill of Polk county and admitted to the bar at the age of 27. Elected Judge of Polk county in 1888 and served three consecutive terms. Came to Haskell in 1901. Elected county Judge in 1903 and serving one term but refusing a re-nomination. Deceased practiced law in a limited way up to the time of his death. He was a member of the Baptist church of this city, and a member of Massonic fraternity. The funeral services was conducted at the Baptist Church and he was buried with Massonic honors.

Judge Oates was a man of deep convictions, and his by death we lose one of our best citizens. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved wife and children.

Mr. C. L. Johnson of Crowley was in the city this week.

Nice line ornamental and plain bowls and pitchers—and selling so cheap at the Racket Store.

E. A. Chambers, Phone 157 for the best bran chops and his special white wolf feed.

Bird cages at the Racket Store.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will continue to have net day the Saturday before the first Monday of each month.

Some one asked a boy in public school the other day to give a definition of the word "ambition" he gave a capital one, though you may not be able to find it in the dictionary: "It's the longing to be somebody."

There are not many boys and girls without that longing. Sometimes you meet a dispirited-looking individual with an old battered hat pulled down over his eyes and a stump of a cigar in his mouth and clothes that look as if they belonged to the ragman, and that man, people are apt to say as they look at him, "has lost his ambition." Drink and dirt and laziness will take it out of anybody. But every one in the beginning has a goodly share of that fine impulse.—Selected.

We have a Licensed Embalmer in charge of our undertaking department.

Cason, Cox & Co.

Fortifive Elks came in on the tenoclock train Thursday night.

The "Ladies Aid" of the Presbyterian church will serve lunch on the square the first Monday in June.

Mr. H. W. Gebhard has returned from Abilene where he lately underwent an operation for appendicitis.

The county authorities have tapped the city sprinkling works and now the watering troughs on the public square are full of the purest water. There is not another town in Central West Texas that equals Haskell for water facilities.

Miss Ella Day left this week for her ranch in south-west Texas. Miss Day is a very talented and versatile woman. She possesses literary and artistic talent and has been actively engaged successfully in abstracting and dealing in lands the past few years.

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County—Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded, That you summon, by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Haskell, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 39th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 39th judicial district, for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, R. L. Keister whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Haskell at the Court House thereof in Haskell, the 24 day of May, A. D. 1909, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court, on the 22nd day of April A. D. 1909, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 587, wherein G. Muns is plaintiff and R. L. Keister is defendant. The nature of the plaintiffs demand being as follows, to-wit: Suit in trespass to try title and for the recovery of the title to and possession of real property and for damages thereto and rents thereon under allegations substantially as follows:

Heretofore, to wit. On the 8th day of November A. D. 1908, the plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of a certain tract of land situated in Haskell County, Texas, hereinafter described holding the same in fee simple that on the day and year last aforesaid, the defendant, R. L. Keister unlawfully and wrongfully entered into possession thereof and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and still withholds the possession thereof from the plaintiff to his damage of Five Thousand (5,000.00) Dollars.

That the premises so entered upon and wrongfully withheld by the defendant from the plaintiff are bounded and described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land on Mule Creek, a tributary of the Clear Fork of the Brazos River about three and one-half miles South, 15 West of the town of Haskell, being a part of the William Walker league, No. 63. Beginning at the North East corner of said William Walker league a stone mound; thence West 1026-1-4 varas on the North line of said William Walker league for North West corner of this tract; thence South 1100 varas cross Mule Creek to a stone mound for South West corner of this survey; thence East 1026-1-4 varas to a stone mound for South East corner of this tract on E. B. line of William Walker survey from which an elm bears North 78 West 9 varas a china tree bears North 23 East 6 varas; thence North 1100 varas cross Mule Creek to the place of beginning, containing 200 acres.

That the annual rent of said property is of the value of Five Hundred (500.00) Dollars.

Plaintiff's claim and title to said property is as follows, to-wit: (a) Said land was patented by the State of Texas on the 27th day of January 1857 to the heirs of William Walker by patent No. 793, volume 12.

(b) Plaintiff holds a regular chain of transfer from and under the heirs of William Walker down to himself. (c) Plaintiff and those under whom he claims, long prior to the acquisition or claim by the defendant to said property, or any part thereof entered into actual possession of the same by enclosing it with a wire fence and by actually using and occupying it for a home thereon and otherwise using and occupying said property exclusive to all others. For further plea in this behalf

this plaintiff says that the defendant ought not be permitted to have and hold said property against him because he says that he, and those whose estate he is claiming, are claiming the same under deeds duly registered, have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of said land and tenements, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes due thereon for a period of more than five years after any cause of action by defendant accrued and before the commencement of this suit.

Plaintiff does not know the nature of defendant's claims to said property, but has been informed that he is claiming the same by virtue of some right under one G. W. Keister, the extent and nature of this being unknown to the plaintiff, but the plaintiff says that the defendant has no right or title to said property whatever.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, And have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Haskell, this, the 22 day of April A. D. 1909.

[L. S.] J. W. MEADORS, Clerk District Court Haskell County, Texas.

By WERTHER LONG, Deputy.

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, That you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Haskell, for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, Elizabeth Abernethy whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the county of Haskell at the court house thereof, in the town of Haskell on the 16th Monday after the first Monday in February, 1909, same being the 24th day of May, 1909, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of February, A. D. 1909, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 578, wherein T. W. Abernethy is plaintiff and Elizabeth Abernethy defendant, the nature of the plaintiffs demand being as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff sues defendant for a divorce on the ground of 3 years abandonment, and alleges that plaintiff resides in Haskell county, Texas, and that defendant's residence is unknown, but that the last time he heard of her, she resided in Fresno, California. That plaintiff is an actual BONA FIDE inhabitant of the State of Texas, and has resided in Haskell county for more than 6 months next preceeding the filing of this suit, that on November 17, 1905, Plaintiff was legally married to defendant in Houston, Texas, and continued to live with her until December 20, 1905, when defendant left his bed and board with intention of abandonment.

Plaintiff prays that defendant be cited, and that he have judgment dissolving the marriage relations between plaintiff and defendant, for cost of suit and general relief.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Haskell this, the 26th day of April, A. D. 1909.

[SEAL] J. W. MEADORS, Clerk Dist. Court Haskell Co. Tx. By Werther Long Deputy.

American Beauty flour best on earth at Stephens & Smith.

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-manded, That you summon, by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Haskell, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, the unknown heirs of Oliver Smith, deceased, whose names and residences are unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court at the next regular term thereof to be holden in the County of Haskell at the Court House thereof, in the city of Haskell on the 24th day of May A. D. 1909 same being the first day of the next regular term of said court, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of March A. D. 1909, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 581 wherein Myron M. Parker and Hattie G. Neal and her husband, Sydney C. Neal are plaintiffs and the unknown heirs of Oliver Smith, deceased, are defendants. The nature of the plaintiffs demand being as follows, to wit:

Suit for the title to and possession of a certain tract of land hereinafter described, situated in Haskell County, Texas, described as follows, to wit: A part of the Oliver Smith 1/2 league survey situated on the waters of Lake Creek about fifteen miles north and 85 degrees east from the junction of the Salt Fork and the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River, located by virtue of headright certificate No. 188 issued by J. S. Gillett, Adjutant General, on the 13th day of January 1856, and patented on the 9th day of May 1874 to the heirs of Oliver Smith, deceased, by patent No. 176, volume 20. The part hereby referred to being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake 903 varas South to the S. E. corner of 246 acre tract set apart to John A. Green and Mary Smith by a decree of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas made and entered on September 21, 1891 in cause No. 81, styled M. M. Parker, guardian vs. John A. Green et al, to be found at page 352 of volume one of the minutes of said district court; thence west 1666 varas to stake in west boundary line of said Oliver Smith survey; thence south 903 varas to stake for corner; thence east 1666 varas to stake for corner; thence north 903 varas to place of beginning, containing 266 2/3 acres of land, and plaintiffs allege that the nature of their claim and title to said property is as follows:

Patent from the State of Texas to the heirs of Oliver Smith in patent No. 176, volume 20.

2. Deeds from the heirs of Oliver Smith to I. G. Searcy, recorded at page 287, volume 10, at page 289 of volume 10, at page 293, volume 10; at page 296 of volume 10; at page 299 of volume 10 and at page 302 of volume 10 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas.

3. Deed from I. G. Searcy to Boulds Baker, recorded at page 38, volume 4 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas.

4. Deed from Boulds Baker to Mrs. M. E. Davidson, recorded at page 40 of volume 4 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas.

5. Certified copy of the will of Mrs. M. E. Davidson together with certified copy of the probate thereof devising said property to H. G. Parker and L. L. Parker.

6. Hattie G. Neal and the said H. G. Parker are now one and the same person.

7. Deed to M. M. Parker

which he acquired the title of L. L. Parker to said land, recorded at page 401 of volume 40 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas.

Plaintiffs further claim of title to said property is as follows: Plaintiffs say that defendants ought not to be allowed to have or to hold said property against them because plaintiffs say that they have had and held peaceable, continuous and adverse possession under title and color of title from and under the State of Texas of the lands and tenements above described for more than three years after any cause of action by defendants accrued and before the commencement of this suit, and this they are ready to verify.

Plaintiffs further say that defendants ought not to have and hold said property against them because plaintiffs say that they and those whose estate they have claiming the same under deeds duly registered, have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the lands and tenements above described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes due thereon for a period of more than five years after any cause of action by defendants accrued and before the commencement of this suit, and this they are ready to verify.

For further plea and claim in this behalf, plaintiffs say that defendants ought not to be allowed to have and hold said premises against them because plaintiffs say that they claiming to have a good and perfect right and title to the lands situated and described above, have had and held peaceably the land claimed and adverse possession of the same, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than 10 years after any cause of action by defendants accrued, and before the commencement of this suit, and this they are ready to verify.

Plaintiffs also allege that they do not know what kind or character of title to said property the defendants are claiming to have, but they say that defendants have no title thereto and that plaintiffs are the legal and equitable holders thereof.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, And have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Haskell, Texas this, the 31st day of March A. D. 1909.

J. W. Meadors, Clerk District Court Haskell County, Texas. By Werther Long Deputy. (SEAL)

MARKET REPORT

Corn per bu.	55c
Wheat " "	\$1.15
Oats " "	60c
Maize in head per bushel,	55c
Kaffir Corn " "	55c
Old Roosters 10c each	
Hens,	25c
Chix,	25c
Turkeys 8c to 9c per lb.	
Eggs per doz.	12 1/2
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