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### Farmers Day.

The inauguration of Farmers Day, which will be held on Friday, March 19th, by the management of the fat stock show to be held in Fort Worth March 13th to 20th, has met with the heartiest endorsement of the farmers of Texas. On this day all entries of grade draught and grade coach horses and mules will be received without charges, and attractive premiums are offered in these classes.

This movement is inaugurated with the idea of encouraging the farmers of this state to raise better farm stock and is evidently a subject close to the hearts of the farmers, for there have been many enquiries for information as to entries for these classes.

Your health is the most important thing to you, and you can only enjoy it by using pure drugs and medicines when you have to use them. We sell only the best. — Arnold - McCamant Drug Co.

Mrs. J. B. Ellis, who came here some three weeks ago from Toyah for medical treatment, died Tuesday morning and was buried Wednesday afternoon, services were held at the Episcopal church. She had been in bad health for some time and her death was not unexpected by her relatives.

A number of good odds and ends at your own price.

ART LEATHER SHOPS.

### District Court.

District court convened here Monday afternoon with Hon. J. L. Shepherd on the bench. The grand jury was empaneled Tuesday morning the jurors were excused until next week. The criminal docket was set for next Wednesday. Court then adjourned until next week.

Grand jury is still in session.

Full line ladies' new spring Oxford in patent, vict, tans and ox blood. Prices \$4.00, \$3.50, \$2.50, \$2.00 to \$1.25 pair.

W. P. BONNER,  
Big Springs.

### County Court Doings

County court convened Monday and the following cases were disposed of:

T. J. McKinney vs. City of Big Springs, debt; judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$262.50.

State of Texas vs. Ball Gregory, violating local option law, three cases; fined \$25 and twenty days in jail in each case.

Jury was discharged yesterday for the term.

Stop renting. Buy a home on small monthly payments, less than rent. Investigate this fully.

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LOST—Somewhere in Big Springs, set of black furs. Finder please return to this office and get reward.

## TWO HOUSES ARE BURNED

### WOMAN LOSES LIFE IN THE FLAMES

THE RESIDENCES OF T. H. CARTER AND G. W. TAMSITT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Tuesday morning about ten o'clock the residence of T. H. Carter was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was turned in and the firemen responded promptly, but the fire had gained such headway by the time they reached it, that they could do nothing but turn their attention to saving other buildings. The fire soon spread to the residence of G. W. Tamsitt and both houses were soon reduced to ashes. The fire was caused by an explosion of gasoline in the Carter house. Mrs. Bob Jones, who roomed there, was cleaning a skirt with gasoline and from some cause it exploded setting her clothing and the house on fire. Mrs. Jones was so badly burned that she died in a short time after being removed to another house.

The residence of Pete Johnson sustained damage to about \$250 and his household goods were damaged by removal as well as the goods from several other houses in the vicinity of the fire. The Home Steam Laundry, situated just across the street from the Carter house sustained damages to the amount of \$100 or more, and it was only saved from burning by heroic work. The roof caught on fire several times and all the window lights in the west side of the building were broken by the intense heat. Several wooden buildings fronting First street and the express office caught fire from the flying cinders but were extinguished without serious damage to any of them.

Mr. Carter did not save anything except the piano. We did

not learn his loss but understand he had some insurance on the building and furniture.

Nearly everything was gotten out of the Tamsitt house. There was some insurance on the building.

### Notice.

I have located here permanently for the practice of dentistry and will appreciate a share of your patronage and guarantee perfect satisfaction.

E. O. ELLINGTON, Dentist.

### Program B. & P. Class

Following is the program of the B. and P. Class to be rendered at the Cumberland Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m., Sunday, February 21:

Subject—Stephen, the first Christian martyr.

Leader, Miss Ina Wilkes.

Song.

Prayer.

Class discussion.

Tell what you can of Stephen—Miss Blanton-Sistrunk.

In what sense does a hero never die?—Charley Jefferies.

What was the secret of Stephen's fearlessness?—Mr. McCain.

Select reading—Miss Lottie Rutherford.

Solo—C. M. Angle.

Instructions on Lesson—Archie Cole.

Song.

Benediction.

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For Easter Wear.

The Ladies Aid of the Christian church will give a white sale just before Easter. Ladies, wait until then to buy your dainty waists, collars, handbags, belts, corset covers, pillow cases, baby caps and many other articles of beauty and service. A number of these articles will be hand embroidered. Watch for the date.

W. P. Bonner returned Monday, from a purchasing trip to the northern markets.

Let Reagan figure with on your paint and paper bill. He saves you money.

### Land Bargain

For sale, 4 sections of land in Dawson county; 90 per cent agricultural, two houses, plenty of water, all fenced, small farm. Price \$8.00 bonus, \$1.00 to state. For terms call at this office.

J. C. and J. F. Smith returned Wednesday from an auto trip to their Pecos ranch. They were accompanied by F. G. Oxshier and son of Fort Worth, and they report a very pleasant trip.

Ladies, we sell the La France shoes, the best on the market. Ask to see them.—The new store—Barry & Devenport.

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We are now in our new store, and are loaded for business  
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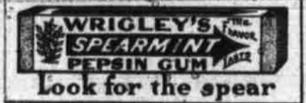
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**EVENTS BOILED DOWN**

**DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.**

**NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY**

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Here Found.

**WASHINGTON NEWS.**

By a vote of 173 to 117 the House Monday, in Washington, passed the bill removing the bar to Senator Knox's eligibility for the office of Secretary of State. This was the second vote of the day on this measure and the two were separated only by about two hours' time.

The state department at Washington is considering the question of dispatching an American war vessel to Liberia, where alarm is felt for the safety of British and French citizens employed in the customs service of the republic.

It was officially stated Wednesday in Washington that Huntington Wilson, formerly the third assistant secretary of state and recently appointed minister to Argentine Republic, would be assistant secretary of state under the Taft administration.

With simple but impressive ceremonies the counting of the electoral vote for president and vice-president took place Wednesday at a joint session of the senate and house of representatives held in the chamber of the lower body in Washington.

The house committee on alcoholic liquor traffic Thursday voted down the Bennett bill providing for a commission to collect information regarding the liquor traffic in this country.

The entire question of the type of canal that should be adopted in the construction of the Panama Canal was before the senate Tuesday in Washington. Senator Foraker and Senator Teller all declared they believed a grave mistake had been made in adopting the lock project.

Senator Hale, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, Wednesday reported to the senate in Washington the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy. It carries \$136,826,199, an increase of \$1,058,428 over the amount carried by the bill as it was passed by the house.

Congress will probably formulate its own plan of naval reform, notwithstanding the president created a commission a few days ago to perform this service. At all events the naval appropriation bill, when it came out of Senator Hale's committee this morning, contained an added provision for a commission to be composed of senators, representatives, naval officers and civilians, the naval officers and civilians to be named by the president.

Yielding to the pressure brought to bear by President Roosevelt and Gov. Gillette, the California assembly retired from its previous position on the anti-Japanese matters Wednesday by reconsidering the former vote on the segregation of Japanese students in the public schools and finally rejecting the measure by a vote of 41 to 37.

The agricultural appropriation bill as it leaves the house carries \$145,470 "for the study and demonstration of the best methods of meeting the ravages of the cotton boll weevil" and \$42,000 "for investigation of insects affecting southern field crops, including the cotton boll weevil and other insects injurious to cotton and insects affecting tobacco, rice and sugar cane."

**DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.**

Information has just been received that two were killed and seven badly injured at West Point, Miss., Sunday afternoon, as the result of a heavy windstorm.

The county commission has ordered an election to be held in Panhandle, to determine whether to issue bonds for \$50,000 for a court house and jail, the election to take place March 29.

At a special meeting to be held Saturday morning the city commissioners granted a thirty-year franchise to the Fort Worth Light and Power company, which agrees on its part to furnish artificial gas at \$1.25 per 1,000, or natural gas, if the latter is procured at 45 cents per 1,000, the price to be subject to regulation by the authorities.

All members of the legislature will be given a special invitation by the cattlemen's executive committee to attend the cattlemen's convention and fat stock show in Fort Worth next month.

That the holdup of the Denver and Rio Grande passenger train No. 4, near Denver, Colo., early Saturday morning, was the work of three instead of two robbers and that the robbery of the mail car gave them a loot of possibly \$25,000 are indicated by the investigation of the police and railroad officials.

Natural gas was turned into the mains Tuesday and is available for domestic use. Many connections are being rushed and within a week the housewives of Wichita Falls will enjoy the bliss of cooking with gas.

Efforts will be made by the board of trade of Denison to secure the planting of 5,000 acres in peanuts the coming season. A northern firm is planning to establish a plant for handling peanuts somewhere in Texas, and this plant will be placed as nearly in the center of the peanut district as possible.

The Farmers' State bank, capital \$25,000, has been organized at Commerce.

It is a settled fact that the international bridge across the Rio Grande will be built at Brownsville.

A fire which occurred in Hillsboro Thursday morning resulted in losses and damages aggregating about \$15,000.

The erection of Snyder's new court house will begin in the near future. It will cost \$70,000, exclusive of the jail.

John Henry Seals, a well-known Georgia journalist and founder of the Sunny South, died Wednesday at Milledgeville, Ga., aged 76.

More than \$50,000 in cash has been found in a mattress on the bed of James Mahar, a Civil War veteran, who died in Lockport, N. J., Sunday.

Louie Kopecky, the 19-year-old son of Martin Kopecky, was burned to death, with his father's home, Friday. They live three miles east of Granger.

Commissioner Colvin of Fort Worth has accepted an offer from a St. Louis firm for the \$50,000 issue of city school bonds, bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest.

Harrison county will have fully 500,000 fruit trees in bearing this season and the prospects just now are very promising for a splendid crop of fruit.

The board of directors of the Knights of Pythias Widows' and Orphans' home in Weatherford announce that the building will be formally opened on March 1.

The amount of cotton ginned to Feb. 6 is placed at 12,214,000 bales by the National Ginners' association in a report issued Wednesday. This amount is compared with 10,593,000 bales ginned to Feb. 9 of last year.

Dispatches received from Northern and Central Indiana say the sleet storm is one of the worst on record. Telegraph and telephone wires, trees and shrubbery were coated here an inch thick with ice.

The Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction company's ferry steamer running between Willoughby spit and old Point Comfort burned to the waters edge at her Willoughby pier, Tuesday. Three of her crew were burned to death in their bunks.

The federal grand jury, which has been in session in Muskogee nearly two weeks, was discharged Tuesday, after having made a final report returning twenty-six indictments, charging the cutting of valuable timber on Indian lands.

The Japanese newspapers continue to be filled with dispatches emanating from San Francisco, New York and London, indicating an increase of the anti-Japanese sentiment on the Pacific coast, which is said to be rapidly spreading to interior states.

Heavy storms in sections of Southern Oklahoma Monday added a new and disastrous feature to the extremely hard blizzard that has prevailed throughout the State for two days. Near Ardmore a few houses were wrecked, and one man was killed.

From owing a floating indebtedness in the general fund of \$11,000 less than three years ago the city of Danton Saturday has retired all general fund scrip and has a cash balance in the bank, according to the statement of Mayor Ed. F. Bates.

A discussion of the soils of Texas is a subject that is of interest to all parts of the state, and the announcement that has been made of a forthcoming bulletin on that subject is worthy of attention. The bulletin in preparation deals with the soils of Delta, Henderson, Robertson, Webb, Wilson, Cherokee, Angelina, Nacogdoches, Cameron, Hidalgo, Montgomery, Nueces and Lavaca counties.

Analysis of representative soils of these areas are given in detail. Past experiments and other work to test the capabilities and needs of the soils has been done. The bulletin will not be issued immediately, but when issued it will be for free distribution to all who apply for it.

After vigorous protests were made by veterans of the civil war because a Confederate flag was included in the Tomlinson hall decorations for the Lincoln celebration at Indianapolis, Mayor Bookwater ordered the emblem removed from the hall.

Following riots in the state of Morelos, Mexico, where several men were killed and injured, the Mexican government has made a number of arrests, all followers of Patrio Deyva, the anti-federal candidate for governor of the state.

Bill McIntosh, the negro charged with killing Deputy Constable Bob Draper in Paris last Friday night while the officers were trying to arrest him, was captured Tuesday at Wister, Ok.

The lumbermen of Texas expect to have Chief Forester Pinchot of Washington to visit the state in April, when the forestry students of Yale will be at work in the East-Texas pine lands.

Five firemen were killed and about a dozen injured, two fatally, by the toppling over of a brick wall while fighting a fire in Milwaukee, Wis., Sunday.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra of England arrived in Berlin Tuesday morning in fulfillment of a promise made last summer and were warmly welcomed by Emperor William and people of Berlin.

Gov. J. N. Sanders of Louisiana has issued a call for a convention to be held in New Orleans on March 29, 30 and 31, for the purpose of taking action looking to the establishment of uniform child and woman labor laws and the possible betterment of conditions in this connection throughout the south.

**COOPER-SHARP TRIAL**

DAY IN NASHVILLE COURT ROOM IS MARKED BY INTERESTING INCIDENTS.

**SLAYERS OF E. W. CARMACK**

Taking of Testimony Began Tuesday. Court Room Filled.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 17.—Filled with dramatic incidents and marked by scenes that bordered on the sensational, the first day of the actual trial of the Cooper-Sharpe case closed last night with both aides claiming to be well satisfied with the progress made. Whether Col. Duncan B. Cooper, Robin J. Cooper and John Sharpe killed former Senator E. W. Carmack in self-defense or as a result of a conspiracy is the great issue in the case. The taking of testimony began yesterday with every seat in the big new court room occupied, and with deputy sheriffs outside the doors refusing admission to enough people to fill it twice over. But Judge Hart is firm in his insistence that only enough people to fill the seats shall be admitted. The only exception to the rule is that women are to be admitted at any time and the deputies are to call first for volunteers to give up seats, and lacking volunteers, are to draft those who are to become victims of gallantry.

Texas Peanut Prospects.

Dallas: T. L. Peeler, industrial agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, is now interested in a project that has primarily for its purpose the development of the peanut growing industry in Texas. It is learned that Mr. Peeler has been in correspondence with a number of Texas and Louisiana cotton seed oil mill owners regarding the plan to manufacture peanut oil, which is now rapidly becoming a staple commodity.

Cold Kills Livestock.

San Antonio: The temperature Tuesday reached 20 degrees, which is the lowest point reached here in ten years. On Feb. 12, 1899, the mercury went a few degrees lower. Ice remained on the streets all day and night Tuesday and is still seen in sheltered places. Stockmen report considerable loss. Because of the drouth, cattle were very poor.

Commercial Clubs Meet.

Merkel: The most enthusiastic and perhaps the most profitable meeting in the history of the Central West Texas Association of Commercial clubs was held in Merkel Tuesday. Representatives were here from points on the Abilene and Northern and the Texas and Pacific covering a section of country 125 miles north, 150 miles east and 125 miles west.

Civil Engineer's Examination.

Washington: The civil service commission announces that civil service examinations will be held at Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso, Waco, Austin and Brownsville March 10 and 11 to obtain eligibles for appointment as civil engineers in the Philippines at salaries ranging from \$1,400 to \$2,900.

\$1,750,000 in Eight Buildings.

Dallas: Over \$1,750,000 is to be expended in the erection of eight buildings in Dallas. This represents structures ranging up to eight stories in size, the majority of which are to be of steel and fireproof construction.

A. B. Patterson & Co., of Greenville, the largest shippers of poultry and eggs in the South, shipped six carloads of eggs to New York last week comprising 2,595 cases.

Liquor Property of State.

Bonham: All the beer and whisky that was seized by the officers in the raids at Honey Grove some months ago has been declared the property of the state by the district court, now in session in this city. There is about a car load to be destroyed.

Hubbard City Sewer Bonds.

Hubbard: The record of the issue of \$15,000 sewer bonds for this place has been approved by the attorney general and work will begin on the sewer system by the 15th of March.

First District Bankers.

Galveston: The annual conference of the First District Bankers' association of Texas was held in Galveston Tuesday. From the principal points in South and East Texas delegates were in attendance.

Cattle in Fine Condition.

Paris: Ed Wilson, a well known stockman of Fort Towson, Ok., reports that cattle are in fine shape notwithstanding that the winter has been more severe than usual.

Wilson to Retire.

Fort Worth: Dr. J. H. Wilson of Quannah, chairman of the live stock sanitary commission of Texas, says that he has notified Gov. Campbell he will not consider reappointment on the board, and that as soon as the governor names his successor he will retire.

Cotton receipts for this season at Arlington are 5,222 bales, with several hundred bales still in hands of farmers.

**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 an 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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**Local and Personal**

Brownlee on the plains.  
 Have you seen Pool Bros. new store?  
 Howard B. Cox of Stanton was here yesterday.  
 J. E. Millhollon of Stanton was here yesterday.  
 A. L. Echols, of Coahoma, was here yesterday.  
 For good fresh pork souce, steak or roast, call 160.  
 For a Fabion skirt or suit see Berry & Devenport.  
 Call on Pool Bros in their new store, next to Rix & Co.  
 Uncle Jesse Evans of Dawson county was here this week.  
 F. G. Oxsheer, Jr., of Martin county, was here yesterday.  
 To be pleased try the hot drinks served at Reagan's fountain.  
 Born, February 12th, to J. F. Wolcott and wife, a fine boy.  
 Dr. J. B. Lantham of Stanton was in Big Springs yesterday.  
 Iron Tonic Pills, a great nerve tonic, at Ward's. 12-1f  
 A swell grocery store, the new home of Pool Bros., next to Rix & Co.  
 Bert Belcher returned Mouday from a three weeks visit to San Antonio.  
 Big reduction in all winter goods.—The new store.—Berry & Devenport.  
 T. P. Devenport, who has been on the sick list several days, is improving.  
 M. S. Jordan and family will go to San Angelo soon to make their home there.  
 We make high class shoes a specialty.—The new store—Berry & Devenport.  
 Mrs. Fuston came in from Waco Saturday and will spend some time here.  
 Show cases, your choice of seven, for sale cheap.  
**ART LEATHER SHOPS.**  
 Miss Sadie Mae Hughes is visiting friends in Big Springs.—Colorado Record.  
 Keep your grocery account separate. You can do this with Pool Bros.  
 "Fewer laws and bluer laws" is the predictions of one correspondent at Austin.  
 Big reduction on all winter goods.—The new store—Berry & Devenport.  
 Judge Shepherd came up from Colorado this morning to receive the report of the grand jury.  
 For Sale.—Boy's saddle, almost new. Inquire at this office or phone 10.  
 For Rent.—Two rooms furnished for light housekeeping. See Mrs. A. R. Wylie, phone 127.  
 J. Q. Kirby left Saturday night for the northern markets to buy goods for Gary & Burns Co.  
 Berry & Devenport, the new cash store, will save you money on men's and boys' clothing.  
 Leo Abrams returned Monday from Dallas where he had been to purchase fixtures for his cafe.  
 Do we want a state normal school located in Big Springs? If we do, it's time to get busy.  
 Ladies' all wool voile skirts, a bargain \$5. W. P. BONNER, Big Springs.  
 Judge W. W. Moore, a prominent attorney of Henderson, was here this week looking for a location.  
 J. G. Carter of Glasscock county called on us Wednesday and had his date moved up to January 1910.  
 E. M. Riley of this place has been elected honorary vice president of the El Paso fair association.  
 Pool Bros. invite you to call at their new store, next to Rix & Co.  
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**POSEY MUSIC HOUSE**

Ward Building Big Springs, Texas

Brownlee on the plains.  
 Dressed cat fish once each week at Read's Store and Market.  
 Buy spring goods at the new cash store and save money.—Berry & Devenport, Van Gieson stand.  
 We are sole agent for the Sweet-Orr overalls, pants and shirts.  
 A. P. McDonald & Co.

The house of representatives passed the bill Wednesday creating a West Texas State Normal school.

Miss Samary Ezzell returned this morning from a visit to her sister, Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, at Coahoma.

Quitting the saddle pads; 45c each. ART LEATHER SHOPS.

New spring belts, \$1.50; \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c and 50c at Bonner's, successor to Stokes-Hughes Dry Goods, Big Springs.

R. E. Russell, J. P. Wayne, G. A. Cole and J. W. Smith attended court at Fort Worth the first of the week as witnesses.

Buy spring goods at the new cash store and save money.—Berry & Devenport, Van Gieson stand.

J. J. Lindsey of Lamesa was here Saturday and said it is getting a little dry up there for new comers and sod breakers.

Small batch of whips cheap or half price. ART LEATHER SHOPS.

G. D. Griffice found an inner tire to an automobile which the owner can get by calling on him, proving property and paying 50 cents for this notice.

Reagan does not care whose blank your prescription is written on, he will fill it correctly and deliver it promptly.

Ladies, we sell the La France shoes, the best on the market. Ask to see them.—The new store—Berry & Devenport.

M. A. Stewart returned yesterday from Mineral Wells where he had been for the benefit of his health, and says he was very much improved.

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

The Eclipse Light Adjuster Co. have an ad in this paper. If you are interested in electric light attachments call at Rix & Co.'s store and see their exhibit.

Star tobacco 45c per pound. All other tobacco in proportion at Elew Read Co.

John Mitchell, who left here summer and went to east Texas, returned last week and has gone to work for the Baum Meat Co.

If you want one of those beautiful lots at Carlsbad, New Mexico while they are cheap, see Miss Ezzell at the Enterprise office for price and terms.

A small house in the south part of town, occupied by P. C. Howell, was discovered on fire Monday morning but was put out and did only a little damage to the roof.

Hal Merton, entertainer, appeared at the opera house Monday night as the fifth number of the Y. M. C. A. Lyceum Course. He was greeted by a fair audience and kept them well entertained.

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

**Water Flowing Through the Land**

Government irrigation in the famous Pecos Valley.

Carlsbad Reclamation project, reclaiming 20,000 acres of wonderfully fertile land.

Great ranches giving way to small farms.

A timely opportunity to get town lots in Carlsbad, New Mexico, and fine farm supplied with government water on reasonable terms.

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**DOES Your Watch KEEP TIME?**

Maybe it hasn't been cleaned for two or three years and needs attention.

Bring it in and we will make it new—or as good as when it was new.

We have the equipment todo all kinds of repair work and take pride in doing it right. Our prices are no higher than elsewhere, in fact they are less, because we repair to stay repaired.

**MITCHELL and PARK, Druggists and Jewelers.**

**DR. E. O. ELLINGTON —DENTIST—**  
 Phones 281 and 329 red  
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 BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

Mrs. A. J. Kercheville and daughter, Miss Jewel, were hurt in a runaway at Clarendon Sunday night. Their wounds were painful but nothing serious. They formerly lived here and have many friends in Big Springs.

Reports from Soash say that things are moving along rapidly up there. The foundation for the hotel has been laid and lumber is being hauled out there as fast as teams can take it.

**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.**

Brownlee on the plains.  
 They appreciate your trade. at Pool Bros. Next to Rix & Co.

Chas. Kaufman of Chicago, Illinois, arrived here Friday evening on his way from El Paso to San Angelo. He was sick when he reached here and died Saturday morning. His malady was consumption. The remains were embalmed and shipped to Chicago for burial.

For candies of the highest grade and delicious qualities go to Reagan's. None equal Jacob's, "made last night."

Let me be Your Tailor. I will build you a suit or pair of trousers by the FIT-U System.—Dreeben, the Clothes Builder.—The Dreeben, 103 Main street.

**Kills Man Charged With Assaulting His Daughter**

W. A. Ogle was shot and instantly killed in the courthouse yard at Midland late Wednesday, by M. T. Bailey.

Ogle was under indictment charged with criminal assault on Bailey's daughter. He had been tried twice, hung juries resulting both times.

When shot Ogle was entering the courthouse with his wife where he was to stand trial on a charge of assault to murder George Arthur at Slaughter. Bailey was released on bond.

Every fire that we have had demonstrates the fact that we need better fire protection.

**The Railroad Across the Sea.**

One of the most notable roads in the world is one which goes to sea from Miami, Florida, and which is now approaching completion, the road from Miami to Key West.

Work on this road was begun in July, 1905, and has been in progress ever since, with the expectation that it would be the greatest achievement of Henry M. Flagler, the multi-millionaire railroad builder, who conceived the idea.

Already the road is completed and in operation nearly a hundred miles south of Miami and over a stretch of thirty miles of submerged keys and lagoons, to connect Key West and Miami, 156 miles. Only about thirty miles of the road remains to be constructed to connect the line from the north with that which is being constructed from the south. The most important part of the work remaining to be done is the eleven-mile gap between Knight's Key and Bahia Honda, where the track is to be carried over the ocean on concrete arches.

When the line is completed to Key West huge railroad car floats will take entire trains across the Florida Straits to Havana, a distance of ninety miles, without compelling passengers to leave their seats or sleeping car berths and with out the necessity of breaking bulk on a single consignment of freight. Thus there will be practically an all rail route from New York to Havana,

though for nearly a hundred miles of the distance the railway trains will be carried on floats.—Exchange.

A person may get into a newspaper by purchasing an interest or by purchasing an interview. Then some get into it by pulling the wool over the editor's eyes and getting the paper for nothing.

To be a friend to a man doesn't mean for you to up-hold him in every thing that he does whether good or bad. It means as long as he is doing what is right and needs a little help, you will help him as much as you can. It will do you good and he will remember and appreciate it.

Abraham Lincoln: "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man who lives in it so that his place will be proud of him. Be honest, but hate no one; overturn a man's wrong-doing, but do not overturn him unless it must be done in overturning the wrong. Stand with anybody that stands right. Stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."

There is no scarcity of cows in this broad land of ours. There are other reasons for the high price of butter.

E. P. Turner, general passenger and ticket agent T. & P., and Jno. G. Lanari, of Fort Worth were in town today.

**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**

### BROKEN REST.

**A Back That Aches All Day Disturbs Sleep at Night.**

Thomas N. McCullough, 321 So. Weber St., Colorado Springs, Colo., says: "Attacks of backache and kidney trouble began to come on me, lasting often for three weeks at a time, and I would be unable to turn in bed. The urine was much disordered, containing sediment, and my rest was broken at night. Relief from these troubles came soon after I started taking Doan's Kidney Pills, and continued treatment entirely freed me from kidney trouble. The cure has been permanent."

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

### YOUTHFUL MIND AT WORK.

**Deduction Mother Must Have Found Somewhat Hard to Combat.**

Miss Marjorie, aged five years, is one of those bright children who make the lives of their parents and teachers a burden. Quite recently she paid her first visit to a kindergarten. Upon her return home she grew enthusiastic, begging her mother to allow her to attend the school regularly.

"It was so very nice!" she declared sweetly. "And the teacher, Miss Lee, is so very nice, too! She told me if I was a good little girl I would grow up into a pretty lady, but if I was naughty I would grow up an ugly one!"

"That is quite true, dear," her mother answered with a smile.

Silently Miss Marjorie regarded the fire of pine logs. Presently she burst out: "Then what a naughty, naughty little girl Miss Lee must have been."—The Bohemian.

### NEW WHAT HE NEEDED.



H. R. Sute—Sonny, kin you tell me where I kin get a—  
Kid—Nothin' doin', pop! De barber shops is all closed on Sundays.

### Easy Come, Easy Go.

A passerby at Broad and Lombard streets in Philadelphia once heard the following dialogue between a laborer who was digging in a sewer and a stout, beaming lady with a capacious market basket on her arm:

"Ah, good mornin' to you, Pat," said she leaning over and looking into the pit. "And what are you doin'?"

"Good mornin', Bridget," he replied, looking up. "I'm earnin' alimony for yees. And what are you doin'?"

"Sure, I'm spendin' it," replied Bridget airily, as she trotted off.—Lippincott's.

### A Dire Threat.

It is well known that certain vagabonds desire nothing better, especially when the cold weather comes on, than to be arrested and locked up, in order that they may be taken care of a while. One of this fraternity succeeded in getting himself arrested for vagrancy, and on the way to the lock-up he was so much overjoyed by the prospect of not having to sleep in the open air that he behaved somewhat boisterously.

"Keep quiet!" threatened the policeman. "If you don't, I'll let you go!"—Exchange.

### The Prince of Grumblers.

When Mr. Beeton asked if he did not find many unreasonable people among his summer boarders, Farmer Joy quickly assented.

"Lots an' lots are never satisfied anyway," he said. "No matter what's done for 'em, there'll always be something wrong somewhere."

"Now last summer," he went on, with a gleaming eye, "we had a man here that was so fond of grumblin' that one day he actually called for a toothpick after he'd had a glass of milk."—Youth's Companion.

### GOOD CHANGE

Coffee to Postum.

The large army of persons who have found relief from many chronic ailments by changing from coffee to Postum as a daily beverage, is growing each day.

It is only a simple question of trying it for oneself in order to know the joy of returning health as realized by an ill young lady. She writes:

"I had been a coffee drinker nearly all my life and it affected my stomach—caused insomnia and I was seldom without a headache. I had heard about Postum and how beneficial it was, so concluded to quit coffee and try it."

"I was delighted with the change. I can now sleep well and seldom ever have headache. My stomach has gotten strong and I can eat without suffering afterwards. I think my whole system greatly benefited by Postum."

"My brother also suffered from stomach trouble while he drank coffee, but now, since using Postum he feels so much better he would not go back to coffee for anything."

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

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

## THE STATE LEGISLATURE

**MANY IMPORTANT BILLS ARE BEING DISPOSED OF—ONE FOR TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY.**

### WILL ADJOURN ON MARCH 13

**Stringent Rules Are Laid Down in Resolutions on Qualifications of Electors.**

Austin: "We are going away from here," says the House of Representatives. "We are going away from here, the Senate willing. There will be no 22 days for the Thirty-First Legislature."

The concurrent resolution providing for sine die adjournment March 13, introduced two weeks ago and postponed until Monday, passed the House painlessly, without a word of debate and without a roll call, something unprecedented in the history of Texas legislation. Again, it is without precedent that a Texas Legislature, or even one branch of it, should resolve to adjourn at the end of sixty days. It is clearly shown that a majority of the members are not caring very much whether many bills are passed, although they continue to introduce many.

Austin: Senator Sturgeon introduced a bill Monday, appropriating \$150,000 to be used in establishing agricultural and mechanical colleges and domestic science training schools in each Congressional District. It is a duplicate of the Gaines bill now pending in the House upon a favorable report and set for consideration by special order for next Friday morning.

### No General Land Bill.

Austin: For the first time in many years there is no general land bill before the Texas Legislature, but the fight which is going on over the bill by Messrs. Bryan, Ward and Brachfeld, providing for compelling the attendance of out-of-the-country witnesses to testify in land suits to which the State is a party, is as vigorous as any ever waged over any land bill.

### Qualifications of Electors.

Austin: According to a joint resolution introduced by Mr. Harman to amend the constitution, to define qualifications of electors, applicants for citizenship will be required to read in English any section of the constitution, and should he fail his other qualifications will be for naught. It also provides that all persons voting in the state shall first become citizens of the United States which is not now the case.

### Providing for Survey.

Austin: The bills providing for a topographical survey of the river and creek valleys of Texas and authorizing the creation of levee districts, introduced by Representatives Lively, Buchanan and Meeks, are now before house committee on internal improvements, and a favorable report could be had upon them at any time, but the authors are holding them up awaiting the arrival of Arthur C. Stiles of the United States geological survey, who is coming here to confer with the committee as to certain features. It is the desire of these gentlemen and of the members of the committee to have this legislation perfect. Therefore they are proceeding cautiously. The preparation of the bills entailed a great deal of preliminary work, including correspondence with Washington, conference with and advice from Gov. Campbell, Attorney General Davidson and Land Commissioner Robinson. It is the feeling of all these gentlemen, as was expressed by Gov. Campbell, that "this matter is too important to be messed up."

### New House Bills.

Austin: The following bills were introduced in the House Monday:

By Mr. McCullum: Giving the Railroad Commission jurisdiction over railroads which lease the tracks of another road, or operate their trains over tracks not their own, making such leased lines separate and independent and amenable under the rules of the commission. Also providing that railroads shall be required to improve their property as directed by the commission.

By Mr. Bunker: Validating the incorporation of the city of Rule, Haskell County.

By Mr. Hamilton, of Childress: The Wichita merger bill.

By Mr. McGowan: Amending the statute of limitations so as to provide that all suits for scrip shall be brought within four years from accrual.

By Mr. Cofer: Abolishing the rule in Mr. Shelley's case and providing that in such case the words "heirs" or "heirs of the body" shall be construed to be words of purchase and not words of limitation.

By Mr. Veale: Authorizing the Wichita Falls Railway company to purchase and operate the properties of the Wichita Falls and Northwestern and Wichita Falls and Southern railroads.

By Messrs. Cofer, Sturgeon and Ward: Three bills making the State Reformatory an industrial school and home for juveniles and changing the procedure relative to incorrigibles, juveniles and other neglected children. This is the legislation advocated by the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

### Summary of Doings.

Austin: House committees unfavorably report anti-fee bill, joint resolution to amend constitution so as to reduce membership of legislature, and all bank guaranty bills. Will be no minority reports. Bills for training school or juveniles and constitutional amendment for Confederate Women's home favorably reported.

House passed finally the following bills: Anti-rattle requiring cars to be repaired in Texas; exempting Collin, Willis, Hunt and Lamar counties from county auditor laws; labor bureau; compulsory education; anti-blacklist; providing for revision, codification and annotation of laws; authorizing school teachers to temporarily suspend school, authorizing district judges to extend terms of court; abolishing requirement that attorneys shall appear in appeal cases where brief is less than fifteen pages.

### Anti-Fee Bill.

Austin: Final action was taken Friday afternoon by the house judiciary committee on the anti-fee bill. The committee reported adversely on the bill by a vote of 11 to 5.

Favorable minority report will be brought out. The last of the arguments in favor of this measure was made by Senator Senter, who directed his attack on the fee system, especially the sheriff's fees. This bill had already been reported adversely in the senate, with a favorable minority, and now has the same status in both branches of the legislature.

### Beautiful Battlefield.

Austin: The house went on record yesterday afternoon as being in favor of a liberal appropriation for the beautifying of the San Jacinto battlefield.

### In the Senate.

Collin Wants A. & M. College. Austin: Senator Perkins Monday received a petition from nearly 5000 citizens of Collin County, asking for the establishment of a branch of the A. & M. College in Collin County, and offering \$50,000 in cash and 200 acres of land, or \$75,000 in cash without any land, as a bonus. This is the largest offer made by any community. The Legislators from Collin County will introduce bills in the Senate and House providing for such a college.

### Bank Guaranty Law.

Austin: The senate committee on history, insurances and statistics Thursday reported favorably without any argument the bank guaranty law introduced by Mr. Alexander. Senators Senter and Mudspeith gave notice of an adverse minority report.

### Fish and Oyster Law.

Austin: Arguments were continued until a late hour Saturday evening before senate judiciary No. 2 on the bill by Mr. Baker of Hood, amending the fish and oyster law, but final action was not taken. It will be several days before a report is made as more arguments are to be made.

### Baseball Interests Effected.

Austin: With the fate of baseball in Texas still in the hands of the legislature conditions in the Texas circuit are in rather an unsettled state. Not even the announcement of the transfer of the Waco franchise to Oklahoma City attracted more than ordinary interest, because every baseball fan on the Texas circuit is intensely interested in the outcome of the fight now being made on Sunday baseball.

### Bills Reported Favorably.

Austin: Senate judiciary committee No. 2 reported favorably the following bills Saturday: House bill, creating the offense of an attempt to commit theft from the person and fixing punishment therefor.

House bill, making it a felony punishable by death, to commit the crime of burglary by entering a private residence at night.

House bill, permitting surety companies to make bonds for corporations designated as depositories, and making Sec. 23 of the depository law harmonious.

Mr. Harper's senate bill, permitting relations to occupy positions under certain conditions now prohibited by the anti-peonage law.

Mr. Hudspeth's bill, providing punishment for cutting timber or shrubs from the enclosed land of another without permission, same being to protect the fir and other timber.

### New Senate Bills.

Among the bills introduced in the senate Tuesday were:

By Perkins—Authorizing newspapers to make contracts with railroads for exchange of advertising space for passenger transportation. This is an entirely new bill.

By Kellie—Providing that all tax suits brought by the state, county or city shall be brought within four years after such taxes have been delinquent.

By Hudspeth—Fixing the salary of the district attorney at \$15 per day for 123 days in the year, not including \$500 a year allowed by law.

Other bills introduced were as follows:

By Greer—Prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors by prescriptions, except that one prescription house shall be allowed for every local option district, having 5,000 population.

By Watson—Authorizing the state board of education to purchase common school district bonds in addition to other bonds for the school fund.

By Willacy—To amend the constitution for the establishment of a Confederate Women's Home.

## The KITCHEN CABINET

### MANUAL TRAINING.

THINGS don't seem right about the house, I just can't help complaining. Since sister went to cooking-school And Tom took manual training.

The meals are all experiments, It really sets me quaking. To taste the queer, outlandish things That sister's always making.

The household tools that Tommy makes, Are wonderful and fearful, And splinters get in everything, Unless we're very careful.

We have to praise their efforts, too, Impatience all restraining. Since sister went to cooking-school, And Tom took manual training.

### Trivet or Cat?

In all the old books of our early days we read about trivets, but few of us have a clear idea of what they were. We say "were" advisedly, for trivets have gone the way of the hob, the grate, the fender and all the adjuncts of the fireplace.

Webster defines the trivet as a stool or anything having three legs. This seems a dubious and dangerous definition. But the truth is that our grandmothers usually called a stool a stool, and that a trivet usually meant the brass support for a plate or dish. It was made of brass or copper, having three legs, and stood on the grate; one inventor made a variety which could hang on the fender when not in use. Another style was of copper, with a wide front like a shovel and finished with a wooden handle. Many of the trivets had also a high iron stand so that they could stand on the hob or hang on the bars of the grate.

Any tripod, having six legs (which sounds funny, by the way), was called a cat, and the trivet was sometimes so called. Indeed, it would seem that our grandmothers were possessed of an uncommon imagination to be able to recognize the ordinary household utensils by so many names.

### THE WHITE ELEPHANT.

YOUVE heard of the Mogul of Bam who had a white elephant sent by his neighbor. And how, to dispose of the troublesome gift, Cost his Mogulship money and labor.

But every housewife has suffered the same. A chafing dish is her desire, Yet somebody gives her a cast-iron range, With far too consuming a fire.

She needs a new table, she gets a fine clock; (Though she has not a thing that will match it).

And a vase when she needs a new washing machine, Paper-knives when she has not a hatchet.

So, reader, in giving, let common-sense guide. 'Tis a matter of taste, not expense. The sensible woman, of moderate means, With "white elephants" gladly dispenses.

### From Cook to Pirate.

It is an interesting fact that the "blood-and-thunder" title of buccaneer, that word which brings to our minds a vision of pirates, "no quarter" and murder on the high seas, had a simple domestic origin.

It signified, primarily, one who dried and smoked fish or fowl. The name was first given to the French settlers in Hispaniola (Hayti), whose sole business it was to hunt cattle and wild game. They cooked the flesh after the manner of the Indians—cut the beef into long strips, salted it, and then cooked it on a buccan. This latter was a hurdle or grating, made of long sticks and placed over an open fire.

Later, these peaceable cooks who got the name of buccaneer from their favorite utensil, the buccan, or buccan, became the terror and scourge of the Spanish main. Their development is a puzzling problem, but a good sign to those who see, in quiet domesticity only the hopelessly conventional and commonplace.

### Meat—Third Term.

We will say that the meat was first a fine roast. An expensive cut it was, and did noble service for a company dinner. But there was enough left for stew the next night—augmented with stewed tomatoes, onions and a sliced carrot.

And the stew which was left over did yeoman service for a third term by suffering itself to be made into a pudding. A baking dish was well buttered, the stew was put in and covered with a good batter. This was baked to a nice brown—behold, a meat pie!

### Zoghurt.

This is a preparation of goat's or cow's milk, for which are claimed remarkable properties in the way of prolonging life. This is the Bulgarian name given to milk which has been boiled to half its original volume and then left to ferment. It is eaten in great quantities by the peasants of that country, who are said to be the longest lived of any class in the world.

### MIX FOR LAMB CACK

To one-half pint good whiskey, add one ounce syrup sarsaparilla, and one ounce Toris compound, which can be procured from any druggist. Take in teaspoonful doses before each meal and before retiring. This recipe is never-failing. Leading specialists prescribe it.

### Perquisites.

By Whittlesicks (perched on a barrel in Dupuy's store, munching a cracker and reaching for a piece of cheese)—I do think that if that thar Andy Carnegy 'ud give our town a lib'ry it 'ud become right smart poplar with th' boys. Don't you think so, Cy?

Cy Dupuy—I cal'late would—providin' he kept it right well supplied with crackers and cheese.

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# 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 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." Chambers was told to pass a period as a sailor and not set foot in North America for a year. Then he was to be assigned to another year's exile. He must make his own living unassisted, and keep everything a secret. He acquainted Marsilla 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 bound for Uruguay. South America, loaded with guns for enemies of that government. Chambers was captured and thrown into a dungeon. Marina Boston, adopted daughter of Gen. Boston, ministered to his needs. Each made a strong impression on the other. Jerry was sentenced to die. Upon promise of Marina's love, Capt. Pilario freed Chambers. All three united against Gen. Barado's rebels, Chambers being made a captain. Capt. Pilario died of fever. Marina accompanied his body to burial. In a fierce battle Barado defeated Boston. Jerry frustrated an attempt to assassinate Gen. Barado. Marina's funeral party was attacked and she was reported missing. Pandaro, capital of Uruguay, was captured and a confederacy established. Chambers was made much of. By that time Marina was given up as dead. He then sailed for Havana in order to report to Mexico City for further instructions. The ship encountered a terrible storm and was dashed on the rocks. Jerry saved himself by clinging to a mast. He found himself too late to catch a boat for Mexico. He recognized Marina Boston, a passenger on a yacht sailing immediately for Mexico. By a ruse he gained the deck. He discovered that Marina was being held a prisoner on board. Jerry successfully passed prepared test of a possible interest in Marina, which plotters suspected. He wrote her a note and changed the whole story to the American engineer, who promised aid. The plotters took Marina into Vera Cruz, secretly. Jerry following by swimming. After the capture he tracked down the captain of the vessel.

## CHAPTER XIX.—Continued.

Without waiting to see what effect the blow had, Jerry was at the hatchway snatching the life preserver from its fastening. A moment later, after casting a final glance at the still body of the officer, he climbed over the rail and dropped into the black water.

Mike O'Connor's quick wits were hard at work the moment after Jerry announced his determination to leave the vessel that night and to risk his life in the waters of the harbor. After taking the launch in about 100 yards he suddenly stopped the machinery and appeared to be worried.

"Come, come, man," impatiently said Andre, who sat nearest him. "Why do you not go on?"

"The propeller is balking," answered Mike, seeming to concentrate his whole attention to a part of the machinery. His sole purpose in stopping the machinery was to afford Jerry all possible time before effecting a landing. The delay was not as long as he intended it should be, for the impatient, nervous Andre touched the wheel that set the propeller in motion again.

Mike made no excuse, but his wits were working harder than ever. He was as familiar with the waters and the dockage of Vera Cruz as any sailor that came to them, but this time he determined to make his memory fail. Instead of drawing up at the proper pier he nosed the boat into an adjoining slip, "discovering" the "mistake" only after he had gone 25 yards. He exercised undue caution in swinging the launch around and in picking his way to the right landing place, which, judging from the conversation, was familiar to Andre. As he brought the boat to a stop, he figured that he had unnecessarily consumed about 20 minutes. He also knew, however, that Jerry had not had time to reach the pier, and there was a feeling deep in his heart that he would not succeed in getting to shore at all.

Andre and Felipe appeared very nervous as they landed, each continually casting his eyes about and scanning the faces of the few men at the landing. Mike assisted in taking some luggage to the end of the pier, where a closed carriage was in waiting. There was no other vehicle in sight, and the quick-thinking Irish-American, unable to hear the instructions given the driver, noted the color of the horses and got a good look at the man on the box. Andre gave Mike a coin, and the next moment the horses were clattering down the dark, narrow street.

Mike waited in the shadows at the end of the pier for more than two hours, and he was beginning to fear all the more that Jerry had not succeeded in reaching shore when he saw a small boat draw up at the landing. He got farther back in the shadows, for he knew that the boat was from the yacht. Presently the captain and a member of the crew walked briskly down the pier, stopping and looking about within 20 feet from where he was hidden.

"He's had more than plenty of time to get back," fumed the captain, who wore a bandage over his eye, "and he is in league with that other fellow. What a damned fool I was to trust an American!"

The conversation that followed indicated to Mike that the Jackie was in the captain's confidence.

"You know where they went from here?" asked the Jackie.

"To a house in Calle Cordoba, I think," said the officer. "I don't know where it is, and it will be impossible

for me to see them until they keep their appointment with me to-day."

Mike O'Connor determined not to lose sight of the captain, but a few minutes later the officer and his man returned to the yacht. Mike watched them until he saw them going over the side of the vessel, and then ventured from his hiding place, just in time to see the dripping Jerry coming towards him.

"Thank God, you're saved, anyway!" exclaimed Mike, drawing him into the shadows and embracing him. Jerry was so exhausted that he could not speak for a minute or two, and it was not until Mike had gone down the street to an "all-nighter" and procured some whisky, of which Jerry partook freely, that he told of his death-involving swim. The excitement that was aroused within him by the story told by Mike gave him new strength.

It was agreed that the thing to do was to await the captain and to shadow him to the place where he was to meet Andre and Felipe. In the meantime, one at a time, they bought suits of cheap clothing and ate breakfast at a little restaurant near the pier.

Five o'clock in the afternoon rolled around, but the captain had not left the yacht, so far as they knew, and there was scarcely a moment that the eyes of one or the other were not on the boat. The waiting wore heavily on the shattered nerves of Jerry, but there was nothing else to do but wait. Mike tried to find the driver of the carriage, but he saw nobody that resembled him.

Towards six o'clock the captain came ashore, the man who rowed him in returning immediately to the yacht. Jerry, hidden with Mike behind a great pile of boxes, actually smiled when he beheld the bandage over his eye.

"That's what he got for getting gay," said he. "The next moment he thought nothing of the fight he had had with the officer, who walked briskly to a small store across the street. He stood in the doorway fully 15 minutes, looking in the direction of the pier, and Mike and Jerry did not dare move. Presently, after looking at his watch, he called a cab and soon was being driven in a direction opposite from that taken by the four in the carriage.

The cab turned at the first corner, and Jerry and Mike fairly ran to the only other vehicle in sight, a ramshackle cab with a sleepy driver on the seat.

"Keep a block behind the cab that just left," snapped Jerry, "and if it stops, you stop. You get five times the regular price."

The driver ran his horse in a full gallop to the next corner, and when he got into the cross street Jerry, bubbling over with fear and apprehension, opened the door and looked out. The captain's cab was a little more than a block ahead. It may have occurred to the officer that he was being followed, for the route taken by his driver was long and zigzaggy. The chase was kept up successfully, and Jerry directed his driver to turn up another street a few yards and stop. He got out of the cab and ran to the corner. The captain's cab was two blocks away now, and Jerry could distinguish the driver in the act of wielding his whip.

"After him, after him!" cried Jerry, running back to the cab.

Just as he was about to re-enter the vehicle a thought struck him so forcibly that he had to reach for the wheel to support himself.

"Good heavens, Mike!" he exclaimed, his face without a drop of color in it, "what time is it?"

Mike, wearing an expression of great surprise, pulled out his watch and said:

"Eight thirty-five."

Jerry simply gasped.

"Driver, where are we?" he managed to ask.

"In Calle Morella."

"How far is it to the station of the National line?"

"About four miles."

"God!" and Jerry brought his hand to his forehead.

"Why—what—" began the bewildered "n"or.

"You—low, Mike! I must catch a train at 9:30!"

"But they'll—"

"Keep after him, Mike, and telegraph me at— Calle Coliseo, Mexico, to-morrow without fail! I can't stop to tell you anything now, old man, but follow, follow, follow!"

The next instant Jerry Chambers was running down the street, not knowing whether he was going in the right direction or not, and before he had covered 25 feet the driver was receiving instructions from Mike to keep after the captain's cab.

## CHAPTER XX.

### A Letter for Rodney Graves.

Just how Jerry Chambers managed to reach the station of the National line in time to catch the train for the City of Mexico he never was able to explain fully. He simply gave Luck the entire credit for his success.

Once on that train, which began to steam out just as he fell into a seat, a thoroughly exhausted creature, he breathlessly ran his eyes over a timetable. Calculating that the train

would arrive in the City of Mexico according to schedule, he figured that he would have one hour in which to reach the number in Calle Coliseo. He felt that Luck would not desert him now, and he worried but little about the train's being on time.

His heart grew cold at the thought that perhaps Mike O'Connor would not continue to follow the captain of the yacht, and that the mysterious trio would succeed in spiriting Marina beyond his ultimate reach.

"If I only had had another day," he thought, mentally cursing the luck that had stood by him so valiantly, "I could have rescued her. Mike O'Connor may keep on the trail, and he may not. Still, I believe that the spirit of adventure in him will serve me well. He does not dare return to the yacht; the captain would make short work of him if he did. The task is all the harder now, for the captain will apprise the kidnapers of their danger, and the chances are they will be able to elude Mike, however vigilant he may be. Damn a Gemini's luck, anyway!"

It was not until the train was waiting at Jalapa for a connecting train that was 15 minutes late that he paled at the doubt of reaching the place in Calle Coliseo before noon of the next day.

When the train finally did pull out, a quarter of an hour behind the scheduled time, he experienced great relief, and his hope rose high when a trainman gave him reasonable assurance that there would be no further loss of time, and that the engineer probably would make up the lost time on the straight stretches of track ahead. But there was new worry ahead of him.

On the outskirts of the City of Mexico the corner of a small house being moved from one lot to another was still on the track, and another 15 minutes was lost before the train could proceed. Jerry had but 30 minutes in which to go from the station to the place in Calle Coliseo, and when he learned that the distance was more than three miles he scarcely could control himself. Of the six or eight cabs lined up at the station he jumped into the one whose horse looked the fastest and urged the driver to stop at nothing in taking him to the specified number.

When the panting, lathered horse was suddenly brought to a halt and Jerry saw that he was at the place, the clock in a tower a few blocks away indicated two minutes before noon.

He tossed what remaining money he had at the driver and rushed into the building, over whose door hung the sign: "Thomas Wentworth, Assayer."

It was a small, narrow room, in which there were but two desks. At the first desk sat a gray-haired man of about 60 years, and, as Jerry came up to him, scarcely able to get a word out of his mouth, the man smiled and nodded his head significantly.

"Is there a letter here for Rodney Graves?" Jerry panted.

Without a word the man, who later introduced himself as Thomas Wentworth of the College class of '64 and who wore on the lapel of his coat the Pin of the Twins, handed Jerry a long envelope addressed to Rodney Graves.

Mike O'Connor told the driver of his cab that if he did not keep the captain's cab in sight he would be trounced to within an inch of his life.

The captain's cab now had a lead of three blocks, and it was with difficulty that it could be distinguished in the darkness. Mike, fearing that the driver might not follow out the instructions, stopped long enough to get on the seat with him. It was there that he made that driver blanch with fright.

Mike steadily gained on the captain, and it was not long before he was only a block and a half behind. Then, seeing the captain's cab draw up to the curbing, Mike directed his driver to turn into a side street. He immediately dismounted and peeped around the building on the corner. The captain stood in the middle of the sidewalk fully a minute before he saw his driver away, and kept casting glances up and down the street for several minutes before he went to the door of the house. Mike knew Vera Cruz well enough to find his way around, and he told his man to drive on a few blocks and wait. Then he went to the other side of the street and, moving cautiously in the darkest shadows, soon was almost opposite the house which the captain had entered. The faint light over the door revealed a number he had heard the officer mention at the pier.

The house stood in the middle of a yard, and Mike was able to see three sides of it. The only light visible shone through a rear basement window. Mike O'Connor was a brave man, but when he thought of stealing through the shadows to that window a chill flashed over his sturdy frame. This thought came only after he had waited almost two hours.

"They ain't comin' out to-night," he said to himself, "and what's so'n in it—there is enough to fill a book. Tom-morrow wouldn't stop at it, and I'll be damned if I do!" Gripping his revolver and setting his teeth in Irish determination, he stealthily picked his way to the yard and crept to the

window, which was open. He crawled to a position from which he could look into the room. He saw Andre, Felipe, the captain and an old man wearing a white beard.

"Then, we must get out," he heard Andre say, desperately, "and there is no time to lose. We must not let the train in the city, but at some place outside."

"The fast train can be stopped at Blanco del Oro," said the captain, "if there are at least five persons in the party."

"Riaz here will make the fifth," said Felipe. "What time does the train reach there?"

"It's a run of two hours from here," answered the captain.

"How far to Jimenez?"

"Between 30 and 35 hours from Mexico. The rest of the way must be in a wagon or boat, as Riaz knows, and it should be covered in 24 hours easily."

Mike O'Connor waited no longer. He thought of having the house surrounded by the police, but the time it would take to get the required response from the authorities would be too long. He arrived in the business section of the city soon after day-break and went into a private stall of a small eating house. He had intended remaining there only long enough to drink a cup of coffee and eat some bread, but he was tired and fell asleep. When he awoke it was after ten o'clock. The thought of communicating with Jerry Chambers was the first to enter his mind, and he hastened to a telegraph office and sent the following message to "Tom Flannery":

"Located them. Watch train into Mexico. Mike is coming."

## CHAPTER XXI.

Into Another Year of Uncertainty.

Jerry put the envelope into his pocket, for the instructions he had received from the black sack of destiny in the darkness of the chamber a year before gave him an hour in which to acquaint himself with its contents. Mr. Wentworth, a quiet, pleasant gentleman, had been in Mexico for more than 15 years, and it had been said that but few knew more about the mines and mining possibilities of the country than he. He showed much interest in Jerry, but not once did he touch upon the sacred subject of his experience in the twelvemonth just ended.

"That envelope," said he, "was in my keeping for almost a year, having come from New York, and it has been in my safe until this very morning. I trust that you will have luncheon with me to-day and that, if conditions are favorable, you may see your way clear to spend a few days at my home."

It was about 12:30 o'clock when a messenger boy entered the office. He handed Mr. Wentworth a telegram, which was immediately returned to him, with:

"Wrong address; there is no such person here."

The lad was closing the door after him when it suddenly occurred to Jerry that he had asked Mike O'Connor to wire him at that number.

"Was that for me?" he asked.

"No; it was for Tom Flannery. There is no such fellow—"

"Great Scott, that's meant for me!" exclaimed Jerry, as he started after boy. He could not conceal his uneasiness and intense interest after he had read Mike's short message, and the old Gemini plainly noticed his perturbed condition.

"Important news, I dare say," said Wentworth.

"By jingo, but he's a brick!" said the dancing-eyed Jerry. "He's constructed of the right material, that fellow is. I felt deep down in my heart all along that he would be 'Johnny on the spot,' and—"

"A brick—right material—Johnny on the spot!" broke in the wondering Mr. Wentworth.

Jerry colored as he stammered something that was intended for an explanation, but which only served to mystify the other all the more.

"I think you need a cup of strong coffee," smiled Wentworth, "so we'll go out to luncheon now." He had not risen from his chair before Jerry floundered:

"Really, Mr. Wentworth, you'll have to excuse me to-day. I am tremendously obliged to you, but you see—that is, but I had a late breakfast, and I'm not a bit hungry. What time do the trains get in?"

"Trains—what trains?"

"From Vera Cruz, of course. Are there many of them, and which is the first?"

"Well, really, brother, I am not familiar with the time of train arrivals and departures. But I shall insist that you come along right away for a cup of coffee."

The clock over the desk indicated 12:40.

"All right," said Jerry, as pleasantly as possible, but he really wanted to be away from his elderly fraternity brother.

They were at a table in a near-by eating house when he suddenly thought of the time. Mr. Wentworth's watch showed 12:58.

"Thunder!" exclaimed Jerry. "You'll excuse me, won't you?" he managed to smile, as he snatched the



"Great Scott, That's Meant for Me!" Exclaimed Jerry.

envelope from his pocket. Twelve \$50 United States of America gold certificates fell from the folded sheet of paper to the table.

"Well, well," said Mr. Wentworth; "that is welcome news. I trust that the letter is quite as—"

"Wait a second," broke in Jerry, for he had only a minute in which to read those instructions. As his eyes hastily passed over the lines his face paled and his chin dropped. For a moment he simply stared at the other.

"I hope there is nothing—" solicitously began Wentworth.

"For heaven's sake!" Jerry burst out, cold moisture forming on his brow.

"Well, well?"

"Great Scott!"

"Yes—well?"

"This is the limit!"

Mr. Wentworth merely looked at him, the picture of intense interest. Jerry, his brow knit, re-read the instructions, and then laughed feebly.

"It's none of my business, of course?" said Wentworth.

"No; but I'd give 17 times the amount of those bills if it were all your business. What the devil do I know about it? You know all about it."

Jerry, practically devoid of all sociability, left Mr. Wentworth at the next corner, promising to return to his office not later than six o'clock. He walked for several blocks down the street, oblivious to all surroundings, and then turned into a quiet saloon, where, at a table at the end of the room, he re-read these instructions:

"Ye Person of The Gemini, ye have performed well, the spirit of Rodney Graves, know ye have performed well. But ye have not yet earned an enduring right to your priceless Personality. Ye must, therefore, do as ye are told herein to the best of your ability:

"Go ye forth to the City of Escalon, State of Chihuahua, Republic of Mexico, where, at the office of the Mining & Smelting Company—

Calle Gomez, ye shall inquire for an envelope addressed to Rodney Graves. The contents of this envelope will give ye further instructions.

"Ye shall be in possession of the envelope not later than 10 hours after 12 o'clock (noon) of the nineteenth day of June, 1909.

"Ye Person of The Gemini, ye have been given life on the land and on the water, and now shall ye be shown into earth. That ye may know the spirit of your beloved Gemini to be manifest, ye may have with ye one companion, whomsoever ye may choose, but who, whatever may arise, shall not know the true purpose of your mission.

"Ye shall be instructed in all instructions and all instructions to follow.

"May the spirit of Rodney Graves guide ye well and the wishes of all Gemini give ye unbounded courage."

Jerry tried to procure a railroad time table at the saloon, but was unsuccessful. Then he set out for a railroad office. As he walked briskly down the street, unconsciously bumping into pedestrians, his brain was in a stew.

"I wonder where in the devil this Escalon is, anyway," he thought.

There were several persons in the railroad office when Jerry, pushing his way to the desk, asked the agent:

"Where is Escalon?"

"A little more than 800 miles on our main line—north."

"Eight hundred miles!" gasped Jerry, his manner attracting the attention of everybody in the office. "How long, for heaven's sake, does it take to get there?"

"Our fast train makes it in a little less than 20 hours," answered the wondering agent.

"Thirty hours, eh? Well, that'll give me ten hours to spare, won't it?"

"Ten hours to spare—I don't understand—"

"That'll be all right," snapped Jerry, "of course you don't understand. What time can I get a train?"

"Our next train leaves at five this afternoon."

"Gee, that clips five hours off the ten, doesn't? But it still gives me plenty of time, anyway."

He bought a ticket and arranged for sleeping-car accommodations, the agent accepting payment out of one of the \$50 bills. Jerry soon afterwards had the rest of his money exchanged for Mexican currency. Then he went into a hotel, where he picked out a quiet corner in the rotunda and tried to settle down to rational thinking.

"Mike will not be here by that time," he said to himself, "and it's an eagle to a ruff that Marina will be spirited away successfully. What in thunder shall I do? If I am not in Escalon within 40 hours I'm off with The Gemini, and if I go, all chance of rescuing her will be gone. It's Marina or The Gemini—which? Gad, but this is enough to drive a man crazy! Nothing like The Gemini would have kept her from saving me, and—jumping to his feet—"I won't let it keep me from saving her! She's a thousand times more to me than—"

Here his thought was checked, and he sat down again. "Will Mike O'Connor stick it out? He is on the trail, and I don't believe it's in him to give up now. Luck has been with me, and I don't think it will desert me now. I'll take a chance with Mike!"

A few minutes later he was in the writing room, where he penned the following to Mike O'Connor:

"Your message came to me a short time ago, and you deserve a medal as big as a bass-drum. You would not have to tell anybody that you were made of the good old American stuff. Your standing pat after I dashed away from you so unceremoniously in Vera Cruz shows that sort of goods you are made of, and I feel I know that there is more of the same spirit in you, and that you will make good your promise—to stick to the limit."

"It is up to you again, old pal, and you must keep up the glorious work. I cannot tell you anything now, but one day you shall know all, and everything will be satisfactory to you. It will prove that I had not tried to shoulder everything on you. It is the best job you ever tackled, Mike, and eventually it will pay you a thousand times more than the best engineer's job in the world."

"Late this afternoon I must leave for Escalon, in the southern part of Chihuahua, and as soon as possible I want you to wire me there, in care of the Mining & Smelting Company—Calle Gomez. I enclose here with 20 American 'bones' to assist in defraying your immediate expenses! What you have spent and over-spent out of your own money will be returned to you with fabulous interest. Wire me all particulars, collect. Let me know where I can reach you."

"Good luck, old man, and don't fail me, for heaven's sake!"

Jerry immediately started for Mr. Wentworth's office, where he left the note, believing that Mike would call there as soon as he could. He talked with Mr. Wentworth until a little after four o'clock, when he started to the station.

As he took his seat on the train to Escalon his heart was as heavy as any that ever beat in the breast of man, and his conscience was so guilty that he blushed in shame.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## Vocation.

Every man has his own vocation. There is one direction in which all space is open to him. He has faculties silently inviting him thither to endless exertion. He is like a ship in a river; he runs against obstructions on every side but one; and on that side all obstructions is taken away, and he sweeps serenely over a deepening channel into an infinite sea.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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Special Correspondence.

Austin, February, 18—No \$2 a day session for the Thirty-first legislature was the ultimatum delivered by the House Monday when that body without the least opposition set March 13 as the day for final adjournment. If an extraordinary session is necessary, in the opinion of the Governor, it will be called and the members will serve at the regular rate—\$5 per day. If the senate concurs in the House resolution, the Legislature will adjourn on March 13. It seems highly probable that an extra session will be necessary.

The long expected event has happened and notwithstanding it was expected, it created a wave of suppressed excitement. A resolution calling for an investigation of the action of the text book board was brought up in the House Monday, and though an effort was made to table, it was read the second time and February 24 was set for the final disposition of it. The belief prevails generally that it will be adopted. The resolution was introduced by Fant of Linden and Cathey of Quitman. It can be looked on in no other light than

a thrust at the administration.

During the last week the program of the legislature has been nothing but work, work, work. Both houses have been grinding steadily and committee hearings have been held night and day to dispatch the vast number of bills that must be considered. Practically all of the solons are of an inquiring and studious nature and seize with avidity every opportunity to increase their store of information. For these inquiring members the Commercial Secretaries association is preparing some very important information. This will be in form of a map of Texas showing the worth of the products of each county. Up to this time, the publication of such a map has never been undertaken, consequently it will be of untold value in assisting the legislators who desire to find out the product of certain counties and to compare one with another. The map will show three sets of figures—one for the surface products, another for the mineral products and a third set for the factory products. Thus the total annual production of each county will be shown, all on a single map. A number of legislators have expressed great interest in the undertaking.

Though the interest of the lawmakers in such matters is great, it is overshadowed by the strong effort that is being made to dispatch the work that is already cut out for the solons. If ad-

journalment is taken March 13, an extra session, if called, will begin the next day, to last probably a month. So, the indications are that the entire session will cover about 90 days. The necessity for an extra session will arise from the fact that it will be impossible to pass the appropriation bill during the regular session. No important general bills have been passed but a number are on the verge of being put through. The bank deposits guarantee bill is one of these. Though the House committee rejected all three bills on this subject, the Senate committee rejected all and the House committee will probably report a substitute bill, embodying a system of guaranteeing bank deposits.

So far no bill restoring to the newspapers the right of contract has been reported favorable, but Senator Tom Perkins is still "on the job" and says that he will "land". The submission question by tacit agreement remains in a comatose state. Submission leaders announce that they will not bring it up unless affairs take an unexpected turn. If the legislature gets ready to adjourn by March 13 it will have to make the proverbial busy bee look like a drone and a laggard.

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The bill known as the anti-boosting bill, of which Strickland and Bartlett are the authors, has been redrafted so as to meet certain objections raised by the state health authorities, and also to make it a misdemeanor to solicit for doctors or for any other person who claims to heal the sick. The original bill, while prohibiting employment of boosters by physicians, did not prohibit the booster from boosting. The redrafted measure includes this.

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Geronimo, the noted Apache Indian Chief, died at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on the 17th. For a long time he and his band of blood-thirsty braves were a terror to the southwest, but was captured 22 years ago by Gen. Lawton.

Have us to show you our new white goods.—The new store—Berry & Devenport.

A mail order house says if the goods you buy from them are not satisfactory return them. Yes, you may return them, but it costs you the express or freight both ways. When you buy from the home merchant and the goods are not satisfactory, you can return them and it costs you nothing. Which is the best deal?

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Big Springs, Texas

E. P. Teale, sheriff of Glasscock county, was here Saturday. Laxative Quinine Cold Tablets, cure colds, at Ward's. 12-11

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The next summer session of the University of Texas will open June 12 and close on July 29.

The plant of the Hale County Herald burned Monday morning, practically a total loss of about \$6,000.

Five students of A. & M. are to be expelled from the college for hazing, by decision of the faculty, which was reported Wednesday.

As a result of stepping on a rusty nail ten days ago, B. L. Wren, aged 40 years, and a carpenter, died of lockjaw Tuesday, in San Antonio.

Monday night at 10 o'clock fire was discovered in Tyler, and before getting it under control, damage to the amount of \$25,000 was done.

F. C. Highsmith, mayor of Mineral Wells, has succeeded in selling the city sewer bond that was voted last September to parties for \$18,000 and interest.

Neil P. Anderson, compress man, has informed some of the citizens of Quanah that he will erect a first-class, up-to-date compress in that city in the near future.

The Central Coal and Coke company of Kansas City Thursday bought 22,000 acres of timber land near Carson, La. The consideration is said to have been over \$1,000,000.

The charter for the Building Trades Council of Fort Worth has been received, and preliminary organization effected under the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor.

The Fraternal Brotherhood opened the first day's session of its state convention in Fort Worth Wednesday morning, with a good attendance of delegates from many parts of the state.

A move is on foot by the club ladies of Terrell to have the eyes of pupils in the city public schools tested, with a view to remedying defective eyes that otherwise might not have proper attention.

The plans of Capt. Oakes, which contemplate making virtually one immense land-locked harbor of Galveston, Texas City and Port Bolivar, were presented to the Board of Engineers Monday, in Washington.

At a largely attended meeting of the Commercial club of Tyler Thursday, it was decided that the organization should arrange to have a trades day each month and that the next trades day would be in March.

Cotton receipts from farm wagons in Abilene, for the season so far approximate 30,000 bales, while the total handled by the Western Texas Compress company at that place aggregates slightly over 50,000 bales.

The court of appeals Thursday at Albany, N. Y., fixed the week beginning March 23 as the date for the execution of Mrs. Mary Farmer at Auburn prison. She was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Seth Brennan near Watertown.

Those bothered by "chiggers" and red bugs will find a recent bulletin issued by the Texas experiment station at the A. & M. college of interest. It is called a Spray Calendar and gives formulae of preparations for spraying against insects and pests. Of interest to the greatest number is the one which looks to personal comfort and that will dispose of the red bugs and chiggers. It can be used to prevent them by being employed as a repellent before going to the woods or pastures.

The contract for the road from Plainview to Lubbock, an extension of the Santa Fe, has been signed up between the citizens of Lubbock and the Southwestern Construction company, the road to be completed by Jan. 1, 1910.

Two bond issues of the city of Ft. Worth, aggregating \$150,000 in value which have been held up for several months pending the settlement of a controversy regarding the validity of the Fort Worth charter, were approved Monday by the Attorney General.

The official statement of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Madison, Wis., with affidavit attached shows that the expense of his candidacy for the nomination of United States senator at the primary election on Sept. 1, 1908, amounted to \$107,793.05.

Accepting the invitation of the house of legislature, Mr. Alphonso Steele of Mexico, the sole survivor of the battle of San Jacinto, and Editor N. P. Houx of the Mexico Evening News, left Thursday for Austin, where Mr. Steele will address the legislature.

Alleging his heart was dislocated as a result of being mashed against a car when alighting from his engine, H. C. Richardson of San Antonio Tuesday filed suit against the International and Great Northern for \$40,000 damages. He was formerly an engineer for that road.

The foundation work is completed and brick work well under way on the new Grace hotel, being erected at Abilene by Col. W. L. Beckham. Red face brick are being used for the lower part and yellow Denton brick will be used on the upper stories.

The Exceptional Equipment

of the California Fig Syrup Co. and the scientific attainments of its chemists have rendered possible the production of Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna in all of its excellence, by obtaining the pure medicinal principles of plants known to act most beneficially and combining them most skillfully, in the right proportions, with its wholesome and refreshing Syrup of California Figs.

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HEADING OFF THE CALLER.

Plan for Getting Rid of Life Insurance Agents Not Patented.

The bell rang three times, and the man at the desk hastily reached for a flannel bandage. This he put round his neck. Then he arranged a sling, in which he put one arm, disarranged his hair, drew down the corners of his mouth, got out of his chair, and painfully limped toward the door.

"Mr. Jones" inquired the well-dressed caller, who opened it at that moment.

The man with the bandage half suppressed a groan.

"Yes, that's my name. What can I do for you?"

"You appear to be suffering," said the intelligent caller.

"Suffering?" returned the other. "Do you think I'm doing this for fun? But what is your business, sir?"

"Er—pardon me," stammered the caller. "I think I'll drop in some other time—eh?"

"It's some trouble," soliloquized the man with the bandage, as he removed the paraphernalia and returned to his desk. "But it is really the quickest way to get rid of these life insurance agents. That man will never trouble me again."—London Tit-Bits.

IN AGONY WITH ECZEMA.

Whole Body a Mass of Raw, Bleeding, Torturing Humor—Hoped Death Would End Fearful Suffering.

In Despair; Cured by Cuticura.

"Words cannot describe the terrible eczema I suffered with. It broke out on my head and kept spreading until it covered my whole body. I was almost a solid mass of sores from head to foot. I looked more like a piece of raw beef than a human being. The pain and agony endured seemed more than I could bear. Blood and pus oozed from the great sore on my scalp, from under my finger nails, and nearly all over my body. My ears were so crusted and swollen I was afraid they would break off. Every hair in my head fell out. I could not sit down, for my clothes would stick to the raw and bleeding flesh, making me cry out from the pain. My family doctor did all he could, but I got worse and worse. My condition was awful. I did not think I could live, and wanted death to come and end my frightful sufferings.

"In this condition my mother-in-law begged me to try the Cuticura Remedies. I said I would, but had no hope of recovery. But oh, what blessed relief I experienced after applying Cuticura Ointment. It cooled the bleeding and itching flesh and brought me the first real sleep I had had in weeks. It was as grateful as ice to a burning tongue. I would bathe with warm water and Cuticura Soap, then apply the Ointment freely. I also took Cuticura Resolvent for the blood. In a short time the sores stopped running, the flesh began to heal, and I knew I was to get well again. Then the hair on my head began to grow; and in a short time I was completely cured. I wish I could tell everybody who has eczema to use Cuticura. Mrs. Wm. Hent, 135 Thomas St., Newark, N. J., Sept. 28, 1908." Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

NOT FOR HIM.



"Now, boy, this is important! It's an invitation to dinner!"

"Thanks, boss. But I can't accept. My dress suit's in heck!"

Placing Him.

"Papa," inquired little May, after Sunday school, "was George Washington an Israelite?"

Before her father could answer this somewhat unexpected question May's six-year-old brother broke in.

"Why, May, I'm 'shamed of your ignorance! George Washington is in the New Testament, not the Old."—Woman's Home Companion.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE" THAT IS LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of W. D. GAYLE. Used the only way to cure a Cold in One Day. Etc.

Crooks understand the art of getting out of financial straits.

Remarkable Thermometer.

Some curious thermometers were made. Otto de Guericke, burgomaster of Magdeburg, made one which was 20 feet long and gorgeous with blue paint and gilt stars. It consisted of a large globe fastened to a tube, both of copper. The tube was bent upon itself to form a very narrow U, in which was placed the requisite amount of alcohol. One arm of the U was shorter than the other and open at the top. On the liquid was a float, to which was attached a cord passing over a pulley. At the other end of this cord was hung a gilt angel, its finger pointing to a scale on which the degrees were painted.

STATE OF OHIO CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO. doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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George and His Wad in Demand.

"The young wife answered the phone.

"That's another call for George," she said to her mother. "Somebody wants him to come somewhere and play bridge. It's the third invitation he's had this evening."

"That would seem to indicate," said the mother, "that George is very popular."

The young wife sniffed.

"It unquestionably indicates," she said, "that George is an easy loser."

Many Women Praise This Remedy.

If you have pains in the back, Urinary, Bladder or Kidney trouble, and want a certain, pleasant herb cure for woman's ills, try Mother Gray's AUSTRALIAN LEAF. It is a safe and never-failing regulator. At all Druggists or by mail 50 cts. Sample package FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

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The Landlady—What part of the chicken will you have, Mr. Newcomer?

Mr. Newcomer—A little of the outside, please.—Puck.

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.

The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

No matter how eloquent you may be talking to your Father in heaven, it will not balance a sour disposition to your family here.—Henry F. Coppe.

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Compounded by Experienced Physicians. Conforms to Pure Food and Drugs Laws. Wins Friends Wherever Used. Ask Druggists for Mering Eye Remedy. Try Mine in Your Eyes. You Will Like Mering.

Prosperity is the touchstone of virtue; for it is less difficult to bear misfortunes than to remain uncorrupted by pleasure.—Tacitus.

Better make your digestion better. The real mint leaf juice of WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT does that better than anything else.

Character's strength is not in doing what a self-will would have us do, but what the conscience dictates is our duty.—Royston.

Sore throat leads to Tonsillitis, Quinsy and Diphtheria. Hamlin's Wizard Oil used as a gargle upon the first symptoms of a sore throat will invariably prevent all three of these dread diseases.

It sometimes happens that a marriage license furnishes a man with a good excuse for trying to drown his troubles.

Spend an hour or two in the country. Chewing WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT is like visiting the green fields.

When a woman's husband is the subject of conversation, she isn't in a position to say what she really thinks.

For Hoarseness and Coughs "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are wonderfully effective. 25 cents a box. Samples sent free by John I. Brown & Son, Boston, Mass.

The man who ruined the Roman people was he who first gave them treats and gratuities.—Plutarch.

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Some people spend so much time handing out advice that they have no time to accomplish anything.

To restore a normal action to liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels, take Garfield Tea, the mild herb laxative.

Riches without charity are nothing worth. They are a blessing only to others.—Fielding.

Delicious way to keep teeth gleaming white—delicious WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

Wise men make proverbs that fools may misquote them.

BRINGING HIM OUT.



Aster—How is it you never speak to Duffy? I'm sure he's a diamond in the rough.

Miss Trimm—Yes; I think so, too—that's why I'm cutting him.

Got Up Speed.

"What sort of record did Lem Higgins make out west?"

"He broke the Marathon record."

"I didn't know he was such a sprinter."

"Lem didn't know it, either, till the sheriff took after him."

Helen Had Ambition.

Helen, aged six, was telling Mary, aged seven, of her plans for the future. "I'm going to be married," she announced, "and have 18 children."

"Oh," gasped Mary, her eyes wide with amazement, "you mercenary wretch!"—Dellneator.



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(Tetter Cure) Is sold by druggists everywhere on a positive guarantee to cure Dan-druff and all Scalp Troubles, Tetter, Eczema, Itch, Ringworm, Chapped, Sunburned Face and Hands, Pimples, Itching Piles, Sore, Sweaty, Blistered Feet, Cuts, and all Irritations of the Skin. Does not stain, grease or blister. Two Sizes, 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Trial Size 10c. Either mailed direct on receipt of price.

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For Croup, Tonsillitis and Asthma. Sloan's Liniment. A quick and powerful remedy is needed to break up an attack of croup. Sloan's Liniment has cured many cases of croup. It acts instantly—when applied both inside and outside of the throat it breaks up the phlegm, reduces the inflammation, and relieves the difficulty of breathing.

Sloan's Liniment. gives quick relief in all cases of asthma, bronchitis, sore throat, tonsillitis, and pains in the chest. Price, 25c, 50c., and \$1.00. Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Boston, Mass.

A BEAUTIFUL TRAIN FOR Chicago VIA THE WABASH. Leaves St. Louis 1:30 pm. Arrives Chicago 9:30 pm. "BANNER LIMITED". Library, Observation-Parlor, Buffet-Dining Car, with Private Dining Room, First Class Chair Cars, Coach-Smoker, Electric Lighted from End to End. All Cars Magnificently Furnished. THREE OTHER FAST TRAINS. Leave St. Louis 8:30 am 9:17 pm 11:40 pm. Arrive Chicago 4:58 pm 7:17 am 8:00 am. J. D. McNAMARA, G. P. A., ST. LOUIS, MO. W. F. CONNER, S. W. P. A., DALLAS, TEX.

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"Nothing is new in this world, it's only made over," said a wise man. "Well," says the man of today, "I hope they won't make over those 'merry widow, hats,' at least while I am here."

FREE—information about killing prairie dogs; also the ingredients at Reagan's Drug Store.

**Coahoma Locals.**

Doc Boyett and family have moved to their new residence recently purchased from Dr. Alexander.

Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church South, Coahoma charge, will be held at Center Point on Sunday, February 28.

I. Cox bought the lot adjoining Dr. Leech's office on the south Wednesday from R. L. Alexander, and will begin the erection of a building 18x40 Monday morning, which will be put in commission as a restaurant as soon as completed.

P. L. Fletcher will next week begin the erection of a building 16x30 on north Maine street, to be used as a home for the telephone exchange.

The air is full of rumors of new buildings of brick and concrete, and if one-half the improvements are made within the next year that now seem reasonable certain, Coahoma will have a population of over one thousand people by the close of 1909.—Coahoma Courier.

**SEE**

J. D. McDonald for new and second hand goods, and a guaranteed high-grade sewing machine for one-half what others get for them. Phone 414.

A delinquent subscriber ask us one day this week why we kept sending the paper after the subscription date had expired. Every weekly newspaper in towns the size of this one are forced to do this. If we were to stop the paper when the time expired, nine out of ten subscribers would come in and "call us down" for casting reflections on their credit. Rather than appear to think their credit no good for a small debt, or a large one for that matter. It is essential that we send the paper after the subscription has expired. It is not so with the city dailies or weeklies, as their subscribers live at a distance and are not personal friends as is the case with a majority of our subscribers. Subscribers, you should consider it an honor to know that we do not doubt your honesty and continue to send you the paper after your subscription has expired. Should any desire their paper discontinued, they should notify us and remit to date if they have not already done so.

Wall paper bargains at Reagan's that will astonish anyone.

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Many a Big Springs Citizen Knows How Sure They Are

Nothing uncertain about the work of Doan's Kidney Pills in Big Springs. There is plenty of positive proof of this in the testimony of citizens. Such evidence as this should convince the most skeptical doubter. Read the following statement.

Lee Powell, living in the southern part of Big Springs, Texas, says: "I don't know as I had any kidney trouble, but Doan's Kidney Pills which I got at J. L. Ward's drug store, relieved me of a bad case of lameness across my back and loins. There was a constant throbbing ache and although I did not stop work, there was many a time I felt like lying down. The secretions were very irregular in their action and were accompanied by a scalding sensation. Since using one box of Doan's Kidney Pills those symptoms have entirely disappeared. I think this remedy fine for just such cases as mine."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

J. O. Gibson, the tailor, in the front basement of the Ward building, makes a specialty of cleaning and pressing clothing. 22-1f.

**State Normal School**

**For West Texas.**

There is a bill before the present legislature for creating a state normal school for West Texas. The bill carries with it an appropriation of \$50,000 for buildings and also names the sum of \$27,500 for salaries of teachers. Some enterprising, hustling town is going to get this school, and why not Big Springs? It will be the biggest and best thing that our town has ever had an opportunity to get.

A location committee will be appointed who will take into consideration the advantages offered by each town that is competing for the school, as to healthfulness and desirableness of situation as regards to remainder of the district. Big Springs has the advantage of most any town in this part of the state in many respects and is the central point of a large section of country that is rapidly being settled by substantial farmers and small stockmen. Big Spring is surrounded by a very rich and fertile country and if her people will only pull together they can make a city out of our town in a few years. This place is bound to be a railroad center and that will be another inducement for the location of a large school here, besides a good school is one of the best drawing cards a town can have. It will increase the value of property and the population of towns faster than most anything else, and besides, the people that go to a town for the benefit of a school are a most desirable class of citizens.

If Big Springs wants this school we will have to get a move on us and show that we want it. It will not be brought here and dumped down on us without a very strong invitation.

The number of prescriptions we filled last year—nearly seven thousand—our first year in Big Springs, shows that the people know where they can get their prescriptions filled accurately and promptly.—Arnold-McCamant Drug Co.

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STONE & CARPENTER.  
ABNEY & WRIGHT.

The coldest weather we have experienced here in three winters reached here Saturday night on the wings of a fierce north wind. The temperature fell to 15 degrees above zero and continued so up till Monday when it began to moderate.

When you buy 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-McCamant Drug Co.

**See Burton Lingo Co.**

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