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## We Wish You a Merry, Merry Christmas



### Lives of Successful Men

Did you ever read the life of a successful business man whose start did not begin with an account in a good bank and whose success in life could be traced directly to the habit of saving? Do not trust to any freak of fortune for the future but affiliate yourself with us today and lay the foundation for comfort in old age.

### American State Bank

### Stock Farmer On Mail Order Houses

Very much interested in articles which appeared in paper last week and your valuable paper interesting, I have con- write a little article standpoint of a stock

stand that the mail houses thrive and do a business because there is demand for them; that this demand will ultimately be the bringing a common old into his own rights and that it will be the putting things on a and otherwise so ar- commerce that the living will be brought producing basis.

are a great many reas- mail order business this short article enumerate all of them writer knew all the To begin with every especially the farm pa- shed throughout the is teeming with ments of farm ma- engines, cream separa- mills, dogs, chickens,

cattle and in fact anything you want from a sewing needle to a locomotive engine. These advertisements are all illustrated with pictures and the man in the country is as well posted on prices as any merchant in town. Not only that but he can order as cheaply. Again, you decide you want an article and the merchant if he has it not will consult a catalogue for prices and wants to order it for you. You know what you will have to pay so you do your own ordering. You want a suit of clothes and instead of the merchant having a suit to sell you he has a catalogue and hence orders. You find a catalogue and order your own suit so why wait for the merchant. He is encouraging the mail order business himself just as far as he can.

Merchants are only distributors after all. The most of them buy their goods in such a way that the cost to them is too much. For instance a retailer buys from a wholesale house through a drummer, the whole- sale house must have clerks, bookkeepers, deliverymen and

warehouses and so on; the wholesaler probably buys his products from some drummer representing the manufacturer. You know how it is, there are too many go-betweens and hence the man that can find a mail order house to a certain extent is cutting out some of them. Then the mail order business continued on in various ways will finally be the winding up of some of these middle men. That is inevitable. It will come in spite of everything. You can't keep it back. I am a stock farmer hence have cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, mules, etc to sell. I sell this to a buyer (not a merchant) he sends to a commission man to sell, the commission man, packer, storage man, wholesaler, drummer, retailer, clerk, book- keeper and delivery boy must all have slice before it gets back to me. Why could I not sell to the manufacturer and my merchant buy direct from manufact- urer? I say, why? The Editor said in his article last week that there was something wrong. Well, this is part of it.

Again, you say a man has to send his money to a mail order house. True enough and that is a good reason why the merchant should require a man to pay him the money when he buys. That would eliminate the bookkeepers but let them get out to producing something. The stock farmer don't need him to help make a living. What does a man living out in the country care waether a merchant keeps an extra hand for deliver- ing goods to the town folks. Do away with your delivery men and horses. Let them produce

### Seven Years Gone

As has always been our custom, there will be no issue of the News next week, the last week in December. This issue closes the seventh year of the News in this city and it has, we believe, made some considerable advancement in keeping with the growth and importance of the town.

The first week in January it will resume its regular visits and it is our hope and intention to make it better in every way during the next year. With this end in view it will be necessary to have the support of the citizens as well as the business men and it shall be our pleasure to make every legitimate effort to this end.

Believing in the truth of the statement that you cannot tell a man what you are going to do quite so well as you can show him what you are doing, we have striven to make the News worthy of your support before asking it. If you think the paper a worthy exponent of the advantages and possibilities offered by the great McLean country as well as a faithful and accurate chronicler of current News events, we ask you to make that fact known by putting yourself behind it and help to make it bigger and better.

If there is any particular in which we fall short of the mark that should be set for a paper in a town of this size we would appreciate your suggestion as to the improvement.

We have never put much faith in the cry of country newspapers that every body in the country wanted to give advice as to the best way to conduct same. We appreciate any suggestions that are made in good part, believing that a paper is dependent for its life and growth upon the people.

Join hands with us during 1912 and help to make the News a paper that you will not be ashamed to send "back yonder" as a representative institution of your section. We want your help and support.

something. It is not the town that is always worth the most to farmers. It is the transportation. The size of a town like McLean, Shamrock or Alanreed does not have anything to do with the price of hogs or cattle and very little to do with the price of cotton, melons and maize. If a man is on a section of land and is making that his home and expects to continue to reside there, it does not make any difference whether the land is worth \$1 an acre or whether it is worth \$100 an acre. Some one will say that according to that the small towns will have to go. Well, yes to a certain extent. They will have to thin the merchants down to a stand and let what the country can

### YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

is likely to be exactly what you make it. What you do now in the way of saving may determine what the future may bring you. A savings account is a great helper; let us open one for you.

### Citizens State Bank McLEAN, TEXAS

support continue in business provided they keep what the people want and sell it at the right kind of prices.

We know the merchants of McLean are not getting rich, but if they can't survive under the present conditions it is their business to fix it so they can survive. That is not our business but if they persit in being in that chain of go-betweens that we have already mentioned, the mail order business will so increase until it will occupy the land and these go-betweens will have to find a new job and so will the merchant. Even the merchants of McLean could co-operate in such a way that they could buy cheaper and a great deal less would have to be paid these middle men. The day is coming when less men will be transacting the bus-

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#### Posted.

All parties are warned not to hunt, camp or otherwise trespass on the land owned by:

- Henry Thut
- Geo. Thut
- W. H. Bates
- J. E. Williams
- Geo. H. Sanders

### The City Barber Shop

L. L. LASSWELL, Prop.

Troy Laundry Basket leaves Tuesday and returns the following Friday.

**ALL WORK GUARANTEED**

### Grain To Sell?

We are in the market for it. The highest market price paid. Figure with the

### McLean Grain Co.

C. B. HEDRICK, Mgr.

#### Time Table.

- Westbound—
- No. 41—1:04 p. m.
- No. 43—4:26 a. m.
- Eastbound—
- No. 42—12:15 a. m.
- No. 44—10:25 p. m.

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE TEN DOLLARS

Here is a chance for young men and women to obtain a Business Education at a very reasonable price. We have THIRTY scholarships that we are allowed to sell to the first Thirty students purchasing Life scholarships after this date at a reduction of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) each. This means that you can get a Life Scholarship good to complete either a Bookkeeping or Shorthand Course for \$10.00, or a Combined Course including the Book-keeping and Shorthand Courses for \$75.00. Regular cash prices being \$85.00 and \$85.00 respectively.

#### These Thirty Scholarships Will Soon Be Sold

and you will have to act at once. Should you be unable to enroll at once, get your scholarship and enroll as soon as possible. DO NOT put off entering, we have no vacations. Enter anytime. Day and Night sessions. Write for FREE Catalogue and information TO-DAY. Address

### DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE

C. HOMER WILEMAN, Manager

Amarillo, Texas.

ANHANDLE BUILDING

### BON TON RESTAURANT

have purchased the Al and Joe Restaurant and be pleased to serve you in the most up-to-date manner with clean wholesome food. Try us.

### Clay & Dick Props.

### Furniture For Sale

One piece or the whole stock. cheap but good. Come and get

### J. A. GRUNDY.







# Local Happenings

Items of Interest About  
Town and County

McLean Hardware Co. have Grain

B. B. Veatch has the thanks of the

The Vortex heater has no equal.

Dr. W. R. Orr returned yesterday

I have 100 acres, with 45 acres in

J. F. Brewster of Forth Worth is

The Vortex Hot Blast always made

Claude Herrmann is here from Le-

Before buying Christmas presents

Sheriff Denson is here from LeFors

For every cotton thread found in a

Scott Johnston returned the first of

I have a good farm of 160 acres to

C. C. Cooper and N. T. Biggers

It is a suit of clothes you want

J. H. Waters has the thanks of the

I have a 320-acre farm to sell for

Mrs. Thad U. Salmon was a busi-

For Sale—A limited number of Bar-

Mrs. A. B. Gardenhire and Miss

220 acres well improved: four room

Overstocked on candy. Will sell

# Your Cooking Needs

We are in the market to supply them. We keep a fresh stock of everything in staple and fancy groceries and can make quick delivery.

Better stop right now and make out a list of what you will need for your Christmas cooking:

- Cleaned currants
- Seeded raisins
- Jello
- Powdered sugar
- Allspice
- Cloves
- Shredded cocoanut
- Peanut butter
- Lemons
- Candied orange peel
- Walnuts
- Pie peaches
- Baker's chocolate
- Nutmegs
- Evaporated fruit
- Fresh barrel kraut
- Flavoring extract
- Bulk dates
- Van Houten's chocolate
- Brown Sugar
- Mixed spices
- Cinnamon
- Oranges
- Prepared mustard
- Comb Honey
- Candied lemon peel
- Pecans
- Pie Apples
- Cranberries
- Prunes
- Corn starch

## Bundy-Hodges

Eighty acres two miles from Alar-

Mrs. Bryant, wife of Rev. Bryant,

"Standard"—that's the name of the

All children under fifteen years of

The best razors in the world. Mc-

Local friends of the Rev. Bryant

If you intend putting down a well

One man has done the right thing—

Dr. W. C. Montgomery and family

Do like Mrs. — buy a lap robe

A. T. Russell and children have

Take notice—I have one thousand

## Christmas Tree.

We are requested to announce

Christmas cradles, oranges, apples

## Santa Claus Letter.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a pretty doll,

For Saturday we will have some

## Card of Thanks.

To the many kind friends and

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Veatch.

See our Saturday's display of bar-

## The Peanut Brog.

It is claimed that farmers in

## At Heald Sunday

We are requested to announce

It is rumored that after the

## Sayre Laundry Burns.

Word was received here Sunday

The laundry was the property

## Junior League Program

Leader—Royal Hearne.  
Subject—The Faith of Christ,  
Mark 10, 27—Leader.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Luke, 22, 44—Jesse Carpenter.  
Luke, 23, 46—Vashti M c.  
Knight.  
Lesson explained by Superin-

I am selling pure lard cheap.

## Notice.

Nice five room dwelling, well

## Senior League Program

Subject—Christmas in the

Instrumental Duett—Bessie

Responsive Reading.

Mary's Song—Luke, 1:46-48

Song.

Prayer.

Remarks on Topic by Leader.

Song.

Paper on the First Christmas

Tree—Luther Petty.

Trio—Mr. Hoges (secure two

others to help).

Christmas Literature—Minnie

Foster.

Testimony—The Greatest Joy

of the Xmas season to me—by

all present.

Reading—O Little town of

Bethlehem—Edith Stockton.

Leader—Alma Watkins.

All are requested to bring

their Bibles.

Buffalo meat! Buffalo meat!

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# Christmas Presents

We have the kind of  
Christmas presents that  
any one would appreciate

## Useful Things

suitable for the baby up to  
the grandmother. Come  
and look at our stock be-  
fore buying.

New goods still arriving  
every day.

## McLean Hadw. Company.

that practically every tag sold  
was of the "exempt" class, the  
price being fifty cents.

## Changed Hands Again.

The city meat market has  
changed hands again. I will try  
to keep a supply of the best  
meat I can get. I also have a  
supply of pure lard.

Wm. T. Henry.

## TEXAS FARM VALUES GAIN \$1,000,000,000

Population on Farms Increases  
Nearly Half a Million.

We have on the tax assessors'  
rolls of Texas 156,946,934 acres of  
land, leaving approximately 11,000,  
000 acres of land not on the tax  
rolls which is owned by the State,  
exempt from taxation, or assessed  
as town and city lots. The assessed  
value of land has increased from  
\$3.02 per acre in 1900 to \$6.51 per  
acre in 1910, making a total increase  
of \$550,000,000 in assessed land  
values and when we consider that  
land is assessed at probably less than  
50 per cent of its true value, we  
find an actual increase in farm land  
alone of \$1,100,000,000. The Fed-  
eral Census reports verify this es-  
timate by crediting us with a net  
gain of \$1,130,939,000 or 163 per  
cent during the past decade.

According to the reports of our  
Railroad Commission we have built  
3952 miles of railroad during the  
past decade and it is estimated that  
a mile of railroad will add \$64,000  
per mile to adjoining property.  
Railroad construction alone has  
added a quarter of a billion  
dollars to land values. The fac-  
ilities on all roads have been in-  
creased, enabling the products to  
reach the market earlier and in bet-  
ter condition, thereby increasing the  
value of production. The improve-  
ment of our public highways has  
had its effect in increasing values  
and the immigration agents are en-  
titled to a large share of credit for  
our development.

Our rural population in 1900 was  
2,488,838 and in 1910 the census  
reports give us 2,958,838, making an  
increase of 469,992 people on our  
farms. The wealth per capita of  
farm lands and buildings of our  
rural population in 1900 was \$160  
and in 1910 it was \$347 per capita,  
making an increase of \$187 per  
capita or 117 per cent, which meas-  
ures, in a way, the prosperity of the  
Texas farmer. We have opened up  
during the past decade 64,187 farms  
and now have a total of 416,477  
farms in operation and the average  
size of our farms shows a decrease of  
from 357 acres in 1900 to 262 ac-  
res in 1910, or an average of 95 acres  
per farm, all of which has undoubt-  
edly had a strong influence in in-  
creasing the wealth per capita of  
the Texas farmer.

## Don't Overlook

that subscription. If you  
are in arrears remember  
that we can always find  
good use for

the MONEY

# BIG SALE CONTINUES

## Until the First of January

We will continue our big sale until the first of Janu-  
ary and the prices, as you know are right down to the bot-  
tom. Having to raise money, so therefore we are sacrific-  
profit to do it. Come in and let us show you what we  
can do for the cash.

If you are indebted to this firm we want you to call  
on us before the first of the year and make some kind of  
settlement. This is the time of the year for us to close up  
our books and we want you to help us without fail.

To all of our friends and customers we extend the greet-  
ings of the season and wish for you

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year

# C. A. Cash & Son



# WASHINGTON GOSSIP

## Your Uncle Sam Is Watching Mexico



WASHINGTON—So menacing have conditions on the Texas border become that a patrol of United States troops has been established on the Grande to cooperate with the authorities in the enforcement of the neutrality laws. Secretary of War Simson has authorized General Pershing, commanding the department in Texas, to enforce the laws with a view to moving the troops under command within divisional limits without waiting orders from the department. The United States has 1,000 troops on the border and it is not probable more will be sent south. Orders to mobilize 25,000 troops in the zone paralleling the northern boundary of Mexico have been issued by the war department of Mexico to capture any bands of revolutionists who may be successful in crossing the border from Texas and to suppress any trouble that may arise.

of another revolution on American soil, indicate the attitude of Washington. The steps were dictated as much by domestic economic considerations as by regard for the stability of the Madero regime in Mexico.

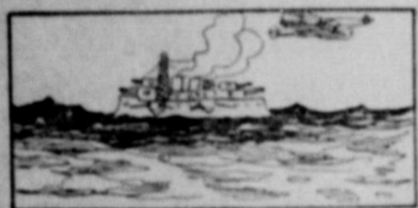
The United States does not want another war in Mexico. The last revolution, which lasted about nine months, cost the United States about \$20,000,000, not including the damage done to American property in Mexico. American capitalists who have invested in the neighboring republic do not want to see another series of disorders.

Federal authorities have seized great quantities of arms and ammunition along the border. The officers were led to the cache by Juan Meriga, shortly after his arrest on the same indictment as that found against General Reyes. He confessed the arms were collected in Texas and were to have been used in a revolt against Madero. He stated the revolution was to be in behalf of General Reyes and that the general was the leader of the plot. Three other alleged Reysists were arrested at Laredo and all confessed they were implicated in revolutionary plots.

The Mexican authorities are still sceptical about the threatened revolution, but President Madero and his cabinet are taking every precaution against letting it get a start in the border states.

## Each Ship May Carry Own Aeroplane

ANOTHER year will see the hydro-aeroplane developed to such an extent that each battleship of the American navy may have its own flying machine, in the opinion of Capt. Washington I. Chambers, who has charge of the aeronautical work of the navy department.



Captain Chambers believes that as a solution is found for the water problem, on which practically all aviation experts now are working, the installation of hydro-aeroplanes as part of the equipment of battleships will be begun.

Free entry into this country for experimental purposes is being sought by the navy department for an instrument designed to indicate the direction from which wireless telegraph messages are coming. Although the navy would be willing to pay for a set of these instruments, it has balked at the heavy duty and is looking to the treasury department for relief.

In time of war, naval officers say, this instrument would be invaluable. Although messages being sent by an enemy would be in code, it is said that it would be possible to ascertain whether the waves going through the air were from the enemy's vessels, and with the indicator pointing the direction, it would be comparatively easy to locate a hostile fleet.

## Nation's Great Annual Loss by Fire



PRESENT indications are that the fire losses in the United States and Canada for 1911 will exceed \$260,000,000. The figures for the first seven months of the year show a total of \$154,992,900, as compared with \$128,871,800 during the same period last year. The losses for 1910 were \$124,406,550, and if the present ratio of increase continues throughout the year, the 1911 losses may approach \$180,000,000. This will exceed any year in the history of the country except those of the San Francisco and Baltimore conflagrations.

Public attention because of the heavy loss of life with which they were accompanied, were due to the carelessness and indifference of the owners, occupants, or municipal authorities.

New York has been spending \$10,000,000 a year for fire extinguishment and only \$10,000 for fire prevention. The recent shirt waist factory fire aroused the public and the authorities, and fire prevention is to be made much more prominent hereafter.

The most important consideration is the development of a sense of personal responsibility on the part of property owners for the excessive fire waste, which is draining the resources of the country and weakening its insurance capital. A score of fire insurance companies have retired from the field already this year, because of the heavy losses last year and the unfavorable outlook.

Disasters like the recent factory fire at Newark, N. J., in which 29 girls and 47 men were killed and 50 seriously injured, are chiefly due to carelessness, and are easily preventable. All of the recent fires, which have attracted pub-

## Army's Many Useless Hitching Posts

IF the United States proper, we have approximately 30,000 mobile troops, half of whom have been in the army long enough to have become trained soldiers. Unfortunately the system under which the government manages the army permits of no such efficiency. This system divides the army into a number of minute parts and imposes on each part enough non-military duty to prevent the military training which can make an army efficient. This is accomplished by putting small garrisons in the "forts" or posts, which are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land, chiefly in points where absolutely no excuse for the presence of a military force exists.



Some of these posts were erected to meet military exigencies—a incident to the war of the revolution; some were established as temporary cantonments for troops during the war of 1812; others were sites of the Mexican war; others were built along the frontier for protection to the western settlers against Indian depredations. The military necessity for these posts (pre-

erently called "Hitching Posts" by the army) has long since expired, but few have been abandoned. Around these garrisons, during the long years of their existence, settlements and towns have grown up which are principally dependent upon the pay of the soldiers.

Every effort by the army to have these useless and expensive establishments abandoned have been bitterly contested, and in most instances sufficient pressure has been brought to bear to defeat every effort to withdraw the troops. Apart from the treasure waste incident to the erection and upkeep of these properties, they are the chief source of inefficiency in the army.

## WESTERN CANADA FARMER SECURES WORLD'S PRIZE FOR WHEAT

### A ROSTERN, SASK., FARMER THE LUCKY WINNER.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific Railway offered \$1,000 in gold as a prize for the best 100 lbs. of wheat, grown on the American continent, to be competed for at the recent Land Show in New York. In making the competition open, the donor of this handsome prize showed his belief in the superiority of Canadian wheat lands, by throwing the contest open to farmers of all America, both United States and Canada. The United States railways were by no means anxious to have the Canadian railways represented at the show and a New York paper commenting on the results of the competition says that they were not to be blamed, as the Canadians captured the most important prize of the show.

The winner of this big wheat prize was Mr. Seager Wheeler of Rostern, Saskatchewan, and its winning has brought a great deal of credit on the district. The winning wheat was the Marquis variety, and received no more attention from Mr. Wheeler than his other grain, but he is a very particular farmer. His farm is one of the "cleanest and best kept in the Rostern district, and this year he won first prize in a good farm competition which included every feature of farming and every part of the farm. Last winter Wheeler was a prize winner at the provincial seed fair in Regina.

Wheeler is a firm believer in sowing clean seed of the best quality procurable, consequently his grain is much sought after by the best farmers for seed purposes.

Wheeler is an Englishman. He is a pioneer of Rostern, coming here fifteen years ago. In the last six years he has done much experimenting, particularly in wheat varieties. His farm resembles an experimental farm. A long driveway, lined on both sides with trees, leads to a modest house, the home of Wheeler, a modest, unassuming man with the appearance of a student rather than a man engaged in commercial pursuits.

There are now no free homesteads to be had in this district, and farm lands are worth from \$20 to \$40 per acre, which a few years ago were secured by their present owners, either as a free gift or purchased at from \$5 to \$8 per acre.

It is not many miles from Rostern, where the farmer lives, who secured the first prize for wheat last year at the National Corn Exposition at Columbus and West of Rostern, about 150 miles, lives Messrs. Hill and Son, who won the Colorado Silver Trophy, valued at \$1,500, for the best peck of oats, also awarded at the National Corn Show at Columbus in 1910.

Not contented with the high honors obtained in its wheat, Canada again stepped forward into the show ring, and carried off the Stillwell trophy and \$1,000 for the best potatoes on the continent. This time the winner was a British Columbia man, Mr. Asabel Smith, the "Potato King," of that province. The exhibit consisted of one hundred and one varieties drawn from all parts of the province aggregating in weight one and a half tons.

At the recent Dry Farming Congress, held at Colorado Springs, and at which time it was decided to hold the next Congress at Lethbridge. In 1912, the Province of Alberta made a wonderful showing of grains, grasses and vegetables.

"At the Congress, Alberta got more prizes and trophies, ten to one, than any state of the Union," said Mr. Hotchkiss to the Edmonton Bulletin. "We brought back all but the building with us, and they offered us that, saying we might as well take all that was going. We would have brought it along, too, if we had had a flat car to put it on. Alberta captured nearly 50 first prizes, 20 seconds, 3 thirds, 5 cups, 40 medals, 50 ribbons and 2 sweepstakes. The grand sweepstake prize, for the best exhibit by state or province, a magnificent silver cup, was presented to us with much ceremony at a reception to the Canadians in the Empress hotel. The presentation was made by Prof. Olin, chairman of the judging committee, and the cup was received on behalf of the province by the Hon. Duncan Marshall.

Precise. The professor on a small middle-western daily was a woman of great precision and extreme propriety. One day a reporter succeeded in getting into type an item about "Willie Brown, the boy who was burned in the West end by a live wire."

On the following day the reporter found on his desk a frigid note asking, "Which is the west end of a boy?" It took only an instant to reply—"The end the son sees on, of course."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Above Him. "You say that she married beneath her?" "She certainly did; her father was an aviator and her husband a chauffeur."

## GOT THE LETTERS MIXED

### Clergyman's Mistake Resulted in Giving Decided Surprise to Dignified Archbishop.

One of the most amusing stories which the Hon. Lionel A. Tollemache tells in "Nuts and Chestnuts," is that entitled, "The Wrong Envelope." Mr. M—, a missionary, shortly before leaving England, received two letters—one from Archbishop Tait asking him to dine, and the other from the secretary of a religious society, a very old friend, asking him to preach. He accepted the archbishop's invitation, and at the same time wrote to the secretary, but put the letters into the wrong envelopes.

After the dinner at Lambeth the archbishop said to him: "Mr. M—, do you always answer your dinner invitations in the same way?" "I do not understand, your grace."

The letter, which was then shown to the missionary, ran thus: "You old rascal! Why did you not ask me before? You know perfectly well that I shall be on the high seas on the date you name"—London Tit-Bits.

Public Spirit Run Riot. "Our little town of Blueberryville is right up to date an' 'bout as progressive an' public spirited as any town in the state," said Zedekiah Brush, as he drove over the hills with the summer boarder.

"Fact is, some of us think the seec'men use the tax money a little too freely keepin' pace with the spirit of progress that seems to be in the air nowadays. Here, in the last year, the town hall has had a new roof, an' a new horse shed has been built under the church, an' a new handle put in the town pump, an' a bridge costin' most \$200 has been built over Plum creek. The town clock has been put in repair at a cost of \$12.50, an' they've put three dozen new books in the town library, an' now they are talkin' of offerin' a firm a bonus of \$200 to start a pickle factory in the town. Once a lot o' seec'men got the progressive fever, an' the tax money flies. Public spirit is all right, but us taxpayers has to foot the bills when it runs riot the way it does here in our town."—Judge.

Wanted—A Handhold. Meandering Mike heaved such a deep sigh that his companion was moved to ask him what the matter was.

"I was just thinking about bad roads and the wonders of science," was the answer. "This earth is spinning round faster'n a railway train behind time."

"Well, we ain't fell off yet." "No. But think of what a convenience it would be if we could have some place to grab on to while de territory sld under our feet until de place we wanted to go to come along."—Youth's Companion.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT BLUING.

Talk No. 1. Avoid liquid bluing. Every drop of water, is adulteration. Half a cent's worth of blue in a large bottle filled with water is sold for five cents or 10 cents in many places.

Always use RED CROSS BALL BLUE, the blue that's all blue. A large two-oz. package, all blue, sells for 5 cents or 4-oz. for 10 cents. Delights the laundress. AT ALL GOOD GROCERS.

No Jury. "Didn't you give that man a jury trial?" "Look here," replied Broncho Bob, "there ain't a big lot o' men in this settlement. We couldn't possibly get twelve of 'em together without startin' a fatal argument about something that had nothin' whatever to do with the case."—Washington Star.

Particular Woman. "She insisted on having a woman lawyer secure her divorce." "Why was she so particular?" "She did not want to go contrary to that portion of the marriage ceremony that reads, 'Let no man put asunder.'"—Judge.

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 *Dr. J. C. Fletcher*. In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Two Women. "I'm going to Vassar and try for a degree this year. Better come along." "Thanks, dear, but I'm going to Reno and try for a decree."

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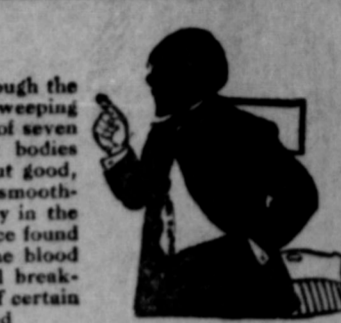
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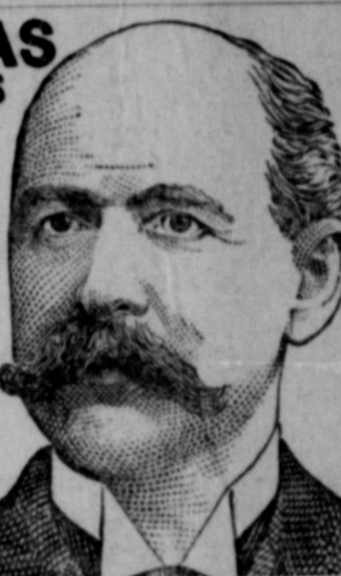
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### Stock Farmer on Mail Order House

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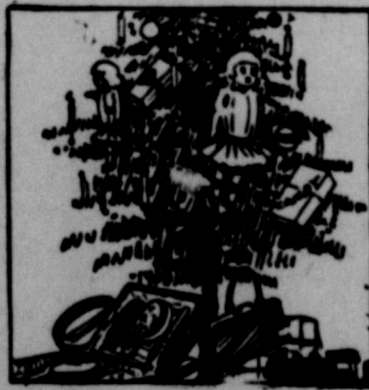
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