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Good Railroad News.

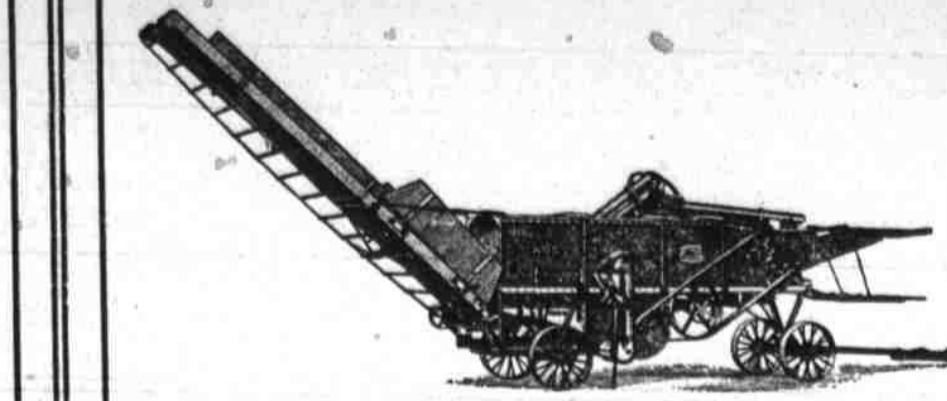
Just after the forms were all made up and we were ready to go to press last Friday, we received the glad information that the contract for the new railroad to the north had been signed by Mr. Soash and the railroad committee. This news no doubt will be received with good cheer by our people. It has been a hard pull on the part of many of our citizens to raise this bonus, but now that it has been completed let each one feel glad that they helped in such a worthy enterprise. Had it not been for the untiring efforts of B. Reagan and the Fishers along with the perseverance of the others on the committee, no doubt this would have been a failure.

Never in the history of any town has a committee worked any harder than did this one to secure a road, and all honor should be given them for their efforts. For wage our town composed of such noble-spirited men it would be no trouble to build up the best town in the state. It has required time and a great deal of persuasion to make our people see, generally speaking, the advantages to be gained from such a road.

Property will advance 25 per cent no doubt before work is begun and so soon as work is under headway it will show an advance of at least 50 per cent. The assurance of this new road and prospects for another to the south and the intention of our citizens to secure the West Texas Normal, our town is on the very verge of becoming the leading town on the T. & P. west of Fort Worth. It can be made such if we get up and push, each one grasping the wheel of prosperity and giving it one more turn toward greater things.

Mr. Soash seemed to be elated over our people raising the bonus and will begin work Sept. 1st. Now that we have succeeded in securing the railroad and the icy hands of non-giving has been unclenched, let us turn our attention to other lines for the upbuilding of our town. That normal demands our attention, a good oil mill should call forth the efforts of some one, and many other things that would lead down to good.

Reagan fills your neighbor's prescriptions and will be glad to fill yours.



Are you going to need a Separator this year? We are the agents for the line built by

J. I. CASE THRESHING MACHINE CO.

the only line on the market that is past the experimental stage. They are sold under a written guarantee to do better work on the same job than any other machine now made. Not only do they perfectly thresh maize, Kaffir corn, peanuts, peas, etc., but they are absolutely the only machine manufactured at this time that will successfully handle the stalks. These machines can be bought on terms of one, two and three years, or a liberal discount for cash, so why not get in on the ground floor on this new industry. There is money in it and if you don't make it the other fellow will. Write, phone or call and see us for full particulars and descriptive literature.

Stokes-Hughes Co.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

Big Springs to Have Directory.

The traveling representatives of the Kansas City Number and Directory company are in the city this week at work on the new city directory. When seen by the reporter of this paper Tuesday Mr. Judson who is compiling this work showed us a number of letters of praise he had from different towns in which they had worked. Judging from these letters their work must be a success and no one will be disappointed in their work. Besides compiling the street numbers and names they have a beautiful aluminum number that comes up to the requirement of the post-office department in case of free delivery which they are placing on the houses at a very small cost. These people are very courteous gentlemen and we admonish our people to give them the information sought when they call on you, as they are not only doing a good work for our city, but will be helping toward getting free delivery.

Kresno Dip the best known disinfectant, 35c per pound at Reagan's.

Mrs. Happell Entertains.

Quite a nice little social event was willed off in the new and elegant home of Dr. E. H. Happell Tuesday night. The entertainment was given by the Ladies Aid of the Christian church and was one to be long remembered by those who attended. While the night was an unusual gloomy one, it did not keep many from coming. After spending an evening in social conversation all were treated to a course of cream and cake. The evening was so much enjoyed by those present that each one voiced words of praise for the excellent way in which they were made to pass the time away so pleasantly.

Some Costly Advertising Space.

The Ladies Home Journal charges \$4,000 for a single page of advertising; Youth's Companion, \$2,400 per page; Saturday evening Post, \$1,900; Woman's Home Companion, \$1,800; Delinicator, \$1,800; Collier's Weekly, \$1,600; Chicago Daily News, \$1,141; New York American, \$980; New York World, \$896.

Carter House Completed.

The work on the new Carter House has been completed and the house is now ready for the receiving of guests. Through an invitation from Mrs. Carter to come and look through the house, we did so Monday and to our satisfaction we found everything up to date. This house is a nice acquisition to our city. It has large rooms furnished with the most costly furniture. No doubt this place will become one of the most popular stopping places in town.

Next Tuesday the people of Texas will vote on three constitutional amendments. Two of these are in reference to the public schools and are of the greatest importance. One of these will permit school districts near county lines to be composed of territory in two or more counties. At present this cannot be done and is a great disadvantage and should be remedied. The remedy is to pass the amendment. Let every voter come out and vote for the amendments without fail. The other amendment is for the purpose of validating school bonds of a number of independent school districts. This should be passed by all means. A third amendment provides for allowing cities of 5,000 population special charters. We are not so well informed about this matter, but we see no reason why it should not be passed. If a special charter is good for a city of 10,000, why shouldn't it be good for one of 5,000? We intend to vote for all three of the amendments.

B. J. Campbell has opened a wood and coal yard on the north side of the track, and will also handle feed. He will appreciate your trade and give you good measure and courteous treatment.

Dry Farm Crops Flourishing.

Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, July 29.—Crops are in flourishing condition in this section of the country that the stranger from humid districts would not think this a dry farming region. C. L. Beaty of the Federal Land company, who is actively interested in the work of the Dry Farming Congress, says this vicinity will be well represented at the Fourth Dry Farming Congress at Billings, Montana, October 26-28 and the farmers are making preparations to send a large exhibit to the International Exposition of Dry Farm Products will be a feature of the coming congress and will be open at Billings, October 25-29, inclusive.

Reagan has the completest stock of paints, stains and wall paper in town. Prices are right, see before buying.

Corner Stone Laid Monday.

Amid a good crowd of our citizens the corner stone of the new Cole hotel was laid Monday evening. The ceremony was an impressive one, as Mr. Morrison in words well chosen for the occasion told of the career of Mr. Cole since he came here many years ago. Mr. Morrison paid quite a number of compliments to its builder and said that we needed more such men as Cole to help build up our town. This hotel will add much to the beauty of our city and comfort to the traveling trade. We are glad to see these new moves and only hope for many more.

A Pointer on Mosquitoes

A few drops of oil eucalyptus poured on the pillow will keep away flies and mosquitoes, and mosquito bites rubbed with peroxide will soon cease to sting.

A Most Hearty Welcome

to each of you who visit our store, and we are anxious that you become a customer if not already one. Our groceries are fresh, you know we are styled

The Pure Food Grocers

If its to eat, we have it. We carry feed stuff of all kinds, such as oats, chops, bran, hay, etc. Remember that you don't have to pay long time prices when you buy from us.

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Ladies' Linen Suits

J. & W. Fisher

Established in 1882 The Store that Sells Everything

The incorporation by the United States during May of railroad, industrial and other companies having a capital stock of \$28,429,000 gives an idea of the wonderful commercial expansion of the country, says the New York World. Incidental testimony to the same effect is furnished by the speedy absorption by investors of the \$10,000,000 issue of preferred stock put out by a new dry goods combination.

Automobile recklessness is getting severely rebuked, as the result of several recent court proceedings indicate. The conviction and sentence of a New York chauffeur of manslaughter in the first degree, with a close call from a verdict of murder, was one impressive lesson. Civil suits are also showing what can be done in the way of holding offenders accountable.

It is a significant conclusion and one worthy of thought reached by the American Medical Association in its convention at Atlantic City, that the college influence upon the public schools of the country is urging educational boards to increase studies so as to fit children for the higher institutions in preference to work suited to the pupils' mental abilities and physical requirements.

Within a few days more than a hundred people have been drowned because they overcrowded the boats or some natural born fool rocked them. The treatment for people who don't know how to behave in a boat is to throw them overboard. Their fate would be charged up to the law of self-protection.

German critics do not like American plays, but the managers produce the plays just the same because they cater to the people who buy tickets at the box office.

Let us explain that the New York woman who really sailed away carelessly leaving behind \$200,000 worth of real jewels had been married only a few days before.

Talk about the divorce. A Georgia man seeks a divorce from his wife just because she spoke disparagingly of the town. But the town is with him.

New York lady shocks her husband badly when he decided her statement that Portugal was in South America. What's the higher education good for, anyhow?

One of the advantages of having an account is that it reduces the chances of the early pocket-picker.

A Philadelphia girl has had her heart sewed up. If the operation proves entirely successful, some sort of a surgical sewing machine will have to be invented without delay.

An Illinois boy is a king in one of the Fiji islands, but it is doubtful if he has ever been able to develop a taste for transoceanic missionary.

Millions of eggs are going into cold storage to remain until they arrive at years of discretion.

LOUISIANA-TEXAS COAST STORM TAKES 36 LIVES

Various Towns in Two States Report Many Deaths as Result of Recent Gulf of Mexico Hurricane.

PROPERTY DAMAGE IS VERY HEAVY

List of Dead and Injured Given--At Angleton, Texas, One Entire Family Consisting of Man and Wife and Six Children Perish in their Home.

Galveston, July 27.--So far as known here the following is a full list of fatalities from Wednesday's storm on the coast:

Table with columns: Town, Dead, Injured, Property loss. Lists towns like Austin, Angleton, Alton, Brazoria, Bonus, Bay City, Brownsville, Bastrop, Beasley, Cottageport, Columbia, Cambon, Eagle Lake, El Campo, Ellinger, Flatonia, Galveston, Gidden, Garwood, Giddings, Hitchcock, Kenleton, LaGrange, Luling, Markham, Matthews, New Ulm, Palacios, Paige, Rock Island, Richmond, Velasco, Schlenker, Sabine, Wharton, Wetmer, Welder, Walls, Yoakum, Mudd Pass.

Total... 28 37 \$1,516,000 Note--The total dead includes Capt. Matthews, given as drowned in the Gulf.

Galveston, July 26.--Tarpool Pier survivors: Ray G. Teetoborn, Houston; Everett Lewis, Galveston; W. Davies, Groveton; C. D. Hopkins, colored, Galveston; John Forrest, colored, Galveston; Charles Johnson, colored, Galveston.

Bodies Recovered: Capt. R. L. Bettison, Galveston; Mrs. R. L. Bettison, Galveston; wife of Charles Johnson (negro), Galveston.

Skill missing: C. H. Dailey, Galveston.

The bodies of Capt. Bettison and Mrs. Bettison were found Saturday morning on the beach between Houston Point and Fishery Reef, about thirty-five miles from the ill-fated pier from which they were cast into the sea during the gulf storm.

New Orleans: Further reports from isolated points along the gulf coast of Texas continue to swell the death list resulting from last Wednesday's hurricane.

At an early hour Monday morning there was nothing to indicate the estimate about \$1,000,000 property loss would be materially changed. With a number of people still missing, it appears very probable the death list now numbering twenty-nine may be added to.

The deaths reported up to noon Sunday total thirty-six. A conservative estimate of the damage throughout the coast country totals two and one-half millions.

Entire Family Perish. New Orleans, July 26.--The report of the drowning at their home on Christmas Bay, fifteen miles from Angleton, of Maurice Wolfe, his wife and six children, together with a negro servant, was confirmed yesterday afternoon.

H. B. Roberts, a truck farmer residing on Dry Slough, near Christmas Bay, reached Angleton Sunday and told how the entire family were swept away. The six children ranged in age from six months to ten years.

Official Report On Seawall. Galveston, July 26.--Dr. E. Bunker Meyer, section director of the Weather Bureau, has prepared his official report of the storm of last Wednesday and has forwarded it to the Department at Washington.

The report is as follows: Galveston, July 24.--Chief United States Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.: Dear Sir--The tropical storm of July 21, 1909, from a commercial as well as a residential point of view, has proven of the utmost importance to the city of Galveston.

It was a very very satisfactory test of the protection of the seawall which was built after the destructive hurricane of 1900. Not a single life was lost within the protected area and the damage to property was only nominal, consisting principally of broken trees, fences, and windows and other minor losses.

New Orleans, July 23.--Sixteen persons dead and sixteen seriously hurt and property damage exceeding \$1,000,000, as far as can be ascertained at a late hour last night, is the grim record resulting from the destructive sweep of Thursday's hurricane along the Louisiana and Texas coasts.

That the property loss will run into the millions was made a certainty when whole towns which were at first believed not to have suffered were definitely reported to have been wrecked. Over a score of persons are now believed to have lost their lives.

Besides five who met death on a fishing pier near Galveston, Cameron Parish, La., now reports some fishermen drowned.

Oliver Graf of Houston, who went fishing with Prof. W. W. Higgins, also of Houston, Thursday morning, was reported to have been drowned in Galveston Bay. Both, however, were picked up late Friday and their recovery is believed to be certain.

R. Hart, a Galveston dryman, who went to look after his stock Friday, was caught and killed under his own barn, which collapsed as a result of the hurricane.

A white baby was killed in the wrecking of a building at Bay City, and two negroes lost their lives at the same place. One negro is believed to be killed at Eagle Lake. Indefinite reports of loss of life at other places, not yet confirmed, are also recorded. Cities and towns in Texas which suffered from the hurricane and the loss of life and property damage which were there occasioned as follows, as far as reported:

Galveston--Four lives lost off Tarpool Pier. One man killed in collapse of a building. Property damage about \$175,000.

Bay City--Three dead, six seriously injured and destruction of property to the extent of \$150,000.

Velasco--Only three stores left standing and many homes blown down. Lago--Syrup mills wrecked.

Austin--Many buildings unroofed, telephone and telegraph wires down. Damage about \$100,000. Brazos--Many buildings destroyed and loss of life feared. Pledger--Heavy property damage; syrup mills wrecked. Allghurst--Many structures wrecked. Numerous lives lost as yet without confirmation.

Richmond--Sixty residences and stores partially demolished. Palacios--A number of houses blown down. Angleton--Every house in the town badly damaged. Blowing--Several lives reported lost and considerable property damage. Eagle Lake--One dead; many houses unroofed and two large sugar and rice plants partially wrecked. Some of the towns along or near the Texas coast where it is reported great damage may have been done, but from which nothing has been heard are: Lavaca, Indianola, Rockport, Goliad, Victoria, Columbia, Edinburg and Matagorda.

In Louisiana, points in Cameron Parish are reported to have suffered severely from the hurricane.

Sixteen Dead in Explosion. Langsdorf, Prussia: Five Gump exploded in a mine at Mansfeld. Sixteen dead and many atrocious injuries have been taken out. It is not known how many men are still in the mine.

Flood Loss to \$500,000. Milwaukee: An Evening Wisconsin special from Ashland, Wis., reports a severe cloudburst in Northern Wisconsin with a loss estimated at \$500,000.

Wright Makes Long Flight. Washington: Orville Wright made a flight in his airplane of 1 hour and 30 minutes duration at Fort Myer Tuesday, circling the parade ground eighty-three times, making a series of figure eights and landing steadily.

WORLD'S AEROPLANE RECORD IS BROKEN

ORVILLE WRIGHT, WITH PASSENGER, ESTABLISHES TIME AND DISTANCE MARK.

SAILS OVER FIFTY MILES

Lieut. Lahm of Signal Corps Sails Aloft With Inventor, Wilbur's Feet Eclipsed.

Washington, July 25.--The world's aeroplane record for two men, as to both time and distance, was broken yesterday in a beautiful flight of 1 hour and 10 minutes and 40 seconds, upwards of fifty miles, and at a speed averaging about forty miles an hour, by Orville Wright, at Fort Myer, with Lieut. Lahm of the United States Signal Corps as a passenger. The former record was made last year by his brother, Wilbur, joint inventor with him of the machine with which both achievements were performed at Le Mans, France, with Prof. Painleve of the French Institute, as a passenger. That flight was 1 hour 9 minutes and 31 seconds. Wilbur was an eager spectator of Tuesday's flight by his brother.

Presidents to Meet in El Paso

Washington: At both the White House and the Mexican Embassy denial is made of the published reports that President Taft and President Diaz will meet at San Antonio, instead of at El Paso. Although the report originated in Mexico, the Mexican Ambassador has not heard a word about such a plan, while Mr. Carpenter, the President's secretary, gave assurances that if President Taft and President Diaz meet it will be at El Paso on Oct. 15.

World's Big Gun Record.

San Francisco, Battery Bontelle of the San Francisco Presidio has made a world's record with five inch guns, according to the official score announced by Col. John A. Lunden. Ten shots, with service projectiles, fired Thursday at a moving target, two and a half miles away, scored bullseyes. All ten shots were fired within a minute and thirty seconds.

Strawberries Five Months in Year.

St. Louis: Strawberries all summer, strawberries and cream every day from May 1 to Oct. 1. Edward Riehl, president of Alton Horticultural Society, after years of labor, has, by crossing various varieties of the strawberry vine, succeeded in producing a plant that will grow the red, luscious berries five months of the year.

Shot to Death in Court.

Little Rock, Ark.: Shooting through the clothing of Senator Jeff Davis, counsel for his victim in a case being heard in the chambers of Circuit Court Tuesday, W. Y. Ellis of Pine Bluff fired a bullet into the body of Parker Willis, a rich Indianapolis politician. Willis died a few minutes later in the arms of Sheriff R. F. Roberts.

Mesquite Has Flowing Well.

Mesquite: The Dallas Pressed Brick Company of this place struck flowing water in their artesian well Tuesday at 1,424 feet. It is a splendid stream of good water and means great things for this country. The well is flowing 100,000 gallons daily with the auger still in it.

Contract for Test Wells.

Celina: The Darnall-Hook Oil and Gas Company has let a contract for sinking its first test well about seven miles southwest from Celina, in Dallas County.

Emmie Waterworks System.

Emmie: The city has received the first shipment of pipe for the new waterworks system. The large storage tank has been completed and the pumping machinery has been placed at the wells ready for operation.

Randall County Court House.

Canyon City: Randall County's new \$60,000 court house was formally received by the Commissioners' Court last Saturday, and will at once be occupied by the county officials.

Taft to Hunt Wildcats.

San Antonio: Wildcats and rabbits are now going to get in the spotlight, as President Taft will have a big wildcat hunt and a jackrabbit chase when he visits the Taft ranch in October. These are two of the diversions planned for the President.

Editor Russell Dies.

Tulsa, Ok.: The mystery of the shooting of Mark Russell, the Tulsa newspaper man, may always remain a closed book, as he died Tuesday without regaining consciousness.

Will Stop Growing Cotton.

Forest City, Ark.: Members of the Farmers' Union from Lee, St. Francis, Arkansas, Phillips, Woodruff, Cross and Polk counties, in convention here, adopted resolutions to cease growing cotton until full wages is established.

Committee Clears Hearing.

Houston, Tex.: The legislative committee investigating the postoffice system has probably closed its hearing and will in October.

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 you 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 Office in West Texas National Bank Hartzog & Coffee.

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The Big Stall Wagon Yard

Just east of Burton-Lingo. Come in and put your team up with me and you will be treated in a way that you will be sure to come back. I also handle flour and meal, buy and sell all kinds of feed stuff.

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Phone No. 379

A. B. Robertson, of Colorado, was here Wednesday.

J. E. Millhollon, of Stanton, was here Wednesday.

Carbon! carbon! carbon! Biles & Gentry.

Jno. B. Slaughter, of Garza county, was here this week.

For a complete line of floor paints, varnishes and stains, see Biles & Gentry.

J. L. Glass and family, of Sterling county, were trading here this week.

The Merrick Mellon Co., have been supplying the local market with fine water melons this week.

The newest and most complete stock of groceries in the city at Jones & McGowen, first door south of McCamant Drug Store.

Fire at Coahoma yesterday morning destroyed the Commercial Hotel, D. C. Riley's grocery store, a vacant building formerly occupied by Barrett & Co., and a barber shop.

Death of Jessie Deats.

Jessie, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Deats, died Sunday afternoon after a short illness and was laid to rest Monday afternoon in the Masonic cemetery. Little Jessie was a bright and winsome child, a great favorite with all who knew her, which makes it all the harder to part with her. She has only gone back to Him who lent her to earth for a short time and will be at the gate waiting and watching for her loved ones that are left behind. The hope of meeting their darling child in heaven is the only consolation the bereaved parents have, and it is the greatest solace anyone can have.

Painting.

I will guarantee all painting done by me. For particulars see M. D. McDonald, or address L. Box 604, Big Springs. 38-8w

Our Success is Due to Promptness and Reliability.

We have obtained the selling and distributing agency for the celebrated Nyal's Family Remedies.

In every line of business there is one "Best" product. You know the name of the best piano, the best silverware, the best hat—and druggists all know that Nyal's are the best family remedies.

They place the formulas in our possession so that we can know exactly what we are selling.

Come in and see us; we treat people right. That reputation is what got us the agency for Nyal's Family Remedies.

WARD'S

The price is the thing.

Commercial Club Meeting.

The commercial club held an important meeting yesterday evening. This was the regular session of the club, and should have been well attended, but only some thirteen present. It seems to us a shame for a town of 5,000 people to have no more push and vim back of them, than is found among some of our business people, as there were only a few of the merchants present. It has been demonstrated in many places that a commercial club is the backbone of a city, and we regret to see such a lack of interest taken in the club work by the members.

Presbyterian Church.

Services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday, Aug. 1st. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., the regular morning service at 11 a. m., will be conducted by Rev. Jas. E. Morris, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Junior Christian Endeavor at 5 p. m. The evening service at 8:15 p. m., will be conducted by Rev. Pinkney Hawkins, of Wellington, Kansas. Everybody cordially invited to these services. Strangers especially welcome.

The Place to Buy

Hardware, Glass and Queensware, Wagons, Buggies, Plows, Windmills and water supply materials of all kinds is at our store. We can fit you up with any kind of galvanized sheet iron work from our own shop. :-: :-: :-:

The Western Windmill Co.

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

A Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness in the recent sickness and death of our precious little Jessie. Our hearts are greatly comforted in this time of sorrow by the many expressions of love and sympathy from our friends. We feel sure that all was done to save her life that could be done by kind friends and faithful physicians. We bow in submission to the will of God.

L. T. Deats.
Mrs. L. T. Deats.

Notice.

Remember your patronage is always appreciated at Curley's Place, now known as the Up-Town Restaurant, located just below Western Windmill on 3rd street. We have nice large counter and table and believe we can please you with what we have to eat. If you have never been in our place call on us once and see if we can please you. We serve regular dinner, supper and breakfast; regular meal 25c; coffee, tea ice or milk with regular meals. Dinner from 11 to 2, supper from 5 to 9, breakfast from 6 to 9. Respectfully,

CURLEY.

Prosperity at Big Springs.

C. L. Alderman, of Big Springs, passed through Dallas yesterday enroute to his old home in Ohio for a short visit there. Mr. Alderman says that good rains have fallen in his section of the state

and prospects are fine.

"The citizens of Big Springs have just signed a contract with the Soash Land Company for a railroad to be constructed from Big Springs fifty miles north," he said. "The work of constructing the road is to begin Sept. 1. William Cole is building a three-story stone and brick hotel with all modern improvements, such as telephones in every room, hot and cold water, steam heat and so on. "That section of the state has just had a fine rain and from El Paso east to Monahans it was very heavy. "Another new enterprise at Big Springs is a mill to thrash and grind Kaffir corn and milo maize. This is the first mill of this kind I know of in the state." —Dallas News.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

The following program will be given at the B. Y. P. U. entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. tonight:

Duet—Misses Selma Kenon and Diddy Gilluly.
Violin Solo—Roy Flint.
Solo—Mrs. Chas. Morris.
Instrumental—Miss Smith.
Solo—Miss Mildred True.
Instrumental—Miss Nellie Tamsitt.
Duet—Guy Brown and Mrs. Merrie.
Recitation—Miss Willie Howell.
Instrumental—Mrs. Poffenback.
Solo—Miss Mabel Ricker.
Instrumental—Miss Ona Reagan.
Solo—Mrs. A. E. Pool.
Music by the band.

A. J. Gallemore returned last night from Marlin where he had been for the benefit of his health.

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

Mrs. J. I. Prichard will leave tonight for Dallas where she is called by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Winter.

See H. B. Arnold for anything in sheet metal work, will please you if I can. Am no amateur workman.

Mrs. L. A. Dale and children left yesterday for Merkel where they will visit relatives a few days before going to Austin where they will make their home.

FOR SALE—Sixteen acres of land within a short distance of the corporate limits of Big Springs. Will make a fine truck farm. For price and terms call at The Enterprise office.

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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.

The smuggling of Chinese into the United States across the Mexican border is pretty well under control, declared Commissioner General of Immigration Keadle in Washington, Monday.

Hides will be put upon the free list and the existing rates on all leather goods will be substantially reduced, some of them below the duties fixed by the house or senate tariff bills. Practically every member of the conference committee admitted at recess that this will be adopted.

The urgent deficiency bill was passed by the House, in Washington, Tuesday, after four days of tempestuous debate. The amount carried by it is \$454,593, or \$29,498 more than the original sum, and includes the \$25,000 traveling expenses for the President.

Mr. Meyer, Secretary of the Navy, had succeeded in reducing the expenditures proposed for the fiscal year 1919-1921 fully \$10,000,000 below the total of the appropriation made last year. Secretary Dickinson of the War Department had done nearly as well. The total of the Government estimates will be more than \$36,000,000 less than the total appropriations made for the current fiscal year.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

Fire damp exploded in a mine at Mansfield, Penna., Tuesday. Sixteen dead and many unconscious miners have been taken out. It is not known how many men are still in the mine.

The advance guard of the Texas Farmers' Congress reached College Station Monday, consisting chiefly of newspaper men and committeemen who have worked in advance of the general annual session which opened Tuesday morning.

An engine and car attached to the regular local on the T. & N. division of the Texas and Pacific turned over Monday just as the train was pulling into the Texarkana yards, fatally scalding the engineer, Jim Mackin, and seriously injuring Brakeman Britt.

As a result of a severe electrical and wind storm at Farago, Ark., one man is dead, one residence and the new high school building damaged by lightning, and considerable damage done to property in the country near the town.

The rice acreage reports as compiled by the Texas Rice farmers' association, was given out by Secretary Groves of the association Monday. Mr. Groves stated that the damage to rice by the storm of Wednesday had been severe. The acreage for the state is given at 283,282.

That a factory for the making of counterfeit American bills and coins exists in Italy, and that up to date as much as \$1,000,000 has been sent to Mexico, from whence it is gradually finding its way to the United States, is the information received in San Antonio by Government officials.

The long drought in the Fredericksburg country has been broken by a six and one-fourth inch rain. The wires are down and the river was up thirty-five feet and no mail for several days. The corn, oats and wheat crops are nearly total failures. The cotton crop was in a critical condition, but if we have a late frost and more rain will make a fair crop.

The women of Colorado are to make a stubborn effort to send one of their sex to Congress two years hence.

The usual fall demand is being made on the Treasury Department at Washington, by the banks for a supply of small bills for crop moving purposes. To meet this demand, the Treasury can issue now \$1 silver certificates in exchange for silver certificates of larger denominations which are sent to the Treasury for that purpose. An unusual supply of small bills has been prepared to meet this seasonal demand.

Private George A. Hedgepath, a member of the Fortieth Coast Artillery, was killed at Fort Monroe, Va. Wednesday, by falling beneath the wheels of a dummy train. Hedgepath weighed 318 pounds and was said to be the largest man in the army.

Two hundred and thirty-four thousand prairie dogs have been killed since Jan. 1 by J. W. Holman of Arizona. Most of them were on the Fryling Pan ranch. Mr. Holman uses poisoned meat in his operations and employs a corps of fifteen workmen, mostly Mexicans.

Vernon is keeping pace with the progress of the times and showing great activity in municipal improvements just now. A modern sewerage system comprising over six miles of mains is now being laid on gradients that will insure perfect sanitation.

Charbon, a deadly and loathsome disease, which afflicts cattle and which has killed thousands of valuable animals in Louisiana, has attacked human beings now and many men are under treatment. In Leesburg, the county seat of Cameron Parish, eight humans have been stricken.

General rainfall is reported all over the Plains. One and three-fifths hundredths inches fell at Plainview.

By the time the opera season is ready to open Broadway will have another long-needed want supplied, that of a first-class opera house.

At the request of the authorities of Angleton the Adjutant General Monday shipped to that town fifty tents, to be used by the storm sufferers until the damage has been repaired.

During a game of ball between two rural teams at Ramer, Ala. Saturday, William Grantham was fatally injured when a pitched ball struck him in the temple. He died Monday.

A party of Frisen surveyors arrived in Brady Tuesday. Two car loads of equipment came in Monday, and it is supposed that they will proceed with the survey of the extension to San Antonio.

The installation of the Hamlin waterworks system is nearing completion. The city will have four miles of main. The tank and tower are being erected. The tank is of 75,000 gallons capacity and will be 145 feet high.

Forty-two persons were injured when Big Four train No. 6, was wrecked at Zionsville, Ind., Sunday night. Six of the passengers most seriously hurt were carried to hospitals in Indianapolis.

Two persons killed, another was probably fatally injured and two others were seriously hurt in a collision between an automobile and a passenger train on the Monon railroad near Munster, Ind., Saturday.

The passenger packet Tacoma, en route from Charleston, W. Va., to Cincinnati, Ohio, struck an obstruction in the Ohio River and sank late Sunday. The passengers were taken off in safety before the boat went down.

A mob chased Empire Eldridge of the Southern Michigan League from the ground here Sunday at Jackson, Mich. In the rush of the spectators, the grandstand collapsed, injuring fifteen or twenty persons, three seriously.

Orville Wright made a flight in his aeroplane of 1 hour and 20 minutes duration at Fort Myer Tuesday, circling the parade ground eighty-three times, making a series of figure eights and landing steadily.

Dreaming that he was swimming, a boarder named Brown sprang from the gallery of the Carson Hotel in Ft. Worth Monday, and falling fifteen feet to the ground, sustained a broken shoulder.

Eyster Bros. of California have opened a cigar factory in Cleburne. The Board of Trade asked the merchants to give orders enough to insure continuous business for the factory. The merchants more than met the necessary demand.

The first wheat of the season was thrashed at Texline Wednesday morning and marketed Friday evening, and brought \$1.10 a bushel. There is about 6,000 acres of wheat that will be marketed here as soon as it can be thrashed.

The State Railway Board of Arkansas has granted a charter to the Arkansas-Oklahoma Railway Company to build a line from the Kansas City Southern connection on Red River through Oklahoma to Harris Ferry, north of Clarksville, and on to Paris.

The whole of France is wild with enthusiasm over Louis Bleriot's feat in crossing the English Channel Sunday. All the newspapers are filled with editorials, which reflect the National pride at the splendid era-breaking achievement of French prowess.

W. C. Wilson, who lives about two miles of Quinlan, brought to town Friday a remarkable freak of nature in the form of a seven-legged kitten with two tails. From its head to the middle of its body there is nothing to distinguish it from any other kitten, but from there down it is a double cat. It has two fore legs in their natural position and one fore leg that comes out of the middle of its back, four hind legs and two tails.

The oldest Catholic ecclesiastic in the world, Stanislaus Machorski, deacon at Lisewo, Prussia, died Thursday, at the age of 102 years.

Reports received in the Department of Health Thursday indicate that the state quarantine station at Galveston is almost a total wreck, as result of storms.

Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor Dandridge, the daughter of President Zachary Taylor and a former mistress of the White House, died Sunday at Winchester, Va., after a brief illness, aged 85 years.

The Quannah Overall Company, the latest acquisition to Quannah's manufacturing enterprises, will begin active operations within the next fifteen days.

The 6-year-old son of Charles Morgan, living north of Blossom, was fatally burned Wednesday night. While the mother was out milking he attempted to carry a lighted lamp through the house.

Practically the whole business district of Banana, Ark., a small mining town near Fort Smith, was destroyed by fire Saturday. Loss is estimated at \$75,000.

Wednesday afternoon fire originating in the R. W. Jones millinery establishment in Abilene, caused fully \$7,500 damages before being extinguished.

The salaries of twenty-one clerks and thirty letter carriers of the Fort Worth postoffice have been raised. Two of the increases are for \$200 per year, and the remainder are for \$100 per annum.

At Angleton, fifty miles south of Houston, on the line of the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railway, thirty families are homeless as a result of the storm of the last few days.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Edited and Contributed by W. S. MORGAN, Springfield, Missouri.

Get together for the struggle with the speculators. You may be sure they will be together.

Under our present system of commercialism the law of supply and demand has little to do with making prices. The speculators do that.

The middlemen's interest in the farmer is about the same as a hawk's interest in the chicken industry. He is simply waiting an opportunity to take it.

The consumer pays on an average about twice what the farmer receives for his products. This can be reduced half by eliminating the unnecessary middlemen.

The farmer who does not believe in organization is probably pretty much of a speculator himself. He no doubt takes the opportunity to speculate on the distressed condition of his brother farmers.

The union realizes the fact that middlemen are necessary to handle farm products, but it seeks to eliminate the speculator and the excess of middlemen and to furnish the middleman himself.

The trouble with a great many farmers is that they want to farm too much land. It is more profitable and much more satisfactory to cultivate a small farm properly than it is to half cultivate a larger one.

Aside from good country roads the most important element in the question of freights is water transportation for farm products. If the waterways were improved as they should be, it would have much to do in bringing about a reduction in freight rates.

A great many holes are being punched in the New York cotton exchange, and people have begun to wonder what the concern exists for cotton 'shipped from that port in a year, yet it seems to set the price of cotton.

The manner in which farm products are put upon the market is just as important as the holding of them for a better price. Crops should be marketed as they are needed, else the market will be glutted. It would be equally as disastrous to hold a crop for awhile, and then rush the bulk of it on the market as it would be to dump it as fast as gathered. Here is where the necessity of organization and some concerted plan for the disposal of crops suggests itself as indispensable.

MAKE A FARMER PROGRESSIVE

Keeps Himself Posted on Different Phases of Agricultural Life and Profits Thereby.

He reads his agricultural paper and studies the bulletins from the state experimental station, and learns what he can to help him in choosing the crops best suited for his section. He sends for the reports issued by the department of agriculture, keeping informed on all those subjects that relate to his business, and from the knowledge he gets from his own experience he works out a plan to follow in his farming which, in the end, makes him prosperous. His neighbors look upon him with curiosity. They wonder what he wants with these implements that have never been tried in these parts before. Mr. Progressive Farmer will lose his farm if there is a mortgage on it, as a result of his crazy notions.

The progressive farmer goes on and plants crops of various kinds, and as a result he always has a variety of products for sale. If a drought occurs, having learned how to prepare the soil and how to cultivate it properly, so as to consume the moisture, his crops flourish, while those that have not had proper attention are languishing and dying out. If there are excessive rains, the well informed man is ready with drainage to carry it off. With proper drainage, the land will hold the water sufficiently to produce the needed moisture and not wash the soil.

Discuss the means of progressive farming, get your neighbors interested in what we are striving for. We are told in Scripture that no man worketh in himself.—Union Tribune.

National Convention.

The national convention of the Farmers' union, it is announced, will be held this year in Birmingham, Ala., meeting on September 7. It is also planned to have a big celebration of Labor day, September 6, when it is hoped that the executive board will be present. The convention is expected to be one of the largest gatherings of farmers ever held in Birmingham, as it is probable that farmers will be here from all parts of the United States and Canada.

If the white or gray horse should get stained from damp bedding rub the spot perfectly dry with a piece of chalk kept for the purpose. This will remove every bit of stain. The stains can be washed out with clean, clear water; then when dry scour with the chalk. Never use soap in the water, as it sets the stains.

CARRY OUT UNION PRINCIPLE

Many Ways of Educating People Along the True Lines of Co-operation or Common Interest.

The Farmers' union, having for its basic principles, organization, education and co-operation—everything that tends, even in the smallest degree, towards carrying out this principle—is of importance and interest to the farmer. While a great systematic plan for carrying out these three principles is very necessary and proper and that all should act together in support of any measure adopted until a change is made in the advance along lines of education, has become axiomatic. Still there are many small ways of aiding the greater plan and educating the people to an understanding of what is essential to gain ultimate success.

Organization is an important preliminary, and it is thorough organization or concentration of effort with unanimity that brings that education that is so far essential, that without it no co-operation can prove a success.

People may think that they are co-operating when in reality, through a lack of knowledge and education among the whole, there is division of opinion and consequent resultant want of success in obtaining the goal desired. Uniform action with a common purpose, brought about by education along definite lines through organization, is the thing that has got to come before that complete success which can alone settle the farmers' troubles can be attained.

The organization having begun at the bottom, or rather, at the roots of the tree of farmers' interests, and the education being taught among the people themselves, it is vastly important, therefore, that the necessary co-operation should still remain with and as near the people as possible. All power lies with the organization through the will of the people, and that this power should be used by the people intelligently with a view towards the education of the people, to make it plainer, to act for a common interest in harmony.

Co-operation should begin at home, for there the necessity for such action faces practically all and is no theory depicted in flowery language. The facts are there and the education necessary to teach people to co-operate can be demonstrated as through a kindergarten, with the daily experiences of every man on a farm.

The locals are the schools through which the education comes, and for the purpose nothing in the shape of an organization exists at this day that is more completely fitted for the purpose that are needed. The members are practical men who know what their necessities are and being, at the same time, men who think, they or many of them, have become teachers, from whose lips flow the homely words that tell of the necessity for organization and co-operation, and the reason therefor and at the same time can call home to each one, as proof, what are actual facts in their daily lives.

The moral of all this is that the members of the union should co-operate in small things at or near home. This will be not only an education to themselves, but the success they obtain through organization, education and co-operation is bound to act as an object lesson on non-union farmers, and being attracted through their self-interest, they will be gradually drawn into co-operating and educating themselves, even if they do not see fit to join the organization. Quiet example is sometimes the most powerful assistant in the world in obtaining an object, and as the object in this case is to obtain relief through education and co-operation, if outsiders can be induced, through the co-operative action of the organized farmers, to get in line, then it is better to have even two-thirds of a loaf with the organization left out than to have your neighbors acting against you from antagonisms produced by town farmers.

You farmers who are organized know along what lines you can best co-operate at home so it would be folly for the Co-Operator to give you advice, not being on the ground, but the paper can aid the cause if you will always write what your practical plans for home co-operation are, in a plain and short descriptive letter which can be published, and the education that it contains be taught to all the readers of the paper. Do this and let us all get behind this co-operative movement this year and above it along the road to success—National Co-Operator.

Politicians Killed It.

In the good old days of the Farmers' alliance the leading element were not farmers. Men who could not tell split beans from coffee were the men most active in the denunciation of the wrongs done to the farmer, without the least idea or a suggestion to offer as a remedy for the ills of which the farmer complained. And behold, in a limited space of time the Farmers' alliance developed into a political association; therefore the greed for office overshadowed all other considerations and the good old organization is remembered to-day as a thing of the past.—Union Tribune.

Small Potatoes.

Small potatoes are put in a good use when they are saved and boiled for the hens as a change in the bill of fare.

COULDN'T GET SI TO ENTHUSE

Hired Man's Remarks Could Hardly Be Said to Be in Nature of Compliment.

The young lawyer, having been appointed for the office of county attorney, thought to surprise an eccentric genius by the name of Si who was working as a hired man on the young lawyer's father's farm.

"Well, Si, what do you think?" the young man began.

"Sometimes one thing, Lony, an' sometimes 'nothin'."

"But, Si, they have nominated me for county attorney."

"They might 'a' done worse, Lony. Howsomer, don't holler till you're out of the woods."

The young attorney was duly elected, and on his next visit to the farm announced the fact unctuously to Si, who was at the woodpile, saw in hand.

"Well, Si, I am elected by a large majority. What do you think of that?"

"Well, Lony, down in our parts where I was raised, when we wanted a stopper 'n' hadn't any cork, we generally took a corn cob."—Youth's Companion.

WHY, OF COURSE.



"Farmer, which of those cows of yours gives the buttermilk?"

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A Baseball Preacher.

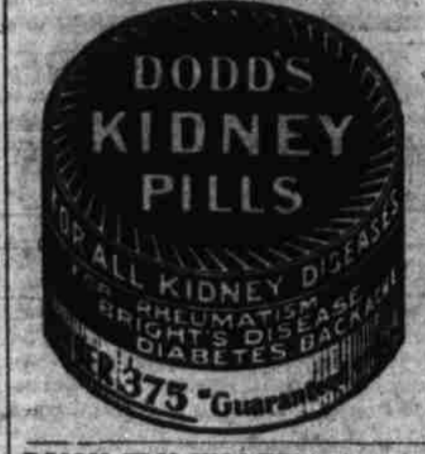
It was just at the beginning of the baseball season when an Episcopal clergyman, who is an ardent and enthusiastic lover of the great American game, inadvertently remarked at the end of the portion of Scriptures which he read:

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As They Peered into the Dusky Space Below.



"Col. Winter, I Must Beg You Not to Let Those Persons in the Room Again."

SYNOPSIS.

The story opens at Harvard where Col. Rupert Winter, U. S. A., visits the side of young Mercer. He met Cary Mercer, brother of the dead student. Three years since in Chicago in 1905, Col. Winter overheard Cary Mercer apparently planning to kidnap Archie, the colonel's ward, and to gain possession of Aunt Rebecca Winter's million. Mercer's Smith was mentioned apparently as a conspirator. A great financial magnate was absent the train on which Col. Winter met his Aunt Rebecca, Miss Smith and Archie. Col. Winter learned that the financial magnate was Edwin S. Keatcham, Winter's ally in Chicago. Col. Winter trusted a hold-up on the train. He took a great liking to Miss Smith, despite her alleged kidnapping plot. One of his mysterious disappeared in Frisco. Blood in a nearby room at the hotel caused fears for the boy's life. The boy's voice was heard over the telephone, however, and a minute later a woman's voice—that of Miss Smith. Col. Winter and a detective set out for the empty mansion owned by Arnold, a Harvard graduate. They were met with an explosion within. Mercer appeared. Winter and the boy returned. The colonel saw a vision sitting from the supposedly haunted house. It was Miss Janet Smith. Col. Winter to himself said that he loved Miss Smith. Mercer told Winter that Archie had overheard plans for a coup and had been arrested. Mercer's friends on returning the boy to his aunt had been arrested for speeding and when he returned from the police station to his auto the lad was gone. Mercer confessed he was forcibly detaining Keatcham. Mercer told his life story, relating how Keatcham and his secretary, Tracy, Atkins, had ruined him, the blow killing his wife. Mercer was holding him prisoner in order that he could not get control of a railroad which was the pet project of the father of his college friend, Edicott Tracy. Aunt Rebecca saw Archie in a cab with two men. When he vanished, she followed in an auto into the Chinese district and by the use of a mysterious Chinese jade ornament secured a promise from an influential Chinaman that the boy would be returned. Archie returned and told his story. Atkins, former secretary to Keatcham, before his second kidnaping. Col. Winter and Tracy returned to the "haunted house." They found Keatcham apparently stabbed to death. Keatcham was not dead, however. Cary Mercer appeared on the scene, Winter listening, his actions suspicious and observing blood on his cuffs and trousers. Mrs. Melville, revealed that she allowed information to Atkins. Atkins' business associates had been in the Keatcham assault. Unknown to Mrs. Melville had made herself a tool for Atkins' dark schemes in stocks.

CHAPTER XV.—Continued.

On their instantly expressed desire to see the hidden way, the colonel led them to the patio. He walked to the engaged column which once before had interested him; he pressed a concealed spring under the boldly carved eight-pointed flower; instantly, the entire side of the column swung as a door might swing. As they peered into the dusky space below, the colonel, who had put down his arm, pressed an electric button and the white light flooded the shaft, revealing an ingenious ladder of cleats fitted into steel uprights.

"Here," said the colonel, "is a secret way from the patio to the cellar. The cellar extends a little beyond the patio and there is a way down from the yard to the cellar. I can quickly show you, if you like."

"No, thank you," replied Warnebold, who was a man of full habit and older than the colonel. "I will take your personal experience instead."

"Then if you will go out into the yard with me I will show you where a chessing paragon ends in a vine-climbed wall of stone that you

may tug at and get move; but press your foot on a certain stone, the whole dial swings round on a concealed turntable such as they have in garages, you know. You will have no difficulty in finding the right stone, because an inscription runs round the dial: 'Mas vale tarde que nunca;' and the stone is directly opposite 'nunca.' When you have moved away your dial you will see a gently inclining tunnel, high enough for a man to walk in without stooping, wide enough for two, and much better ventilated than the New York subway. That tunnel leads to a secret door opening directly into the cellar, so skillfully contrived that it looks like an air-shaft. This door is only a few feet from the shaft to the patio. We have found a bolt and put it on this entrance, but there wasn't any before; nor did any one in the house know of the secret passage."

The colonel went on to say that on questioning the architect he ascertained that he had never mentioned the secret passage to his knowledge—except that very recently, only a few days before, at a dinner, he had barely alluded to it; and one of the gentlemen present, an easterner, had asked him where he got a man to make such a contrivance—it must take skill. He had mentioned the name of the workman. The colonel had hunted up the artisan mentioned, only to find that he had left town to take a job somewhere; no one seemed to know where. Of course he had inquired of everybody. The name of the easterner was Atkins.

"Atkins," cried Warnebold, at this turn of the narrative, "Keatcham's secretary? Why, he's the boldest and slickest scoundrel in the United States! He started a leak in Keatcham's office that made him a couple of hundred thousands and lost us a million and might have lost us more if Mercer hadn't got on to him. Keatcham wouldn't believe he had been done to the extent he was at first—you know the old man hates to own to any one's getting the better of him; it's the one streak of vanity I've ever been able to discover in him. Otherwise, he's cold and keen as a razor on a frosty morning. He was convinced enough, however, to discharge Atkins; the next news I had, he was trying to send him to the pen. Gave us instructions how to get the evidence. No allusion to his past confidence in the fellow, simply the orders—as if we knew all the preliminaries. Wonderful man, Mr. Keatcham, Col. Winter."

"Very," agreed the colonel, dryly. "By this time the warrior and the man of finance were on easy terms. Warnebold remained three days. Before he left the patient had been pronounced out of danger and had revived enough to give some succinct business directions. Mercer had been sent to look out for the cement deal; and Keatcham appeared a little relieved and brighter when he was told that Mercer was on his way."

"He will put it through if it can be put," he said weakly to Warnebold; "he's moderately smart and per-

fectly honest." Such words, Warnebold explained later to Mrs. Winter, coming from Keatcham, might be regarded almost as extravagant commendation. "Your cousin's fortune is made," he pronounced, solemnly; "he can get Atkins' place, I make no doubt."

Mrs. Winter thought that Mercer was a very valuable man.

"Only always so melancholy; I've been afraid he had something serious the matter with his digestion. It's these abominable quick lunches that are ruining the health of all our steady young men. I don't know but they are almost as bad as chorus girls and late suppers. Well, Mrs. Winter, I'm afraid we shall not have another chance at bridge until I see you in New York. But, anyhow, we stung the colonel once—and with Miss Smith playing her greatest game, too. Pity she can't induce Mr. Keatcham to play; but he never touches a card, hardly ever takes anything to drink, doesn't like smoking especially, takes a cigarette once in a while only, never plays the races or bets on the run of the vessel—positively such icy virtue gives an ordinary sinner the cramp! Very great man, though, Mrs. Winter, and a man we are all proud to follow; he may be overbearing; and he doesn't praise you too much, but somehow you always have the consciousness that he sees every bit of good work you do and is marking it up in your favor; and you won't be the loser. There is no question he has a hold on his associates; but he certainly is not what I call a genial man."

Only on the day of his departure did Warnebold, in young Arnold's language, "loosen up" enough to tell Arnold and the colonel a vital incident. The night of the attack a telegram was sent to Warnebold in Keatcham's confidential cipher, directing the campaign against Tracy to be pushed hard, ordering the dumping of some big blocks of stock on the market and arranging for their dummy purchasers. The naming of Atkins as the man in charge was plausible enough, presuming there had been no knowledge of the break in his relations with Keatcham. The message was couched in Keatcham's characteristic crisp phraseology. But for the receiver's knowledge of the break and but for the previous long-distance conversation, it had reached its mark. The associates of Keatcham were puzzled. The hands were the hands of Esau, but the voice was the voice of Jacob. There had been a hurried consultation into which the second long-distance telephone from San Francisco broke like a thunderclap. It decided the hearers to keep to their instructions and disregard the cipher dispatch.

"And didn't you send any answer?" the colonel asked.

"Oh, certainly; we had an address given, the Palace hotel, Mr. John G. Makers. We wired Mr. Makers—in cipher: 'Dispatch received. Will attend to it,' I signed. And I wired to the manager of the hotel to notice the man who took the dispatch. It wasn't a man, it was a lady."

"A lady?"

"Yes, she had an order for Mr. Makers' telegrams. Mr. Makers gave the order. Mr. Makers himself only stopped one night and went away in the morning and nobody seemed to remember him particularly; he was a nondescript sort of party."

"But the lady?" The colonel's mouth felt dry.

"The lady? She was tall, fine figure, well dressed, dark hair, the telegraph girl thought, but she didn't pay any special attention. She had a very pleasant, musical voice."

"That doesn't seem to be very definite," remarked the colonel, with a crooked smile.

"It didn't look like a clew to Warnebold, either; but he was convinced of one thing, namely: That it would pay to watch the ex-secretary."

"And," checked by there's a check full side to the affair. Atkins is loaded to the guards with short contracts; and the Midland is booming; if the rise continues, he can't cover without losing about all he has. By the way, we got another wire later in the day demanding what we were about, what it all meant that we hadn't obeyed instructions. Same address for answer. This time we thought we had laid a nice trap. But you can't reckon on a hotel; somehow, before we got warning, Mr. Makers had telephoned for his dispatch and got it."

"Where did he telephone from?"

"From his room in the Palace."

"I thought he had given up his room?"

"He had. But—somebody telephoned to the telegraph office from somewhere in the hotel and got Mr. Makers' wire. You can get pretty much everything except a moderate bill out of a hotel."

"I see," said the colonel, and immediately in his heart compared himself to the immortal "blind man;" for his wits appeared to him to be tramping round futilely in a maze; no nearer the exit than when the tramp began.

That night after Warnebold had departed, leaving most offensive thanks and expressions of confidence, Winter was standing at his window absent-

ly looking at the garden faintly colored by the moonlight, while his mind was plying back and forth between half a dozen contradictions.

He went over the night of the attack on Keatcham; he summoned every look, every motion of Janet Smith; in one phase of feeling he cudgeled himself for a wooden fool who had been absolutely brutal to a defenseless woman who trusted him; he hated himself for the way he would not see her when she looked toward him; no wonder at last she stiffened, and now she absolutely avoided him! But, in a swift revulsion against his own softness, he was instantly laying on the blows as lustily because of his incredible, pig-headed credulity. How absolutely simple the thing was! She cared for this scoundrel of an Atkins who had first betrayed his employer and then tried to murder him. Very likely they had been half engaged down there in Virginia; and he had crawled out of his engagement; it would be quite like the cur! Later he found that just such a distinguished, charming woman, who had family and friends, was what he wanted; it would be easy enough for him to warm up his old passion, curse him! Then, he had met her and run in a bunch of plausible lies that had convinced her that he had been a regular angel in plain clothes; hadn't done a thing to Cary or to her. Atkins was such a smooth devil! Winter could just picture him whining to the girl, putting his life in her hands and all that rot; and making all kinds of a fool of her—why, the whole hand was on the board! So she was ready to throw them all overboard to save Atkins from getting his feet wet. That was why she looked so pale and haggard of a morning sometimes, in spite of that ready smile of hers; that was why her eyes were so wistful; she wasn't a false woman and she sickened of her squalid part. She loved Aunt Rebecca and Archie—all the same, she would turn them both down for him; while as to Rupert Winter, late of the United States army, a worn-out, lame, elderly idiot who had flung away the profession he loved and every chance of a future career in order to have his hands free to keep her out of danger—where were there words blistering enough for such puppy-dog folly! At this point in his jealous imaginings the pain in him goaded him into motion; he began furiously pacing the room, although his lame leg, which he had been using remorselessly all day, was sending jabs and twists of agony through him. But after a little he halted again—before the casement window.

The wide, darkening view; the great, silent city with its myriad lights; the shining mist of the bay; the foot-hills with their sheer, straw-colored streaks through the forests and vineyards; the illimitable depths of star-down, violet sky—all these touched his fevered mood with a sudden calm. His unrest was quieted, as one whose senses are cooled by a running stream.

"You hot-headed southerner!" he upbraided himself, "don't get up in the air without any real proof!"

Almost in the fitting of the words through his brain he saw her. The white gown, which was her constant wear in the sickroom, defined her figure clearly against a clump of Japan plum-trees. Their purplish red foliage rustled; and an unseen fountain beyond made a delicate tinkle of water splashing a marble basin. Her face was hidden; only the moonlight gently drew the oval of her cheek. She was standing still, except that one foot was groping back and forth as if trying to find something. But, as he looked, his face growing tender, she knelt on the sod and pulled something out of the ground. This something she seemed to dust off with her handkerchief—he could not see the object, but he could see the flutter of the handkerchief; and when she rose the white linen partly hid the thing in her hand. Only partly, because when she passed around the terrace wall the glow from an electric lantern, in an arch, fell full upon her and burnished a long, thin blade of steel.

He looked down on her from his unlighted chamber; and suddenly she looked up straight at the windows of the room where she thought he was sleeping; and smiled a dim, amused, weary, tender smile. Then she sped by, erect and light of foot; and the deep shadow of the great gateway took her. All he could see was the moonlight on the bluish-green lawn; and the white electric light on the gleaming rubber-trees and dusty palms.

He sat down. He clasped his hands over his knee. He whistled softly a little Spanish air. He laughed very gently. "My dear little girl," said he, "I am going to marry you. You may be swindled into helping a dozen murderers; but I am going to marry you!"

CHAPTER XVI.

The Real Edwin Keatcham. One Sunday after Mrs. Melville Winter and Archie came to Casa Fuerte, Mr. Keatcham sent for the colonel. There was nothing unusual in such a

summons. From the beginning of his illness he had shown a curious, inexpressive desire for the soldier's company. He would have him sit in the room, although too weak to talk to him, supposing he wished to talk, which was not at all sure. "I-like-to-see-him-just-sitting-there," he faltered to his nurse; "can't-he-read-or-play-solitaire-like-the-old-lady?"

Sometimes Winter would be conscious that the feeble creature in the bed, with the bluish-white face, was staring at him. Whether the glassy eyes beheld his figure or went beyond him to unfinished colossal schemes that might change the fate of a continent, or drifted backward to the poverty-stricken home, the ferocious toil and the unending self-denial of Keatcham's youth on the Pacific slope, the dim gaze gave no clew. All that was apparent was that it was always on Winter, as he curled his legs under his chair, wrote or knitted his brow over rows of playing-cards.

At the very first, Keatcham's mind had wandered; he used to shrink from imaginary people who were in the room; he would try to talk to them, distressing himself painfully, for he was so weak that his nurses turned his head on the pillow; he would feebly motion them away. In such aberrations he would sometimes appeal, in a changed, thin, childish voice, to the obscure, toll-worn pioneer woman who had died while he was a lad. "Mother, I was a good boy; I always got up when you called me, didn't I? I helped you iron when the other boys were playing—mother, please don't let that old woman stay and cry here!" Or he would plead: "Mother, tell her, say you tell her I didn't know her son would kill himself—I couldn't tell—he was a damn coward, anyhow—excuse me, mamma, I didn't mean to swear, but they make me so awful mad!" There was a girl who came, sometimes, from whose presence he shrank; a girl he had never seen; nor, indeed, had he ever known in the flesh any of the shapes which haunted him. They had lived; but never had his eyes fallen on them. Nevertheless, their presence was as real to him as that of the people about him whom he could hear and touch and see. It did not take Winter's imagination long to piece out the explanation of these apparitions; they were specters of the characters in those dramas of ruthless conquest which Mercer had culled out of newspaper "stories" and affidavits and court reports and forced upon Keatcham's attention. Miss Smith helped him to the solution, although her own ignorance of Mercer's method was puzzling. "How did he ever know old Mrs. Ferris?" she said. "He called her Ferris and he talks about her funny dress—she always did wear a queer little basque and full skirt after all the world went into blouses—but how did he ever come across her? They had a place on the James that had been in the family 100 years and had to lose on account of the Tidewater; and Nelson Ferris blew his brains out."

"Don't you know how?" asked the colonel. "Well, I'll tell you my guess sometime. Who is the girl who seems to make him throw a fit so?"

"I'm not sure; I imagine it is poor Mabel Ray; there were two of them, sisters; they made money out of their Tidewater stock and went to New York to visit some kin; and they got scared when the stock fell and the dividends stopped; and they sold out at a great loss. They never did come back; they had persuaded all their kin to invest; and the stopping of the dividends made it difficult for some of the poor ones—Mabel said she couldn't face her old aunts. She went on the stage in New York. She was very pretty; she wasn't very strong. Any way, you can imagine the end of the story. I saw her in the park last winter when Mrs. Winter was in New York; she turned her face away—poor Mabel!"

Through Janet Smith's knowledge of her dead sister's neighbors, Winter got a dozen pitiful records of the wreckage of the Tidewater. "Mighty interesting reading," he thought, grimly, "but hardly likely to make the man responsible for them stuck on himself!" Then he would look at the drawn face on the pillow and listen to the babblings of the boy who had no childhood; and the frown would melt off his brow.

He did not always talk to his mother when his mind wandered; several times he addressed an invisible presence as "Helen" and "Dear," with an accent of tenderness very strange on those inflexible lips. When he talked to this phantasm he was never angry or distressed; his turgid scowl cleared; the austere lines chiseling his cheeks and brow faded; he looked years younger. But for the most part, it was to no special creature that he turned, but to Col. Rupert Winter. He would address him with punctilious civility, but as one who was under some obligation to assist him, saying, for instance, "Col. Winter, I must beg you not to let those persons in the room again. They annoy me. But you needn't let Mercer know that. Please attend to it yourself, and get them away. Miss Smith says you will. Explain to them that when I get up I will investigate their claims. I'm too sick now!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

From Bad to Worse.

A miner in Scotland was visited by a friend, and among the places of interest shown was the pit mouth. Seeing the cake lowered with the stout steel rope, the friend exclaimed: "My word! I shouldn't like to go down there on that rope." "Why," exclaimed the miner, "Aw wadna lik' to gang down there without it!"—London News.

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Men you are not treating yourself right if you don't take a look at those fine made Wright Oxfords in fine patents, best \$5.00 sellers made, looks good as any \$8.00 Oxford, save the \$1.50, cleanout sale your choice for **\$3.50**

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On Embroideries in Swiss and Hamburg match sets we lead. On Table Linen and Napkins to match we have the greatest values ever offered, 25c to \$1.75, now 19c to **\$1.29**

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Your neighbor will tell you what wonderful values bought here this week.

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Entire line of straw goods at Half Price.

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THE ONE PRICE CASH STORE

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Has opened a Wood and Coal Yard on the north side of the railroad, he will also handle feed, and will appreciate a portion of the public patronage.

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FOR SALE!

9 sections of land in Howard county, 16 miles from Big Springs, good improvements, plenty of water, about 80 per cent agricultural land, near school house and postoffice. Will sell cheap and take part pay in black land farm. What have you? For particulars call at

THIS OFFICE

Local and Personal

R. L. Meek, of Lamesa, was here this week.

J. J. Lindsey, of Lamesa, was here Thursday.

Judge Lasiter, of Fort Worth, was here Friday.

The latest drinks served properly at Reagan's fountain.

Miss Mamie Cade visited her sister in Stanton Sunday.

Dr. C. I. Holt now has his office located in the Alderman building.

New post cards, magazines and periodicals at Reagan's drug store.

Miss Fannie Wilkerson, of Abilene, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Wilkerson.

FIRE INSURANCE. Let me write your policy.

J. C. Baird.

J. E. McCarty, of Lamesa, was here Friday on his way home from Corpus Christi.

B. Nelson and family have returned from a visit of several weeks to relatives in Missouri.

Fresh Ramers Chocolates at Biles & Gentry.

W. P. Bonner has been detained from the store part of this week on account of being sick.

Mesdames Smith and Kennard, of Anderson, Texas, are here on a visit to their sister, Mrs. J. J. Hair.

Just received a large shipment of Hess poultry powder, stock food and insect destroyer at Biles & Gentry.

W. E. Cope, of Lubbock, came in the first of the week accompanied by his daughter, Miss Alice, who he brought here for medical treatment.

Eyes examined free. A. H. Mahon, Oph. D., permanently located. Office over McCamant's drug store.

Evangelist Mahon will preach on Main street next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Ladies invited.

C. L. Alderman left Monday night for Dallas and from there he will go to Ohio to spend several weeks with his family.

We are prepared to fill your doctor's prescriptions with the choicest drugs.

Biles & Gentry.

Mrs. A. F. Craig, of Campbell, and Mrs. Arch Berry, of Cumby, returned Monday from Gail and left Wednesday for their homes accompanied by their mother, Mrs. A. B. Craig.

Douglas Bodenhamer, of Dallas, is visiting at the McWhorter home this week. Douglas holds a very responsible position with one of the big insurance agencies at Dallas.

For Sale—286 acres of good land in Milan county, 130 acres in cultivation, 4 good tenant houses, good wells at each with the best water, 2 1-2 miles from railroad. Will trade for western land. Price \$25 per acre. Call at this office.

W. A. Coggins, president of the El Paso Colonial Auto Co., was in Big Springs Sunday. He left by auto to spend a few days on the ranch at Post City. He will return in few days and will endeavor to sell a few cars while here.

W. T. Richardson and wife came in on the train from Dallas Monday and left for Comen in Terry county where he will engage in the newspaper business. We are glad to welcome our brother in the craft out to this part of the state.

Lots For Sale.

Three choice lots in Cole & Strayhorn's addition for sale. Price \$25 for the three. One corner and two inside. Apply at this office for further particulars.

The Blossom Bee preached a mighty sermon when it said: If you want to give a little boy, from six to ten years old, a start for the penitentiary, just allow him the privilege of running on the streets until late bedtime. It is there he learns his first crime. It is there he gets his first lesson in vulgar, obscene language and his start for prison is made.

Phone 276 or come to 407 Johnson street for pianos, organs, all kinds of musical goods and piano tuning, also Dr. Adam's Quick Relief for rheumatism, neuralgia and many other ills; and the Chain reference Bible, the best now on the market, or see A. J. Adams, special salesman, anywhere you can. 42-3m

Dr. W. F. Larimer, deputy supreme president Order of Owls, was in the city Thursday and Friday of this week in interest of the order. While in conversation with the Doctor a few minutes this morning he explained some of the benefits to be derived from being a member of this popular order that is fast gaining in prestige in the south.

The stock holders of the First State Bank of Big Springs are hereby requested to meet at our banking house at 4 p. m., Tuesday, August 10, 1906, for the purpose of exercising the option of said corporation to protect and secure its depositors, either by the Bond Security plan or by the Depositors Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas.

T. S. Currie, Cashier.

T. E. Cathey was grinding meat yesterday afternoon and in pushing the meat into the grinder got a finger too far into the mill and it was cut off.

Blank Chattel Mortgages for sale at this office. 33-tf.

E. S. Bledsoe and wife and Mrs. Puffenbaugh and children spent Sunday with Mrs. W. O. Miller in the Brown Addition.

For better service, see Jones & McGowan, first door south of McCamant Drug Store.

Dr. Smith, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Weatherford, has been visiting Big Springs for 9 years, will be here Aug. 20th and remain 10 days prepared to do all kinds of work in his special practice.

The picnic at Christian's ranch Wednesday was all that could be expected of it. Everything in the way of pleasure was good and no one went away feeling but what they had a day of real pleasure.

Rev. Pinkney Hawkins, accompanied by his wife and grandson, Thomas Burge, arrived here Saturday from Kansas and will make this place their home. Mr. Hawkins has bought lots in the Hair addition and will erect a handsome residence on them. He will preach for the Baptist congregation at the court house Sunday morning and at the Presbyterian church that night.

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

Walter Barrett received a message from El Paso Monday informing him that his father, George Barrett, had died in that city Sunday night. Walter left Monday night for El Paso with the intention of bringing the remains of his father here for burial, but it was found that they could not be moved as decomposition had set in, he having been dead some 25 or 30 hours when found. Appoplexy is supposed to have caused his death. The deceased lived here at one time and is well known to many of the older inhabitants.

REACHING THE SPOT.

It Can Be Done, So Scores of Big Springs Citizens Say.

To cure an aching back, The pains of rheumatism, The tired-out feelings, You must reach the spot—got at the cause.

In most cases 'tis the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys.

S. P. Daily living in the northern part of Big Springs, says: "It is nearly two years since I first used Doan's Kidney Pills. I was suffering with rheumatism at the time and found that two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills did me a lot of good. Sometime in the winter I commenced to have attacks of backache and a constant dull soreness across the kidneys. I at once thought about Doan's Kidney Pills and going to J. L. Ward's drug store procured a supply. After using one box the misery in my back disappeared and has not returned since I have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to several of my neighbors and shall continue to do so.

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

Dry Farming Lesson.

In Erath county, three men planted cotton in the same field. When extremely dry weather came, George Lydis and Mr. Miller decided not work their cotton. T. J. Lydis cultivated his without waiting for rain and made a dust mulch about it. Later the first two lost their crops. T. J. Lydis's crop is fine and growing rapidly. Now the question should be asked by every man interested: What made the difference? The soils were the same; conditions were the same.

The dust mulch preserved the moisture, and let in moisture from the atmosphere. Cultivation permitted air to reach the soils and roots of the plants without drying them out. There are a few stronger instances of the advantages of cultivation in dry weather.

George Lydis and Mr. Miller have learned by failure; T. J. Lydis by success, and tens of thousands should learn from their experience.—Farm and Ranch.

For Sale—\$1,000 buys a nice little home at Pampa in Gray county, a fast growing town on the K. C. S. railroad. Good water, two blocks of school and business part of town. Apply to A. J. Sewell, owner, at the Enterprise office.

Big Texas Land Sale.

L. J. Healey, the Omaha representative of W. P. South, Waterloo, Ia., has returned to Omaha from Plainview, Texas, accompanied by Frank Hough, of Newman Grove, Neb., to whom he sold a large tract of land near Plainview for a consideration of about \$100,000. Hough bought the land for colonization purposes.—Omaha World-Herald.

1,000 Watches Free.

The Weekly Commercial gives a small, regular 12-size, thin model, nickel finish, watch for a club of only twenty, three months new trial subscriptions at 10 cts. each, \$2.00, the amount collected to be remitted with the 30 names. Each trial subscription must be new, not now taking the Weekly, and only one to a family. The watch is fully guaranteed, nice enough for any one to wear, a good time-keeper, and cannot be purchased from any jeweler for less than \$2.00. Drop us a postal card for sample copies and blanks. The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.

Services at Christian Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and 8:15 p. m.

Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:00 p. m.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

E. S. Bledsoe, Pastor.

Cheap Land For Sale.

One section of good black land, 18 miles north of town, all smooth but about 65 acres. Land is worth more than is asked for it, but the owner wants to sell and will take \$12.50 per acre; part cash, balance 1, 2, 3 and 4 years. For further information call at this office.

For Sale or Trade.

320 acres of land 10 miles south of town, 50 acres in cultivation well improved. Price \$10 per acre, for further information apply at this office.

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