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## A Four Days Fishing Trip

A party of young folks chaperoned by Mrs. J. H. Horton and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Richardson left here late Friday afternoon in two wagons for a four days fishing and hunting excursion into Wheeler county. The first stop was made at the Pursley ranch and we pitched our camp for the night. Early Saturday morning the caravan was on its way northwest and stopped for dinner at the R. B. Hearne ranch, resuming travel about one o'clock. The next stop was Salt Creek, about two miles west of Mobeetie, where we camped for the night and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Paul Cochran, who owns a beautiful place on this picturesque creek. Here we caught our first fish and the hungry crowd enjoyed very much. The Cochran place is one of the oldest settled in that section, having been homesteaded about forty years ago. One of the interesting landmarks of the Pando is the adobe house, now almost in ruins, that has stood the ravages of time for many years. Mr. Cochran has lived in the place since early childhood and has witnessed the wonderful transformation that has taken place since pioneer days. The creek through this place is lined with magnificent big cotton wood and other trees, including quite a few black walnut. In many places the water is deep and clear, and a report is current to the effect that a team of mules once ran into one of the holes with a plow and has never been seen since. In searching the bottom of this hole they have gone down as much as six feet without any result. Sunday morning the camp was moved across the lane into the creek and we pitched our camp under the trees in a beauti-

ful hay meadow that had been recently mowed. Mr. Johnson is also an old timer, having lived in the section for about twenty-five years, and he is of that excellent school of pioneer gentlemen to whom the words "selfish" and "inhospitality" are entirely foreign. His place was posted against the ravages of promiscuous fishing and depre-dating but when interviewed by a member of the party with reference to stopping in his preserves he was very gracious and proffered us every courtesy that even a friend could expect. It was one of the real pleasures of the trip to know and enjoy the hospitality of Mr. Johnson.

We spent Sunday here resting and enjoying the cool breezes under the shade of the trees. In the afternoon a bunch of young folks went over to Mobeetie sightseeing. We stayed at the Johnson place until Monday afternoon when we started on our homeward journey, taking supper at the Hearne ranch and then driving to the Pursley ranch where we camped for the night.

Early Tuesday morning the weary crowd crawled out of their only moderately comfortable beds and cooked breakfast in the ranch house, through the courtesy of Woodie Hindman Luther McCombs. Before leaving the ranch Mr. McCombs invited the bunch down to the orchard and loaded them all with fine peaches, which were especially enjoyed. Then came the last stretch of the homeward journey, which ended about twelve o'clock. The somewhat soiled but jolly crowd came on in solemn procession through the Main street and took refreshments at the confectionary before dispersing.

On the whole it was a most pleasant outing and shall undoubtedly be repeated. Those in the crowd were:

Mrs. S. H. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Richardson, Misses Lucile Horton, Annie Dalrymple, May Davis, Hattie Thompson, Ruby

## Do You Want a Cheaper Coal?

We have been telling about that GOOD coal, the famous Niggerhead Nut, and we wish now to call your attention to the cheaper grade, the kind to use in your big heating stove, boilers, etc. It is a clean nut coal hardly so good as Niggerhead and sells much cheaper.

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## Western Lumber Company

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### Gray County Wheat Yield Is Enormous.

J. S. Denson, sheriff of Gray county, is in the city from LeFors, bringing with him last night A. B. Mayfield, who is wanted in this county on a charge of embezzlement of more than fifty dollars.

Mr. Denson, when questioned by a representative of The News, declared that conditions in his section were the finest in years. The yield of grain, especially wheat, he says, is the heaviest ever known, the crop turning out far in excess to the anticipated harvest.

"Within the past week," said Mr. Denson, "two hundred cars of wheat have been shipped out of our nearest railroad point, Pampa, and threshing is just now well under way. Many fields are still full of great stacks, waiting to be threshed, and the total yield will shatter all records hitherto made by my productive county. The yield is running from 17 to 35 bushels to the acre, the average being considerably in excess to the minimum named. The conditions in my immediate section are general throughout the county. An era of prosperity is with us which assures marked progress within the next year along all lines of endeavor."

Refresh yourself at our soda fountain as we have all kinds of cold drinks and fruits of every description Rippy and Rippy.

### Mr. Lee Entertains.

One of the most enjoyable of last week's social events was a watermelon party given by Mr. Thos. B. Lee at his home in the west part of town last Saturday evening. The young people were entertained by music and games until about ten o'clock when all repaired to the yard where they were given all the water melon they could eat. At a late hour all returned to their homes declaring they had never spent a more pleasant evening.

Mrs. Grundy acted as hostess and Misses Clara Deen and Bertha Guill as chaperones.

Those present were: Misses Mary Grundy, Winnie Floyd, Mildred Bundy, Pearl, Lillie and Bertha Guill, Mary Boyd, Clara Deen and Olive Haynes; Messrs. Andy Floyd, Ross Biggers, Byron Kibler, Johnnie Kilpatrick, Paul Steed, Clay and Emmett Thompson.

### Birthday Party.

A crowd of young people were very delightfully entertained at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wadley, four miles south of town on last Friday evening, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of their son, Adolphus Wadley. The affair was a decided success from every standpoint and during the evening refreshments consisted of ice cream and cake, water-melons and grape juice. A pleasant feature was the hay ride to and from the Wadley home in a hay wagon. Those present were:

Misses Myrtle Meadors, Gracie Francis, Cora Cash, Mary Erwin, Pearl Newton, Pearl

## School Opens Next Monday

Everything is in readiness for the opening of school next Monday and it is hoped and believed this will be the beginning of a most successful term. It will be if every patron would read and heed the following article taken from the current issue of The Ladies' Home Journal:

DAINTILY dressed and altogether charming she entered the schoolroom as the year's work was drawing to a close. It was her first visit to the schoolroom, and so she had to introduce herself to the teacher—She was Peter Van Hanson's mother.

"Peter is afraid he is not going to be promoted," she began smiling, "and I thought I would come and talk it over with you. Both his father and I are so anxious to have him advanced and not lose a year."

"Yes?" The teacher was non-committal. Peter's fears for his promotion were well grounded.

"Now I hope you are going to promote the child," his mother went on. "It is very unfortunate for children to be held back, and he is getting to be such a

Crawford, Minnie Crawford, Monta Walker, Gorda Collier and Miss Tubb. The boys were: Alvah and Bethel Christian, Sam Erwin, Roger Francis, Reep Landers, Fred Stockton, Fred Landers, Scott Haney, Manson Robinson, Roy Newton, Hulon Collier and Barto Landers.

big boy; he is really very sensitive about it."

"I quite agree with you; it is very unfortunate, and I would like to promote Peter if I could. But I don't do the promoting."

"Oh, is that so? I thought the matter was entirely in your hands. Whom must I see? Who does the promoting?"

"The children do all the promoting; you will have to see Peter."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean that the promoting is not a thing that is done at the end of the year by the teacher; it is done all through the year by the pupils, each for himself. Most of the children have been as busy as bees all the year, promoting themselves; a few, Peter among them, have done nothing but play. You know I have written to you several times during the term asking you to come and see me about it."

"Yes, I know, but I have been so busy that I simply couldn't find the time to come."

Well, I have done all that I know how to do, not only for Peter, but for all the children as well, and I will do all I can for them always; but those who depend upon me to do the promoting are going to be disappointed."

Next June there will be hundreds and thousands of mothers who will go to hundreds and thousands of teachers and say: "I hope you are going to promote Peter."

Would it not be more sensible for them to go now, while there is still plenty of time to hunt for causes and to apply remedies and say to the teacher: "Is Peter doing what he can to promote himself?"

## Some things have got to be good

or you don't want them at any price.

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McLEAN, TEXAS

D. N. Massay, Pres. Earl S. Hurst, Cashier.  
Roy Rice, Asst. Cashier

# A GREAT AMERICAN ADVENTURER

## "CHINESE WARD," SOLDIER OF FORTUNE AND MAKER OF HISTORY

BY G. T. FERRIS  
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**I**N THE early autumn of 1860 a New York merchant interested in the machinery and junk business received a letter from Shanghai, China, which interested him curiously. It was from an old friend and associate, whom he had believed to be another example of unaccountable disappearance.

Frederick Townsend Ward had gone to Mexico more than two years before to sell some old ordnance to the government. Having accomplished this in due season, he had suddenly dropped out of ken, on the eve of supposedly returning home. Fancy, then, the surprise which greeted these words, if any act of so erratic a person could amaze.

"I have entered into the Chinese service, have very fine prospects at present and hope soon to have a comfortable fortune. I have been transformed from a Yankee into a Chinaman in good style, with a good establishment. I, a few days ago, took the second city of importance in the viceroyalty from the rebels. I have made a pretty good thing of it and hope in a few weeks to take another city."

This communication was a veritable bolt from the blue. A restless, almost penniless vagabond of a man, whom his friends had given up as lost, suddenly emerging in China as a master of men and a conqueror of cities! Our own bloody slaughter house had not yet opened its shambles, but the newspapers were so absorbed in an extraordinary political situation that they gave scarcely a paragraph to such a curious piece of news when it was made known to them.

A few weeks later another similar letter reached the staid merchant:

"I was then [referring to his first letter] about starting up country, but I have since returned, having been badly wounded while attempting to scale the walls of Sing Poo City, and was compelled to return to Shanghai for treatment. I got several shot wounds, the worst one went through the cheek and down through the roof of the mouth. They, that is, the missionaries and some English and Dutch merchants, talk very badly about me and my measures. I have used both rather unceremoniously when found having connections with the rebels; but, Jack, I am independent of them all and consequently do not care a — for them.

"China is the country for a man who is able to take risks and is gifted with good common sense. I have made more money in a few weeks than I could at brokerage in New York in twenty years."

Sixty years ago American pulpits and church conventions rang with the glad tidings that a Christian movement had sprung, spontaneously as it were out of Chinese soil. The future of missionary effort was thus assured, it was hoped, in the blossoming of a far-reaching native force that would speedily win the heathen to the banners of the cross. These hopes, however, were blasted, as the rise of the religious cult of a Makkah schoolmaster developed into one of the most ruthless and devastating civil wars of history, and the nature of the outrageous travesty, which had perverted a few Christian doctrines into a grotesque blasphemy, came to be understood.

Hung Su Tsuen had sought in vain for that recognition before the literary boards at Canton which was the passport of official ambition. In Canton he had absorbed some crude notion of Christian doctrine from a Methodist missionary, and when he returned home, crazed by disappointment, to live as a humble pedagogue, he began to dream dreams and speak prophecies as one directly inspired from heaven. As time went on, his propandism drew to its banner hordes from the ranks of discontent and crime, and an army of ragged desperadoes began to move from west to east in the early fifties to establish the claim of the crazy fanatic (who professed to be the younger brother of Jesus Christ and directly consecrated by the Holy Ghost) to be the imperial head of the empire, the annals of Oriental barbarism. It was estimated by conservative opinion that in ten years this infernal regime known as the Taping rebellion had cost the empire some two and a half billions of dollars and the destruction of several millions of lives by war, starvation and wholesale massacres.

Hung Su Tsuen, as Tien Wang or "Heavenly King," was enthroned at Nanking and he practically controlled the great provinces of Kiang-Su and Sheh-Kiang, the heart of the richest tea and silk production of China. His robber bands indeed raided down to the very gates of Shanghai, and the foreign merchants there were sometimes hard put to it to defend the city, though nominally on amicable terms with the Nanking despot, on whom their trade so largely depended.

One autumn morning at Shanghai in 1853 a slight, dark-complexioned, insignificant-looking man called at the office of Tah-ke, a mandarin of the third button, a banker and merchant well regarded by the foreign residents.

It was Frederick Townsend Ward, who had just landed in Shanghai from San Francisco. He was rough and seedy-looking, with a sailor's roll in his gait, but with a glance of fire and a solid, square-set jawbone to redeem his face. Tah-ke was not encouraging when Ward spoke of his desire to enter the Chinese service as a free lance, and answered that he could get a belly-full of fighting by joining the Shanghai volunteers.

"Thank you for nothing," said Ward, "but I can do that without your help. I didn't come for that sort of advice. I could make you help me and help yourself at the same time. You don't see it now, but you will."

Who, then was Ward? Born at Salem, Mass., about thirty-two years before his arrival in China, he came of a race of deep-sea skippers, who had sailed on all oceans, arctic and tropical, and been noted for their hardihood and by-lying discipline. Daring and recreation ran in his blood.

At the age of nineteen he had won his first



mate's certificate. He took a turn in New York at the business of ship brokerage and marine supplies. Thence he disappeared for several years and was heard of in Central America, where he had joined Walker, the filibuster, narrowly escaping the fate of that adventurer. Rumor also associated him with the ill-starred exploits of Wheat and Henningsen in the same region. He had been heard of also in the Crimea as enlisted in the French zouaves, from which he managed to escape by desertion to save himself from drum-head court martial after having slapped his captain in the face.

These and other adventures loomed in his background.

Not disconcerted by Tah-ke's cold reception, he took things into his own hands. He had enough money to hire a small force of rapscallions, native and foreign, the kind that infest an Oriental seaport like rats, and among them a few deserters from the British military and naval forces, who knew something about drill. The most important of these acquisitions was James Burgevine, a North Carolinian adventurer, who had severed allegiance to the "Heavenly King." Tah-ke had sold to Ward for a bagatelle a batch of condemned muskets and bayonets which armed this ragged and unreliable battalion. Ward and Burgevine whipped them into shape not only by camp drill but by skirmishing with the Taipings at every opportunity, for from their cities of Sung Kiang and Sing Poo, only two or three days' march from Shanghai, the rebels made constant irruptions.

Ward's primary object was to inspire his men with confidence in him and in themselves. He lived on the country and when he captured Taipings he converted them into recruits instead of refusing quarter, as was the habit of the imperialists. Very soon the exploits of Ward's irregulars began to make a buzz in the foreign clubs and counting rooms. He had created his own standing and when he went again to Tah-ke that worthy received him with low salaams.

He went straight to his mark like a bullet, with the manner of one dictating, not accepting, terms. He proposed a formal contract, which Tah-ke was to negotiate with the Futal of Shanghai. Ward was to have \$100,000 from the government for every city he captured, of which \$25,000 was to go to the Chinese partners. He was to have the first day's looting, after which the captured place would be turned over to the imperialists.

Tah-ke was pledged to finance Ward for one year, furnishing him with arms, ammunition and stores, within a certain limit of cost which the other thought would suffice.

Within a month Ward led his first expedition against Sung Kiang, which was garrisoned by about 5,000 Taipings under the command of an Englishman named Gardiner, an ex-officer of the British army. The attack failed, with serious loss to Ward's 500 assailants.

One thing had happened, however, which proved of vast import to him. He had taken a rebel prisoner of some rank, who confessed to him that one of the bastions had a choked-up subterranean sallyport. If he could make a secret entrance through this, it would make the necessity of a desperate and bloody assault.

General Ward reorganized his little command and, with 5,000 imperialists to co-operate, made his second attempt. Sung Kiang, with its five-mile circuit of wall twenty feet high, was captured; and to Ward's great credit he prevented anything like indiscriminate massacre.

Leaving Sung Kiang with an officer of his own in command, he returned to Shanghai, where his achievement had caused a tremendous sensation.

There comes now an interim in Ward's fighting toils, for half a score of unhealed wounds compelled him to go to Paris for treatment, but we find him back again in the early summer of 1861 where his presence was sorely needed. The foreign powers still pursued their hands-off policy and allowed the Taipings to sound their drums and tom-toms within earshot of the swarming treaty port. In a diplomatic way, indeed, formal recognition of the "Heavenly King" as the dominant power was in the air.

Ward's coming shattered that intention, which, if carried out, would have destroyed the empire. He grasped the situation and, through

the Futal of the province of Cheh-Kiang, obtained directly from the Peking authorities a commission to raise and command an imperial Chinese levy. His experience told him that, well drilled and dextrously handled, the natives had plenty of good soldier-stuff and would fight and die in their tracks.

A singular thing happened at this time. At the principal temple of Confucius one day he discovered in one of the consecrated niches a scepter-like staff of ebony with a curiously carved head of jade minutely inscribed. The effect on his native valet was remarkable, and he learned that it was one of the great talismans of the empire. When he appeared with it before his troops the next day they fell to their knees in ranks. Thenceforward he carried no sword, only this magic baton attached to his wrist with a thong. In the eyes of the Chinese, even the Taipings, it made him an invincible leader. Shortly afterward, indeed, it saved his life.

A large detachment from the main force of Chung Wang camped too near his city of Sung Kiang. Sallying forth with two regiments, he struck their camp like a thunderbolt at night, cutting the force to pieces.

The clock now struck twelve for Frederick Ward. A courier arrived post haste from the Futal of Shanghai, ordering him to report there for co-operation with the Anglo-French contingent. He obeyed with two picked regiments, leaving Sung Kiang strongly garrisoned under Colonel Forester. Admiral Sir James Hope had arrived and had insisted that General Ward should be fully recognized as the most efficient factor of salvation.

The first move was against Kaschlaou, which threatened the supplies of Shanghai. Ward and his Celestials carried the defenses in the most gallant fashion, leaving Sir James Hope's contingent but little to do except gather in two thousand prisoners.

All the English officers were delighted with the splendid dash and confidence marking Ward's attack, and when Sir James Michel, the British commander-in-chief, arrived from Hong Kong with Sepoy reinforcements he agreed cordially with Admiral Hope when these two reviewed Ward's forces at Sung Kiang.

It was advised that Ward be commissioned by the Chinese government to raise from 6,000 to 10,000 men and be invested with a large range of authority.

The result was an extravagantly phrased rescript from Peking that commissioned General Ward to raise and command 6,000 men, named him admiral-general, and made him a mandarin of the "peacock feather." With it came the famous "Yellow Jacket," equivalent in China to the Golden Fleece or the Order of the Garter. The new force was designated Chun Chen Chun, "The Ever Victorious Army."

It was in April, 1862, that a council of war was held at Sung Kiang. Sir James Hope, General Staveley, the French Admiral Potret, General Ward and Viceroy Lich being present. It was here that Ward's general plan was fully sanctioned. This showed great grasp of military strategy. The proposition was to capture the cities of Kahding, Sing Poo, Najaor, Tsaoilin and lesser fortified places within a radius of forty miles from Shanghai.

Needless to linger on the details of the on Kahding, Sing Poo, Najaor and Tsaoilin. General Ward in each case, magic baton in hand, headed the assaulting column through the breach made by artillery, and his men charged to the very gates of Tophet, relentless in their ardor, mad with the joy of battle. In the Tsaoilin affair the gallant French admiral Potret was shot dead at his side.

Ts-ki fell before his assault like a house of cardboard, but one of the last hostile bullets fired pierced Ward's chest with a fatal wound. He was taken aboard a British gunboat commanded by Lieutenant Roderick Dew and was brought down to Ningpo.

Splendid funeral obsequies at the temple of Confucius in Sung Kiang were held, at which all the foremost personages of that part of China, native and foreign, attested their grief and paid their homage to the deeds of the man who had practically arrested the disintegration of the empire.

### SAVED FROM RUIN

#### Undermining of Winchester Cathedral Stopped by Cement.

For Many Years the Historic Building Has Been Cracking, Bulging and Settling, Threatening to Collapse Completely.

London.—After a period of eight centuries, Winchester cathedral now rests on a solid and immovable foundation, saved from threatened ruin. Almost every day in the last few years the movements of a diver in regulation dress have been watched with curious interest as he entered or emerged from the water beneath the foundations of the cathedral. He was at work helping to save from ruin one of England's noblest historic buildings, and the successful issue of the undertaking has been celebrated by a thanksgiving service in the cathedral.

For several years the dean and chapter of Winchester had been watching ominous signs, such as cracks, bulgings and settlements, sure harbingers of a collapse of the cathedral. From the interior daylight could be seen through the cracks; the latter grew ever wider and wider. The walls on the south side and the Norman transepts, unequalled for their majestic simplicity, were riven in all directions.

The massive masonry of the Norman builders had from the beginning proved too ponderous for the watery, compressible soil which forms the foundation.

The first hole dug into the foundations revealed the cause of the whole trouble—water—and acting on expert advice, holes were dug in sections through the top soil and chalk and far through the peat. Then it was the work of the diver in his usual diving dress to enter the hole, remove further layers of peat so as to allow the water to rise into the cavity, and then to lay a flooring of cement to prevent the water from sinking back into the gravel. After the imprisoned water had been removed by pumping the cavity was filled up with brickwork in cement. This extended from the floor laid by



East Front of Winchester Cathedral.

the diver up to the solid stonework of the cathedral, showing like a roof of rock overhead.

While the work underground was being carried on, patiently and thoroughly, seven anxious years, the cracks in the walls, vaultings and arches of the fabric were welded by the injection of liquid Portland cement from a squirting machine, a process known as grouting, capable of being so manipulated as to fill either a shallow crack or a rent through the thickness of a massive wall.

Every crevice is now being repaired, every flaw and displacement remedied, every trace of instability in the foundations removed, and the cathedral seems to stand as solidly as the strongest building in the kingdom.

### MAN'S SIGHT IS RESTORED

Fall Against Door Gives George Morgan Hope for Complete Recovery.

Wilmington, Del.—Becoming totally blind fourteen weeks ago, George M. Morgan Jr., aged twenty-three years, 1251 East Thirtieth street, had his sight restored to him through an accident. About eleven years ago Morgan was struck in one eye with a stone a small boy had thrown at a freight car. His sight was badly affected and last September he went to St. Joseph's hospital in Baltimore to have his eye treated. While sitting in his boarding house fourteen weeks ago he suddenly became totally blind without any warning whatever.

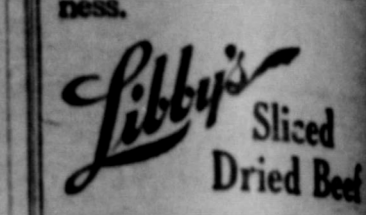
He came to this city to visit his parents on June 29, and he tripped over a rug and fell, his forehead striking a door-jamb with much force. When he arose he found that he could see the daylight and later developments showed that he could see better than before he went to the hospital last year.

He intends to return to the hospital to continue the treatment, although the physicians told him they did not think he ever would be able to see again. His mother was at market at the time of the accident and could not believe her son's glad declaration when she returned until he told her the color of her hat and dress and described other things in the room.

Bees Make Hive of Scarecrow, Kingston, N. Y.—Ellis Osterhaus, a farmer near here, has discovered that the bees have turned one of his scarecrows into a hive. The farmers legs of the figure were filled with honey.



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### LEWIS' SINGLE BINDER

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### HER LITTLE HAND IN

Mr. Pecke's Explanation as to How Somewhat Dispersed the Ocean of Romance.

Henne and Pecke were two bonded married men. The other day he met, and, after a few casual remarks concerning the weather, the subject of women and unfortunate husbands was—perhaps naturally—discussed. Henne, however, suddenly thought of what Fate had in store for her later on, destined to bring her sorrow and misery.

Pecke, seeing a "far-away" look in his companion's eyes, began to meander. Henne retorted sarcastically: "I was just then thinking of those happy days long ago when I used to hold that girl in mine for hours—when—"

But the equally unfortunate suddenly cut his companion short, exclaiming: "Why, that's just terday I held my wife's hand for solid hours."

"What?" said the startled Henne. "Yes, it's a fact," resumed Pecke sorrowfully; "and I declare if I lose she'd have killed me."

Corrected.  
"Isn't that lady atrocious form?"  
"Do you think so? Now, that's real thin."

### A Triumph Of Cookery

## Post Toasties

Many delicious dishes have been made from Indian Corn by the ingenuity of the expert cook.

But none of these excels Post Toasties in tempting the palate.

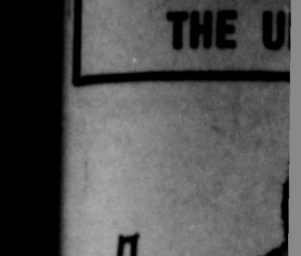
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"The Memory Link"

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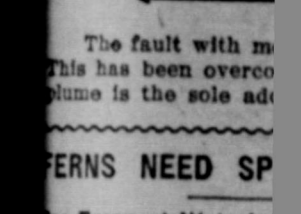
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This housewife, who ar joy in all the beaut home, declares the pt in front of a wi receives the morning and on a soft surface here much larger th ing one of the best is allows it to get p sential point in its ca Do not water the fe an every other day. is best to wait thre a good droust is r ke the fern into t cement and give it ce or twice a month. Never let the temper re than 70 in the r m is kept, a cooler i better. Keep the p y or dead leaves. If fern in a shady pla its summer outing, all around the pot, hch increases its gro

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Nothing is prettier for ain than the big ca or that of wide- Our artist has pe showing the becom on the shoulder, w to be after the st in the National G ed out in chiffon at London (Eng.) Sketch

**THE UP-TO-DATE "SPLITDORF" HAT**



The fault with most of the broad-brimmed hats is the unbecoming front. This has been overcome by splitting the front brim and lapping. One plume is the sole adornment.

**NATURALLY.**



Hi—Wigson looks so sheepish lately.  
Dix—No wonder. He's raising mutt-onchop whiskers.

**In the Meantime.**

There had been a row at recess time, and Miss Martin had called in all of the pupils, and had a sort of a school court, which lasted until time for school to be dismissed. The trouble had started with some of the older boys in a misunderstanding over a game. After hearing both sides of the question, she decided proper punishment for the combatants, and told them to remain in their seats after the others had gone home. She remembered something she wanted to say to a little boy who did not take part in the affray, so she turned to him and said:  
"Now, in the meantime, Guy—"  
"I wasn't in it, Miss Martin," Guy interrupted hastily.  
"Wasn't in what?" asked Miss Martin.  
"Why, in the mean time," said the eight-year-old. — Mack's National Monthly.

**Hot Weather Drink.**

Philip Hale, one of Boston's latter-day philosophers, recommends barley water as a more sensible drink for hot weather than "ice-cold" blends of waters, syrups, acids gulped at the marble fountains. Mr. Hale's recipe for his favorite tippie is as follows:  
"For three pints of water you will require a teacupful and a half of well washed pearl barley, four lumps of sugar and the thin rind and juice of one lemon. Pour boiling water over it, cover with a saucer and let it stand till cold; then strain again and again till clear, and pour into a jug."  
A buttermilk fan adds:  
"Then set the jug in a cool place and forget it."

**Wanted Minute Evidence.**

Orfa, the celebrated doctor, being examined as an "expert" on a capital trial, was asked by the president whether he could tell what quantity of arsenic was required to kill a fly. The doctor replied:  
"Certainly, M. le President. But I must know beforehand the age of the fly, its sex, its temperament, its condition and habit of body, whether married or single, widow or spinster, widower or bachelor. When satisfied on these points I can answer your question."

**Baddy Frightened Fish.**

"It was never so known before," says Rankin Dunfre, a local angler, who wasn't angling on the occasion in point. "I was crossing the bridge near home, swinging my lantern, for the night was dark. I heard a great splash, got down on the bank with my lantern to see the cause, and lo and behold, a 16-inch fish lay floundering in the weeds. The lantern must have scared him out of the water—don't you think?"—Philadelphia Record.

**More Time Needed.**

"You must get three weeks' vacation this year."  
"Why?"  
"Two weeks aren't enough."  
"They're all I can get."  
"I don't care. You've got to have three. Last year I had to come home with two new dresses that I hadn't had time to wear."

**Lumbago, Rheumatism and Chills.**  
There is nothing that gives so quick benefit as Hunt's Lightning Oil. The very minute it is rubbed on the improvement is noticed. For over thirty years this Liniment has been acknowledged to be the best for these troubles. Every druggist will recommend it. Price 25c and 50c per Bottle.

**Homely Philosophy.**

"After all, it isn't always those with the loudest voices that have the best things to say," said the little brown hen.

**Business Practice.**

"The new actor in this company certainly knows how to act on people's feelings with fine touches."  
"Yes; he used to be a dentist."

A cat may have nine lives, but a cow can kick the bucket a dozen times and continue to hold her job.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

Once in a great while love's labor is lost, but more often it is misplaced.

**WERE NOT AT ALL DIVERTING**

Serious-Minded Quaker Saw Nothing to Smile at in the Lighter Poems of Whittier.

The late Gertrude Whittier Cartland, cousin of Whittier, the Quaker poet, presented an ideal picture of the saintly aged Quakeress. Her sweet, serene face, framed in its tight little bonnet, seemed to shine with clear, spiritual radiance; to hear her recite, in a voice of tranquil music, the hymns and graver poems of her famous relative was always delightful.

But she did not have her cousin's likely sense of humor; and it was hard to tell whether this lack lessened or increased the effect, when in exactly the same grave, even tones, she occasionally read aloud some of the verse that he wrote, not for publication, but for the pleasure of his intimate circle. That was always light, frequently gay, sometimes fairly rollicking.

Her admiration for the writer made her try very hard to appreciate his fun; and she thought she did so; yet mirth seemed always as alien to her tongue as a red rosette pinned upon her dove-gray shoulder-shawl would have been to her costume. This incongruity was felt, doubtless, by another Friend, of even more serious mind than she, who once said to her reprovingly:  
"The verses are harmless, and I perceive they are intended to be diverting; but they do not divert me, Gertrude, and I do not think they really divert thee. Be honest with yourself; if these read them and did not know thy cousin Greenleaf wrote them, would thee not consider them extremely silly? Thee knows I mean no affront, and greatly admire the cousin Greenleaf. Surely he is a great poet; but a great poet may sometimes write such silly stuff. And surely this time thy cousin hath done it. Reflect and thee will agree with me."

She reflected—on the necessity of care in selecting an audience for a joke.—Youth's Companion.

**That One Thing Lacking.**

Lady Augusta Gregory, the able and ardent apostle of the modern Irish movement, is fond of telling the following real Irish story:  
"It was the wedding day of Pat and Bridget, and they were having a church wedding. It was a grand affair. Pat was dressed with patent leather shoes, white vest and flaming tie. Bridget shone attractively in many colors. The ceremony was over, and the happy pair walked down the aisle, out into the street, where a great crowd greeted them with delight.  
"Once seated within the cab, Bridget leaned over to Pat and said, in a loud whisper, 'Oh, Pat, if we could only have stood on the sidewalk and watched ourselves pass, wouldn't it have been livin'?'"

**What He Bought.**

A Syracuse business man living in one of the suburbs decided to give up his spacious back yard to the raising of currants as a profitable side issue. So, wishing to absorb all the information he could acquire on the subject of the currant industry he went down town one Saturday afternoon recently and returned with his arms full of books.  
"Well, Teddy," inquired his enthusiastic spouse, as he dumped the volumes on the table, "did you succeed in getting what you wanted?"  
"Sure, I did!" he replied, proudly, pointing to the books. "I bought a whole year's edition of a standard work on current literature." — Exchange.

**Pa's Rather Indefinite.**

"Pa, what is an anachronism?"  
"Oh, that's something or other smart people are always finding in Shakespeare's works. Now, run along and play."  
One way to lose a friend is to engage in a political argument.

**LEGAL ADVICE.**



Lawyer—If you wish to get off with the minimum punishment, I'd advise you to confess everything and throw yourself on the mercy of the court.

Accused—But if I don't confess?  
Lawyer—Oh! in that case you will very likely be acquitted for want of evidence.

**ECZEMA BEGAN BY ITCHING**

Goldboro, N. C.—"My daughter suffered from eczema. The trouble began in the ears by itching and running water, and later it formed pus and became very offensive. She began to scratch it and it went into sores. When the sores came off there was a yellowish watery discharge. The outside of the ear was one solid sore. She tried several different remedies but received no relief. She had been troubled with it between one and two years when she finally began using Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. "She had not made but two treatments when all the sores came off and the flesh just looked very red and dry. She kept up the treatment four or five weeks and she was entirely cured. It also cured other sores on the children, especially chapped feet on one of the little boys." (Signed) Mrs. W. H. Edgerton, Jan. 24, 1912.  
Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston."

**Sure of Himself.**

"Aren't you afraid you may become a slave to the smoking habit?"  
"No. I can quit whenever I want to."  
"How do you know that? Have you ever tried it?"  
"No; but I've cured myself of the habit of voting for every candidate who is nominated by the political party to which I belong, and a man must have a strong will to do that."

**His Rank.**

Mistress—Well, I'm sorry you want to leave me, Mary; but what's your reason?  
Mary keeps silent.  
Mistress—Something private?  
Mary (suddenly)—No, mum; please, mum, he's a lance corporal.—Illustrated Bits.

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**FOR SAFETY TO THE DRIVER**

Mirrors Installed on Streets of English Towns Have Proved of Material Benefit.

Mirrors at street corners to provide for the drivers of vehicles a view of the cross streets have been installed in at least two towns in England. In Folkestone there is an acute angle street crossing where one corner is built up close to the curb. On this corner is placed a 24x24 inch mirror supported on gas pipe standards at such an angle that drivers of vehicles coming toward the built-up corner from either of the two opposite streets can see up the streets at right angles to their path.

The engineer in charge states that owing to the impossibility of motorists seeing any one coming traffic several accidents and narrow escapes have occurred at that point. Since the mirror has been fixed he has not heard of anything approaching an accident. The damp, mist, rain or frost have no ill effect on the mirror, which is occasionally cleaned by a passing lamplighter when cleaning his lamps.

At Malmesburg, in Wiltshire, a mirror five by eight feet in size, supported on standards so that its top is 15 feet above the street, occupies an angular position at the apex of a closed right-angle curve. The engineer in charge says: "The mirror requires scarcely any cleaning; only a wipe over once in about three months."—Engineering News.

Courtship is less expensive than marriage, according to the figures on gas bills.

**The Wretchedness of Constipation**

Can quickly be overcome by **CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.**  
Purely vegetable—act surely and gently on the liver. Cure Biliaryness, Headache, Dizziness, and Indigestion. They do their duty. SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature.



**WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.**  
In this age of research and experiment, all nature is ransacked by the scientific for the comfort and happiness of man. Science has indeed made great strides in the past century, and among the by no means least important discoveries in medicine is that of Therapion, which has been used with great success by those who suffer from kidney, bladder, nervous diseases, chronic weakness, ulcers, skin eruptions, piles, etc. There is no doubt, in fact, it is considered from the big air created among specialists, that THERAPION is destined to stand into oblivion all those questionable remedies that were formerly the sole reliance of medical men. It is of course impossible to tell authors all we should like to tell in this short article, but those who would like to know more about this remedy that has effected so many—see might almost say, miraculous cures, should send addressed envelopes for FREE book to Dr. LeClere Med. Co., Haverstock Road, Hampstead, London, Eng. and desire for transmission whether the No. 3 is what they require and have been seeking in vain during a life of misery, suffering, ill health and unhappiness. Therapion is sold by druggists or sent S. S. Fugate Co., 40 Rockman St., New York.

**PARKER'S HAIR BALM**  
Keeps the hair clean and beautiful. It promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Falls to Pieces. Grows Hair to the Youthful Color. Prevents Hair Falling. 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle.

**DEFIANCE STARCH**—In cases where other starches only 15 ounces—same price and "DEFIANCE" IS SUPERIOR QUALITY.

**FERNS NEED SPECIAL CARE**

Frequent Watering of This Sensitive Plant, for Instance, is to Be Avoided.

Is your fern suffering from summer complaint? If it is you have failed to learn the most important of all facts in the care of ferns, which is that too frequent watering is not good for these delicate plants. The Boston variety, or short, curly kind, is generally considered difficult to keep in a thriving condition, yet one woman finds the task comparatively easy.  
This housewife, who takes a peculiar joy in all the beauty pertaining to home, declares the fern should be kept in front of a window, where it receives the morning sun. It must stand on a soft surface, sand in a jar—much larger than the fern pot—being one of the best arrangements. This allows it to get plenty of air, an essential point in its care.  
Do not water the fern more often than every other day. Now and then its best to wait three or four days, a good dryout is most advisable. Like the fern into the laundry or cement and give it a good bath once or twice a month.  
Never let the temperature average more than 70 in the room where the fern is kept, a cooler atmosphere being better. Keep the plants free from dry or dead leaves. If possible, place the fern in a shady place in the yard for its summer outing, packing earth all around the pot, a treatment which increases its growth.

**FURNISHING OF CHINTZ ROOM**

Thought Bestowed on Decoration Will Be Well Repaid in Cheerful, Homelike Apartment.

There is a pleasing homeliness about a chintz room which gives it a subtle attraction. Most women at this time of year are attacked with a laudable desire to redress their rooms so that the time of summer and the singing birds is suggested and winter's sunless cold forgotten.  
The most obvious way to achieve the redressing is to choose a suitable chintz and to order loose covers for all the chairs and sofas, ottomans and cushions in the room. The favorite colorings this season give a range of tulip shades, purple, rose red, a deep buff or scarlet. These have some times a black ground, as in the days of Louis Philippe. Huge soft cushions, square or round in shape, are on down, covered with silk, and have no pendant flouncing.  
A successful room can be obtained with one of the cretonnes or chintzes in oriental patterns, and the furniture or bibelots in the Chinese taste, which is now so much to the fore, accord well with such designs. An excellent result is obtained if panels of the printed linen or chintz are placed on the wall instead of paper, and old prints show up well with such a back ground.  
Old needlework is now reproduced in glazed chintz, and fine Italian patterns glowing with subdued blues, reds and browns, with that clouded mauve only seen in Italian silks, and a bed of anemones gives a touch of distinction to any room.  
A single mauve cushion and one of black in soft silk are generally introduced as a daring note. Pomegranates, picotees and peonies figure and the twisted stems form arabesques.

**HARM OF THE WIDE COLLAR**



Nothing is prettier for the ideal soft than the big cape collar of silk, or that of wide square sailor collar. Our artist has portrayed a costume showing the becoming square effect on the shoulder, which may be worn in the style of France and in the National Gallery. It is cut out in chiffon and point lace. (Eng.) Sketch.

**MADE UP OF ODDS AND ENDS**

Very Pretty Are the Candle Shades of Lace Designed in All Shapes and Colors.

Very fetching are the new candle shades whose foundation is a finely plaited fiber, and that can be had in all colors. The straight narrow Empire shade is the favorite, though some of the designs spread sharply at the bottom.  
The decoration is varied, some have festoons of tiny ribbon flowers in soft tones, others have inserts of filmy lace combined with the flowers, and some have bands and frills of lace headed with narrow metal gimp.  
A candle shade that looks well with all color schemes is made of crystal beads, strung into fanciful designs and finished with bead fringe. The favorite is pagoda shape, another is bell shape, and some are square. These beads are usually made up over white lining, but are effective over a warm yellow, green or American Beauty tone.  
The girl who has odds and ends of lace can put them to no better use than to make a set of four candle shades. Finish the top with a tiny lace gimp, which may likewise conceal the seam if the lace must be pieced.

**Death Lurks In A Weak Heart**

If Yours is fluttering or weak, use "RENOVINE." Made by Van Vleet-Rosenfeld Drug Co., Memphis, Tenn. Price 50c.

**900 DROPS**  
**CASTORIA**  
ALCOHOL—3 PER CENT  
Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of  
**INFANTS & CHILDREN**  
Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral  
**NOT NARCOTIC**  
Recipe of Old Dr. SAMUEL PITCHER  
Pumpkin Seed -  
Aloes -  
Rhubarb -  
Sassafras -  
Cinnamon -  
Cloves -  
Ginger -  
Licorice -  
Sulphur -  
Castor Oil  
A Perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and LOSS OF SLEEP.  
Fac-Simile Signature of  
*Chas. H. Fletcher*  
THE CENTAUR COMPANY,  
NEW YORK.  
At 6 months old  
**35 Doses—35 CENTS**  
Guaranteed under the Food and Drug Act.  
Exact Copy of Wrapper.

**CASTORIA**  
For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of  
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In Use For Over Thirty Years  
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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.



# Local Happenings

## Items of Interest About Town and County

handles and rakes at S. O. Cook's.

Why peel your fruit by hand when you can get one of those peelers for \$1.25 at S. O. Cook's.

Miss Pearl Basley of Shadrock is in the city the guest of Miss Mary Grundy.

Clean towels, clean tubs, lots of water—come and wash. Ch. Barber Shop.

Prof. C. W. Turman left Thursday for Oklahoma where he will teach school the ensuing term.

Have those old clothes cleaned and pressed—it might save you a new suit. Cooke & Cooke.

Mrs. Jess Patrick is enjoying a visit from her father, Mr. Hayes, of East Texas.

We still have a good stock of fruit jars, jar rings and jar tops. S. O. Cook.

H. C. Wilson, the popular Alanreed merchant was transacting business here yesterday.

Rippy and Rippy keep everything in the fruit lines as well as ice cream and cold drinks.

Rev. R. E. L. Farmer, president of the Canadian Academy, was a visitor in the city this week.

320 acres of good plain land to trade for an up-to-date stock of merchandise. J. L. Crabtree.

Appie Taylor left yesterday afternoon for Pampa, he having engaged to teach a school near that place.

If it's axle grease, barometer, carriage or automobile oil, we have it. S. O. Cook.

Kester Rippy left yesterday afternoon for Clarendon where he will attend school this fall and winter.

We would like to have your confessions and will treat you right. Rippy and Rippy.

Miss Lyle Paulkner left this week for Plainview to visit with her sister and enter school for the 1912-13 term.

"Studebaker"—don't forget the name—the best wagon made. McLean Hardware Co.

Miss Lucile Horton left yesterday for Pampa, where she goes to teach in the public school of the coming term.

We handle the best wagon and buggy paint on the market. Western Lumber Co.

Geo. Belland returned this week from the week from Temple very much improved from his recent operation.

Take her notes of the chocolates. We have the prescribed kind. Rippy and Rippy.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, who have been visiting at the J. G. Cash home, left Monday for their home at Maudie, Okla.

Bring your orders for fuel, tanks, and in fact anything in that line. Our work guaranteed. McLean Hardware Co.

Keep a "journal" of the public at the time, let them know you have the goods, that the price is right, and you have confidence in the quality.

All kinds of clothes cleaned and pressed. We have a large equipment and can give you service on short notice. Cooke & Cooke.

Up to last night there had been shipped something in the neighborhood of fifty cars of melons from this station.

We handle the Standard central-noodle sewing machine. The best regardless of price. McLean Hardware Co.

Miss Ruby Pyron returned yesterday to her home at Jericho after having spent a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Gardenhire.

Dr. W. E. Ballard has established his office at the Palace Drug store where he can be found at all times to answer calls.

C. S. Rice of this city has been chosen as one of the thirteen delegates to the state convention of the Prohibition party.

Orin Thompson returned the latter part of last week from Montana where he has been spending several months on a cow ranch.

A. W. Hayes has accepted a position with the Bassel & Wyle firm which he will be glad to meet his friends.

This section has been almost teeming with prospectors during the past few weeks and some important deals are now on foot.

Geo. O'Dell entertained a few of his young friends at the party at O'Dell home, which was held at the O'Dell home on the 11th of this month, the occasion being the young man's birthday.

All present reports for some time and has made numerous friends.

Andrew Bassel this week sold the Bon-Ton Cafe to O. C. Spears, who will have charge in the future. Mr. Spears has been employed at the cafe for some time and has made numerous friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Siler Faulkner and little daughter were over from LeFors the first of the week visiting with the S. O. Cook family.

Cool off these hot days with a cold drink. We serve anything you might want in soft drinks and have a complete line of fresh candies and chewing gum. Rippy & Rippy.

Mrs. W. R. Patterson entertained the members of her Sunday school class and a few invited friends with a delightful picnic at the Rowe ranch Wednesday.

We represent the famous Cracker-Jack clothing and can give you a moderately priced, made to measure suit on short notice. See our sample books. Cooke & Cooke.

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We believe in woman's suffrage—the ladies can vote as well as the men. 500 votes in the Cash piano contest for every dollar paid on subscription. Renew now.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Strayed—Black sow weighing about 100 pounds. Finder will please notify R. H. Collier.

Miss Maye Davis of Pampa has been spending a week here the guest of Miss Hattie Thompson and other friends.

C. C. Cook and wife and Master Bob returned last Friday from an extended visit to Oklahoma and Arkansas.

By occupying the same space in the paper each issue you impress upon the public that you mean business and are there to stay.

J. D. Vayles of Frederick, Okla., formerly a citizen of McLean, was in the city this week looking after business matters.

Miss Maud Floyd left Monday night for Clayton, N. M., where she goes for a visit with Miss Olive Henry, who is living on a claim near that place.

I am prepared to do all kinds of painting and papering work and can save you money. Figure with me. Will H. Langley.

The weak spot in some advertising usually lies in the fact that you are not consistent in keeping your business before the buying public.

Miss Cam Henry returned the middle of the week from an extended stay with her sister, Miss Olive, near Clayton, N. M.

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Miss Clara Deen, who has been teaching at the Mars ranch during the summer, is back in town preparatory to taking up her work in the local school next Monday.

In listing prices on goods a \$1.98 mark will have more effect than a \$2.00 mark, because most everyone nowadays is seeking to save the odd pennies.

Miss Pearl Guillent retained a small party of friends at the Hotel Tuesday evening. The affair was planned for a surprise party for Prof. Lee and it was a thorough success, being very much enjoyed by all who attended.

It has been determined to hold a 1912 Gray county fair and work has been commenced getting an exhibit together. If you have anything that will show to any advantage bring it to the News office tonight.

Tom Massey and family returned the first of the week to their home in Hunt county after having spent a pleasant visit here the guest of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Massey.

We have on hand a few carpenter tools, consisting of Disston saws, Bailey Iron Planes, Braces, Bits, Chisels, Try Squares, Plastering trowels, etc., which will sell at cost for cash. Electro Smith Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Floyd entertained a party of young folks at their home in the west part of the city on Monday evening of this week. Many pleasant games were enjoyed and refreshments were served, making the evening a most enjoyable one.

A letter from W. T. Veatch conveys the intelligence that he is at the present stopping at Leigh, Okla., but so far has not decided on a permanent location. He will very likely decide to "beat it" back to God's country before he does locate.

Mrs. S. B. Fast paid the News office a call to the extent of a subscription and a bucket of fine Al-remembrance and a bucket of fine Al-remembrance and a bucket of fine Al-remembrance.

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## Again We Say

Subscribe for THIS PAPER.

Friends who are glad to see him become a permanent fixture.

Mrs. C. C. Cooper and the children were thrown from their surrey Wednesday morning while enroute to the Thompson ranch and several were bruised up, but not seriously. The team became frightened and the driver lost one of the lines, causing them to circle and upset the vehicle.

We are skilled in the art of making and serving fine sodas, at the Delmonico. We know how to draw it "just right" for every taste. Come and drink at our fountain—come and taste soda the like of which you have never tasted before. Let us demonstrate to you our ability to serve soda "the best ever".

Both local banks will be closed next Monday on account of Labor Day.

We are requested to announce that the Home Mission Society will give a social at the tabernacle on Friday evening, Sept. 6th, and the public is cordially invited. A program will be rendered and an admission of ten cents charged. After the program ice cream and cake will be served for an additional ten cents.

The recital at the tabernacle Wednesday evening was well attended and enjoyed. A gross amount of over \$25.00 was taken in, of which about \$5.00 was credited to the bazaar fund.

### Photograph Gallery

(At the Jewelry Store) is open again on Wednesdays and Saturdays, until further notice. John B. Vannoy.

### School Children Take Notice

To the girls and boys that buy school books, tablets, pencils etc., at Arthur Erwin's drug store until Christmas, and who makes the highest general average in the McLean public school, I will give the girl a doll that is 25 inches high and nicely dressed, and the boy a genuine leather egg shaped foot ball. Prof. O'Neal will be the sole judge.

Now, this does not mean the amount, but when you actually need anything for school you will come to my drug store to get it. Come to the store and see them.

Yours for a good school,

ARTHUR ERWIN.

### Chas. Goebel Married

Charlie Goebel, one of our bachelor farmers living east of McLean, returned last week from an extended visit to Joliet, Ill., and when he alighted from the train it was found that he'd wilfully and maliciously "put one over" his friends by getting married unbeknownst to any one here. Not only that, but he got off the far end of the train when it stopped for water and got entirely away without the customary "muleobile" ride through the streets.

Nevertheless, we wish he and his young bride all the happiness and success that life can hold for them. They will make their home here.

### Farmers Attention

On next Saturday afternoon we will give a working demonstration of our new Johnson Row Binder at the Daffron place in southwest part of town. Those who might be interested in this latest achievement in binder perfection are cordially invited to be present and pass judgment on its excellence. Will leave the store soon after dinner.

### Two Bills

George McKnight, a prosperous farmer living about three miles north of Alameda, died at his home late Tuesday afternoon

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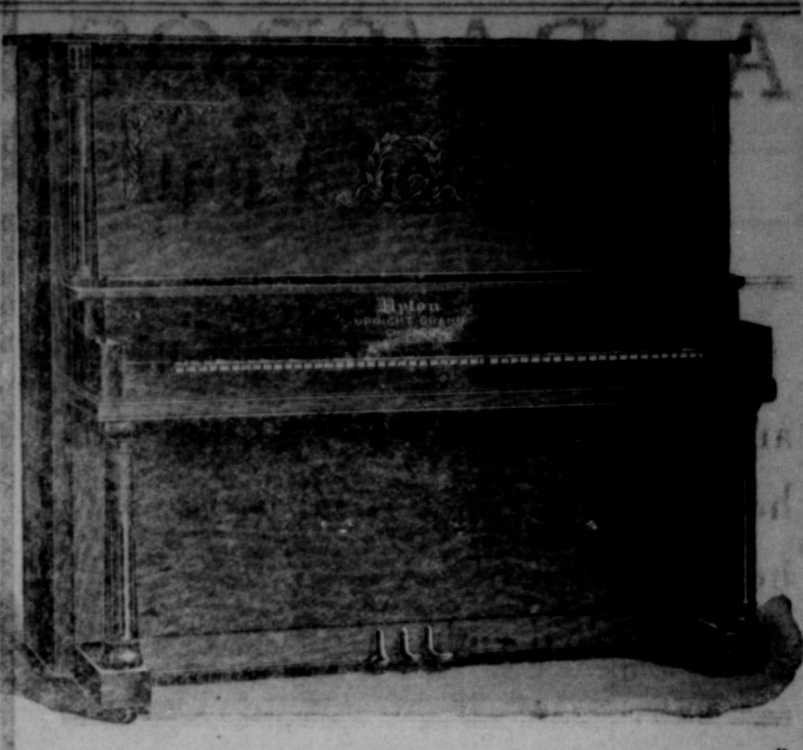
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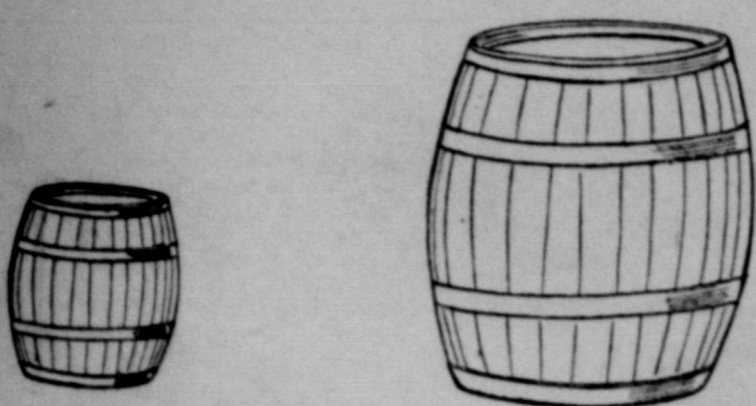
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### Praises Panhandle Country.

Bob Pyron of Clarendon, who has extensive cattle interests in the Panhandle, is in the city. He said: "We have such glorious crops and such lavish prosperity in the Panhandle this year that a plain, unvarnished statement of the facts would sound to outsiders like a page from a book of old-time fairy tales, and I should appear in the light of a land boomer. Nevertheless we had in the first place good crops of wheat and oats, then a fine crop of corn and feed crops of all kinds. At the same time the grass in the pastures is just a little thicker and taller than has ever been before the case in recent years. As for vegetables, fruit and melons, the like was never before seen. I counted 129 cars of watermelons on the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, and I met trains loaded with peaches all the way from Jericho down to Bowie. And cantaloupes, the country is slippery with them. The cattle are so puffed out with overeating in the luxuriant pastures that they can hardly pull in their sides far enough for respiratory purposes. The Panhandle is a garden this year. Another thing, the climate up there is very pleasant. At Jericho Aug. 17 it was so cool that I wore my overcoat all day."—D. C. News.

### Gray County Valuations.

We are indebted to County Tax Assessor Paschall for the following information concerning the number of livestock and their total valuation in Gray county for the present year:

Total number of horses and mules, 4,741, valued at \$182,095  
Total number of cattle, 25,949, valued at \$340,865.

Total number of Jacks (not including the tax assessor) 41, valued at \$3,300.

Total number of sheep, 6, valued at \$15.

Total number of hogs, 4,470, valued at \$12,889.

Total number of dogs, 11, valued at \$150.

Total valuation all property in County, \$3,257,860.

New Mexico nut coal, ten pounds or more—whatever amount you want—from the bin at \$6.00 per ton. Western Lumber Co.

Citation for unknown heirs: The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County,—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of James T. Pollard, deceased, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Gray County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the town of LeFors, on the Fourth Monday in October 1912, being the 28th day of October, A. D. 1912, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of February, 1912, in a cause numbered 135, wherein C. E. A. Pollard et al. are plaintiffs and the unknown heirs of James T. Pollard are Defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Plaintiff represents that she is the surviving wife of James J. Pollard, and that on the 3rd day of September, 1909, he died testate, in the County of Gray, State of Texas, leaving at the time of his death and in Gray County, the following community property belonging to himself and this plaintiff, to wit:

Some live stock and a section of land in said county on which he and plaintiff lived in at the time of his death, same being unpartitioned school land, and being known as section No. (8) Eight, Block No. Thirty (30) Certificate 9-1817, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. and Block No. 108 in the town of McLean in said County.

That prior to the death of James T. Pollard, he made and published his last will and testament, in which he recognized that all the above property was the community property of himself and plaintiff; that an undivided one-half of same belonged to plaintiff; that the expense of his last sickness and funeral and all his just debts were to be paid out of his half of the estate; that this plaintiff should have the use and benefit of all his property during her life, and that her death an undivided half should pass to the heirs of Vestura Pollard Jameson, and the other half to Lula Pollard, her heirs and assigns; that plaintiff was named as executrix, and that no bond or security be required, and no other administration be had or action taken other than to prove and record said will and return an inventory, appraisal and list of claims, as required by law.

Plaintiff says that said will was duly admitted to probate and was probated by proper judgment, entered of record on the 16th day of November, 1909, and that she was duly qualified thereunder, and that proper appraisal was made of said estate, all of which was duly recorded in the probate records of Gray County, Texas. The said section of land was appraised at \$2000.00 said town property

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our rates for announcements are as follows, cash in advance:

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City and Precinct officers, \$5.00.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:

J. B. PASCHALL.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE:

SILER FAULKNER.

FOR TREASURER:

HENRY TRUIT.

FOR COUNTY CLERK:

C. L. UPHAM.

FOR SHERIFF:

J. S. DENSON.

FOR COMMISSIONER:

J. L. CRABTREE.

ly at \$1800.00 and said personal property at \$415.00 that one half of all of same was her property, and that her homestead was situated on said town property. That said James T. Pollard at the time of his death was largely indebted for personal obligations amounting to over \$2000.00; that said personal property in addition to said indebtedness was incumbered by mortgage of about \$400.00, which has been paid off out of the funds derived from the sale thereof, and after using all the money available for the purpose, said estate is still indebted to the sum of about \$700.00, and that it is necessary to sell the reversionary interest of said legatee of said real estate in order to pay said indebtedness.

Plaintiff alleges that she is old and unable to work, and that it is important for her to sell her life estate in said lands and that she have whatever interest that is coming to her upon which to live and for her support; that all of said personal estate, including her own, has been consumed in paying said debts. She further says said land is subject to partition.

Plaintiff asks for citation; and upon a final hearing that she have judgment in her favor and against the said defendants for the partition.

Wherefore, premises considered, plaintiff prays that defendants and each of them be cited, as the law directs, to appear and answer this petition; that upon final hearing thereof she have judgment rendered in her favor and against the said defendants which is partitioned to this plaintiff, under the terms and decree of the court, to her for life, and reverting at her death to said legatee, be decreed by a proper order of this court to be sold, including said life estate and said reversionary interest of said legatee; that said sale be under such conditions as the judgment of the court shall direct and the court after settling aside the plaintiff's life interest therein, decree that the remainder of such monies be applied to the payment of the debts of the said James T. Pollard; said debts being established by the judgment of the court, and that any remainder, should there be such after the payment of said debts, be paid over to the said legatee, and for such other and further relief as shall be just and equitable under the terms of the law and the terms of said will already admitted to probate, for all of which, as in duty bound, plaintiff will ever pray.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness C. L. Upham, Clerk of the District Court of Gray County, given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the town of LeFors, this the 13th day of August, A. D. 1912.

C. L. UPHAM,  
Clerk of District Court of Gray County.

Issued this the 13th day of August, A. D. 1912.

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No. 43—4:26 a. m.

Eastbound—

No. 42—12:15 a. m.

No. 44—10:25 p. m.