

# LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

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## SOUTH PLAINS SUMMER NORMAL.

Tahoka, Tex., Feb. 2, 1912.

At the call of the president, the committee on arrangements for the South Plains Summer Normal met at Tahoka, Feb. 2, for the purpose of locating and selecting a faculty for the same. The members present were as follows: Profs. Brown of Lubbock, White of Tahoka, Harrison of Gomez, Mangil of Lamesa.

At a meeting of the public school building, the business session was called and the order of procedure began with the presentation of propositions from the different towns of the district. After some discussion the proposition presented by the Lubbock man, Prof. Brown, was accepted, and Lubbock was chosen by a vote of the committee as the place for the Normal. The second item that presented itself was a vote of the committee this was conferred upon Prof. J. K. Wester, superintendent of Lubbock schools. The question as to assistants then arose and after some discussion it was agreed that there should be six assistants, four of whom to be selected by the committee at this meeting, which selection was by agreement postponed to afternoon session.

Adjourned to meet again at 3:30 p. m.

The committee re-assembled in Judge G. W. Perryman's office and there began the selection of teachers. Those selected are: Miss Lenora Vance of Post City, E. A. White of Tahoka, E. A. Savage of Floydada, W. A. Mancill of Lamesa. It was agreed by vote that Prof. Wester have authority to select two, who in his judgement were most competent to take charge of the primary and agricultural departments.

It was also the action of this committee to formally recommend Prof. G. W. Harrison of Lamesa as a member of the State Normal board from this district, to take the place of Prof. A. White, who was appointed to the position but for reasons not serve.

There being no further cause necessitate the existence of this committee, it was formally dissolved by vote of those present. E. A. WHITE, Pres.

A. MANCILL, Sec'y.

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2x12 inch bolts 8 1-3 cts. each.  
2x24 " " 12 1-2 cts. each.  
Other hardware in proportion.  
-It J. S. Wells, Tahoka.

We wish to call attention to an advertisement appearing in this issue of the News, in which the First National Bank of Tahoka calls attention to their safe-deposit boxes. These boxes are made of steel, in a steel cabinet and it takes two keys to open each box. The cabinet is in one of the bank vaults here it is both fire and burglar proof. The boxes are of two sizes, and the bank charges 50 cents and 75 cents per quarter respectively for the use of a box, which if one had valuable papers, photographs or jewelry, is a very small sum to pay for their safety.

**WANTED**—A correspondent from every neighborhood in Lynn County. A good chance for some one to get the Lynn County News and earn a little spending money. For particulars write the Editor Lynn County News, Tahoka, Texas.

## PROCLAMATION

By The  
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

WHEREAS, it has been certified to me by Honorable W. R. Spencer, District Judge of the 72nd Judicial District of Texas, that he is disqualified from sitting as District Judge in the case of The State of Texas vs. W. E. Earnest and Myrtle Earnest, charged by indictment in the District Court of Yoakum with the crime of murder, and now on change of venue in Lynn County Texas; and

WHEREAS, it has been made known to me that Honorable James L. Shephard, Judge of the 32nd Judicial District, will exchange with Honorable W. R. Spencer so that the Honorable James L. Shephard will sit as Judge Presiding in the above cause in the District Court of Yoakum County, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, O. B. Colquitt, Governor of Texas, do by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this State hereby confirm the exchange of places between the Honorable W. R. Shephard, Judge of the 72nd Judicial District, and Honorable James L. Spencer, Judge of the 32nd Judicial District.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 20th day of February, A. D. 1912.

O. B. COLQUIT,  
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:  
C. C. McDONALD,  
Secretary of State. 27-28

Big Springs, Texas, 3-4-12  
Judge W. R. Spencer,  
Lubbock, Tex.

Regret very much I cannot exchange, but have sickness at home and am so weakened from LaGrippe that I could not leave. I have delayed answering your letter because I wanted to accommodate but think it wiser to advise you now so you can secure someone else.

James L. Shepherd.

Judge H C Randolph has been agreed upon to try the Earnest case.

**PRAIRIE DOG POISON**  
U. S. Government receipt  
19-tf McGill's Drug Store

Mr. A. B. Ellis moved into the McLoud house Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Ellis and her three daughters came in on the Wednesday evening train from Slaton.

For dependable windmill work get E. N. McReynolds. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 32. 41-tf

J. B. Burleson and family moved into the Steddum place Monday. Mr. Burleson bought the place from T. M. Bartley and intends to improve it this summer.

Try the New Barber Shop for a hair cut, Sumner Clayton, Prop. A. M. Wesson, jeweler and optician of Slaton, was in Tahoka last Thursday and placed an advertisement in The News to which we call the attention of our readers, who have any repairing they wish done.

How is your watch? Let us have it fixed. All work guaranteed. 28-1t

Thomas Bros. & Co.

## TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXIX. CONQUEST

POMPEY said that three times he had triumphed and each time for the conquest of a continent; first, Africa, then Europe and next Asia, which completed the conquest of the world. Texas has three continents of industry yet unconquered; first, Agriculture, then Manufacturing, and next Mining, and we await the advent in the life of the State of a powerful man who can take them. Commerce belongs to the country that can conquer it and we need in Texas mental giants who can conquer the mighty forces of nature and wave the flag of Texas over the commerce of land and sea.



### POMPEY RETURNING FROM HIS CONQUEST.

Let those who would soar to the altitude of greatness, subdue nature and conquer commerce, wave a wand of genius over our magnificent resources that will widen the industrial horizon of the State; rise out of the feverish throb of modern civilization like a Colossus of medieval times and set up a throne of industry in Texas that will levy tribute on the commerce of the world. Texas Needs Great Men.

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1-2x12 inch bolts 8 1-3 cts. each.  
1-2x24 inch bolts 12 1-2 cts. each.  
Other hardware in proportion.  
28-1t J. S. Wells, Tahoka.

### NEW WARE HOUSE.

W. F. Bigham and G. W. Snider have commenced work this week on a hay and grain warehouse down by the railroad track. This warehouse will be 24x48 feet with 8 foot walls and as it is built on piling the eaves will be about 12 feet from the ground. It is being built on lot one, block one, Shook's First Addition. The building will have the north side on Lockwood street facing west on Randall street, with the rear extending to the railroad track. This will be a great addition to Tahoka, being the first of a series of warehouses that will be built this summer. Watch Tahoka grow.

Get Our Prices On  
DOG POISON  
Thomas Bros. & Co. 28-1t

Gay McGlaun, of Fluvanna, came in on the Saturday afternoon train to see about some of his property interests here.

If it is coal oil, gasoline, lubricating oils or axle grease you want, the Garage is the place to get it, Tahoka, Texas. 28-tf

**PRAIRIE DOG POISON**  
U. S. Government receipt  
19-tf McGill's Drug Store.

Read The News And Patronize Its Advertisers.--It Pays.

**WANTED**—A few music pupils for instruction on the piano. See Mrs. A. B. Ellis, at the McLoud place, east of the square, Tahoka. 28-31

### FOR COUNTY TREASURER

We are authorized to announce McMill Clayton as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Lynn county, and his name appears in our announcement column subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. McMill refers to his record and promises that if he is elected he will give the affairs of the office the same careful attention he has always done, and he asks for your support and vote.

How is your watch? Let us have it fixed. All work guaranteed. 28-1t Thomas Bros. & Co.

The public school at Seminole is closed this week on account of a death from scarlet fever. They hope to open again March 18th.

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Thomas Bros. & Co. 28-1t

Bulk Lubricating Oil at the Garage. Bring your empty cans and jugs. 28-tf

1/2x10 inch bolts, each 8 3/4 cts.  
1/2x12 " " " 8 3/4 cts.  
1/2x24 " " " 12 1-2 c.  
Other Hardware in proportion.  
28-1t J. S. Wells, Tahoka.

The ladies of the Methodist and Baptist churches will give their regular District Court Dinner Tuesday March 18th. Every one to come to dinner.

## PROCEEDINGS

Of The  
72ND DISTRICT COURT

District Court convened in Tahoka Monday March 11th with the following officers present: Hon. W. R. Spencer, District Judge; J. E. Vickers, District Attorney; J. W. Elliott, Clerk; J. H. Edwards, Sheriff, and J. B. Dodson, Stenographer.

Monday the following grand jurors were empanelled for the term: S. N. McDaniel, foreman, G. W. Small, Albert Miller, Jno. Standefer, J. H. Franklin, Geo. Short, J. E. Hubbard, Frank Forrey, H. M. Larkin, W. A. Yates, Jack White, W. L. Tunnel, with J. V. Dyer, door bailiff, T. J. Blankenship and A. J. DeBord, riding bailiffs.

The following cases on the District Court docket were disposed of.

No. 68, C. E. Brown vs Henderson Soape et al. Continued for service.

No. 77, J. C. Jackson Jr. vs J. R. Miller et al. Settled by parties.

No. 81, L. L. Forrester vs W. L. Forrester et al. Plaintiff took a non-suit.

No. 84, W. E. Henderson vs T. J. O'Donnell et al. Continued on first application of defendants.

No. 85, E. D. Skinner vs T. J. Williams et al. Continued by agreement.

No. 87, E. D. Skinner vs Fisher Patterson. Continued by agreement.

Tuesday's Court proceedings.

No. 108, C. W. Alexander et al vs J. E. Fancher et al. Motion to quash citation granted and continued for the term.

No. 93, Mrs. J. B. Roos et al vs Jack Alley et al. Judgement for plaintiff for \$2,028.12 and costs of suit.

No. 102, Nick Alley vs Jack Alley and T. M. Bartley. Judgement for plaintiff for \$1,248.35.

No. 88, J. H. Harvey vs E. C. Dosch et al. Judgement for plaintiff for \$1,683.

Ex Parte Application of N. R. Skinner for removal of his disabilities as a minor. Application granted and disabilities removed.

Tuesday evening the petit jury were excused for the week, and the grand jury took a recess until Saturday March the 16th.

Many of the lawyers left Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Judge W. R. Spencer being disqualified to serve in the case of the State of Texas vs W. E. Earnest and Myrtle Earnest, arrangements were made for him to exchange with Judge J. L. Shephard; but, a telegram has been received telling that Judge Shephard was sick and could not come. So Judge H. C. Randolph, of Plainview, has been agreed upon to serve in this case, which will be called for trial Monday March 18th.

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Thomas Bros. & Co. 28-1t

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. L. Lumsdell, returned Friday of last week from attending the Panhandle Stockmen Convention in El Paso, Texas.

A. D. Shook and J. S. Wells returned Wednesday afternoon from a business and pleasure trip to Chicago, Ill.

## LYNN COUNTY TEACHERS DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Lynn County Teachers Debating Society will render the following program April 27, House called to order by Pres. Invocation, Rev. R. J. McElrath.

The bright side of school teaching.—Miss Marie Gooch.

Present needs of education.—E. A. White.

History of my life—Charles Nunnally.

Reading—Miss Ella Dillard.

Cooperative school work.—Miss Linnie Babston.

**DEBATE**

Resolved: That Mary Queen of Scots should not have been executed.

Affirmative, Carroll Phillips, Miss Minnie Chambers. Negative, W. B. Bishop, Miss Weebelle Hargett.

Program Committee, Carroll Phillips, Maggie King, Linnie Babston.

**PRAIRIE DOG POISON**

U. S. Government receipt  
19-tf McGill's Drug Store.

Mr. A. B. Ellis traded his residence in Lubbock to J. N. McReynolds, of Slaton, for the McReynolds house in east Tahoka, last week. Mr. Ellis intends to occupy the place as soon as he can have the house fixed up.

How is your watch? Let us have it fixed. All work guaranteed. 28-1t

Thomas Bros. & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Toney Chisum, and Mr. R. C. Chisum and daughter, Miss Bessie, are the guests of Mrs. W. K. Ray. They are on their way from their home in Childress to Fort Stockton on a prospecting trip in their auto.

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Mrs. W. R. Spencer is stopping at the Tahoka Hotel this week while the Judge is holding court here.

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Messrs. Fred Nation and R. W. Jones, of Emporia, Kansas, were in Tahoka Saturday. They were on their way to look at a bunch of cattle near Lamesa. These men come down into Texas and buy cattle, ship them to their homes in Kansas and fatten them for market.

Shave at the New Barber Shop, Sumner Clayton, Prop.

Mrs. W. B. Slaton came in on the Saturday afternoon train from a visit with relatives in Post, Texas.

**Specialist.**  
Dr. I. E. Smith, Eye Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist will be here March 21 and 22. 28-29

D. T. Rogers is busy building a five room addition to the home of C. E. Donaldson, 10 miles south-west of Tahoka. Several rooms of the old house are being torn away but two rooms will be left, making a seven room house when completed. We are glad to see so many nice, comfortable homes being built on our Lynn county farms. Watch Lynn county develop this year.

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If you are going to set out any trees this spring, and every one ought to, it is getting time you were about it.

A genuine clean-up of your premises would help you keep free of disease, and help the looks of Tahoka as a whole.

Those of Tahoka's citizens who are planting trees around their homes are not only making the best investment possible for pleasure and beauty, but also for adding a permanent money value to their place.

### Why There Was No Tip.

In a downtown restaurant which is usually crowded during the midday meal time a waiter took pains to secure places at one of his tables for two men who had been waiting for some time. The waiter received the thanks of both men and attended to their wants in a highly satisfactory manner. When the check was presented one of the men paid, received the change and left nothing on the salver for the waiter. "You forgot to tip the waiter," said his companion. "No, I didn't. He's my landlord."—New York Tribune.

### Bessie Wasn't That Kind.

"I wouldn't drink out of that cup," said little Johnnie to the well dressed young stranger, "that's Bessie's cup, and she's very particular who drinks out of it."  
"Ah," said the young man as he drank the cup dry. "I feel honored to drink out of Bessie's cup. Bessie is your youngest sister, isn't she?"  
"Not much! Bessie is my dog."—Ladies' Home Journal.

### Real Need.

"Here's a soap, madam, that will not injure the finest fabrics," parroted the house to house canvasser.  
"Fine," exclaimed the genial woman. "Now, if you'll throw in the same variety of laundress with each package I'll be a steady customer."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## PROFESSIONALS

Dr. E. H. INMON,  
Dr. L. E. TURBENTINE,  
Associated  
Physicians & Surgeons  
Tahoka, Texas.

DR. J. H. McCOY  
Physician and Surgeon  
Office at, Thomas Bros. & Co.  
Tahoka, Texas.

G. E. LOCKHART  
Attorney-At-Law  
Office South of Square  
Tahoka, Texas.

Dr. J. B. HALL, DENTIST  
of Plainview Texas  
Will be in Tahoka the second  
Monday in each month and  
will remain a week

Dr. A. W. THOMPSON  
Physician and Surgeon  
Office in Geo. Riley's Drug Store  
O'Donnell, Texas

Dr. HUTCHINSON & PEEBLER  
Practice Limited to Diseases of  
the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat  
Lubbock, Texas

C. H. CAIN  
Lawyer  
Office in old First National Bank  
Building  
Tahoka, Texas

## SCIENCE OF COPY WRITING

"Know Your Audience" One of the Chief Requisites in Successful Advertising.

Knowing one's audience and knowing what to talk about are the chief necessities of the successful copy writer, declared George H. Perry, a well-known advertising man, before an advertising class in New York city the other evening.

"The first requirement—knowing your audience—is a very simple thing, but often forgotten by advertisers. A striking illustration of this occurs in one of the women's magazines. It is the advertisement of an electrical device, used in homes, to be sure, and a good thing to advertise in a woman's publication, but the ad is the same one used in an electrical paper and addressed to dealers in electrical supplies. The man who wrote that ad used the language of the trade in speaking to the woman in the home, which of course is all wrong."

In discussing the next question of what to say, the speaker analyzed the talking points of an article—competition, price and quality.

"There must always be a difference between competing articles, or else they would not be on the market at the same time. The question is, What can you talk about that the other fellow hasn't got? Your article is either newer, simpler, of different design, more beautiful or better for some merchandising reason.

"In default of any such difference price is of the next importance. Can you sell it cheaper? Then comes quality—quality in the sense of character. With some articles the competition—that is, the difference in manufacture or design—may not be a talking point. The purchaser of an auto, for instance, does not care so much how his machine operates as he does about the quality or the price. You must determine the talking point of your article.

"Now, you know your audience and you have picked out the talking points. The next thing is the writing of your ad—the text, typography and illustration. It is no more necessary to be smart or clever in your text than it is to be handsome in business. What the public wants now are the facts. Your text must be practical as distinguished from being merely clever. Be sensible in your choice of language; be simple and direct. People are not so particular as to the literary quality of advertisements; they go to the editorial pages for that. Let the goods talk. If you say everything you can say and your ad still seems weak, the fault is not with you but with your goods. You can not do more than let the goods tell their own story. If that story is insufficient it is not your fault. Don't be afraid of a short ad; the shorter the ad the better."

Mr. Perry just touched on the psychological side of advertising: "There is a governing trait in human nature that makes you instinctively recognize the truth. You can always tell when a man is in earnest—hence the necessity of sincerity in advertising. When you once have sincerity, no matter what you write you will convince. For that reason be receptive to influence; don't let a man deceive you, but try to catch his enthusiasm in his article."

In connection with the text Mr. Perry told of the important part played by the headline. "It must catch the casual glance, which is sometimes even antagonistic; in addition it carries a message. Therefore, give the headline much thought. Use simple, short words. Fill your line without crowding. Do not use a 'blind headline.' You not only lose a reader—you disappoint him—and he will have no faith thereafter. A headline that merely makes an effect does not accomplish its real purpose. If you have an illustration it must be part of the story. Pictures are sometimes too good and, instead of directing to the story, distract. Rather than be a companion to the text the illustration should be an auxiliary.

"Then, if you have the right things to say and the right audience; if you believe in the article yourself and will tell what you know and believe in the most simple, direct, quietest, most persuasive language and in the shortest words you know—you have the right ad."

Advertising has passed from the stage of experiment and scheming. It has become a thoroughly necessary adjunct to the success of any house looking for increased prosperity and wealth.



## DARING ATTEMPT AT ESCAPE

Diary of John L. Ransom Records Effort to Flee From Belle Isle Prison, Near Richmond, Va.

Sufferings in Confederate prisons, such as Belle Isle at Richmond and Andersonville, Ga., are told of by many writers, but probably nowhere more vividly than in a diary, now long out of print, which was written day by day in these two prisons and afterward printed by the author, John L. Ransom of the Ninth Michigan cavalry. An attempt at escape from Belle Isle Mr. Ransom's diary relates as follows:

"January 28, 1864.—The nights are dark and cloudy. Mustard and Hendryx both sleep outside now, and I must manage to. We are well rigged, have some food saved up to take along; in good health and determined to get away. Tonight we are to start. The guard will let us cross his beat and go to the water's edge. We all have rebel clothing, which we are to wear. We take the quartermaster's boat. We row across the river, give the countersign to the guards, and, to quiet their suspicions, start up into the town. Out of sight, take a turn to the left and to the Richmond jail. We will then meet with a negro, who will guide us ten miles up the river and then leave us in charge of friendly blacks, who will keep us through

the next day and at night pilot us farther along toward our lines.

"The big bell in Richmond strikes six, and we close our diary, hoping



"A Guard to Prick Us With His Bayonet if We Walked Too Slow."

never to look upon it again until we return to free our fellow prisoners with the glorious army of the north. Now we leave our diary to finish preparations for the flight for freedom. May God aid us in this land of tyranny, where we have met nothing but suffering. Good-by, Belle Isle and

## Special Opening

Beginning Monday, March 18, all week.

Another big shipment of  
**Fine Pattern Hats**  
due to arrive on Monday night's train

**B. MADISON**

At  
**KETER'S STORE**

## Just Arrived

Just arrived my first shipment of  
Spring Goods; including laces, embroideries, dress goods, etc. Come see 'em

Phone 10 **J. E. KETNER** Main St.

## We Announce

That the new hotel on the north-east corner of the public square to be known as

## The Travelers' House

has been furnished throughout with the very best of beds and bedding that money can buy. Every thing new and clean.

**B. H. Black, Proprietor.**

## Tahoka Saddle Shop

G. R. MILLIKEN Prop.

Saddles, Harness,

Fancy elts Made

Repairing Done



## SWELL FURNITURE

I want you to know that I have a complete line of Hy-Class Furniture at Attractive Prices. **W. R. MAJORS**  
FURNITURE & UNDERTAKER East Side Main Street

## A Bank Letter to the Ladies

Women sometimes dread transacting business with a bank. They are not familiar with bank methods, in many cases, and may have had some experiences which have not made the thing they feared any easier. Such women always leave this bank smiling and happy, dread all gone and glad to come again. The reason is we take special pains with women patrons. If there is any little detail about a transaction not wholly clear to them we take special pains to make it clear, it having been our experience that extra time with a woman customer never fails to result satisfactorily both to the woman and the bank. We invite the account of women assuring them at all times of most gentlemanly and respectful treatment, gladly giving careful attention to every item of business placed in our hands. We are always glad to have them consult us at any time upon matters concerning their business affairs and will be glad to advise or suggest as our judgement directs.

## First National Bank

Of Tahoka, Texas

## Tahoka Tailor Shop

W. A. ...

The Oldest Established Shop  
In Lynn County.

We Handle the Best Goods  
Made by the Most Reliable  
Tailors.

The Best Work Done in  
Cleaning and Pressing for  
both Ladies' and Gentlemen's  
Garment.

Give Us a Trial at the  
Lynn County Building.

NORTH of PUBLIC SQUARE  
Tahoka, Texas

## Blacksmithing

Flows made any  
size, wagon and  
buggy work done.  
Satisfaction  
Guaranteed at

**J. Macfarlane's**  
--South of Square--

Which?  
Bacon—Did you ever notice how long a woman is in coming to a point? Esbert—Well, do you mean when she is telling a story or sharpening a lead pencil?—Yonkers Statesman.

## We Make It Pay

you to let us figure your  
Lumber, Wire, Posts, Wind  
Mills, Piping and Well  
Casing with us. : : :

**A. G. McAdams**  
Lumber Company



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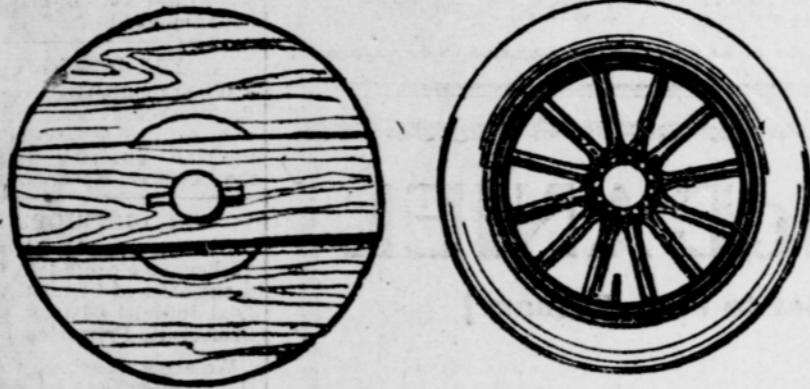
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CIGARS  
AND  
COLD DRINKS

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS

## GOOD ROADS



PRIMITIVE AND MODERN TYPE OF WHEEL.

The wheel was the greatest invention the world has ever known; with it progress and prosperity sprang into life; upon it has rolled the burden of civilization; its revolutions have woven the fibre of refinement and culture into human life, and its evolution have been as wonderful and powerful as life itself. At each step of its progress, it has demanded better roads and it has brought our public highways from trails to macadam roads.

**No Fear of Thieves.**  
Some years ago a London merchant sent a cargo of goods to Constantinople. After the supercargo saw the bales and boxes safely landed he inquired where they could be stored.

"Leave them here—it won't rain tonight," was the reply.

"But I dare not leave them thus exposed. Some of the goods might be stolen," said the supercargo.

The Mohammedan merchant burst into a loud laugh as he replied:

"Don't be alarmed. There isn't a Christian within fifty miles of here."—London Chronicle.

**A Reform Movement.**  
Mrs. Benham—When we women get to running the government we'll do a thing or two.

Benham—Such as what?  
Mrs. Benham—We'll make a man take out a hunter's license before he can look for a collar button, and in his application he will have to certify that he doesn't swear.—New York Press.

**Damp Salt Before Rain.**  
Very few persons know that when the salt gets damp it is either because it is too near the sea or because it is going to rain. It is very hard to keep the salt cellar dry at the seashore, as there is so much moisture in the air all the time, but in other places it is usually a sign of rain when the salt gets damp.

Things that help themselves to the water in the air are called "deliquescent," and salt is one of them. When water is in the air in the form of gas it sometimes becomes too plentiful for the air to hold, and then we get what is called "precipitation," or rain. But long before the water vapor in the air is heavy enough to fall in rain there is enough of it to spare to make salt damp.—New York Sun.

### THE DIAMOND RATTLER.

**A Blow From His Poison Laden Fangs Is Almost Always Fatal.**

A very basilisk among our native deadly snakes is the "diamond rattlesnake," a creature more vicious as well as more brilliant than its more northern relative, the common crotalus. Ordinarily the jingle of a handful of rings is not an unpleasant sound, but when it happens that these rings are fastened to six or seven feet of serpent as thick

### NATURAL SINGERS.

**Negroes Possess the Harmonic Ear, a Distinct Musical Gift.**

"The American negroes possess what has been called the 'harmonic ear,'" writes Natalie Curtis in the Craftsman. "Though utterly without training, the negroes improvise alto, tenor and bass parts to their songs with entire ease, and a whole negro chorus will spontaneously break into harmony of real interest to the musician as well as of beauty.

### HOW IS YOUR WATCH?

Leave your watches and jewelry with your druggist and request him to send them to Wesson at Slaton. : : : : :  
All work is strictly guaranteed

HOW IS YOUR WATCH?

HOW IS YOUR WATCH?

### A. W. WESSON

SANTA FE WATCH INSPECTOR. SLATON, TEXAS

as a man's wrist and that serpent is armed with the sharpest of fangs nearly an inch in length, with cisterns of liquid poison at their base, the music does not seem cheerful or inspiring.

As is the "big Indian" among his lesser braves, so is the diamond rattlesnake of the southern states among other American serpents. Dressed in a brownish colored coat plaited with light lines in diamond shaped blocks, the sleek, oily looking rascal glides slowly through "hamok" and "scrub," a terror to man and beast, turning aside for none nor going out of his way to attack unless pressed by hunger, which seldom happens in that climate, where animal life is so abundant.

As he moves quietly along his wicked little eyes seem to emit a greenish light and shine with as much brilliancy as any jewel. Nothing seems to escape his observation, and on the slightest movement near him he swings into his fighting attitude, raising his upper jaw and erecting his fangs, which in a state of repose lie closely packed in the soft muscles of his mouth.

This snake is not so active as his copperhead cousin of the north, nor so quick to strike, but one blow is almost always fatal. His fangs are so long that they penetrate deep into the muscles and veins of his victim.

In one instance the measurement of a diamond rattler's fangs showed them to be seven-eighths of an inch in length and, though not thicker than a common sewing needle, yet perforated with a hole through which the greenish yellow liquid could be forced in considerable quantities, and in the case mentioned each of the sacks contained about half a teaspoonful.—New York Press.

"In the tobacco factories of the south and in the fields I have heard ignorant negroes who seemed nearly related to their primitive African progenitors sing four part harmony of a richness and charm truly amazing. This harmonic talent of the negroes is strikingly in evidence at Hampton institute, the industrial school for negroes and Indians in Virginia. There a chorus of 800 negro students sings without accompaniment and in faultless pitch throughout an evening, chanting in the untaught harmonies peculiar to the negro the old plantation songs of the past generation. It is safe to say that Hampton has done more than any other single influence to keep extant the negro music in its purity.

"Once when I was visiting Hampton there was present a musician from Europe. He asked me who trained the chorus. I said: 'Nobody trains the negroes. Their singing is natural.' He said: 'I don't mean who trains their voices or teaches them tone production. I mean who teaches them their parts and trains them to sing together.' I repeated, 'Nobody.' He said: 'That is not possible. I have never heard finer choral singing.' I said, 'If you do not believe me ask Major Moton, the negro leader who starts the chorus in each song.' Major Moton answered as I did. The musician was amazed. 'How do you do it?' he asked. The negro answered, 'I don't know how we do it—we just sing, that's all.' And we agreed that a people who could 'just sing' as these did and improvise harmonies of such simple and natural beauty certainly possess a distinct musical gift, probably capable of rare development."

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Housewife—Have you a reference from a former employer? Housemaid—Yes'm; I have eighty-six of 'em!—Judge.

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#### Not Fast Horses.

"My dear old father came to visit me last week," says a friend whose name we omit. "He's one great old scout, my dad, but of course he's a villager, and he can't see this easy-come-easy-go method of getting rid of money. He had to be there with a little advice. Says he: 'Son, I hear you've been losing a lot of money on fast horses.' 'Father, I came back, that just shows how news will get twisted by the time it arrives at the old town. It is true that I have risked some coin at the track, but it wasn't on fast horses. What lost me my money was quite the opposite, dad—quite the opposite.'—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### Government Anatomy.

"Father," inquired the small boy making his first visit to the army post, "what house is that over there?" "That's the government's headquarters, Jimmy." A long puzzled silence, then: "Father, where are its hindquarters?"—Exchange.

#### A Romance of Science.

But for the late Sir Joseph Hooker one of the romances of science probably would have been robbed of its color, for it was he who persuaded Darwin to send in his treatise on the origin of species to the historic gathering of the Linnean society so that it might be considered along with that of Alfred Russel Wallace. The exhilarating spectacle was thus presented of two giant minds arriving simultaneously at the same great goal. In the letter conveying his assent Darwin wrote that he sent his sketch of 1844 "solely that you may see by your own handwriting that you did read it. It is miserable in me to care at all about priority."—London Chronicle.

#### A Mean Husband.

"I think old Kneezus has the queerest way of teasing his wife I ever heard of." "I thought he was fond of her." "He is, but he likes to get a joke on her. You know she is sensitive about her age. Well, he has let everybody know that when they were married he gave her a magnificent necklace of diamonds, each diamond representing a year of her age, and he adds one to the string every time she has a birthday. Imagine how the poor woman is torn between her desire to display the necklace and the fear that when she wears it everybody will be counting the diamonds."

#### Their Mistakes.

Dr. S. W. Mitchell and Joseph Choate were chaffing each other at a banquet. "One thing about your profession, doctor, that I have always envied," said Mr. Choate, "is that you bury your mistakes underground." "That is enough," smartly replied Dr. Mitchell. "Yours, I believe, swing in public."

#### Took It Cold.

It was a faithful Swede girl who, when the winter was coldest and the furnace was not working right, was admonished by her mistress to take an iron to bed with her to warm it. In the morning the kindly woman asked Lena how it worked. "Pritty gude," she said. "Ay had it almost warm by morning."

#### Something That Was Worse.

A friend once wrote Mark Twain a letter saying that he was in very bad health and concluding: "Is there anything worse than having toothache and earache at the same time?" Twain wrote back, "Yes; rheumatism and St. Vitus' dance."



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**LYNN COUNTY HAS NO CONTESTANT FOR \$10,000**

Up to March 11, Lynn county didn't have a single contestant for the \$10,000 prizes offered by the Texas Industrial Congress for the best crops grown in Texas.

With the deep season we have in the ground now there is no reason in the world why Lynn county should not carry off one or more prizes.

Of course one would have to put in a good deal of time and labor on a prize patch but then the crop would more than pay for the work and as there is no entrance fees the prize money will be clear gain.

For boys and girls there are prizes for the largest yields of cotton and corn, each crop to consist of one acre; for men there are big cash inducements for cultivating ten acres in diversified crops and also for the production of kafir corn or milo maize on two acres, either irrigated or unirrigated.

The Industrial Congress has done its part and it up to the farmers to get busy and do their part. Remember, no entries accepted after April 1st.

Mr. W. S. Swan received a shipment of trees last Saturday which he will set out on his place in North Tahoka. Mr. Swan has already put quite a number of trees

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**BORDEN COUNTY**

RECEIVED \$1495.55

About February 1st, Judge Good received a letter from John T. Smith, an attorney at Austin, stating that there was some money to the credit of Borden County in the Comptroller's department, and offered to collect it for 10 per cent.

The Commissioners Court at its last term granted Mr. Smith a power of attorney to collect the money, giving him 10 per cent, on condition that after Judge Good had invested his reputation and found it good. He did so, and found it good whereupon he sent him the power of attorney. Monday night Judge Good received a check on the Austin National Bank of Austin, payable to the County Treasurer for the sum of \$1491.55.

This was a surprise to the county as they did not know that they had any money there. It was just like getting money from home.—Citizen

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**Maiden Speeches.**

A member of the British parliament writing in London Opinion of "maiden speeches" before that body says that the record in promptitude in this regard is held by John Redmond and that no one is ever likely to be able to deprive him of the honor, for he spoke twice and got suspended on the very day he took his seat. "The most modest man in the matter of a maiden speech," writes the M. P., "was Sir Robert Pullar, who represented Perth in the last parliament. He was well over eighty when he was elected. He always spoke with splendid confidence of his longevity and seemed to feel that he had a quarter of a century of parliamentary life before him, and the maiden speech was not delivered." He recalls that the most notable of the maiden speeches was that of Disraeli, whose exaggerated gestures, amazing and unconcealed belief in himself and foppish dress all combined to produce an unfavorable impression. So this maiden speech was laughed at from beginning to end. It was then that he made his famous prediction, "You will not hear me to night, but the day will come when you will hear me," and that day came.

**The Popular Side of the Street.**

Owners or renters of retail stores should look out for the side of the street on which the property is located. Illustrative of this is the testimony of a real estate expert in a recent case that ground floors on the west side of Broadway, New York, should lease for \$150 a front foot more than similar property across the street. The value of a retail business depends on the number of passersby, and the difference in this respect may result in a booming trade on one side of a street and only moderate success on the other. Some men are able to acquire such a reputation for their goods that the people go to them even when they are inconveniently located, but it is a good deal easier in building up a trade to put yourself on the route traversed by the crowds.—Leslie's.

**Saw a Risk.**

Clerk—I'm afraid I can't let you let you have that drug, sir. Customer—Why not? Do I look like a man who would kill himself? Clerk—Well, I wouldn't go so far as to say that, sir, but if I looked like you I should be tempted.—Washington Star.

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