

# Foard County News.

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## Lumber and Building Material

We will have, in a few days, a full line of Lumber and Building Material, which we offer to the trade at Quannah prices, with freight added. We want your trade, and will try to merit it. Call on us for Bots'd' Arc Posts.

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Pure mountain air, best hotel and boarding house service at reasonable rates.

Low round trip rates every day.



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CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.

We will appreciate your business if entrusted to our care, and guarantee prompt and polite treatment.

Watch this space for the ad of the FOARD COUNTY News. We have ordered a complete line of STATIONERY and can give you what you want in the JOB work line.

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Made-to-measure clothes—clothes that create wonder and admiration everywhere.

TEMPTING PRICES AND VALUES  
Single Breasted Suits Double Breasted Suits  
Oxford Suits Cutaway Frock Suits Prince Alberts

All made by  
DIXIE TAILORING COMPANY  
from samples we are showing.

Edwards, Self & Co.  
Crowell, Texas.

## To Live Stock Shippers

It affords me pleasure to announce that this Company has again decided to inaugurate double weekly live stock service to the Ft. Worth market. Having in view the best interest of our patrons, we decided that their interest would be best served by running one train on Sunday, leaving Amarillo early in the morning and picking up stock for the Ft. Worth market, arriving at Ft. Worth (barring accidents), Monday morning in ample time to give the cattle a chance to get a good fill before going on the scales. The second train will leave Amarillo on Wednesday morning to make Thursday's market. In order to make these trains a success, and to give the live stock shippers the full benefit thereof, co-operation on their part is necessary. All shipments for the Ft. Worth markets should be handled on these trains.

Orders for cars should be placed far enough ahead to give us time to get them to the loading point at least one day before loading, so that bedding may be done and cars placed to the chutes. As much loading as practicable

should be done before arrival of train, to save time, which is so important in handling live stock.

The purpose of bringing one train into the Ft. Worth market early Monday morning is to give those wishing to do so a chance to reach the northern markets Wednesday or Thursday, and those reaching the Ft. Worth market Thursday morning, to reach the northern markets on Monday, if the prices at Ft. Worth are not satisfactory. I hope you will lend your influence and assistance toward making these trains a success. Yours truly,

J. D. Stauford,  
General Live Stock Agent.  
W. A. Huggins,  
Agent, Quannah.

The State of Texas, } To all  
County of Foard, } those in-  
debted to, or holding claims  
against the estate of R. R. Bell,  
deceased: The undersigned having  
been duly appointed executor  
of the last will of R. R. Bell, de-  
ceased, late of Foard county,  
Texas, by G. L. Burk, Judge of  
the County Court of said county,  
on the 9th day of August, 1905,  
during a regular term thereof,

herely notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at his residence five miles east of Crowell, in Foard county, Texas. His post office address is Crowell, Texas. This 8th day of September, 1905.

W. S. Bell,  
Executor of the estate of R. R. Bell, deceased.

## If Interested, Look Here

And we will try to keep you interested until you read all of this notice.

Owing to the death of R. R. Bell, one of the members of this firm, and the fact that all matters pertaining to his estate must be adjusted as soon as possible, we are compelled to urge all persons who know themselves indebted to us, either by note or account, to make preparation for prompt payment of same by October 1st, next, and thus avoid the unpleasantness of having us ask you for it, after that date.

October 1st, is pay day with us and is considered settlement time of all Book accounts, as well as the due date of most notes. So now if you owe us an account or note that is due on above date, we will expect the money, but if your note is not due until later, don't get uneasy, but just be prepared to pay according to your obligation. In conclusion we beg to say that as all business is done upon the principle of Man's trust in Man we want to be able to meet our obligations promptly, and trust that our friends will not disappoint us.

Thanking you for one and all, for the patronage given us, and asking a continuance of same,

We are yours to serve,  
Crowell Hardware & Gro. Co.

## Are You Safe?

Have you a clear title? Better be sure and let me abstract your land. My charges are reasonable and an Abstract may save you trouble, property and Law Suits.

## Complete Abstracts

To all Foard County Lands and Crowell Town Lots:

## Money to Loan

On Real Estate on long time and at from 10 to 10 per cent interest.

N. J. Roberts, Abstracter.  
CROWELL, TEXAS.

## THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL

MRS. E. G. BENNETT, PROP.

Table furnished with the best the market affords. Nice clean beds. A good place to get your dinner when in town. Phone No. 5.  
CROWELL - - - TEXAS.

## MAIL HACK LINE, VERNON TO CROWELL

Leave Vernon 7 a. m., arrive at Crowell 3 p. m., fare \$1.00  
Leave Crowell 7 a. m., arrive at Vernon 3 p. m., fare \$1.00  
This is the only Transfer Line to Crowell. We run two trains daily and drive 5 teams.  
Trunks 50 cents. Vernon Phone, 74, Crowell phone, 5.

Hansen & Wheeler.

**FOARD COUNTY NEWS.**

**J. C. Roberts, Editor.**

ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR.

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**Directory.**

**CHURCHES.**

**METHODIST**—Preaching every First and Third Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. School 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Epworth League, 7:30 p. m. J. A. LEAVIN, Pastor.

**BAPTIST**—Preaching every Second and Fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 10 o'clock a. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. J. FRANK TEALE, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN**—Preaching every third Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. At the Baptist Church. S. O. WOODS, Pastor.

The Crowell Cemetery Association meets in regular session each fourth Monday at a clock shop. Uptain in the Court House.

**SECRET SOCIETIES.**



**CROWELL LODGE, No. 326**  
A. F. & M. M. Meet Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.  
G. A. Burks, W. M.  
C. N. Bell, Sec.



**THALIA LODGE, No. 106** A. F. & M. Meet Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.  
S. R. Middlebrook, W. M.  
D. M. Fellers, S. W.  
G. W. Williams, J. W.  
G. F. Miller, Secy.



**MESQUITE CAMP**  
No. 373.  
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J. W. Jones, A. L.  
S. P. McLaughlin  
Chas.  
E. F. Allen, Banker



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No. 147.  
This is a Texas, Texas, C. C.  
J. S. Ray  
T. H. Hays  
G. F. Teel, Cler.



**CROWELL LODGE No. 1**  
I. O. O. F. Meet every Saturday night at 7:30 p. m.  
C. J. McLarty, N. G.  
G. L. Burk, Secretary  
J. W. Howell, Treasurer.



**CROWELL LODGE, No. 325**  
K. of P. Meet every second and fourth Monday night in the I. O. O. F. Hall. All Knights are invited.  
Ed Stanford, C. C.  
C. R. Ferguson, Vice C.  
G. W. Hannah, K. of R. S.



**CROWELL COUNCIL**  
No. 18. M. O. P. meets on the 1st and 4th Tuesday night in each month in the I. O. O. F. hall.  
C. P. Sandifer, A. S.  
Bec. Corning, Sec. R.



**O. E. S.**  
Meets in regular session Friday night before the full moon in each month and each third Thursday afternoon at 3 p. m.  
Cec. Sandifer, W. M.  
C. P. Sandifer, W. P.

There has crept into the minds of many farmers the idea that railroads only benefit the business men of the town thro' which they pass, and when an effort is made to secure the benefits of a railroad and to secure its co-operation in reduced freight rates and reduced rates to home-seekers, they stand back and say let the town put up the money. This not only shows bad judgment, but it is morally wrong. The farming class, more than any other, is benefitted. Railroad gives them a market for much that must be wasted if the market is not created at home. It will call for and give you improved public highways, over which you

PHONE No. 43 for your Groceries.

**To The Public**

**HARDWARE**

Here it is, straight from the Shoulder.

We carry a general line of Hardware, Groceries, Farm Implements, and Machinery, Wagons, Buggies and Harness, Wheat Drills and One Horse Single Row Drills, superior make. We are headquarters for the best Disc Plow on earth, its the Kingman, no side draft, one horse lighter draft than any of them.

We also have a first-class Tin Shop in connection and can make anything out of iron or Tin except a failure.

We also have Deering Binder Extras, Machine Oil, a general line of Groceries, Hardware and Implements, and will not be undersold by any body, Big or Little, quality considered.

We have a good Delivery Wagon and Horse, a Handsome Driver, and are fully prepared to serve you promptly and will always try to please you.

Yours to please.

**Crowell Hardware and Grocery Co.**

PHONE No. 43 for your Feed.

**GROCERIES**

PHONE No. 43 for your Implem'ts

can haul your produce to town without over taxing your team, or breaking your wagon. It will enable you to bring your produce to town and return on the same day or perhaps bring two loads, thus saving you much time which you can use to advantage in preparation for the next crop. It will save a great outlay in the wear and tear of wagon and team and also wagon yard fees, restaurant bills, etc. Not only that, but your farming implements, groceries and your dry goods will come to you at the same price that they come to the neighboring towns, and the many thousands of dollars that are now paid out for these things by the consumers, mostly farmers, will be saved to them. The merchant don't need the road as bad as the farmer. He would the freight from the place of purchase, both railroad and wagon freight, to the original price of the goods and marks a profit on it and the consumer of the goods pays the price. The farmers, therefore suffer, while the merchants make the legitimate profits.

The physician charges you as much for a professional visit without a railroad as with one, the lawyer goes for you as heavily for professional work as he would if you had a railroad. It costs more to finish the education of your child-in with out a railroad than with one, because with the coming of railroads comes better schools and you can finish the school course

at home unless you want to finish up in the Universities.

Foard County farmers have felt keenly the need of railroads, and for want of them has suffered in almost every conceivable way, chiefly in not having a market for their products. There has been many heavy wheat crops grown in this county since its settling, 20 years ago, and it is safe to say that it has cost the farmer ten cents per bushel to market his wheat, which, in the last 20 years, would amount to approximately \$20,000. The oats, kaffir, maize and sorghum seed has also been marketed at a like heavy expense. when it is marketed at all, and we don't think that to say that farmers have suffered a \$40,000 loss in freighting their products out would be extravagant. Not only have they suffered loss in marketing their stuff, but they pay the freight from the neighboring towns of Quanah and Vernon on all the flour, meat, bacon sugar, coffee salt, dry goods, and in fact everything that they buy for home consumption, which will run the amount to enormous figures. And yet you have not reached the end of your disadvantages. Your cotton has to be freighted out, and if you sell at home you sell at a loss as the home merchant will not pay you full price for your cotton and take the risk of a decline before they can get it to the railroads, especially on a declining market. Then we don't plant as much as we would

if we had a market at home, and suffer a loss in this way. It is safe to say, therefore, that we, as farmers, have lost \$200,000, or perhaps a quarter of a million, in consequence of having no railroad facilities since the settling of the county. Then again, the farmer could not would feed the unmarketable products of his farm to cattle and sheep. Out of a carload of cattle this would give him a market value for his waste on the farm, which he has not here before enjoyed.

The railroads cannot do without the farmer, neither can the farmer do without the railroad. There is a community of interest and the sooner we take a sensible view of the matter the better it will be for us.

As to the interests of business men and tradesman we cannot speak in this article, but all are interested and there ought to be unity of action when these matters are considered.

Hugo, I. T., Sept. 12—The Frisco System has had a crew of tie loaders at work along the Arkansas and Cloetta railroad from this place for several days. It is estimated that 300,000 ties will be shipped to points along the Orient system being built from Kansas City to Mexico. The demand for ties has been greater and more contractors have been in this section of late than ever known.

The supply of ucut timber is almost inexhaustible.—Dallas News.

**PROFESSIONAL.**

**E. H. Gowan, M. D.**  
Physician and Surgeon.

Member of THE TEXAS ECLECTIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, and of THE NATIONAL ECLECTIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. FELLOW, AMERICAN SOCIETY for the Study of ALCOHOL and other NARCOTICS. CROWELL, TEXAS.

**Joe W. Beverly,**  
Land and Insurance Agent.  
Abstractor

**Notary Public.**  
CROWELL, FOARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

**WITHERSPOON & REAVIS.**  
Land, Loan and Insurance Agents.  
CROWELL, TEXAS.

**ROBERT COLE,**  
Lawyer.  
OFFICE IN S. W. COLNER COURT HOUSE.  
CROWELL, TEXAS.

**CROWELL BARBER SHOP.**  
**Boman & Bomar,**  
PROPRIETORS.

We represent the Sherman Steam Laundry.  
CROWELL, TEXAS.

**J. G. Roberts,**  
Lawyer.  
OFFICE IN NEWS BUILDING.  
CROWELL, TEXAS.

**G. A. BURKS,**  
Blacksmith and Woodworkman  
All work done right and at reasonable prices.  
**HORSE SHOEING**  
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No. ones and twos, \$1.00  
No. threes and fours, 1.25  
NORTH SIDE OF SQUARE,  
CROWELL, TEXAS.

**J. C. Price,**  
Photographer.  
Photos finished in all the latest styles. Out-door work done on short notice.  
Quanah, Tex.

**BASEBALL PLAYERS AND FOOT RACERS!**  
Louis J. Kruger, ex-champion long distance foot racer of Germany and Holland, writes Oct. 27, 1901: "During my training of eight weeks' foot races at Salt Lake City, in April last, I used Ballard's Snow Liniment to my greatest satisfaction. Therefore I highly recommend Snow Liniment to all who are troubled with sprains, bruises or rheumatism." 2's, 5c and \$1.00. Sold by E. F. I. etc.

**LOCALS.**

**Wanted**—Tobacco tags at Quinn's.

Miss Bessie Sanders opened her school in Crowell Monday.

W. C. Black and son, Edgar, paid our office a visit yesterday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Gafford, on the evening of the 13th, a son.

J. D. Wright, from Mule creek brought in a fine load of water-melons yesterday.

Miss Cressie Edwards, who has been sick with typhoid fever the last three weeks, is convalescent.

**Duck! Duck! DUCK!!** for cotton sacks, at Edwards, Self & Co's.

A boy born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ricks last Sunday adds new life to the home.

Charlie Gafford who has been right sick for a few days, is able to be on his feet again.

M. B. Dresser was in town yesterday with his little daughter, Elzada, to have her treated for tonsillitis.

We are glad to note that Miss Cecil Roney, who has been sick with slow fever for two weeks, is improving.

The Commercial Hotel is receiving a new coat of paint and being otherwise improved this week.

R. N. Boaty, of Vivian, who has been sick with slow fever, is still confined to his bed, though he is improving.

Just received a well assorted line of Pocket Knives, Razors, Shears and Table Cutlery at Ringgold's.

Mr and Mrs. W. O. Haney, of Talmage, in Wilbarger County, has a new boy, born September 11. Reported by Dr. Adams.

Capt. J. W. Roark passed through Crowell this morning for Altus, to see his twin grandsons, lately born to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bomar.

Miss Mittie Harper, sister of our deceased commissioner, and her brothers, Mr. Williamson leave Crowell tomorrow for Stanford, their future home.

Bam White sold his 160 acres of land 3 miles N. E. of Crowell this week to Henry Philly of Jones county. Consideration, \$1-350.

Knox City is jubilant over its prospects of getting the Santa Fe R. R. which is surveying its route from Weatherford to Texico, on the Pecos Valley railroad.

W. E. Fish, Jr., of Vivian, was in town Wednesday, transacting business. He says dry weather is needed, to give the farmers a chance to gather their crops.

C. E. Wooldridge, Evangelist of the Christian church, paid our office a very pleasant call Thursday while on his way to Vivian, where he will preach for a few days.

Bro. Lenko's horse showing signs of founder as he drove along the street yesterday was accounted for by one of the deacons of his church in this way. The deacon said that he had sent Bro. Lenko 1,200 pounds of maize, and that no preachers horse, who had been fed according to the stunted condition of the past two years, could stand the change.

Dr. Cowan has saved his patrons over \$1,000 in drug bills in the last twelve months by dispensing his own medicines.

N. J. Dickerson sent us in a basket of very fine peaches, Foard county products, last Saturday, for which we are profoundly grateful. This is another evidence that good fruit can be grown in Foard county with a little effort.

We are receiving the largest and most complete stock of Dress Goods, Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Notions etc., ever brought to Crowell, which will be sold at prices in competition with railroad towns. J. K. Quinn.

L. G. Andrews of Crowell, is visiting his many relatives and friends in and around Plano. He is in good health and has many encouraging words for his section. Crops are good around Crowell and every body pleased.—Plano Star-Courier.

Let me take your measure, I represent four of the largest Tailoring houses in the United States. I don't give any premium, with your order, but give you part of my commission, which saves you from \$4 to \$8 on every suit. Fit guaranteed. J. K. Quinn.

Mrs. Eunice Alexander was in town yesterday, having a handsome shake with her friends. Mrs. Alexander has been traveling in the interest of the Katy Road as traveling correspondent, reporting the owns on the road, etc. She will rest a few weeks before going on the road again.

We saw a fine lot of sweet potatoes at Edwards, Self & Co's, brought in by T. A. Ross, of Margaret. We understand that he has about three acres of them. They are fine and no doubt Mr. Ross will reap a handsome reward for the expense and labor of cultivating.

*Fruit trees, Ever-greens and Vines*

I now represent the **Bowie Nursery at Bowie, Texas,** and can show you trees and prices that will astonish you. Ed Stanford. Crowell, Texas.

Miss Anna Grant, Milliner at Edwards, Self & Co's., who left Crowell last June, having visited in Pine Bluff, Ark. and Fredericksburg, Mo., and spending a few weeks in St. Louis where she was taking items pertaining to her craft, and studying fashions, etc., returned to Crowell Tuesday. Miss Anna has many friends in Foard county who welcome her return.

Mrs. T. N. Bell, who has been visiting her father at Tolar, for the last three months, returned home Tuesday, accompanied by her father, W. A. Gordon. To say that Tom was delighted to see his father-in-law does not fully express it. Perhaps to say that he was wild with delight would be better. Mr. Gordon seems to be well pleased with our town and talks of investing in town property.

G. W. Thompson (Uncle Wash) has our thanks for that 4-4 pound sweet potato brought to our office last Monday. It was not only appreciated, but appreciated, Uncle Wash says that if any sandy land man has a larger one he wants to know it; that he has in reserve a still larger one. We do not know by what name to call it, but it resembles a Brazilian yam.

With every pound package of King Bee Coffee purchased at J. K. Quinn's you get free a decorated piece of chinaware. See display in show window.

Remember we are agents for the Hamilton Brown Shoe Co., the best shoe for the money. In all styles, from the smallest to the largest. See shoe display in show window. J. K. Quinn.

W. S. Bell, who has been at Manitou, Colorado, for a few weeks, returned home Saturday. Steve says it is a very pleasant place to be, but when the snow storm covered the summit of Pike's Peak he thought it was nearing the wheat sowing season in Texas.

R. W. Self, who has been in California for the last 15 months, arrived at home yesterday evening. He brought with him sample copies of bark from the Redwood trees of the Pacific Coast. The bark is so thick that even an editor don't like to state its dimensions, so stop at Edwards, Self & Co.'s store and see this wonderful sight for yourself.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, In District Court October term, A. D. 1905.

TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF FOARD COUNTY, GREETING: You are hereby commanded that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in Foard county, if there be a newspaper published in said county, but if not, then in the nearest county where a paper is published, for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon Dick Sloan, King Sloan, Ross Sloan, William Sloan, George Sloan, Robert Sloan, Belle Sloan, Fred Sloan, Nellie Sloan McGinty, Laura May Brown and G. F. Rushing, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District Court, to be held in and for Foard county, at the court house thereof in Crowell on October 23, 1905. File number being 366, then and there to answer the petition of Mollie J. Strong, J. M. Strong, Jessie K. Knight and A. J. Knight filed in said court on the 6th day of September, 1905, against the said Dick Sloan, King Sloan, Ross Sloan, William Sloan, Robert Sloan, Fred Sloan, George Sloan, Belle Sloan, Nellie Sloan McGinty, Laura May Brown and G. F. Rushing, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit: That plaintiffs and defendants are joint owners of the east half of section No. 330, block A. H. & T. C. Ry. surveys in in Foard county, Texas, the same being 320 acres of land surveyed by virtue of certificate number 31-2765, issued to said Railway Co. and set apart for benefit of public school fund and purchased from said fund by E. C. and S. H. Newton, ancestors of all parties of this suit, that plaintiffs expended in protecting the title of said land the sum of \$771.55. Plaintiffs pray for reimbursement of said moneys out of said land, and for partition thereof.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, T. N. Bell, Clerk of the District Court of Foard County. Given under my hand and Seal of said Court, in Crowell this 13th day of September, 1905. (Seal) T. N. Bell. Clerk District Court Foard County, Texas.

To those paying up a year ahead we will send the Foard County News and Toledo Blade for \$1.25.

**CROWELL DRUG STORE**

E. F. HART, Proprietor.

CROWELL,

ESTABLISHED IN 1891

TEXAS.

Dealer in

Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Perfumery, Toilet Articles, Patent Medicines, Rubber Goods, Paints and Oils.

Your patronage is always appreciated, and no matter how small your purchases you may rest assured it will be our constant aim to sell you the best goods that can be obtained and at reasonable prices.

**PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED AT ALL HOURS**

**HARVEST IS PAST**

Summer is ended! And there are many people who ought to have come to Foard County during the past three months that have not yet arrived. Perhaps some have delayed coming on account of wanting to see if the flattering prospect we had in early spring for big crops would be fully realized. The wheat, oats, corn, milo maize-millet, kafki corn and sorghum is here in abundance and good cotton is now fully assured. So in answer to the question that is yet being asked by the people in regard to opportunities offered by FOARD COUNTY for farming and stock raising we repeat:

1st. No county in Texas can show better crops than are now growing here. 2nd. Rich land and good people. 3rd. The Antelope Pasture of 35,000 acres now owned by G. C. Hemming, Colorado Springs, Colo.

is now on the market in any quantities wanted, with small cash payments, long time and low interest. Buy before the railroad gets here, prices will advance. Citizens of Foard County can do their friends and kinfolks a kindness if they will notify them of the chances that are now at hand. The man who has only a small amount of money can be supplied with the land he needs. If a man wants to farm and raise stock a fine location can be secured. For more definite information, see

Joe W. Beverly,

Crowell,

Texas.

**Allison & Ferguson Bros. Druggists.**

HAVE IN STOCK A COMPLETE LINE OF

Pure Drugs, Patent Medicines, Paints Oils Notions etc.

Prescriptions carefully compounded.

NORTH SIDE OF SQUARE

Crowell,

Texas.

<p>We also Keep Fresh Chili at all Times</p>	<p>GO TO <b>THE HUB</b> RESTAURANT</p> <p>First door south of the Post Office.</p> <p><b>McLARTY &amp; BANISTER.</b></p> <p>Crowell, Texas.</p>	<p>For Cold Drinks Fine Candies Cigars and Tobacco</p>
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**WHEN IN QUANAH**

Dont fail to call and see us whether you want to buy or not, it is a pleasure to show our goods. We carry a large stock of Furniture, Carpets, Mattings, Window Shades, Lace and Portiere Curtains, and in fact most anything that goes to make home comfortable and pleasant.

Yours to please.

**Williams and Rogers,**

Quanah,

Texas.



### Father John of Cronstadt.

Father John of Cronstadt, whose extraordinary influence over the czar, no less than his propaganda against the revolutionaries, continually crosses the fate of the secret committee, is 86 years of age. In personality he answers to the description of the average Russian peasant, only in his case abstemiousness has wrought a refining effect on his features. He is short of stature, with a somewhat florid complexion, and his small, twinkling gray eyes have that fervent appearance characteristic of the Russian working classes. In spite of his great age he is remarkably active and his long brown hair is untouched with white. Father John was once esteemed a miracle worker, but it is said he has lost his reputation since the ships he blessed were sunk and the men he blessed were killed in battle with the Japs.

### African Disease Spreader.

The tiny tsetse fly of Africa, so formidable as a destroyer of horses and cattle, is at last indicated for slaughter. Colonel David Bruce, who has been making investigations in Uganda, concludes that the parasite of "sleeping sickness," the mysterious and fatal brain disease that has depopulated a large area of rich country within ten years, has been brought from the Congo and is spread by the insect fly. Where the fly does not exist there is no sleeping sickness. A very peculiar distribution of this disease is noticeable, as it is restricted to the numerous islands of the Northern Victoria Nyanza and to a belt of shore a few miles wide, but only in localities where wild, high trees and luxuriant undergrowth.

### Bad Ears Cause Drowning.

In drowning accidents where expert swimmers suddenly lose all control of their powers, the usual explanation of cramps at the beginning is looked upon as insufficient. It has been noticed that persons having disease of the middle ear, who have already shown symptoms of vertigo, are especially liable to such accidents, and as the semi-circular canals are the organs of direction, it is the water in these which causes the "bottle" in this delicate structure from a blow by the waves would result in utter helplessness. Persons with ears not perfectly sound are therefore warned against swimming in rough water.

### Monument to Archimedes.

The latest historical personage to be commemorated is Archimedes, the Greek gentleman who only wanted a place to stand on outside in order to move the world with his lever. Syracuse, which made him a monument, representing the geometrician and physicist with his inventions grouped around him, and he watching for the Roman ships to burn them with his reflector. Instead, Roman soldiers killed him as he was solving a mathematical problem on a piece of wax. They even let him finish his calculations. That happened 212 B. C., and he is still the pride of Syracuse.

### With an Eye for Color.

Red is as aggravating to a turkey as it is to a bull, while a sparrow takes no notice of this color. But if a blue rag be shaken in front of a caged sparrow's eyes he will go frantic with disgust. Sparrows and linnets, too, will refuse food offered them on a piece of blue paper, and dislike the appearance of anyone wearing a blue dress. A medium shade of blue affects them most, but dark blue serge they scarcely mind at all. Thrushes and blackbirds object to yellow. They will touch orange or blue dried grasses left about their haunts to build the outer layers of their nests, but yellow grasses they will not touch.

### Mrs. Howard Gould's Birds.

Mrs. Howard Gould has the finest private collection of birds in the United States, in some respects exceeding the aviaries of the New York zoological gardens. Not only has she made a paragon to gather from all the quarters of the globe remarkable and beautiful specimens of the feathered tribe, but she has also made it a study and a science.

### Kitchener's Rise.

Since it has been decided that Lord Kitchener shall be supreme in the military affairs in India an anecdote of the Khartoum expedition has come to light. One evening the general's forces near Khartoum a dervish spy was discovered in camp and taken to headquarters for examination. Information as to the enemy's position and plans was of the highest importance, but neither the richest bribes nor the direst threats could elicit one word from the prisoner. He offered to be both deaf and dumb. Scarcely was his hearing over—if hearing it could be called—when another spy was led in, who proved equally obdurate. They were led away bound and guarded for the night in a well placed tent. About half an hour later a dervish was dragged in, who also would reveal nothing, and was finally placed in the tent with the others. Soon the guard outside heard a murmur of voices from within; the dumb spies had found their tongues, but it was impossible to hear their talk distinctly or more passed, then the door of the tent was thrown open and the third spy appeared and asked to be conducted to headquarters. It was the sirdar, who in disguise had discovered all he needed to know. Lord Kitchener always takes the greatest pains to make himself master of the vernacular of any country to which he is sent. He seizes every opportunity of talking with the poorer folks until he speaks like a native.

### House of Commons "Loafers."

T. P. O'Connor, the brilliant publicist and member of parliament, says in a late article that the house of commons is a house of loafers. He contrasts the "dog's life" of a member of the house of representatives in Washington with the idleness of the average M. P. Men noted for their idleness in literary, professional or business lives entering parliament are at once struck with the unbusinesslike methods prevailing. They struggle against the feeling of inertia, but gradually become so "accustomed to the creaky, uncwily, cumbersome, immature parliamentary machinery that they lose courage and even faith." It is impossible to do any work in the house of commons, Mr. O'Connor asserts from experience and observation, although he notes one or two exceptions to the rule.

### Forced a Confession.

The late Mary A. Livermore was a shrewd woman who believed in "fighting the devil with fire." She was converted to this idea by the example of an old friend, a clergyman. With a solemn air he announced from the pulpit one day that the button had been found in that collection. "Only one individual in the church would have been guilty of the trick," he said, "and I shall expect a coin." After service a member of the church owned up to being the culprit and asked: "How did you know I was the man?" "I did not know," said the clergyman. "But you said only one person could have done it." "Just so," was the reply. "Two persons could not have put the same button on the plate."

### An Aged Bridegroom.

George Baum, a 70-year-old Philadelphia millionaire, who made his money in the leather business, has just married his housekeeper, a good looking Irish woman, 28 years old. The ceremony was performed in church, a crowd of over 2000 being present, with nearly as many outside waiting to see the happy pair enter and leave. Mr. and Mrs. Baum will spend part of their honeymoon at Cape May, after which they will take an ocean trip on a new yacht which is now being completed.

### Bernhardt's Extravaganza.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt's extravaganza is well known and her house in Paris shows it in every way. Her bedroom is hung with purple embroidered with the golden flower of France. The ceiling is painted, the windows are draped with white lace curtains worked with peacock plumes, and the handsome marble timepiece is loaded with souvenirs and portraits.

### The Shah's Stole a Cat.

The Shah of Persia, who has been amusing himself at the French war place of Contreville, has a great passion for cats. One evening he plays as little respect for other people's property as if he were at home. The other morning he came upon their kitten, that soon charmed him. For a while the shah played with the kitten and at last picked it up and presented it to the grand vizier, with the instruction to take good care of it. Its owner, the wife of a gardener, ventured to protest. She loved the kitten, she could not part with it, but the grand vizier threw her a piece of gold, silenced her with an awful look and walked off with the kitten under his arm. When last he took the waters there he departed without discharging a number of heavy bills. The creditors, after many applications, at last brought proceedings, but the courts professed themselves "incompetent" to judge the matter.

### Nature of Glass.

A distinction between a glassy substance and a crystalline solid is pointed out by Morris W. Travers. When a liquid crystallizes heat is evolved, and the solid and liquid have different densities, but there is no such change in the formation of glassy substances, which in fact are only a highly viscous liquid. A proof of the liquid nature of window glass is the fact that a diamond scratches quickly "beats" so that the glass soon breaks less readily along the cut than at first. The state of some substances, particularly at low temperatures, can be told only by noting the cooling of the liquid—some paraffin hydrocarbons, for instance, becoming thick and treacle before passing into the glassy condition, while liquid hydrogen does not become viscous, but throws off some of a glassy matter and finally turns to a clear glassy solid.

### Will They "Kiss and Make Up"?

Lady Takahira, wife of the Japanese minister, and Baroness Rosen, whose husband is success Count Cassini as Russian ambassador, were great chums in Tokio when the baron represented his government there. Society in Washington is somewhat interested to know just how these two women will act when they meet. The Baroness Rosen loves music and poetry, as does the Lady Takahira. Both are excellent linguists and have a wit which long ago made them conspicuous in the diplomatic set. The wife of the Japanese minister is a dainty and gracious woman, not above five feet. She can sing like a thrush, loves to wear ropes of pearls, runs so white in her gowns and in her intensely black hair wears a diamond sunburst of great beauty. In Tokio the Baroness Oyama, Lady Takahira and Baroness Rosen were inseparable. All three play chess.

### Beautiful Alexandra.

Partly because she is the queen, but principally because she has discovered the secret of perpetual youth, it is said that Queen Alexandra divides honors with all the brides whose weddings she has attended this season. And unless the bride is uncommonly beautiful her majesty has a monopoly of attention. Besides, when King Edward gave his garden party at Windsor, where the guests represented rank, fashion, diplomacy, politics, painters, actors and indeed pretty well all that constitute society in London, the queen in her favorite mauve tone of satin worked with silver was quite the center of all eyes. There were famous beauties there, too.

### Rockefeller as Bandmaster.

John D. Rockefeller was 66 years of age the other day, but he did not celebrate the event. He arose at the usual time, attended to his mail, with the aid of his secretary and stenographer, played golf in the afternoon and received calls. He retired early. While he was on the golf links a boy's Hungarian band marched upon his premises and serenaded him. The "Oil King" was so delighted with the ovation that he dropped his golf stick, hobbled to the band and with his hand as a baton led the youthful musicians.

### IN STARTING AN ORCHARD.

#### Start It Right in Location, Selection and Preparation.

The large amount of trees being now sold all through Texas for the coming season's planting is sufficient reason for printing the following article along this line:

To have a successful orchard, one must start right and stay right. A good location must be selected, one that is convenient and one that will beautify the home. The land should slope gently to the north in order to protect the fruit buds lack until danger of late frost is over. If the ground is not rich, it should be made so by scattering barnyard manure over it, and then plow deep. Do not expect an orchard to grow where nothing else will grow. A tree must grow in common soil as near as good, and half the battle is won. Look around and see what kinds of fruit do well in your locality and be somewhat guided by that. Select the best orchard man that you know of and talk with him. He will gladly help you make a selection. This is no child's play; it is a matter of business, and the success you have with the orchard depends on a wise selection.

Select some reliable nurseryman that you know to be all right and give him your order. Buy your trees from a great nurseryman that you have confidence in, and your trees will be acclimated and do better. Some people have an idea that everything fine must come from some place away off somewhere, and that nothing fine grows near the home. These are generally the people who get swindled, and are biting at everything that comes along.

Don't buy trees from agents and fruit tree peddlers. Remember they are not out with their pretty faces to get your health. Buy direct from nursery and save half your money, and you will be more than likely to get what you buy.

I don't say all agents are bad fellows, but the majority of them are not, and let me warn you as they are passing to let them go. Many agents go through the county selling trees and when the time for delivery comes, they go to some nurseryman and buy scrub stock or trees that the nurseryman is overstocked on, for they do not count a tree, and label them what you bought, and when your orchard comes into bearing, where is your agent? Left; and so are you.

The land should be plowed and thoroughly harrowed, then take a two-horse plow and lay off your rows about 20 feet apart. Then dig a good sized hole somewhat larger and deeper than necessary, and fill in the bottom of the hole with rich top soil; do not put manure or dirt from woods in the holes; this can be brought around the roots of the ground. Trim all bruised roots off and cut back to a straight switch and top to eighteen inches high. Head all trees low for protection from the sun. It makes the gathering of the fruit much easier. Press the ground around the roots of your trees, try to get them in the ground as firmly as they were before they came from the nursery.

After your orchard is set, it needs thorough cultivation, especially the first three or four years. Remember that if an orchard is not cultivated the first year, it will never be of any importance. The orchard can be cultivated in tobacco, potatoes or some low growing crop. Follow the above directions, prune and spray, and I assure you an abundance of fruit.

#### Get a Canning Outfit.

Felix Boyd of Scranton has a small family cannery which he operates very successfully. From his own orchard he has already put up six hundred cans of fruit this season and he expects before the close of the season to reach the thousand mark. If all of our farmers and fruit growers would do as Mr. Boyd is doing, foreign canned goods would find little sale in our markets, and living would be better and cheaper. Such enterprise as the above is very commendable and we hope to hear of more engaging in it. A large cannery located at Cisco, reinforced by home canneries, could supply the trade with a first-class quality of goods and keep our money at home. Other towns have adopted this idea with gratifying success.—Cisco Round-Up.

### A Sliding Boat.

The sliding boat of M. de Lember, a French inventor, is designed to avoid friction by skimming on the surface of the water, and it is made to do this by inclined planes fixed under the boat at carefully regulated distances apart and at an angle determined by many trials. When at rest the weight is supported on two narrow parallel floats resembling certain Asiatic canoes, the sliding planes sinking just beneath the surface. A light weight model of wood and aluminum is twenty feet long and ten feet wide between the inclined planes, and while it weighs 1,200 pounds, it requires a motor of only twelve horse power, although other boats of the capacity need motors of sixty to 100 horse power. As the boat is started, the planes rise on the water, where they are supported by a thin layer of air, and easily slide along at fifteen to twenty-five miles an hour.

### Americans as Stage Figures.

Max Beerbohm thinks it is time to do away with the "ridiculous stock figure that has for many years done duty on the English stage for American men—always blatant, always cool, always resourceful, always ready with dreadful funniments in the manner of Max Adler. Thirty years ago, before the development of steamship navigation, it was natural enough that the English playwright should be content with the figure—But nowadays, when London, throughout ever summer, is overflowing with real Americans, it certainly does seem strange that our playwrights can give us nothing better than this old battered simulacrum."

### Flammarion's New Calendar.

Camille Flammarion, the celebrated astronomer, proposes to introduce in the French chamber of deputies a bill to make compulsory a perpetual calendar of his own. According to his plan, the year should start at the vernal equinox (March 21), an every quarter should contain two months of thirty days and six wnu six ARR one month of thirty-one days. This would make 364 days, and a fete day not to be counted in any month would complete the year, while every leap year there would be two fete days. The same dates would always occur on the same days of the week and one calendar would last a lifetime.

### Novelist's Experience.

Maurus Jokai, the Hungarian novelist, had one very exciting experience during the earlier part of his life. He was implicated in the troubles which took place during 1848, in Austria-Hungary, and was sentenced to death, but managed to find a safe hiding place in the forest of Borsani. There he would be seen in public, until his wife hit upon a ruse which enabled him to come out of hiding. Some officers who had capitulated at the surrender of the fortress of Komarom were pardoned; and Jokai's wife got her husband's name inserted in the register as a lieutenant. He received a passport, and his life was thus saved.

### Whiskers and Weather.

Do whiskers grow faster in hot weather than in cold? The correct answer to this question is: "They do." Barber's say that there is an increase of about 20 per cent in business during the extremely hot spells and that all this increase comes from the men who habitually shave every other day instead of once a day. Although hot weather makes more business for the chin polishes they do not particularly welcome it. Men are always more irritable and harder to shave. This, coupled with the increased speed of execution, makes the whole business unsatisfactory for both shaver and shave.

### Queer Blunders in Titles.

Some queer blunders are made in addressing royalty and other titled personages. Lady Dufferin, in India, was once addressed as "Your Enormity." An Abyssinian missive to the Queen Victoria was addressed to the "Queen of Kings, Empress of the Great Red Sea." Her Highland tenants used to say: "Come awa' in sit doon, Queen Victoria."

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**Good Jobs Go Begging.**

There are twenty-eight vacancies in the grade of assistant paymaster in the navy, but of the 2,000 young men who were examined only twenty-four passed—and there are still four vacancies.

**Fifth Avenue Real Estate.**

Real Estate on Fifth avenue, New York, continues to soar to dizzying heights. The Lorillard mansion, which sold fewer than ten years ago for less than \$400,000, has recently changed hands at about \$1,000,000.

**Lowest Body of Water.**

The Caspian sea is the lowest body of water on the globe. Its level has been growing gradually lower for centuries, and now it is eighty-five feet below the level of the neighboring Black sea.

**Soldiers as Correspondents.**

A recent British army order states that officers acting as press correspondents with any officer in the field are forbidden to use their military rank, or to describe themselves as military correspondents in their published communications.

**Founder of "Arbor Day."**

The statue of J. Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture under President Cleveland and the father of "Arbor day," will be unveiled early in October at Nebraska City, Neb., in the public park which Morton in his life dedicated to the city.

**To Revive "Black Earth."**

The Russian government has sent to the California university college of agriculture specimens of the famous "black earth" of European Russia, which is showing signs of deterioration. The Russians want the advice of the Berkeley scientists as to reviving it.

**The Shah's Big Entourage.**

No European potentate has, when he travels, so many attendants, officers and adjutants with him as the Shah of Persia, who has recently been visiting Vienna. He is also accompanied by two of his little sons, to whom he pays a great deal of attention, listening in the parlor car to their prattle with evident delight.

**Ats His Boots on a Wager.**

A Moscow man made a curious wager. As against 500 roubles bet by his opponent he agreed to eat his boots if Russia did not force Japan to sue for peace last summer. He lost, and he carried out his agreement. Cutting a small strip daily from his footwear, he masticated and swallowed it. It took him nearly five months to complete the operation.

**Church Gives Free Lunch.**

After having long been monopolized by the corner saloon, the "freelunch" has been adopted by a church in Cripple Creek, Colo. The pastor of the First Christian church places among his Sunday notices the following: Lunch will be served immediately after church, in the Endeavor room. Free to all who attend services.

**Bangs as a Playwright.**

John Kendrick Bangs has ceased to be the editor of Puck, and for the next few months will devote his time to play and libretto writing. Impelled by the success of his comic opera adaptation of "The School for Scandal," under the title, "Lady Teazle," he is to follow it by a similar adaptation for Miss Russell of "The Taming of the Shrew."

**May Success to Kitchener.**

It is probable that should Lord Kitchener resign his position as the commander in chief of the British forces in India he will be succeeded by Lieutenant General Sir William Nicholson. The latter has seen a good deal of actual service, including campaigns in Afghanistan, Egypt, Burma and South Africa. He was British attaché with the Japanese army during the early portion of the Russo-Japanese war.

**THE PUBLISHER'S DESK.**

**Some of the Thorns and Roses that He Finds among the Ways.**

The things that come to a publisher's desk are multitudinous, and it requires the nicest discrimination to tell what to use and what not to use. There is more time and energy spent in trying to work the newspaper man than is given to base ball, strenuous sports that appears. Men, women and children alike are anxious to get something from the papers for nothing. If one-half that comes should be used, every paper in the land would go broke. Here is a letter from a fair association of somebodies asking that you publish the enclosed item of a column and a half as a reading notice which will likely interest your people. This request is that you write an editorial calling attention to a picnic and reunion to be held at Wayback in another county, and to please say that stand privileges are to be sold on the 28th and that Jim Crow will run a hack to and from the grounds for twenty-five cents. This seductive looking little missive is from some fair one enclosing a letter of invitation of her travels to some remote corner, boosting the stage lines and the hotels, which gave her a reduced rate on condition that she should say something about them in some of the papers of the state. The item sent me is to require that you secure railroad transportation for some fair one to the mountains in return for a promised report as to whether the aforesaid mountains are still doing business at the old stand. This massive letter contains a program of the Congress of Yahoos to be held in California, which you are expected to reproduce and send marked copies of the paper to all those on the program. Here is a neatly printed communication from Dayton, Ohio, telling you that the most popular man in the state has come back from around the world and all the people of the nation, including the newspapers, are vying to do this man, who is the president of the Workmen Manufacturing Co., the highest possible honors. If you can spare the time you are requested to come up to see him at your own expense. Will you please publish this card of thanks from a constant reader? This lovely little poem is sent you by request of the Lovetown debating society. The ladies of our church out in Smith county are going to have an ice cream social and will charge ten cents a saucer for cream and cake. The mite society will meet tomorrow night (don't leave your mites at home). There will be a lawn social the next night at the parsonage; no charge for admission, but it will cost a quarter to leave, and so without end the requests, some of which are almost demands, come that the newspaper do this and that favor for nothing. The best papers have adopted a rule to charge for every item where the object is to make money, or where it is of more personal than general interest. All matters of news are gladly accepted and published, and the papers keep people employed to hunt out such items. Your assistance in these things is always appreciated, and if you want to win a paper to you there is no better way to do it than by furnishing it with such items as come under your observation, but it is well enough to bear in mind that the expenses of a paper largely come from its advertising and that where matter is intended especially for the personal interests of any one, or to make money for any person or organization, that is advertising.—Brownwood Bulletin.

**The New Liquor Law.**

While Judge Bryant has granted an injunction temporarily annulling the law that requires express companies to return c. o. d. shipments of liquor within seven days from date of receipt, there are other features of law that will likely prove of interest to our people. In as much as Judge Bryant has not definitely ruled on the c. o. d. law, its provisions are included in the following: Some of the three enactments bearing on the liquor question.

It is illegal for any one to take a drink in a place where liquors are kept stored. The man who belongs to a club will have to take his bottle and go out into the back yard or somewhere else to "light the

boozer." That will add much to the delights of the game. Then all liquor shipped into a local option district must be marked with the name of the party ordering it, and must be plainly marked on the outside of the package to indicate that it is intoxicating. In other words, when a man gets his jug it must be so marked that the world will know it is guaranteed to get up a drunk, and that the particular jug received by him is intended for his own special jug. The agent of the express company must be made sure to deliver it to the man to whom it is addressed, and if he delivers it to anyone else he is liable to a heavy fine and imprisonment. There must also be kept at the express office a book showing the exact time liquors are received and the name of the party who received it, so that all who want to know, can see for themselves just how much each person is drinking, and what particular brand of drink he likes best of all. There is nothing to prevent this book from being used as a campaign document in future prohibition campaigns to show whether prohibition really prohibits or not, and a printed list of all persons who receive liquor would certainly prove a highly interesting and perhaps convincing argument for campaign purposes.—Sulphur Springs Gazette.

**The Irony of Fate.**

It does seem that fate is cruel at times in the spite of the optimistic views we may take of the divine regulation of things. That was a sad story that was given to the world a few days ago of the killing by an accident of an old engineer on the Iron Mountain railroad. Engineer Horton was fifty and for many years he had kept his hand on the throttle and his eyes fixed on the long line of steel that stretched out before him. During these years he had been deprived of much of the society of his family and home, and having saved enough to purchase a farm he went up to the Ozark mountains where the summer breezes always blow. He had already moved his family and was on his last trip, and mayhap was drinking a little wine growing over the doorway and the peace and comfort and rest that should be his when he reached the end of that trip and for the last time run his engine into the round-house, put off the blue overalls and settled down in the bosom of his family. But, alas! A treacherous track, softened by many rains; the rails spread and in the twinkling of an eye the great mogul had plunged to destruction, taking with it the life of the engineer and the fireman. It is to be hoped that the happy family was counting the hours till the time when there would be no more call boys, no more dangerous runs for husband and father and no more fears that he would never return, when the messenger came bearing the news of the tragedy and making a dream of what seemed so near a reality. The engineer had made his last run indeed and registered at the end of the journey on the time-book of the Master Mechanic of the Universe.—Wills Point Chronicle.

**What one Local Creamery Does.**

Our merchants state that the patrons of the Florence creamery are paying at they go at the store this year. This is the most encouraging report we have heard, and it means that these people will have some clear profits from their crops this fall. There will be no large store accounts to pay, the thing that keeps the average farmer in hard circumstances. The creamery business is a great thing for any farming country. While some of them say it makes them hustle early and late, but they can better afford to do little extra work than to give it all up in the end.—Florence Vi-dette.

**Whose Fault is it?**

The great trouble with the American people today is that they all want to get rich in a hurry, can't be content with slow and safe gains. Nine-tenths of them commence speculating and gambling as soon as they can reach up to a nickel in a slot machine, and keep the thing up as long as they live, and die poor. The old-fashioned way of being content with moderate profits in the doing of a legitimate business is almost out of date.—Ardmoreite.

**RAISE COTTON SURE.**

**A Farm and Ranch Correspondent Exhorts the Cotton Field.**

Now is the time for the farmer to begin to plan and think about his next crop (cotton).

The crop is undoubtedly a short one, though we have done everything in our power to make it a "bumper," but Jupiter P. has been good to us. We have broken the land, planted and cultivated it in the mud and water. Hence we will no doubt fail to raise a thirteen to fifteen million bale crop (as the world needs).

Now this should not be thus, and if we will observe the following I will guarantee that it will not be the case in 1906. Don't fail to plant all the cotton that you think you can possibly work, then add a few acres more for Sallie and the children.

Don't plant but a few acres of corn, no potatoes or garden, as all of these little worthless crops take up valuable time, that should be devoted to cotton.

Don't plant any sugar cane, though a small patch will raise enough fruit to make a drink for a whole year, and is much better than any you buy. It will take you out of the cotton patch to make it up, when you should be picking. Don't try to raise a few pigs. They require time and attention that you can't spare, besides you can buy bacon "cheaper than you can raise it."

Don't try to raise a mule or a horse colt, as they are likely to be in the way. They are also like pigs, they come cheaper when raised in England or Kentucky.

Don't use any of your valuable cotton land for alfalfa. You can buy Texas and Kansas hay cheap, that is grown on land that won't produce cotton.

Don't think of taking a vacation of a day or two, as you have it takes thirteen months out of a year to make and gather a crop of cotton sufficient to supply the demands of the world.

Then you must not fail to make your store about 5 cents per pound to pay your store account. If you don't fail to raise a full crop and it should go above 5 or 6 cents, the spinners and speculators will howl that they can't use high price cotton.

If all farmers and planters will raise 1906, for the world will have an abundance of cheap cotton, there will be no how about the price, and all will be well.

I know from personal experience that if this plan is followed out a farmer can't lose much. I have been a farmer for over twenty years, and I have some of my inheritance left yet.—J. S. Dixon.

**The Fruits of the Strike.**

The strike of the Chicago teamsters is now theoretically as well as practically at an end. It just petered out and stopped, and the losers capitulated after the fighting had stopped of its own accord. By the terms of the settlement the strikers lose everything that they were contending for—if anybody knows exactly what that was.

The employers agree to take back the strikers as they are needed, after providing for the non-union men who were brought in to take the places of the strikers. The strike was a complete and utter failure, as it deserved to be. There never was any rational issue or any reasonable excuse for the strike. The cause of same unionism was endangered for far more than the cause of the employers. The whole miserable business dragged itself on through folly and violence—neither altogether confined to one side in the contest—and ended in a fizzle. But it cost half a hundred lives, several hundred thousand dollars in lost wages and several million dollars in interrupted business, not to speak of an incalculable amount of suffering, anxiety and inconvenience to all parties concerned.—Honey Grove Signal.

**It Comes from Machine Practices.**

Senator Tarris, of Missouri, in connection with the baking powder bill in the legislature of his State proposed that the makers of baking powder, a senator in Arkansas was acquitted a few weeks ago of a charge of bribery. A Texas district attorney was acquitted of bribery, and the man who is alleged to have paid

bribe money and who admitted paying a certain sum to some one in connection with the case, was acquitted. In none of these cases was it attempted to disprove that bribe money was paid, and in the Missouri and Arkansas cases it was very plain that the men indicted actually got the money, but they could not be convicted. Bribery is one of the worst forms of crime, but we are becoming so accustomed to being paid for using official power to encompass personal ends that we have become so used to look with something akin to envy upon the man who can fill his own purse from the coffers of those who solicit public favors.—Waxahachie Enterprise.

**Esey Wrinkles to Progressiveness.**

The average farmer reads and digests a plain statement of facts concisely presented, much more readily than a long dissertation better suited to the scientific breeder. He does not expect to raise breeders, but breeders; hence the simplest methods are best appreciated. It is plain that the hog is the safest and purest diversifier. The insects, like pest birds, horn worms, bull weevils or army worms, do not prevent the farmer in Texas from raising a crop of hogs. The hog is a grazer and plenty of pasture must be provided. Where alfalfa can be grown it is the best pasture, but where the land is not adapted to its growth, bermuda grass for summer pasture is excellent. Sorghum and alfalfa or sorghum and bermuda, with wheat or oats for winter pastures, and young ground, cob and all, fed with a ration of soaked lard or milk soap, is a balance ration. Provide plenty ashes, salt and charcoal in troughs always accessible, and they will eat them up much relish, which aids digestion and prevents some diseases. Use Beaumont erude oil to kill lice. Rags well saturated and tied around hogs' ears stops, as a rubbing post, is good, but the surest way is to apply by the common floor pot sprinkler. Keep pure-bred stock, and your profits will be correspondingly large. Plant a patch of whippoorwill peas and let them gather them. Golden Tankard beets produce five or six tons per acre, and nothing the hog likes better. So to condensed a method of raising feeder hogs, raise your hogs of green pasture the year round. Keep ashes, salt and charcoal before them all the time, if you would have them in a healthy condition. Keep them plenty of cool water and clean quarters. Use lime with a brush to sweeten and improve the appearance of the environments. Keep pure-bred stock. Feed liberally on soaked sloppy materials. If the pigs scold, give paragonic. If costive, give castor oil. If they cough, give turpentine. A dose of first two a tablespoonful once every other day. Turpentine, one-half teaspoonful every three days until cough is cured. Read carefully and follow the directions above outlined and you can raise pork hogs at 1-2 cents per pound.—Aaron Coffey, "The Old Cotton Planter."

**Passing of the Lard Hog.**

A few years ago there was a demand for heavy lard hogs. Now the tendency is towards smooth, fat even hogs of medium weight of from 225 to 350 pounds of early maturity. Hogs of this weight should be free from surplus fat, possess smooth shoulders, well laid in with the line of the body, hams moderately heavy, a firm flesh with flanks well down so as to furnish a large development of belly meat. The back should be of good length, width and smooth, showing an absence of large patches of fat about the hams. The best cuts of the hog are taken from the back, loin and sides, hence the importance of good length and depth to the sides are desirable. The careful breeder of pure-bred swine keeps informed on just such points and aims to produce in his herd those qualities that most nearly produce the market demand. The scrub hog has no place on the farm, and since the packer and his trade have called for a certain type of hog, it stands the best in the land to meet the demand through careful breeding and feeding. Medium weight hogs, through the demands of trade, have disposed of the old time 500 or more pound lard hog.

Success ill used is the ruin of any man.—Dr. Joseph Parker.



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