

# THE ENTERPRISE.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1909.

\$1.50 A YEAR

## Railroad Committee at Work

The committee appointed to solicit a bonus for a railroad from Big Springs north has been at work, and have met with splendid encouragement. The following have subscribed the amounts opposite their names.

J. & W. Fisher	\$3,000
C. L. Alderman	1,000
G. L. Brown	1,000
L. S. McDowell	1,500
J. I. McDowell	1,000
R. C. Sanderson	1,000
L. F. Hall	1,000
J. D. Birdwell	1,000
A. B. Jones	1,000

The committee has gone to work in earnest, and this \$11,500 makes a very nice start towards a bonus. If you do not happen to meet the committee call at J. & W. Fisher's store and put your name on the list for the amount you are willing to give towards securing another railroad for our town.

Headquarters for papers and magazines at Reagan's.

It is to your interest to trade at Reagan's. Try it for awhile and see.

## Church Services.

Elder G. T. Walker will preach for the East Third Street congregation on the fourth Sunday, January 24, at 11 a. m., 4 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

## For Sale

First class dry wood, sawed stove length, \$5.50 cord delivered. Geo. W. Jennings, phone No. 182.

B. Reagan has employed a boy to deliver packages of medicine from his store.

## A Car of Fine Fruit

A. S. Leaton and J. R. Wilfley are in Big Springs with a car of apples which we understand will be sold near the depot tomorrow. Mr. Leaton called at the Enterprise office this morning and presented us with several apples for which he has our thanks. They are of the famous Limber Twig, Springdale and Missouri Pippin varieties and were grown in Pecos Valley, New Mexico. These apples are large and of an excellent flavor, and far superior, in our opinion, to anything usually seen in this country. The people of this section will rejoice in the opportunity furnished by these enterprising gentlemen of securing this famous fruit at home at a moderate price.

The largest stock and the best equipment—Reagan's.

In Jewelry you should always consider quality above everything. We stand behind everything we sell. A well selected and up-to-date line always in stock.

Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

One of the most successful business men in Texas says he keeps his advertising just as he does his watch—running all the time. He's a long-headed commercial man; his success demonstrates his business sagacity. —McGregor Mirror.

## Bargains! Bargains!

All of our show cases are for sale at bargain prices. —J. L. Ward Jewelry and Drug Co.

Phone No. 1—Reagan's Drug Store, and he will send you the package.

## First State Bank Elects Officers

At a meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank held yesterday, the following directors were elected:

C. D. Read, A. B. Jones, T. S. Currie, C. E. Bell and Bernard Fisher. The directors elected the following officers: C. D. Read, president; A. B. Jones, vice president; T. S. Currie, cashier; L. V. Read, assistant cashier.

The capital stock of \$35,000 has been fully paid up, and the bank will open for business as soon as the bank-building is completed.

Mrs. Miskimon is reported quite sick at her home in the west part of town.

**MOVED.**—I have moved my stock of new and second-hand household goods into the Van Gieson building, opposite my former location, where I will be pleased to meet my customers, assuring them that I will be better prepared to meet their wants.

J. D. McDONALD.

If you want to trade off that small diamond of yours we'll take it part pay for a large one. —J. L. Ward Jewelry and Drug Co.

## Mules For Sale.

From one to five spans. Inquire at Dewey's wagon yard.

A large number of country schools opened up since the holidays. Reagan says the school book trade almost swamped him. He says he managed to keep a supply of all books needed except one or two subjects, which were out for a few days, but the books have since come in. This speaks well for Mr. Reagan, for many of the towns are having trouble getting school books.

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HIGHEST STANDARD IMPLEMENTS  
The Most Work With the Least Power

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## SUCCESSFUL PLOWING

Can always be accomplished, in all sections and under all conditions, by the **Success Plow**. It is a frameless plow that will last a lifetime. It has been on the market for years, has been tried and proved, and is, beyond question, the simplest, most perfect and most popular riding plow of its class now in use.

## THE P. & O. CANTON SUCCESS PLOW

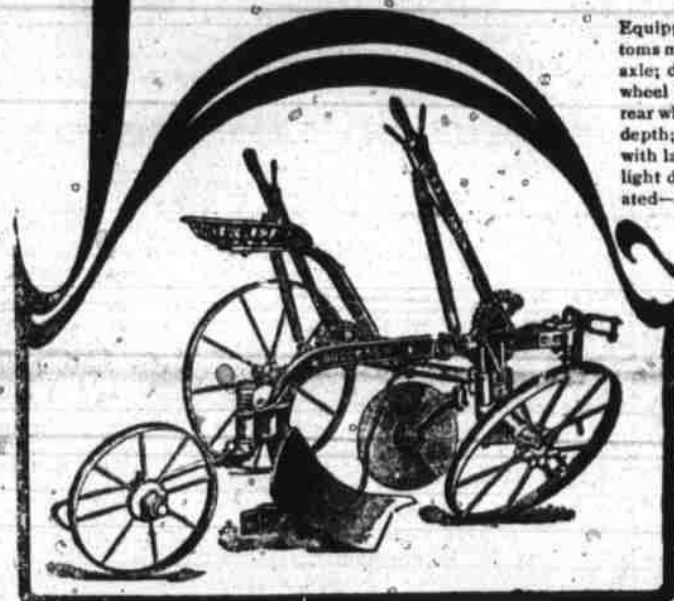
Is the best and cheapest plow for the following reasons: It does the same work as plows that cost a great deal more. It costs less than other riding plows because it is made of fewer parts. On account of its having fewer parts it gets out of order.

Plows get out of order because they are complicated. The **Success** isn't complicated—it's very simple. A plow that won't get out of order is what you want, isn't it? You would call such a plow **strong and durable**.

That's why the **Success Plow** is named "**SUCCESS**".

Being less expensive than others, doing first-class work, possessing the essential qualities of strength and durability, the **Success** deserves all we claim for it. That is why it is the cheapest. **The Best is always the cheapest.**

**STOKES-HUGHES CO.**



Equipped with the best bottoms made, adjustable front axle, dust-proof removable wheel boxes, adjustable rear wheel, easily set for any depth; works equally well with large or small horses; light draft and easily operated—a perfect plow.

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**Canton** STALK CUTTERS  
CLIPPER PLOWS  
DOUBLE DISKS

## Groceries for Everybody

We are now in our new store, and are loaded for business

If to eat, we have it

Car of Cotton Seed Meal and Cake, Oats, Bran, Chops, Alfalfa Hay. Look for our sign. Next door to Rix & Co.

**Pool Bros.**

Wholesale  
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Retail

Wholesale  
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Retail

## Elects New Officers

At a meeting of the directors of The West Texas National Bank the following officers were elected: G. L. Brown, president; Will P. Edwards and R. D. Matthews, vice presidents; J. W. Shnell, cashier, and Don Coffee, assistant cashier.

Let's begin the new year by resolving to give our trade to the people who are working to build up Big Springs. That's what Reagan is doing.

## Chinaware at Half Price

Commencing Monday, January 18, and continuing until Saturday night, January 23, we will sell our entire stock of Chinaware at fifty cents on the dollar for cash. Come early and get first choice. —J. L. Ward Jewelry and Drug Co.

We will sell you a new watch and take your old one as part pay. —J. L. Ward Jewelry and Drug Co.

The Store That Sells  
**Everything**  
Wants Your Business

**J. & W. Fisher**

ESTABLISHED 1882

Send your prescriptions to Reagan's. He will fill and deliver them.

The best line of cigars in the city. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

**The West Texas National Bank**

**Wants Your Business**

We Transfer Money to all Parts of the World at Lowest Rates. Call in and see us

# THE ENTERPRISE

W. V. ERVIN, Pub.

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

England's turbine fleet already includes 62 warships and 44 vessels of the merchant marine.

When the hen gets good and ready they will show what they can do to the alleged corner in eggs.

China presents Mrs. Roosevelt with a tiger skin. Her husband will do the rest, as soon as he gets a year off.

Chicago has at last made a step toward driving the tramps out of town. Free lunch in the saloons has been abolished.

At Sholapur, British India, a factory is successfully making matches with sticks of a peculiarly stiff form of native grass.

Chauncey Depew showed up at the opening of congress with a new story and seems to think that that is all that was required.

In Munich a woman fainted under the weight of her hat. Women shouldn't wear the heavier-than-air style of merry lids.

"Some of the suffragettes," says London Punch, with more or less sarcasm, "were disguised as ladies." Oh, brother! Punch with care!

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has been made a major on the staff of the governor of Connecticut, but not for meritorious work as a carpetmaker.

After reading the enormous estimates of the value of American crops the farmers are sure to be more curious than ever about who gets the money.

Doubts as to whether interest in athletics may not interfere with scholarship will never go so far as to tempt Prof. Hadley of Yale to root for the opposition team.

More than 30,000 workers were killed in American industries last year. Civilization may come high, but the price should be much less when reckoned in human blood.

A New York automobile speeder who flashed a \$1,000 bill in a Harlem police court and got the justice all worked up was in luck that the episode did not occur in some western court or the judge might have had sufficient presence of mind to make the fine \$1,000.

One of the judges of Chicago's municipal court confessed recently that it was not until he was elected to the bench that he found time to read Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." And yet it would seem that with so much crime in Chicago there would hardly be much opportunity for judicial leisure.

A woman swooned on the street in Munich, Germany, and the doctor said it was because of the weight of her Merry Widow hat. Probably her husband swooned not because of the weight of the hat but the size of the bill. Yet there are women who in the close atmosphere of a theater will keep these hats on.

The total amount of pensions paid by the United States between 1886 and 1908, inclusive, was \$3,664,663,364.42, and the cost, maintenance and expenses of the organization for the payment of these pensions during the same period were \$122,574,462.96, a total of \$3,787,237,828.38, exceeding the amount of money in circulation in this country in 1907 by more than \$1,120,000,000.

Experiments recently made by the war department in Washington may result in providing soldiers in the Philippines and other tropical countries with orange-colored underwear and hat-linings. The tests demonstrated the fact that black goods and red, absorb the sun's rays, white, blue and green disintegrate them, and orange, although it contains some red, almost entirely prevents the passage of heat rays.

New testimony to the truth of the proverb that honesty is the best policy is furnished by the offer of a noted counterfeiter to surrender his outfit and give up his criminal calling. Incidentally the proposition attests the vigilance of the United States secret service, for the counterfeiter says he is hunted down so energetically that his business does not pay. Doubtless many another "crook" can bear the same witness.

Because Mr. Cleveland's two terms as president were not continuous, there has been some confusion in the numbering of the presidents. Properly he was the twenty-second president. Mr. Harrison was the twenty-third and Mr. McKinley the twenty-fourth. On the memorials at Columbus and Buffalo he is called the twenty-fifth. Yet surely McKinley was the twenty-fourth man to be president, and Mr. Taft will be the twenty-sixth.

Almost any steamer afloat in the merchant service can now go to Manchester, England, the deepening of the ship canal to a uniform depth of 28 feet having been completed after over three years' continuous work.

Major McKenzie, the army officer in charge of Mississippi improvements, says a 12 to 14-foot ship channel from the lakes to the gulf will cost about \$220,000,000. That does not encourage hope that the undertaking will be begun at once by the national government.

## GOOD NEWS EPITOMIZED

HAPPENINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE

### BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

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

#### WASHINGTON NEWS.

The postal savings bank bill was before the Senate Wednesday, and many amendments were proposed to it, some of them requiring the deposit of postal savings funds in State as well as National banks.

About \$75,000,000 would be required to carry out the program for increasing the navy as outlined to the House Committee on Naval Affairs Thursday by Secretary Newberry of the Navy Department. Four battleships of 25,000 tons are asked for, in addition to the four scout cruisers, four submarines, ten destroyers, three colliers, one repair and one ammunition ship.

District Attorney Sims, foiled by the United States Supreme Court in his efforts to exact a \$29,240,000 fine from the Standard Oil Company, announced Tuesday that there is still opportunity for a \$40,000,000 fine against John D. Rockefeller's corporation. The district attorney is awaiting only an official communication from the attorney general at Washington before beginning a new legal battle, which may be heard by Judge Ladd.

By a vote of 212 to 35, the house of representatives in Washington Friday tabled all reference made by President Roosevelt to the secret service, both in his first message to congress this session and in his second special message in answer to a house resolution. The vote followed seven hours of debate, replete with interest to crowded galleries, but on the whole, the assault on the president, except for the rebuke administered by the adoption of the report of the select committee, was considered mild by the membership.

#### DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

Three prisoners tunneled their way out of the city jail at Oklahoma City Thursday and escaped.

William H. Simms, recently elected president of the San Antonio International Fair, died Sunday morning as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

T. B. Love, Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, has been preparing a bill for guaranteeing deposits in State banks of Texas, and same will be introduced in the Legislature.

President Diaz and cabinet Sunday attended a bull fight given for the benefit of the Italian earthquake sufferers. Thirty-five thousand dollars (gold) was added to the Mexican relief fund.

The Railroad Commission Friday received a petition from the Galveston Chamber of Commerce asking that it hold a general hearing to consider the matter of readjusting rates into and out of Galveston on classes and commodities, the idea being to have the differential abolished, like the court ordered on the Brownsville line.

About 3000 homeseekers reached Fort Worth Thursday over the Santa Fe, Missouri, Kansas and Texas and the Rock Island. Of these the Santa Fe had four trains, one of which consisted of thirteen cars. The Katy came next with three trains and the Rock Island two. They were for general distribution to various parts of the State, some going to West Texas, a large number going to the coast country, and some into Mexico.

Senator W. J. Bryan of Abilene is preparing a bill to be presented to the Texas Legislature to provide for the operation by convict labor of a plant to manufacture low grade cotton into bags, sacks and twine.

A disastrous gas explosion, in which twenty-five men lost their lives, occurred at an early hour on Sunday in Joseph Leiter's famous colliery at Zeigler, Ill. A spark from a trolley pole of an electric motor coming in contact with a pocket of gas is assigned as the cause of the explosion.

Hon. W. C. Davis of Brazos will introduce in the Legislature at Austin a bill to provide for construction by the State of a trolley line from the A. & M. College at Bryan. He says the college cannot now accept all the students offering, or house all of those enrolled. It is asking for \$150,000 for new dormitories.

The Cleone Oil Company of Brownwood Wednesday announced they are 1700 feet down in their first test deep well, and indications are good that the deep stratum of oil will be reached within the next two weeks.

Fire starting at 10 o'clock Sunday night in Albu, Wood County, did about \$15,000 damage, having destroyed an entire block in the business section.

The Senate was very much more incensed at the President Wednesday than it has been at any time heretofore, because, in his reply to the resolution of Senator Culberson, he set up the doctrine that neither house of Congress has any warrant to direct a Cabinet officer to do anything. This regards the matter of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company and the United States Steel Corporation.

Point-blank refusals to hear the Standard Oil case were made Wednesday by both Chicago Judges of the United States District Court.

The Emperor of Korea, accompanied by Marquis Ito of Japan and his Ministers, left Seoul Wednesday morning for a tour of the Empire it being his purpose to investigate conditions.

A force of eighty workmen was put to work in Temple Wednesday morning laying iron pipe for the waterworks between the city reservoir and the source of supply at Leon River. The city council of Kaufman passed an ordinance to issue \$6000 worth of waterworks bonds. It levied the tax for this year, which was the same as last year, \$1.10 on each \$100 valuation.

A draw was the decision at the end of a twelve-round bout between Jack (Twin) Sullivan of Cambridge and Bill McKinnon of Roxbury at the Armory club in Boston Tuesday.

Senator D. M. Alexander of Weatherford will offer in the Thirty-First Legislature a bill to establish a school of technology and agriculture in Weatherford.

Gustav H. Schwab, at the meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce Thursday, started a movement for the alteration of the Panama canal so as to provide a sea-level canal.

The battleships Connecticut, Minnesota, Kansas and Vermont, the detachment of the Atlantic Fleet which is to aid the Italian earthquake refugees, left here for Naples last night.

Carol Lockett, who resides about one mile west of Mullin, was found in her room Wednesday evening with her clothes burned from her body. She died from the effects of the burns Friday.

Of twenty-eight workmen in the mine owned by Joseph Leiter at Zeigler, Ill., twenty-six were killed by the explosion Monday morning, according to official information given out at the mining office.

Traveling men and citizens of Beaumont are preparing already for entertaining a large number of members of the United Commercial Travelers when the grand council gathers there on May 14 and 15.

Harry K. Thaw is entitled to a trial on the question of whether he has recovered his sanity, according to Justice Tompkins of Nyack, N. Y., who has heard arguments on a writ of habeas corpus obtained by Mrs. Mary C. Thaw, his mother.

Gen. Stoessel, Rear Admiral Nabagoff and several others of the officers of high rank in Russia now in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, have applied for pardon or commutation of their sentences. No action has yet been taken.

Bellingham, Wash., was shaken by an earthquake at 3:45 Monday morning. Buildings in all parts of the city were jarred, but no damage was done. Hundreds of people rushed into the streets. The duration of the shock was about ten seconds.

The bank deposit guaranty law of Oklahoma is defended by the officers and stock holders of the State banks and by a great majority of depositors.

Creation of a State Department of Labor, carrying with it the appointive office of State Commissioner of Labor is the purpose of a measure originated by the Order of Railway Conductors, and which will be introduced in the House of Representatives at Austin.

Some time Monday night unknown persons cut the long distance phone wires at Rock Creek, a mining town five miles east of Mineral Wells, used nitroglycerin to blow the safe of the Rock Creek Coal Company in that concern's general store, and secured \$800 in cash.

The Haynie Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church in Elce, Texas, is now nearing completion. The inside furnishings are now being installed. This church will cost approximately \$35,000 who completed and will be furnished with latest heating and lighting apparatus.

Mrs. M. Florence Erb, wife of J. Clayton Erb, who was well known in political circles all over Pennsylvania, and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel, who were charged with the sensational murder of Capt. Erb on the night of October 6, 1908, Thursday walked from the Delaware County, Pa., court house free women.

J. W. McManus of Dallas, secretary of the Retail Dealers' Hardware and Implement Association, is now working with extra help in preparation of the annual convention of the association which will be held in this city January 19, 20 and 21.

For his part in the dispatching of the steamer Goldsboro to Honduras last spring with \$80,000 worth of goods said to have been obtained under false pretense, Albert W. Bailey, former secretary and treasurer of the defunct Export Shipping Company of New York, Tuesday was sentenced to States prison for not less than four years and six months or more than six years and eight months.

The coldest weather Dallas has experienced in three years was Wednesday night. At 7 o'clock the mercury registered 18 degrees.

The territory of Hawaii boasts 307 automobiles of 41 different makes and worth between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

The jury in the noted Tennessee night riders' case, which has been on trial for several weeks, returned a verdict Thursday at Union City, Tenn., finding six of the defendants guilty of murder in the first degree, and leaving their punishment to be assessed by the court, and the rest of the men being tried on the same charge were found guilty and their punishment assessed at twenty years each in the penitentiary.

## TWENTY-TWO ARE HURT

EVEN CARS LEAVE TRACK AT CURVE NEAR HAMBURG, MISSOURI.

### TEXANS AMONG THE INJURED

Passenger Train Going Thirty-Five Miles an Hour When Trucks of Chair Car Gave Way.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 13.—Twenty-two persons were injured, four of them seriously, yesterday afternoon when the Katy Flyer from Texas went into the ditch at Hamburg, Mo., while rounding a curve at thirty-five miles an hour. The 300 passengers on the train were thrown headlong in every direction when the nine coaches left the track and the majority of those inside the coaches escaped by climbing through the windows. The injured were lifted out the same way and for nearly two hours they stood about in the immense snowdrifts along the track waiting for a relief train. Due into St. Louis at 8 a. m., the train was eight hours late at Hamburg, a hamlet of less than 200 people. Two engines were battling their way through the drifts, the Flyer being the first train through. While plunging around the curve where the wreck occurred, the front trucks on the first car, a chair car, gave way, and every coach followed it from the tracks. Passengers inside were pitched over and under seats and lay scattered in heaps along the side of the cars until the engines were stopped. Doors of several of the cars were jammed shut and could not be opened. The more seriously hurt were carried into the little station at Hamburg and the 200 others fought off the cold by tramping up and down the station platform.

### Suddenly Awakes; Saves Train.

Muskogee, Okla.: Started, arising from his bed for some unknown reason, Robert Tanner, a farmer, Tuesday night went to the window of his room, and looking out, saw the big Midland Valley bridge near San Bois, Okla., burning. He heard the shrill whistle of the locomotive as the night oil train rounded the curve. He knew there was no time to be lost, and rushing out in the cold clothed in nothing but his night robe flagged the train, which came to a stand within thirty feet of the bridge. If the warning had not been given the train would have fallen into a thirty-foot gorge.

### Cattleman Report Losses.

San Antonio: Tuesday night was the coldest night in the past ten years and with one exception the coldest on record. The temperature dropped to 20 degrees. Hydrants froze inside dwellings. The ranchmen report great loss among cattle. The blizzard was so sudden that there was no opportunity to try to properly house them and as grass and water have been rather scarce, the animals were in no condition to withstand the cold.

### Needs \$500,000,000

Washington: Senator Hopkins Tuesday introduced a bill to increase the issue of Panama Canal bonds to \$500,000,000. The former issue of one hundred and thirty-five million dollars has all been spent. The senate thinks the canal will cost between four and five hundred million dollars.

### One Hundred Men Killed.

Roanoke, Va.: Officers of the Norfolk and Western railroad said Tuesday night it was believed at least one hundred men had been killed in the Lick Branch mine explosion. The explosion was of much greater force than the one that occurred two weeks ago, when several lives were lost.

### \$15,000 Loss at El Paso.

El Paso: Fire in the commission house of D. M. Payne & Co. Tuesday night damaged the brick building and stock to the amount of \$15,000. A general alarm was turned in and for hours the entire department of the city fought the flames and prevented their spreading.

### Hay is Burned.

Fort Worth: Fire Tuesday destroyed 800 bales of hay stored in a shed at Thirteenth and Monroe streets, belonging to J. T. Knipp.

### Fire Badly Damages Residence.

Dallas: The elegant \$20,000 home of A. P. Tension, 466 Ross avenue, was damaged by fire, which started at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening, to the extent of \$10,000 and the damage to the furniture and furnishings also amounted to several thousand dollars.

### Fifteen Typewriters Stolen.

Oklahoma City: Thieves entered the high school building and other building nearby Tuesday and stole fifteen typewriters, valued at \$1,500, and escaped.

### Hog and Hominy Week.

Sherman: This in truth and in fact is hog and hominy week in Sherman. Tuesday and Wednesday the State Swine Breeders' Association will be held and on Thursday and Friday the representative corn growers of Texas will be here. While in point of call both events are Texas affairs, the geographical situation appeals to Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana as well as other states.

## It May Be Your Fate

To have your house burned down tonight. One can never tell what minute such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, ARE YOU INSURED? If not, do you think it would be wise to have us issue a policy at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be without insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may come at any time. Call on us at our

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Office over Fisher Bros. Store.  
Office phone 255. Residence 241

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Stretton 940, son of Corcoran 48074  
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Have 200 boxes fine apples which we will sell from car tomorrow, Saturday, only. Price \$1.40 to \$1.75 box.

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## Local and Personal

### Ledgers at Ward's.

Phone No. 1 is Reagan's drug store.

Will P. Edwards was in town yesterday.

It is quality that counts. You get it at Reagan's.

A. O. Merriok, of Stanton, was here Monday.

A. P. McDonald & Co. Opposite postoffice.

E. Cranfill, of Fort Worth, was here Wednesday.

L. O. Ramsey of Sierra Blanca, was here this week.

To cure a cold in one day get Reagan's cold tablets.

R. N. Henson, of Stanton, was here this morning.

Call on Pool Bros in their new store, next to Rix & Co.

H. J. Larkin, of Stanton, was here Wednesday.

They appreciate your trade at Pool Bros. Next to Rix & Co.

J. F. Ball, of Pecos, spent several days here this week.

Favorite Headache Tablets are the best, at Ward's. 12-1f

C. L. Warnock and son, of Lamesa, were here yesterday.

Laxative Quinine Cold Tablets, cure colds, at Ward's. 12-1f

Contractor Oleson, of Stanton, is here today to bid on the construction of the Baptist church.

Gall cure at Reagan's.

Have you seen Pool Bros. new store?

Hot drinks at Reagan's fountain.

J. M. Williams was here Saturday from his Dawson county ranch.

Cold drinks at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

W. J. Ayers returned yesterday from a business trip to Lamesa.

Watches on easy payments at Reagan's.

Elder R. F. Olyer, Christian evangelist of Cleburne, was here this week.

Smoke a Watt cigar at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

T. W. Cryer, who has been quite sick with pneumonia is reported much better.

Pipes—all kinds of pipes—at Reagan's.

T. D. Love, of El Paso county, was mingling with old friends here Saturday.

Handsome wedding presents at Reagan's.

For a good 25 cent meal call at the new restaurant, next door to Elew Read Co.

L. C. Loggins, representing the Fort Worth Record, spent Tuesday here in the interest of that paper.

Let us write your cotton insurance. The cost is small and the protection is great.

Hartzog & Boyett.

Jacob's candy, "made last night", at Reagan's drug store.

R. J. Jackson, of Dawson county, was in Big Springs this week.

One dollar razors—guaranteed at Reagan's.

\$7.50 men's Sweet-Orr trousers, special price the pair \$5.00.—Bonner's, Stokes-Hughes stand.

Mrs. W. P. Williams and daughter, Mrs. Haddon, of Coahoma, were shopping here Saturday.

Dog Poison—Strychnine and Carbon, at Reagan's Drug Store.

Try the new restaurant for hot chili and short orders. Next door to Elew Read Co.

J. O. Ellis and wife, of Toyah, came down Friday evening to bring Mrs. J. B. Ellis here for treatment.

When you want to buy jewelry or cut-glass, come to see us.

Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

J. & W. Fisher have sold the Western hotel building to E. I. Bedell who will use the lumber in it to build tenant houses on his North Concho farm.

A swell grocery store, the new home of Pool Bros., next to Rix & Co.

The Moss Meat Co. has sold its business to the Baum Meat Co., and the business will be continued at the same stand with J. T. Baum manager.

Pool Bros. invite you to call at their new store, next to Rix & Co.

Fire was discovered in an out building belonging to Wm. Fisher Tuesday afternoon, but was put out before much damage was done.

Keep your grocery account separate. You can do this with Pool Bros.

Post cards at Reagan's.

Commercial Club Meeting

The Big Springs Commercial Club met Wednesday afternoon in bi-monthly session. The attendance was good, and after reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, reports of the various committees were heard.

Ten new names were added to the railroad committee, as follows: A. B. Jones, W. G. Hayden, J. T. Brooks, E. M. Riley, R. L. Permitter, P. G. Stokes, W. A. Tunstill, W. J. Ayers, H. L. Arnold and Fox Striplin.

New names added to the membership were, F. B. Gilbert, J. W. Shnell, W. A. Dawes, Will P. Edwards, J. Potton and D. J. Barnes.

Secretary Striplin made the following report on receipts and expenditures for the year 1908:

Money received for Dallas Fair exhibit.....	\$745.00
Money expended.....	611.55
Cash on hand.....	\$133.45
Amount rec'd from other sources.....	694.68
Amount paid out.....	595.57
To balance.....	9.11
Total cash on hand.....	\$142.25

Paid out for sprinkling—

March 6th, to Gann.....	\$ 8.00
March 7th, to Gann.....	28.00
April 6th to B. Reagan.....	75
April 10th, to P. G. Stokes material furnished Gann.....	5.75
April 17th, Burton-Lingo, well curbing.....	10.89
May 5th, Mr. Powell, work on drag.....	14.00
Jan. 4th, Gib Jackson, for Burton-Lingo Co.....	2.42
Total.....	\$70.91

Received on sprinkling fund—

May 4th, B. Reagan.....	\$19.90
April 2d, B. Reagan.....	22.85
June 3d, B. Reagan.....	18.85
June 6th, B. Reagan.....	10.50
Total.....	\$72.10

Check to balance..... \$ 1.19

Secretary Striplin in his report recommended that the club employ a paid secretary, stating that he could not devote his time properly to the work for the recompense he is now receiving.

The following officers were elected: B. Reagan, president; Wm. Fisher, vice president; W. Rix, treasurer. Board of directors, J. I. McDowell, G. L. Brown, T. S. Currie, R. L. Permitter, J. Potton, C. L. Alderman, J. S. Murphy, B. Reagan and Wm. Fisher.

The secretary is to be elected by the board of directors.

\* Phone No. 1 is a drug store.

Take Ward's Pink Blood and Liver Pills, best on earth. 12-1f

A great many people put themselves to lots of trouble in order to have trouble. They have imaginary ills, cross imaginary bridges and climb imaginary mountains. Most people have enough real trouble without letting the imagination conjure up a lot more. A spirit of real contentment would make life far easier and sweeter.

# Our Busy Week

We are too busy this week to write an ad, but will find time to supply your wants in hardware, etc. if you will let us know them. In fact, we are always ready to show you through our immense stock and to quote you our prices, which are the very lowest in town

# The Western Windmill Co.

# MOVED

We have moved into the building formerly occupied by Sneed Bros. and will be pleased to have our friends and customers call on us in our new quarters

# The Gem City Furniture Comp'y

Rogers' silverware at Reagan's.

New gingham, new calicoes, new shoes. We'd appreciate your trade.—W. P. Bonner.

Sweetwater is to have a new paper, The Chronicle, by Fryar & Cozart. It is billed to make its first appearance on the 22nd.

Hats! Hats!! Having sold the stock down and gotten the new ones in enables us to show all the latest colors and shapes. See them.

A. P. McDonald & Co.

Stock food at Reagan's.

Prairie Dog Poison—Reagan's.

H. B. Dunagan, merchant and postmaster at Lees, was in town yesterday and left a nice order for stationery with us.

H. J. Revel, the new restaurant man next door to Read's invites you to call on him when you want to eat.

Try those hot drinks at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

An immense line of tablets and school supplies at Reagan's.

D. P. Strayhorn sold his residence south of the Cole & Strayhorn addition to J. O. Gibson. Consideration \$3,500.

An elegant line of watches at Reagan's.

The Sunday School convention held last Saturday and Sunday at the Methodist church was well attended and the proceedings throughout were interesting and instructive. All churches in town dispensed with Sunday evening services in order that their congregations might attend the convention.

Strychnine and Cyanide—Dog Poison, at Reagan's.

An auto line from Midland to Carlsbad, New Mexico, a distance of 185 miles, is to be established soon by W. H. Brennard of Seminole and W. F. Cunningham of Midland. It will probably be the longest auto. line in the United States.

Try those hot drinks at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

R. B. Flynt has tendered his resignation as agent for the Pacific Express Co. which has been accepted, and a man will be here soon to take his place. Mr. Flynt says he likes the people of Big Springs and is going to stay with us.

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage between Third and Fourth streets, two blocks east of Main street. Inquire of Mrs. H. A. Elliott. 13-1f

Nothing better to break up a cold than Reagan's Cold Tablets.

# Mr Wage Earner

Do you believe with President-Roosevelt, Grover Cleveland and Andrew Carnegie, that the safest investment for your money is real estate in the West?

Do you believe it is wise to hold some town property in a town fastly becoming (on account of its natural advantages, its strategic position, and the marvelous and diversified resources of the country surrounding it) the hub of our great southwest.

Have you realized that having worked for your money, you should let your money work for you, that an idle dollar is like an idle man, that the essential points of a good real estate investment are:

1. A sufficiently low price when you buy.
2. An increase of the value while you hold.
3. An ability to resell when you wish.

and that these three conditions mean absence of risk? You know that certain conditions will bring certain results; we will explain you in detail the conditions, but we will let you figure out what results these conditions must bring.

Will you investigate the great opportunities offered the small and big investor alike in the coming metropolis of New Mexico—the town of Carlsbad.

Remember that all that glitters is not gold, and that the prospector is often rewarded for having investigated what seemed a common place brown stone.

Lots will sell in the town of Carlsbad, New Mexico, for \$50.00 and up on easy terms

**SAMARY EZZELL, Agent.**

Cut out this coupon, mail it or bring it to the office for illustrated booklet. DO IT TO-DAY.

MISS EZZELL,

Enterprise office,  
Big Springs, Texas

Dear Madam:—Kindly mail me one of your illustrated booklets, and let me know how I can take advantage of your offer on Carlsbad lots. I am satisfied that Carlsbad property is a good investment, and that I am not, in asking such information, placing myself under obligations to buy.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

POSTOFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

# Buy the best--Buy Eupion

Eupion Oil has stood the test and has been considered the highest standard grade of oil in Texas for over fifty-two years and still holds the lead in the oil field. It is the only non-explosive oil that is sold--barring none.

Ask your grocer for Eupion and take no other

PATIENT BUFFERING.

Many Women Think They Are Doomed to Backache.

It is not right for women to be always ailing with backache, urinary ills, headache and other symptoms of kidney disease. There is a way to end these troubles quickly. Mrs. John H. Wright, 606 East First St., Mitchell, S. D., says: "I suffered ten years with kidney complaint and a doctor told me I would never get more than temporary relief. A dragging pain and lameness in my back almost disabled me. Dizzy spells came and went and the kidney secretions were irregular. Doan's Kidney Pills rid me of these troubles and I feel better than for years past."

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

DOMESTIC REPARTEE



Mr. Knagg—Before you met me you said you wouldn't marry the best man in the world.

Mrs. Knagg—And you are the only one who thinks that I broke my word.

DREADFUL DANDRUFF.

Girl's Head Encrusted—Feared Loss of All Her Hair—Baby Had Milk-Crust—Missionary's Wife Made

Two Perfect Cures by Cuticura.

"For several years my husband was a missionary in the Southwest. Every one in that high and dry atmosphere has more or less trouble with dandruff and my daughter's scalp became so encrusted with it that I was alarmed for fear she would lose all her hair. After trying various remedies, in desperation I bought a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. They left the scalp beautifully clean and free from dandruff, and I am happy to say that the Cuticura Remedies were a complete success. I have also used successfully the Cuticura Remedies for so-called 'milk-crust' on baby's head. Cuticura is a blessing. Mrs. J. A. Darling, 319 Fifth St., Carthage, Ohio, Jan. 20, 1908."

Foster Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

EASY FOR THE PAINTER.

Worthy Individual Had All the Details in His Mind.

A Chicago artist relates how a wealthy individual from Kansas City, with his wife and three sons and four daughters, once called upon him.

"Here we are!" exclaimed the head of the family. "Nearly a dozen of us, Mr. Painter. How much for a painting of the whole of us, discount for cash?"

"That will depend," answered the artist, hiding a smile with his hand, "upon the dimensions, style, etc."

"Oh, that's all fixed," responded the other, breezily, with the air of a man who knows exactly what he wants. "We are to be dashed off in one piece as large as life, sitting on the lawn of my place just outside of little old K. C., singing 'Hall Columbia!'"—Harper's Weekly.

She Was a Focal Orator.

Senator Beveridge during a recent visit to Portland talked about oratory.

"The campaign," he said, "has given us oratory more remarkable for quantity than quality. True oratory is that which brings results, is that which converts an audience of supporters. Such oratory is rare."

"I have a friend whose wife, a 'suffragette,' is a great orator. Her speeches from the platform are wonderful, and her husband the other day gave me an illustration of the efficiency of her private speeches."

"An agent called on my wife this afternoon," he said, "and tried to sell her a new wrinkle eradicator."

"And how did the man make out?" said I.

"He left in half an hour," was the answer, "with a gross of bottles of wrinkle eradicator of my wife's own manufacture, that he had purchased from her."

ROSY AND PLUMP

Good Health from Right Food.

"It's not a new food to me," remarked a Va. man, in speaking of Grape-Nuts.

"About twelve months ago my wife was in very bad health, could not keep anything on her stomach. The Doctor recommended milk half water but it was not sufficiently nourishing."

"A friend of mine told me one day to try Grape-Nuts and cream. The result was really marvelous. My wife soon regained her usual strength and to-day is as rosy and plump as when a girl of sixteen."

"These are plain facts and nothing I could say in praise of Grape-Nuts would exaggerate in the least the value of this great food."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in page "There's a Reason."

Never read the above letter! A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Farmers Educational Co-Operative Union Of America

Missourians Have to be Shown.

It is said that the people from or in Missouri have to be "sighted." This statement probably is a fact, as they usually wait a long while after the signal to jump is given before they jump.

I have thought that when the judgment sets, for the purpose of ascertaining who is a fit subject for that haven of rest for the pure. Many of our people will be one or two cars behind and will never reach the goal of the ambition of the race, after being in waiting for a long while to be sighted.

We have people who have little or no faith in anything. They are sons of perdition against their wills. They have no power to help themselves. It is a disease they have caught while trying to be the chief architect of their own fortunes.

It is part of my judgment that this life is what we make it. We may be something or nothing. If a man is honest he may not be well off from a financial point of view. All people will not be well-to-do. It is not their lot.

This state of the condition of the race at present could be partially overcome in many ways, possibly.

No one has any desire to be a pauper or an idiot. All want to be well off and wise.

One man may do great things by himself but you generally see several men in the greatest enterprises, which is a sign of co-operation to the highest success.

This time is here when single-handed work is out of date. One man never thinks of controlling the situation by his efforts alone. He is accepting the plans of the system. He comes into the Union or agreement.

This is an axiom or self-evident truth. We have too much evidence of union on their part to disbelieve the statement as a fact. Railway managers, public working men, manufacturers, wholesome jobbers, retail merchants, doctors of all kinds, lawyers, village blacksmiths, bankers, coal miners, millers, ginners, and other classes are organized to their success.

If we could realize what these organizations mean to us we would be up and trying to do more than what is being done by us at present.

Let us take up the Engineer's Union and use it as a point for discussion. This class of laborers was weak financially in the beginning. What are they now? They are able to contend for their rights and they got them.

This has come about through union, and union only. The strife has been on for years. They are now up to the front. They have things their way. As soon as a man works himself up to the position of engineer he is asked to come into the union and he goes, and does well when he goes. He finds himself in a society of brothers. They stand together. They find power in union. They see strength in concert of action. They are sighted. Many of our farmer boys are among them and they are sickening. They see the point. They finally become sighted. They stay.

To say a farmer will not stick to a good thing is to own up ignorance on the part of the orator who narrates such statement. They stay with any order of reputation as long as any class of people whatsoever. The greatest trouble is getting their attention. If one can be induced to think we have him then there as a subject for any good society.

We do not claim to be a family of great intelligence as a whole, but we claim to have wisdom in the family. We either have been sighted or are being sighted to the evils done us. We are about to get the remedy for our present disease financially. The day is not far off when we think we will be able to successfully arrest all attempts to rob us of our rights as a family class of people.

Our movements may be slow, but we hope sure. Time is required for the accomplishment of many great undertakings. Carefulness in all things should be exercised, even if it requires much time.

It has been said that farmers have the least sense of any class of workmen as to their power and ability. Certainly we have been very slow to see and realize the position we are now in, but this very class who have been accusing us of being ignorant think they may finally see our ability to their detriment. They are squirming and twisting with fear. They know the power of the owners of the earth is sufficient to corner any proposition. Their hope is that we will never know our power.

One great advantage in brooder chicks is that they are all of the same size and need less care than when a lot of different ages are to be raised. Those few that outgrow and develop the others are the ones that you want to watch. They are those that have great precocity, that is, the ability to transmit their individuality.

Chickens hatched late in the fall and marketed about Christmas would be good sellers, but it is difficult to raise them, because of weather conditions.

At any rate, we can say that we know there is, more than one screw loose, but it is up to our pleasure to find them. Here is one: Say you take a good beef to the butcher and ask him what he can allow you per pound. This is about what he will say: "Oh! I can give you 4 and 5 cents. If it is choice beef, but beef is a slow grower, no demand much." Now as soon as he has it in his possession ask him what he can do for you. What sort of a piece do you want, is the question. You find that the same beef you sold for 4 and 5 cents is worth from 10 to 15 cents. Oh! you say you will not pay any such price and turn across the street for the next butcher. When you get there you find the same thing you have just left. "Beef is worth from 10 to 15 cents." You are helpless to do better. You have to let the butcher price both ways. Certainly there is a screw out somewhere.

There is no over supply. How many beeves do we carry over until next year?

How much grain rots each year? What is wrong? Something wrong somewhere. If we had our packing plants and elevators we could see what is wrong very soon. As long as we let them price both ways and pay freight every way we will still have hard times on the farm.

If we have not enough get-up about us to remedy these things we ought to have to lay the brick without straw right on.

"Hell and destruction is never full; so are the eyes of man never satisfied." Millions of dollars in the hands of any man is only an inspiration for more wealth. Nothing will ruin a man or nation sooner than an unnatural concentration of wealth. This has been demonstrated in the history of man and nations.

I notice now and then a farmer who has enough property for himself and many more and when asked to consider the principles of the Farmers' Union he will only stand and grin as if he knew he had bought property to last him for ages and with as little concern for the poor about him as if poverty did not exist. They will not move an inch to help their less successful neighbors.

Such men are as near nothing as I have ever met," says one a few days ago in speaking of men in and out of the Union. He further said: "If those night riders would turn on those old rich fools and either kill or apply the torch to their possessions it would be as great a thing as could be done."

Certainly, they would be of great benefit to the order, but rashness by such treatment lands contempt on any such advocate.

"Vengeance is mine," saith the Lord. "I will repay." Be patient and wait on such people.

Kindness should be the only agency used to persuade people into anything.

Many wishes for the better success of the Union. I am yours fraternally, J. W. SHAW.

Farmers Should Advertise.

One thing I am frequently impressed with is the fact that the farmers of the South do not avail themselves of the press as an advertising medium for the disposition of their products nearly as much as they should. We frequently have letters inquiring as to where a given breed of stock or some agricultural product can be secured, and we are usually unable to give this information.

In taking up the agricultural papers and looking through them for advertisements, we find that the products desired are not advertised for sale, although we know these products are to be sold and that the producers are anxious to dispose of their products at good prices.

As a specific illustration, we frequently have inquiries as to where Merino sheep can be procured. We take up the agricultural papers published in the South and go through them and fail to find any advertisement of his breed. We are constantly receiving inquiries for various mix breeds of cattle and the different breeds of swine and inquiries concerning other live stock.

Judicious advertising in our agricultural papers would be beneficial to both the producer and the purchaser. W. R. DODSON, Director Louisiana Experiment Station, New Orleans, La.

Every business man in the South should exert his greatest influence from now on to induce the farmers to raise more wheat, corn, oats and vegetables next year, as well as hogs, cattle, mules and horses, and condense his cotton crop. Plant more grain and less cotton should be the universal cry in the South, and every business man owes it to the prosperity of the section to encourage this. If out of the low price of cotton comes a diversification of agriculture and smaller cotton crops, it will prove a blessing to the whole country.—Abilene Reporter.

Hens that lay soft shelled eggs do not get lime enough in their feed. They should be fed a different diet, with more grit and vegetables. When they drop these soft shelled eggs, the other hens are encouraged to egg eating.

What is one of the best foods that can be given to the hens to promote egg production? Make wheat the principal food of your young chicks after they are a week or two old and they will grow rapidly.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

Denison postoffice receipts for 1908 were \$31,277.56, against \$30,925.55 for 1907, an increase of \$352.01.

State Health Officer Brumby Friday telegraphed orders raising the quarantine against San Augustine county, the order going into effect at midnight.

The Board of Trade has closed a deal for the building of a starch factory in Childress. Work will begin immediately and the plant will be pushed to completion.

Doc Thomas, one of the Texas Rangers stationed at Amarillo, belonging to Company A, is dead from the result of a bullet through the head received Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock.

John Young of Delaware Bend, 12 miles northwest of Gainesville, while digging a well on his farm Tuesday, struck a vein of oil, which it is thought will flow in paying quantities as the well is sunk.

Mr. Sheppard appeared before the house committee on agriculture Tuesday morning in advocacy of his bill to appropriate \$500 to enable the agricultural department to experiment in making paper from cotton stalks.

John Foley Jr., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foley of Houston, was fatally burned Thursday morning about 9 o'clock by being unable to escape from a barn on the premises after it had caught on fire.

Dispatches from points over the entire Southwest indicate that freezing weather prevails, and, while the north has not been a record-breaker in point of severity, its unexpected and practically unheralded appearance caught many sections unprepared.

At a meeting of the board of directors of Juliette Fowler Orphan Home Association held in Dallas Friday arrangements were practically perfected for the erection of a \$50,000 structure to be used for a home for women over 70 years of age.

Edward Wright commissioned by General Booth to investigate the advisability of establishing a Salvation Army colony in Mexico, was received Tuesday by President Diaz. The chief executive warmly commended the project.

Severe earthquake shocks have occurred at Zermatt, one of the most famous and frequently visited resorts of Switzerland, and St. Nicholas. The direction of the shocks was from the southeast to northwest.

Dr. W. S. Chaplin, former chancellor of Washington University of St. Louis, has been selected President of a company to construct an irrigation canal to cost \$1,200,000 through Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr Counties, Texas. The St. Louis Union Trust Company has agreed to finance the project on a guarantee of 6 per cent interest, which has been given.

George Stevens, while insane, shot W. C. Colson and Joel Miles, his best friends, and then shot himself to death, at Iowa, Texas, Sunday. Colson and Miles will recover.

That the 2,000,000 Jews who live in America should vigorously engage in the movement which contemplates the purchase of Palestine from the Turks and the colonization of that land with a million or more Jews, now desperately oppressed in Russia and Roumania, and other lands, was the contention of A. H. Fromenson of New York, addressing Sunday night prominent Jews of Dallas at Bush Temple.

Mrs. Summar, wife of J. G. Summar, a druggist of Sidell, was killed in a runaway Thursday afternoon.

The company of Rangers stationed at Weatherford has been ordered to Alice, to take the place of those from Alice, who have been transferred to Amarillo.

C. K. Walter of Gonzales is preparing a joint resolution to be introduced before the Legislature, authorizing the submission of a Constitutional amendment reducing the membership of the House of Representatives and increasing the salary to \$600 a year.

After conferring with Dr. Knapp, Senator Foster of Louisiana has been resolved to introduce a bill making an emergency appropriation of \$250,000 to enable Dr. Knapp to enlarge the work he is now doing in the way of teaching farmers how to combat the boll weevil, combat the boll weevil.

The six men sentenced to death at Union City, Tenn., and two others sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment, have been placed in jail here and will be held in confinement to await the action of the State Supreme Court, which will meet in Jackson, next April.

The Mexican lines of the Southern Pacific System, now under construction, it is believed, will be of great importance to Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, as the new railroad will open up a virgin territory, which has heretofore been without, or has had inadequate railroad facilities.

A cyclone passed north of Mineola, Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. It formed about three miles west of town traveling in a northeasterly direction for about four miles when it left the earth. Considerable damage was done to property.

Col. John N. Simpson, receiver for the Tres Pinos Canal Company, of Bay City, Tuesday sold at public outcry the property of the company. The consideration was \$125,000, of which amount \$25,000 was cash and the balance in the court desired it. The sale is subject to the approval of the court.

Not "Just as Good"—It's the Best. One box of Hunt's Cure is unfailingly, unqualifiedly and absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of SKIN DISEASE. It is particularly active in promptly relieving and permanently curing all forms of ITCHING KNOWN. ECZEMA, TETTER, RINGWORM and all similar troubles are relieved by one application; cured by one box.

The Tactful Husband. "How did you cure your wife of chattering so much?" "I told her that when her lips were closed they formed a perfect Cupid's bow."—Cleveland Leader.

There Has Recently Been Placed In all the drug stores an aromatic, pleasant herb cure for "woman's ills," called Mother Gray's "URTERIAN TABLET." It is the only certain regulator. Quickly relieves female weakness and backache, kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. At all drug stores or by mail to city. Sample FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

Near Goodness. Mother—Have you been a good girl while I've been away? Little Girl—Not quite.—Harper's Weekly.

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine. The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is "Liquor Capudine." Relieves the aching and soreness—Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 15 and 50c at Drug Stores.

One woman can be awfully fond of another—if they are a hundred miles apart.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of R. W. GLOVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. Etc.

Know what thou canst work at and do it like a Hercules.—Carlyle.

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

Better one discreet enemy than two indiscreet friends.

Advertisement for DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS, featuring a circular logo with the text "DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS" and "ALL KIDNEY DISEASES".

Advertisement for SLICKER, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and the text "IF YOU'VE NEVER WORN SLICKER".

Advertisement for CLOVER SEED, featuring the text "CLOVER SEED" and "Appropriately Pure, No Weeds".

Advertisement for WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT, featuring the text "WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT" and "Crush! go the mint leaves! OUT flows the delicious mint leaf juice!".

Advertisement for WHITE HOUSE SHOES, featuring an illustration of a shoe and the text "WHITE HOUSE SHOES" and "All shoes are made in much the same way. Here's the difference."

Advertisement for Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, featuring the text "Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna" and "Cleanses the System Effectually".

Advertisement for CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS, featuring the text "CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS" and "Positively cured by these Little Pills."

Advertisement for CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS, featuring the text "CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS" and "Genuine Must Bear Face-Simile Signature".

Advertisement for W.L. DOUGLAS SHOES, featuring an illustration of a man's face and the text "W.L. DOUGLAS SHOES \$3.00 SHOES \$3.50".

Advertisement for FERRY'S SEEDS, featuring the text "FERRY'S SEEDS" and "No body can grow better crops than those who use FERRY'S SEEDS."

Advertisement for DEFIANCE STARCH, featuring the text "DEFIANCE STARCH" and "15 ounces in the package only 15 cents—extra price and 'DEFIANCE' is SUPERIOR QUALITY."



# THE SEVENTH PERSON

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### SYNOPSIS.

Gerard Chambers, son of a wealthy importer and a student at an eastern college, was awarded a membership in the Club of the Gemini, a secret organization, founded by Rodney Graves. The society was exclusive, only seven being admitted. The members were known as Persons. A meeting was held and each member was awarded the "call of destiny," which amounted to an assignment to test his metal. Chambers was told to pass a period as a sailor and not set foot in North America for a year. Then he was directed to go to Mexico for further instruction which were to assign him to another year's exile, during which time he must make his own living unassisted, and keep everything a secret. He raised his father's consent. He also acquainted Maraylla Bayless, his father's choice for his wife, with the fact that he would be away two years. She left him angrily. Jerry obtained a berth as supercargo on an ocean freighter. Jerry sailed the following morning on the Sister Mary. Capt. Bulger told him that the boat was bound for Urania, South America, loaded with guns for enemies of that government. He landed the guns as a Uranian cruiser was in view. At first Sister Mary was chased, but escaped, Chambers being made the object of the chase. Chambers was captured and thrown into a dungeon. Marina Bostos, adopted daughter of Gen. Bostos, entered Jerry's cell and ministered to his wounds. Each made a strong impression on the other; she was known as the "little saint of Urania," because of her nursing Jerry, tried by Gen. Bostos, was sentenced to die at sunrise the following day. Marina visited Jerry.

### CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

"You are not to die at sunrise!" she whispered. "You are to live!"

Jerry was startled into rising like a flash to a sitting position.

"What—what do you mean?" he gasped.

"My captain and I are to have your life. Come, be quick; get up!—Can you stand on your leg for a time—just a little time?"

Jerry sprang to his feet, and so great was his excitement and so startling his full-born hope that he scarcely felt the sharp twinge of pain in the leg.

"See!" he cried in a whisper; "I can stand on it! Are you going to help me to escape?"

"Yes; but for God's sake, make no noise!"

Marina tiptoed to the door where she stood in absolute silence for almost five minutes. She sprang back with a start when there came to her ears and to Jerry's a low whistle.

"Come!" she whispered, excitedly. "Follow me!"

In another instant the door was open and the two, his hand in hers, were stealthily moving towards the bushes that lined the bank of the little stream. When they emerged from the undergrowth they were within ten feet of the water's edge. A few yards away, behind a clump of small trees, was Capt. Pilaro with two saddled horses. They moved quickly towards him.

"Quick, my captain!" she urged, in a low tone. "He shall ride with you. You lead and I shall follow!"

"Marina Bostos," the captain said, almost fiercely, "do you love me?"

"Yes!"

In another instant Jerry Chambers was on the horse's back, with a firm hold to Pilaro's shoulders.

"Where—where are we going?" half-cried Jerry.

"To the Forest of the Somber Shadows!" answered Marina.

At the captain's word the horses were whipped into the stream, through which they splashed and struggled to the other side. Just as the horses reached the narrow path that was to offer the course to the dense forest 20 miles away three shots rang out in rapid succession at the camp.

"Fly—fly with your might, my captain," cried Marina, and the officer began to lay whip to his horse's side with merciless vigor.

### CHAPTER X.

#### Capt. Jerry Chambers.

The horses responded so splendidly that after the first mile of the trail had been covered the whips and spurs were unnecessary. The sterling black charger bearing Pilaro and Jerry was kept to the fore all the time. Marina's handsome bay—Gen. Bostos' favorite field horse—keeping so close behind that at times its burning breath almost reached Jerry's back. The trail was crooked and at some places so narrow that only one horse could have passage. Pilaro knew the way well, and although the dangers were great, he plunged ahead fearlessly and confidently.

The Forest of the Somber Shadows was the largest and densest unbroken wood in Urania, covering a vast area of unexplored territory. The first suggestion of light in the east marked the trio's arrival at its edge.

A little spot free from the underbrush and vines afforded them the first resting place. The horses, almost dead from the performance of their valiant work, sank to the ground as soon as their reins were free. Jerry, kept up almost entirely by the excitement of the perilous ride, collapsed. Marina, drawing upon her last bit of reserve strength, spread out one of the horse blankets for him to lie on, and then sat by his side and gave him a stimulant.

The three slept until the sun was high. The captain had brought three

or four tins of meat and some coffee and hardtack, and after a very meager meal he went to the edge of the forest to reconnoiter. Jerry fell into deep meditation after the officer went away, and Marina aroused him with:

"Do you know that it is after sunrise?"

"Don't—don't, Marina!" he cried, shuddering at what the rising of the sun might have brought to him.

"And still you live," she went on, with a faint smile—a smile of triumph.

"I owe my miserable life to you, little sister; do with it as you will." The gratitude that glistened in his eyes shot into her brain.

"In the eye of God, Jerry, I have done no wrong," she said, lifting her hands. "I have done a great right, and I shall be forgiven—if not by my father, by my God. I will keep strong in the knowledge that I have performed a duty to my Maker."

Jerry took her hand into his and gazed thoughtfully at the specks of light above the densely foliaged tree-tops.

"How can I ever repay you for what you have sacrificed—given up for me?" he asked.

"You cannot repay me, Jerry; you never can—but we are not far enough away to talk this way," she went on bravely, almost forgetting the misery in her own heart; "we are not safe yet."

"But what shall you do?"

"I will not go back to my father or to the ranks of the government's army," she said, the old fire coming back to her eyes and her hands clenching determinedly, "until I have the sacred promise that no harm shall come to either Capt. Pilaro or myself. I shall not go back unless I am dragged back." After a moment's thought she went on: "After all, Jerry, this war is not such a terrible crime against the government of Cardovas. The revolutionists, among whom are many of the best men in Urania, believe their cause to be right—so strong in that belief that they will fight until the last man falls. If it were not for the favors received at Pandaro, many an officer in the government's ranks would be fighting with the revolutionists this very day. My heart, God knows, has beat for the government's cause more for the reason that my father commands its forces in the field than for anything else. The government of Urania—the autocratic government of Cardovas—is not strong enough to threaten me as it threatened you!"

Jerry's surprise was so great at this speech that he scarcely could believe his ears.

"You would not go to the other side?" he asked.

"Why not? They are my people as much as the government's men are, and it needs be, I can turn my whole heart and sympathy to them. My father must come to me with a heart overflowing with forgiveness. This I swear!"

The situation was gone over very carefully after Pilaro returned, and with hands uplifted in oaths, the captain and Marina swore they would not seek to return to the government ranks until they had been assured of complete forgiveness.

"But the government will not—cannot—forgive you," said Jerry.

"Then I shall go to the other side," exclaimed the captain. "For a long time my sympathies have been turning to the cause of the revolutionists, and it would take but little more to make me desert Cardovas and take up the fight against him!"

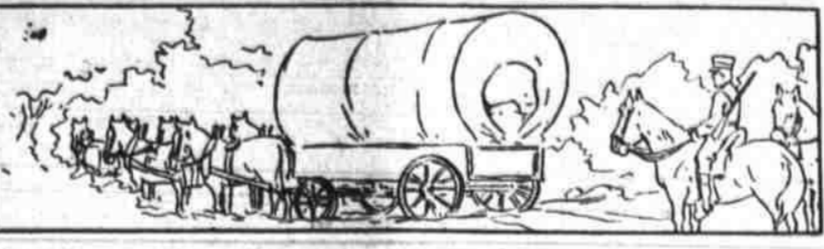
"But Senorita Bostos?" put in Jerry.

"I will die for her, Senor Chambers," said Pilaro. "It was my love for her that made me assist you to escape death. But, and this confession alone would bring a bullet to my heart, I believe that I should have deserted if Senor Chambers never had been in his position. Cardovas is not one of the people, he is not democratic."

"Who, then?" asked Marina.

"Herrero Barado—the foremost man of the people, the champion of the common people, the man who eventually will march at the head of his army into Pandaro—the man, Marina, who fought for the old cause at the side of Gen. Bostos, the man who saved your father's life at the risk of his own. Barado is the one man of all men to be at the head of the government."

After using the rest of the coffee at nightfall the trio started out of the forest, the purpose being to reach the ranch of a British citizen about 15 miles southwest of the Forest of the Somber Shadows. They left the trail and took to the rolling prairies. The eastern sky was faintly gray when they brought up at the home of the neutral. After relishing a hot breakfast at the ranchman's hospitable board they settled on plans for the immediate future. Jerry had placed his destinies wholly into the hands of the two, expressing a willingness to follow any course suggested by them.



The Old Man Drew a Dagger and Sprang Towards the Victorious Leader.

The ranchmen told them that a wing of Barado's army was reported to be advancing from the northwest, with Barado himself in command, and that scouts from the government's ranks had been in the vicinity within the last 18 hours. He confidently believed that a decisive battle would be fought, probably near the forest which had afforded them refuge. This move by Barado had been anticipated by the strategists of the other side.

Pilaro and Marina talked excitedly for a long time, and, although their words did not reach Jerry's ears, he believed that he was pleading with her. At last, as though unconscious of Jerry's presence, the captain embraced her and kissed her repeatedly.

"We are going to wait for Barado!" said Marina, her eyes dancing with excitement. "My captain has opened my eyes to the reality. We are going with Barado!"

"But your father, Marina?" gasped Jerry.

"My father is a soldier before he is a father," she cried, "and I can be a soldier before I am a daughter! The inhumanity he would have subjected you to—to which, in a measure, he did subject you—has turned my heart against such methods. Jerry, I love my father; he loves me, but—God, in my heart I am with the others now!"

Disguised as well as he could be under the circumstances, Pilaro set out on horseback in the afternoon in the direction from which Barado was reported to be approaching. He did not return to the ranch until long after nightfall, and when he burst in upon Marina and Jerry his face reflected his excited emotions.

"Barado's scouts are close at hand!" he cried. Marina sprang to her feet and hurried question after question at him. Jerry felt the excitement quite as keenly as they, and it was with much difficulty that she could keep him from overexerting himself physically. He slept for four or five hours, but the others did not close an eye throughout the night. In the middle of the next day the advance of Barado's army of 7,000 men came in sight. Barado himself reached the ranch about three o'clock.

The sleep had done Jerry a world of good, and when the "rebel" leader came up, he was limping about with the aid of an improvised crutch.

Pilaro convinced Barado of his sincerity in wanting to join his forces, and was appointed a member of the general's personal staff. Marina appeared before Barado in the uniform of a field nurse, and, although the general, knowing her as the daughter

of the commander of the opposing forces, did not place implicit trust in her, and, while he agreed that she might serve in his ranks, he told her that at all times she would be watched.

Pilaro introduced Jerry to the weather-beaten old warrior and told of the circumstances surrounding his capture and escape. Barado was deeply interested in the recital, and his eyes flashed with keen admiration for the young man.

"What was the name of your boat?" Barado asked.

"The Sister Mary," Jerry answered.

"The captain's name?"

"Bulger."

"Whom did Bulger meet at Havana?"

"Senor Chahara."

"Where were the guns landed?"

"On Ringo Island."

"How much did you collect for them?"

"Not a rifico."

"Who gave you the receipt for them?"

"I didn't get any."

"Why?"

"They got me before I could find anybody with a receipt."

"Right! You tell the truth," said Barado. "Although the plan failed, you did heroic service, and you should be rewarded. You may remain with my army and become one of my staff officers, or you may be taken to the frontier under escort. Which?"

Jerry's brain was in a whirl. What should he do? Quick as a flash he recalled the words in the message from the black sack of destiny commanding him to present himself at—Calle Coliseo, City of Mexico, on the last day of the first year of his absence from home and state. He had been away from New York but little more than two months, and he had almost ten months in which to reach the City of Mexico.

"I shall remain with your army, Gen. Barado!" he said.

The old warrior grasped his hand warmly.

"The autocratic government at Pandaro," he said, "shall be crushed and the government of the people established there! We cannot fail! We are right! Cardovas is falling—falling!"

CHAPTER XI.  
The Fortunes of War.

Gen. Barado's army went into camp in the foothills of the Bermudes mountains, about 50 miles southeast of the Forest of the Somber Shadows. The leader of the revolutionists, spurred on by recent important vic-

tories in the south and west, was preparing for the most decisive stroke of the long and bitter struggle.

The western division of the revolutionists, under the command of Gen. Provoce, reached the foothills 5,000 strong and in excellent condition. Gen. Agonillo's army of 4,000 men was hastening with all possible speed from the south, and with these two divisions Barado calculated that he would be strong enough to defeat the forces under Bostos.

He was about ready to move across the plains to a position which nature had made almost impregnable, when severe rains set in and continued for days without cessation. Two streams poured to the sea between the armies, and it was not long before they were impassable. The rains had resulted in dire hardships for the revolutionists, and after the first downpours hundreds of men fell ill with fever, which, though fatal to many, was combated with reasonable success by the hospital forces.

Capt. Pilaro waited too long before he placed himself under the care of the nurses; and, in the middle of one of the wildest storms, he breathed his last, with Capt. Jerry and Marina kneeling at his side. Jerry was permitted by Gen. Barado to assume charge of Pilaro's funeral arrangements, and just before the wasted body was prepared for removal to the captain's birthplace, a hamlet about 100 miles southward, he delivered, in the presence of Barado and his staff officers, a funeral oration.

Marina, much against the wishes of the physicians, was present at the simple ceremonies, and, sitting within a few feet of Jerry, her poor body trembled in a sapping chill when the speaker referred to "pity" as that to which he owed his life. Pity! How that word rankled in her bosom!

Before Jerry Chambers entered The College he had spent three years at a military training school on the Hudson, and his knowledge of military tactics made him particularly valuable to Gen. Barado, whose men knew very little of the secret of getting the most out of their strength and organization. Indeed, the general considered himself fortunate in having such a cool, steady, practical head at his side. The weeks of delay that the rains had caused were busy ones for Jerry, who brought all of his military training into play; many a raw recruit became as straight and soldierly in bearing as patriarchs of the service.

Jerry requested Gen. Barado that he be selected to accompany the body of Capt. Pilaro to its last resting place. At first the rugged commander was inclined to grant the request, but he finally refused to do so, giving no other reason than "because." He suggested that the trip would be of inestimable benefit to Marina, who, after consulting Jerry, assumed charge of the body and proceeded in a roofed wagon on the long journey.

"I shall be back with the revolutionists," Marina said at the parting. "And you, Jerry?"

"I shall await you, Marina." It was only a warm clasping of the hands that marked the parting.

The order to march was not given until early in the autumn, when the army was practically in as good condition as when it took up position in the foothills. The forces were divided into four divisions, all of which proceeded together until the second stream was crossed and the natural fortifications were reached. Here they spread out and formed into a crescent, ready to sweep down on the government's strongholds in such a manner as to make the charge most effective and to prevent retreat from any side. Bostos presented a most formidable defense, his preparations and strength being much greater than Barado had calculated they would be. The leader of the "rebels" had confidently expected that Bostos would march out to meet him and give battle in the open. While the government's tactics surprised him and created no small degree of disappointment, Barado knew that his strategic position was the better and that he could prevent a retreat.

"Let them stay," said he. "We shall move in no closer, but shall wait for them to come out or starve. Their supplies are cut off and they must come out."

In the middle of a dark night the ranks of Barado's army were thrown into wild excitement and activity by the announcement from the advance lines that Bostos was hastily preparing to bring his full strength to bear on the southern wing of the besiegers. With all possible haste, after the certainty of Bostos' intentions was learned, the northern wing of the revolutionists was swung around to the proposed point of attack. The other divisions were placed in readiness to give support to the men who were to meet the first force of the government's blow.

For two days the armies were engaged in the deadliest battle of the

war. Bostos succeeded in breaking through the first division, but his strength was too nearly gone to beat down the fresh barrier presented. At the close of the second day the government's losses had reached 1,000 killed, 3,000 wounded and 800 captured. The losses on the other side were about two-thirds as great.

On the morning of the third day, Bostos rallied his men for a last supreme effort, and for hours and hours he gallantly faced the fresher forces of Barado. Slowly his ranks were driven back to the sea, where, no avenue of escape being left, he signaled his surrender.

The joy that came into the ranks of the revolutionists when the surrender was announced was indescribable. It was soon after the announcement that one of the most thrilling events of the conflict occurred. An old soldier in ragged clothing proceeded to Barado's tent with a request that he be given a chance to fight for the revolutionists' cause. Jerry Chambers, by what afterwards was called "providential intuition" by some, suspected that the old man had another purpose in mind. Jerry was alone with Barado, who was awaiting Bostos and the sword of surrender, when the man appeared at the tent opening.

"Gen. Barado," began the old man, nervously, and with side glances, "I have come to offer you my services. I have fought for the government, but Gen. Bostos has put two of my sons to death for what he unfairly called desertion. My heart is for you and against him and his cause."

Barado bade him wait a minute, and turned his back to him. The instant his eyes were away the old man whipped out a dagger from under his coat and sprang towards the victorious leader. Jerry, his eyes all the time on the stranger, drew his sword in a flash and struck the blade from the man's hand just as it touched the general's coat. The old man attempted to recover the dagger, but Jerry's hands were at his throat, and in another instant he was helpless on the ground.

Barado merely looked at Jerry for a moment, and then calmly walked over to him and extended his hand. He said not a word, but the expression in his eyes might have told a long story if it could have spoken. It was not until the would-be assassin was placed under guard that the incident became known in the ranks.

Gen. Bostos, grizzled old veteran of many wars, advanced under a white flag to deliver his sword to the victor. In other wars Barado and Bostos had fought for the same cause, had planned together, had suffered together. They had spent many years of their lives together. They had loved each other with the love of brothers. When Bostos' arrival was announced, Gen. Barado's heart failed him. His hand trembled, his voice quaked, and a mist came into his eyes.

"I cannot take his sword," he finally said; "he is still my best friend, the one man in all Urania that I love as a brother. I shall delegate one of my officers to accept his surrender and to return his sword. I cannot face him in his time of distress. Whom shall I name?" No sooner had the last word of the sentence been spoken than his eyes rested upon Capt. Jerry Chambers.

Within a few minutes Capt. Jerry went forth, his head high and his body rigid, other officers of the staff following behind.

Haggard and despondent, Gen. Bostos, surrounded by members of his staff, dropped his eyes as Jerry approached to within a few feet of him, and without looking up he held out his sword with a trembling hand.

"I accept your surrender in the name of the Confederacy of Urania," said Jerry, with great dignity, "being duly delegated by Gen. Barado, commanding the forces of the confederacy in the field."

Then Gen. Bostos glanced up for the first time and held out his sword again, Jerry continuing: "Gen. Barado desires that you retain your sword, Gen. Bostos."

Bostos' eyes dropped again, but when he lifted them the second time his chin fell and he took a startled step backward. For a moment his eyes were fixed in a glassy stare.

"You—you who escaped—!"

"I beg to introduce myself as Capt. Chambers of Gen. Barado's personal staff," was the soft interruption.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### Blood Heat.

The normal temperature of the human body is about 98½ degrees, Fahrenheit. This is known as blood heat, and is maintained within one or two degrees, whether in the arctic or tropical regions. In the animal kingdom mammals have about the same temperature as man; birds are warmer than man by eight or ten degrees, while reptiles, fishes and all invertebrates differ only slightly from the temperature of the medium in which they live.

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The Dawson County News sums up the railroad situation in that county as follows:

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### At Work in Dawson County

About the middle of last week the engineers of the C. H. & G. Ry. began at Brownfield to make the surveys from that point to the T. & P. Ry. We understand that two lines are being run. One to Sulphur Wells via Lamesa the other direct from Brownfield to Sulphur Wells passing about six miles west of Lamesa.

Last Wednesday the parties were working between Pride and Lou and is expected that they will reach Lamesa within a few days. — Dawson County News.

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### All Votes For Taft.

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### Proposed Rural Route.

D. C. Darby, of Pittsburg, Camp county, Texas, who has been visiting relatives here for several months, has about decided to locate here and has interested many of the people in this part of the county in securing a rural route out of Coahoma. The proposed route is to run south from Coahoma one mile, thence west about five and one-half miles, thence two miles north, crossing the railroad at a point four and one-half miles east of Big Springs and thence east five miles, thence north two miles to Wheeler's and thence to Coahoma. He has secured seventy-seven subscribers and a number have not yet been consulted; but there is little doubt as to the project being brought to a successful issue. — Coahoma Courier.

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### Plans Special Trains.

Expecting a big rush of home-seekers to West Texas this winter, the Texas & Pacific has ordered that no train shall leave the Fort Worth station for the west more than four hours late. If necessary, special trains will be made up nightly in the yard in order to maintain the schedule. — Fort Worth Star and Telegram.

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The cold wave which reached here Sunday afternoon caused quite a drop in the temperature. Snow fell nearly all day Monday, but there was not enough to do any good towards moistening the earth.

# KENNEDY IS SPEAKER

Galleries Filled With Spectators at Opening Session Tuesday.

## THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

Speaker Asks Members to Proceed With Business—J. M. Terrell President Senate.

Austin, Jan. 13.—In the House, of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature, which convened yesterday, the feature event was the election of a speaker. Up to Monday night there were three candidates, Hon. A. M. Kennedy of McLennan County, Hon. John Mobley of Henderson County, and Hon. W. C. Davis of Brazos County. The latter was not put in nomination. He seconded the nomination of Mr. Kennedy and the vote was: Kennedy 69, Mobley 63. On motion of Mr. Mobley, Mr. Kennedy was declared unanimously elected. All members of the house were present. One did not vote.

Kennedy supporters charge there was executive interference in the campaign because of activities of Love and Dashiell. Governor Campbell says has taken no part in the matter.

The rules governing the proceedings of the previous Legislatures were adopted temporarily.

Bob Barker of Bexar County was re-elected chief clerk. Other positions are to be filled today.

### In the Senate.

In the Senate, Hon. J. M. Terrell of Morris County, was elected President pro tem.

Frank Hornbuckle of Bosque county was elected sergeant at arms, securing 16 votes. Clem H. Allen of Travis County, who has been in that position during several sessions, secured 15 votes.

Rev. H. M. Sears of Travis County was re-elected chaplain, the vote for him being 18. Rev. W. O. Rains of Gray county secured 12 votes.

A resolution by Senator Willacy in memory of the late Senator R. B. Green of Bexar county was unanimously adopted by rising vote.

Senators Peeler, Perkins and Terrell of McLennan were appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate is organized and ready for business. Senators Hudspeth, Hume and Thomas were selected to similarly notify the house.

An attempt is making in New York to limit the height of buildings in that city to 250 feet. It is urged that the higher buildings, those of five or six hundred feet, are a menace to the health of the people as well as dangerous in case of fire. In Boston and in Washington a much lower limit has been established by law.

The divorce statistics just published emphasize again the need of a uniform national divorce law as the only means by which the evil can be kept in check. As a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, neither is divorce in the union more difficult than in the state with the most lax laws. There is no use in passing a restrictive law in one state which can be nullified at individual pleasure in another.

Mr. Powderly, after investigation, declares there are few men in the New York "broad line" who want to work. He suggests state farms. Good, as far as it goes. But many of these men would be of no use on any kind of a farm. Some are better adapted to building roads. The plan of Orlando F. Lewis for employment stations is more comprehensive and more practical, thinks the Pittsburg Dispatch.

A British peer advocates temporary confiscation of a car for automobile speeding. The remedy is, in the opinion of the Baltimore American, rather drastic, but it is evident from the increasing number of accidents and the disregard for life and limb manifested by the speed maniacs that something must be done in the way of punitive legislation. The present system of fines is wholly inadequate; in fact, they constitute but the smallest part of the running expenses of motoring, and plainly are so regarded.

The navy department wants a wireless telephone plant established in Washington for its use. If the system is sufficiently practical to be in such demand it will soon be in general use and vocal messages will be floating through the air in every direction. But where is the sound while the message is on its travel? The query suggests the old problem: If a tree falls in the middle of a forest where no man can hear it, is there any noise from the crash?

Wilbur Wright is going after a \$10,000 prize in a French aeroplane race next month, although he knows perfectly well how the French aeroplanists have to lose the money.

What artist of society has done such a sketch of degenerate aristocracy as is drawn of themselves by the French princelings in the court proceedings for the possession of an American girl's fortune? Is the battle for which American heiresses better themselves to tilted rakes worth the incumbrance? asks the New York World.

### IMPARTS A DELICIOUS FLAVOR.

Old Virginia Recipe for Sugar Cured Hams and Shoulders.

This recipe is one that has been handed from mother to daughter for years and long before the war, and any one using it will have reason to be proud of the truly delicious flavor which will be imparted to the meat.

The sugar cured hams and shoulders after laying in salt six weeks hang them up and smoke well, throwing a very little sulphur on the fire the last two or three days. Then take down. Have a strong decoction of red pepper boiling hot—that is, a pot of boiling water into which has been put a liberal supply of red pepper; add an ounce of saltpeter, wash hams and shoulders thoroughly and place in the sun to dry. When perfectly dry coat the meat side with a paste made of molasses and black and white pepper made by warming the molasses and making it thick with the peppers. Wrap each piece nicely and closely in brown paper, put each in a cotton sack, sew the sack up closely and hang it up. Then whitewash each sack. Will keep for years. Breakfast bacon can also be prepared the same way.

### COOKING LEG OF MUTTON.

Also the Proper Method of Serving It When Cooked.

Take a leg of mutton about eight pounds, trim it, wrap it in a greased paper if the fire is fierce, and roast it or bake it for two and a half or three hours, keeping it well basted; when ready to serve, dish up and garnish it round with tomatoes and mushrooms, prepared as below. Dish the tomatoes alternately with mushrooms round the mutton; pour the gravy from the tomatoes and mushrooms in a saucerboat or serve round the joint.

Peel and cut the tomatoes in halves; season them with a little paprika and salt, and cook them in a tin in the oven for about 12 minutes with a little butter or dripping; put a little greased paper over them, and occasionally baste them.

Well wash the mushrooms, peel and dry, then put them in a saucerboat with a little butter or dripping mixed with a teaspoonful of flour, a little paprika and salt, and about a quarter of a pint of stock or gravy; let them boil for about 15 minutes; then take up and sprinkle over them a little chopped parsley.

**Breaded Chicken with Tomatoes.**  
Cut two small chickens in nice-sized pieces, roll them in bread crumbs, then dip them in beaten eggs, and again roll in crumbs. The crumbs should be seasoned with salt and pepper. Fry the chicken until tender in plenty of butter. When done place the pieces on a heated dish, add a tablespoonful of minced parsley to the butter in the pan and a cupful of milk in which has been dissolved a teaspoon of cornstarch. Stir it over the fire until slightly thickened and the cornstarch is cooked, add seasoning if necessary, then pour it over the chicken, garnish with fried tomatoes and serve at once.—Mary Foster Sulder.

**Egg Sauce for Fish.**  
Boll four eggs for seven minutes, then remove the shells and the whites, and rub the yolks through a wire sieve; put two ounces of butter into a stewpan with one and a half ounces of fine flour, mix together on the side of the stove till the butter is quite melted, then add by degrees half a pint of hot water, keeping it stirred over the fire all the time; when it boils, add the juice of half a lemon, half a gill of cream, a dust of red pepper, and a pinch of salt; wring through the strainer and then mix in the prepared yolks of eggs.

**Hoghead Cheese.**  
Take one medium-sized hog's head. Wash and scrape clean; put into pot, add one tablespoonful of salt and cover with boiling water. Boll until meat falls off the bones. Put into chopping bowl the meat, brains and rinds. Chop very fine; squeeze out all the grease. Add to the chopped meat one tablespoonful black pepper, one teaspoonful ground mustard and two tablespoonfuls vinegar. Take piece of white cheese cloth or muslin; put into bowl or deep iron pot chopped meat; cover top with muslin; lay plate on top and put flatiron on plate to press down. Let stand over night, when it is ready for table use.

**Scotch Broth.**  
Boll four quarts of lean mutton in four quarts of water, stir into it half a pound of Scotch barley. Keep it well mixed until the water boils and skim the surface carefully while simmering as fast as the scum rises. Cut up a couple of carrots, a turnip, and an onion; add these with a quart of green peas, a few sprigs of parsley, and a dessertspoonful of pepper and salt, mixed. The vegetables should not be allowed to boll a longer time than is required to cook them. Scotch broth may be made of beef or veal.

**Don't Cry Over Onions.**  
Every housekeeper knows the great discomfort occasioned from chopping onions for chili sauce. If they will add the red peppers to the onion and chop together they will find the annoyance from smarting eyes entirely done away with. Hold the onions under the water while peeling.

**To Protect Baby's Stockings.**  
Baste a piece of muslin or cambric the color of the stockings in the top where the safety pin is used, and they will not be torn by the pins.

### BREAKS A COLD PROMPTLY

The following formula is a never failing remedy for colds:  
One ounce of Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, one ounce Toris Compound and one-half pint of good whiskey, mix and shake thoroughly each time and use in doses of a tablespoonful every four hours.

This if followed up will cure an acute cold in 24 hours. The ingredients can be gotten at any drug store.

**Opposed to Toll Roads.**  
Maryland, following the recent lead of Pennsylvania, is moving to abolish toll roads. Gov. Crothers has expressed the hope that before his term is ended every tollgate in the state will be abolished and every road free. He believes that the work of the good roads commission will ultimately result in wiping out the gates. "The tollgate," says the governor, "is not of this age and has no proper place in this time. It is ridiculous to think of charging people money for coming to your city."

### Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

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A philosophy without heart and a faith without intellect are abstractions from the true life and being of knowledge and faith. The man whom philosophy leaves cold, and the man whom real faith does not illumine, may be assured that the fault lies in themselves, not in knowledge and faith. The former is still an alien from philosophy, the latter an alien from faith.—Hegel.

**It's Dangerous.**  
To neglect a cold the results are too often very serious. Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Pneumonia and Consumption are frequently the consequences. Upon the appearance of a cold, sore throat or chest, use Simmons' Cough Syrup. It soothes the irritation, loosens the slegm and promptly cures you.

**Sure Sign.**  
Mrs. Murphy—Arrah! 'Tis Saterdah night an' th' facth'ry is closin' down an' Timmy don't know whether he'll git his pay or not.  
Mrs. Flaherty—Here he comes home now.  
Mrs. Murphy—Wirra! Thin he ain't been paid.

**Important to Mothers.**  
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Wm. C. Carter* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of Knowledge; it is thinking makes what we read ours.—Locke.

**"We Have Many Similar."**  
The following is an extract from a letter received from Mr. H. H. Meyers of Stuttgart, Ark.: "You would greatly oblige me if you would introduce Hunt's Lightning Oil at Millidgeville, Ill., as I have many friends and relatives there, in whom I am much concerned, and I understand the Oil is not kept there. I can recommend it as the best medicine I ever had in my house. It cured me of a bad case of the Bloody Flux in less than one-half hour, and it cured my grand-daughter of a bad case of Cholera Morbus in a very short time."

**Rather Hard.**  
The messenger entered the palace with the dispatches.  
"Hrimstone and asphalt!" ejaculated Castro, as he read the yellow slip. "Holland threatens to spank us."  
"Well, what of it, your excellency?" responded the secretary. "Other nations have threatened to do the same."  
"Yes, but, confound it, this is a spanking that will hurt. The Dutch wear wooden shoes."

**"Nails."**  
"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching, though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely afflicted and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch and less than one box cured me entirely."  
J. M. WARD,  
Index, Texas.

**Rapid Transit.**  
Mrs. Blunder had just received a telegram from India.  
"What an admirable invention the telegram is!" she exclaimed, "when you come to consider that this message has come a distance of thousands of miles and the gum on the envelope isn't dry yet."—Tit-Bits.

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The destiny of the greatest state in the union hangs measurably in the balance this year. This tax must be paid now. The coming of February 1 will disfranchise thousands. Let them not be prohibitionists. Tell your neighbor about this. Have your pastor read it from the pulpit.

The liquor agents are busy with an unlimited fund. Some have already been caught at their nefarious tricks and are in the toils of the law, but they will in spite of this, pay thousands of poll taxes in the next two weeks. Let prohibition clubs, good citizenship clubs, pastors' association and all other advocates of clean politics get busy. "Pay your poll tax with your own money."

STERLING P. STRONG, Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League of Texas.

ARTHUR W. JONES, Superintendent Publicity Bureau.

The railroad company are having the trees that were killed by fire when the hotel burned out down and removed from the lot.

### A Horse Puzzle.

Early in November a horse belonging to J. R. Puckett mysteriously disappeared from the Sank-Waskom pasture where, with his mate, he had been kept for some time. The pasture, which consists of six sections, was thoroughly searched and the fence found to be intact and the gates securely closed, but no trace of the missing animal was found, although his mate was there as usual. The horse was not a fence jumper, and it is not usual for one to desert a mate, so Mr. Puckett naturally supposed that the horse had the aid of human hands in making his getaway, and forthwith notified the sheriff of Mason and other nearby counties and settled down to await developments. Nothing resulted, and nearly two months passed, when presto! on December 30 the horse was discovered in another pasture which also belongs to Mr. Winston, and which is eight miles west of one he disappeared from. The horse was alone, unharmed and as in the case of the other pasture, the fence and gates were secure. Now, how did he get there? Airship route, you reckon? and where was he during the two months of his absence?—Coahoma Courier.

If it is kept in a drug store you will find it a Reagan's.

### Shall Texas be Represented?

Wichita Falls, Jan. 13.—"Shall the State of Texas be represented at the Great Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle?" is the question put to the citizens of Texas by the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association, of which the Exposition Committee, through the chairman, F. H. Gohlke of Wichita Falls, is charged with the task of bringing to a successful issue.

Texas realizes the value of publicity and that the coming year is one of the most opportune for expansive exploitation work. The commercial secretaries of the entire state are being urged to do their part in soliciting contributions of \$1 to the fund. \$5000 is all that is needed and the pro rata share of each community is but a pittance of the immensity of returns which cannot fail to accrue from the comprehensive exhibit of products and resources which are available.

At the St. Louis exposition the grand prize was captured by Texas. At the Seattle exposition Texas will be a winning card. This exposition will cost \$10,000,000 and a number of states will have state buildings. The influx of visitors will pour in from all over the United States, but chiefly from the Central West and Middle Atlantic States. These are the same people Texas is trying to attract to its diversity of resources and opportunities through various advertising features.

Much could be said of this splendid opportunity for exploitation of Texas resources, but suffice to say that absolute knowledge of the price of lands and opportunities for the man of moderate means in the Pacific Northwest cannot compare with the opportunities offered in Texas and which are various enough in character to attract men from every clime.

The Exposition Committee appeals to the state pride of every Texan and citizen of Texas to aid in a small way. Give your dollar to your local newspaper or commercial secretary. Give it today. The integrity of the commercial secretaries of the state is a guarantee of the judicious and honest expenditure of the fund to the end that our great state shall be benefited.

"Let Texas Grow."

Don't forget the man who is furnishing you your school books. He wants your trade. Reagan's Drug Store.

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### A Live Citizenship.

Wichita Falls, January 13.—The annual meeting of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce on the 5th inst. assembled nearly 200 of the representative citizenship of this city and resulted in the pledging of a fund of \$10,000 for the support of the organization for the ensuing year.

Twenty-five representatives from other cities in North Texas attended the meeting and also the banquet at the St. James hotel, which was given in honor of the occasion. The notable address of the evening was delivered by Capt. B. B. Paddock, secretary of the Fort Worth Board of Trade. His subject, "Which are You, a Lifter or a Leaner?" was received with applause which spelled "Lifter." Capt. Paddock was voted an honorary membership in the Chamber of Commerce.

By raising a fund of \$10,000 the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce stands second in the list of commercial organizations in Texas in amount of money raised. Ft. Worth leading with \$16,000. One \$900, four \$600, five \$130, eight \$120 and twenty \$60 annual memberships were secured during a ten minutes' call for pledges. Secretary F. H. Gohlke, in submitting his report for the past five months, stated that \$3,893 had been expended by his office during that period. The retiring board of directors were re-elected, with R. E. Huff as president and F. H. Gohlke as secretary.

The intense interest displayed was the result of the aggressive work of the Chamber of Commerce in the past few months. Not a vacant house can be found in the city, and newcomers are arriving daily. The hotels and rooming houses are taxed to their capacity until it is getting to be a problem of accommodating the influx of new people. More new business blocks and residences are being erected than at any time in the history of the city. A franchise for an electric line has been applied for.

The directors on the following day took steps to pave the streets in business district and to light the city with natural gas. A union depot, extension of sidewalks, new high school, interstate fair and the sending of a stereopticon exhibit into the central states for the purpose of running a special excursion to Wichita Falls were matters authorized to be pushed.

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