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O. B. Kelly, Sheriff,

B. F. Wilkes, County Treasurer.

D. W. Stiles, Assessor of Taxes. A. S. Garrett, Justice of Peace. Prect. No. 1.

W. T. Ivy, Constable, Prect.

mal Inspector.

Sam C. Wilkes, Commissioner

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saddle and harnes shop by H. D Pruett. which he will convert into an artists gallery. If you are too old and ugly a man to have your own picture taken you are reminded that the artist can take the picture of children and of sweet babies. Of course females never are too young or too old to make good pictures, art in their case steps in to cure defects. Have your picture taken when you come to Gail and send it to your absent friends.

and artist is here doing decora

Guy Clark, whilst shoeing a horse on Tuesday received a painful cut in his left hand. The horse getting scared at some noise on the street suddenly jurked his foot back and in doing so cut Mr. Clarks hand with a nail pretty bad, severing the leader of one of his fingers. The wound is painful, and we fear he will lose the use of his finger for life.

From an early period in her history, Texas in order to develope her vast Territory has thrown open the door to immigration by offering inducements to homeseekers, better than offered by any other state. The advantages of cheap land, fine soil and good climate have caused a great tide of immigration to West Texas, and the public lands of this section have been so rapidly settled die from natural causes, at half up of late years that the unoccupied land has been reduced to very small are. Every man who has no home should become the owner of one while they are cheap and before the public school lands are all taken up. There is every reason to urge in favor of the policy of acquiring a home especially should every family have a home of their own. In this connection I would call your attention to the offer of J. F. Mc-Cullough of Snyder Texas, who will secure you entire sections of good watered public school land for the small sum of \$25 per section. If you want a home here is an opportunity you cannot afford to miss. One condition is joined to this offer, viz you must live on the land,

The Standard Oil Company through Senator Bailey has laid its plans to elect one one of its representatives Attorney General of Texas, Speaker Love of Dallas is its candidate and he is expected to be as useful to the company as was Tom Smith when it was before outlawed by the verdict of the courts. Attorney General Crane been continued in office Senator Bailey could never have engineered the fraud through. This experience suggests the danger of swapping horses in mid-stream and of the advisability of keeping Attorney General Davidson in his present position until the legal battle is ended and the verdict of the courts is carried out, even if it requires a fourth term. He has demonstrated his ability to cope with the octopus and its hirelings and should be kept in office until his work is completed.—Brecken. ridge Democrat.

Speaker Love may be and no doubt is a shrewd politician, aud may claim to be a good democrat, but we do not like the company he keeps, and much less his strong leaning towards the trusts evidenced in the late Bailey investigation. The control and regulation of the trusts is a platform demand and as a political issue is paramonnt to all others. The candidate's position on this question should be regarded as a test of his fidelity to the state On this issue Attorney General Davidson is beyond all question sound, and has ably represented the State in its contest with the

Waters-Pierce Oil company, and we believe the people will consult their interests by recognizing and rewarding his valuable services, when the opportunity is offered in the next campaign,

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The Situation Which Occasioned Special Message to Congress From the President-The Mistake Made by the California Development Company.



GOVERNOR PARDEE.

President Roosevelt to get the turbulent Colorado river under control and solve the troublous Salton sea problem have called national attention to a situation of pecultar character and exceptional difficulty. The Colorado, which is one of the longest streams in North Ameri-

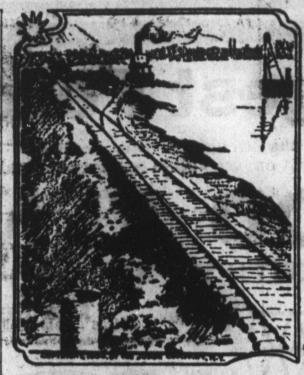
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ca, having a length of over 1,000 miles, is very unruly at times, and in the neighborhood of the Salton sea it has overflowed its banks with great damage to surrounding property. These overflows are not like the freshets of an ordinarily well behaved stream which subside soon, leaving the river to resume its normal course without further ado. By pouring into the Salton sea, where it is not wanted because of the valuable salt deposits at the bottom of the lake and the fertile lands of the vicinity, it leaves its lower courses and the surrounding country dry, and no water pours through its natural outlet into the gulf of California.

The Salton sea was until recently the dry basin of an extinct inland lake. It lies in the Imperial valley, in the lower portion of California, where extensive developments have been undertaken in the way of irrigation. The Colorado river forms the eastern boundary of California, separating it from Arizona, and after crossing the international boundary it flows through Mexican territory into the gulf of California. It is just below the line separating the state of California from Lower California that the break in the Colorado river has occurred, and this makes it necessary for our government to take action in the matter in conjunction with Mexico. The lands of the Imperial valley are 200 feet or more below the level of the Colorado river and are indeed below sea level. Down as far as the international border they are protected from inundation by low lying hills. South of the boundary, in the republic of Mexico, the hills cease abruptly, and only the broad, low mud banks of the river protect the valley from being converted into an inland sea. President Rossevelt, who took up the matter at the instance of the governor of California, George C. Pardee. and Senator Frank P. Flint, said in his message to congress: "In order to get any water to this vast tract of fertile but desert land, or, on the other hand, to protect it from too much water, works of supply or protection must be built in Mexico, even though they tap the river in the United States. Nature has for many centuries protected this great depression from overflow, but the restless river, constantly shifting, has

DAM WHICH FAILED TO STOP OVERFLOW. annually threatened to break through the banks. Only a little human aid was needed to cause it to do so."

This aid was supplied when the California Development company undertook to make the desert blossom like the rose by means of water from the river. It spent a great deal of money advertising all about the fortunes to be made through location in the valley on the lands to be irrigated, but did not



spend money enough on its engineering works, with the result that the river broke loose upon several occasions, the last and worse break having occurred in November. Much money has now been spent in the building of dams, etc., but so far without completely stopping the flow of the river into the valley, the injury of fertile lands and destruction of industries and populous settlements. The Southern Pacific railway, which runs through this section, was compelled, in order to protect its own interests, to go to the rescue of the California Development company and lend it money. The Southern Pacific is a Harriman road, and it was in this way that the president came to write to Mr. E. H. Harriman, calling upon him to do his utmost in the matter. It is estimated that at least \$2,000,000 will have to be spent now to get the river again under control, and unless this is done about 700,000 acres of fertile lands will be submerged or rendered uninhabitable and about 8,000 people will be driven from their homes.

### HER CHOICE.

Miss Lighthead's Preference When I Came to a Question of Love:

"Maud," he began as he was preparing to leave her the other evening, "before I go I want to talk over a very serious matter with you."

"What is it. Bertram?" she asked: "It's about Ted," he went on. "You seem to take more enjoyment in his society of late than in mine." "Why, you jealous fellow!"

"I know I am, Maud, but I can't help it, I love you so. Lately I have noticed a great difference in you. You are not as affectionate, and I don't believe you miss me at all when I am

away." "Why, 1-1"-

"You needn't try to deny it, Maud," be interrupted her, "for I know the truth. You don't miss me because you and Ted are always together. In fact, I believe you even hate to hear my ring now, as it may take you away from him for a few moments."

"You know that's not true. Bertram." "Then, Maud, I'll put it to the test right here and now, for I cannot let things go on as they have. You must choose between us. Who is it to beyour own loving Bertram or Ted?" "What!" she exclaimed. "Give up

Ted? Never!" "Very well, then," he bitterly said as he sighed and walked out into the hall and put on his hat and overcoat. "I'm not of a jealous disposition, and I'm called a fair minded man by my friends, but I'm not the sort of fellow

to share a girl's affections with one of

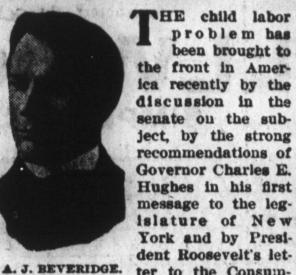
those confounded Teddy bears. Miss

Lighthead, farewell forever!" And as he went out into the night and slammed the door after him she picked up the cause of all the trouble and buried her face in its wool and went - A. B. Lewis in Judge.

They Have the Grand Manner. "You have a distinguished company." remarked old MacShoddeigh, who was the first to make his appearance at a select dinner given by his city friend.

"Distinguished!" said the host. "They are the waiters. Very few of the guests have arrived."-Tit-Bits.

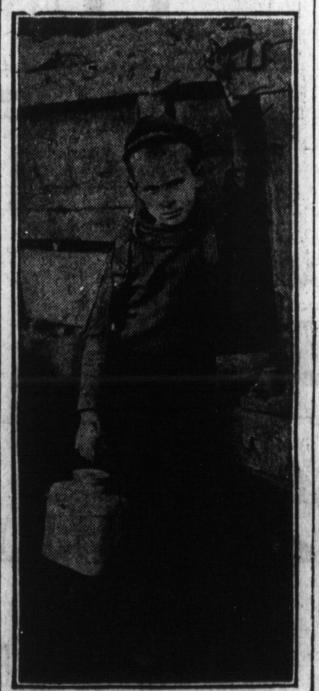
# Fight Against Child Slavery.



ter to the Consumers' league of New York regarding the evils incident to the employment of those of tender years in industrial

establishments. The bill introduced in the senate by Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana has been much discussed in the press, and the question of the wisdom of national legislation on the subject has been raised. Some claim that it is a problem whose solution can best be left entirely to the individual states. Senator Beveridge challenged attention by his statement that there are now nearly 2,000,000 breadwinners under fifteen years of age in the United States and that of these almost 700,000 are engaged in work other than agriculture. "Child labor on the farm is good," says the senator. "This bill does not strike at that. It strikes only at child slavery in factories, mines and sweatshops."

Senator Beveridge's plan of getting at the child labor evil is to prohibit by federal statute any interstate commerce in articles which are the product of such labor. Some who recognize the force of the senator's arguments against child labor maintain that the states should be left to put reforms on this subject in execution and that his bill would, if enacted into



BREAKER BOY OF COAL MINES.

tralization and an unwise extension of the federal power. In reply to these contentions Senator Beveridge urges that, while in some states there are good laws against child labor, in others the laws are either inefficient or nogrly anforced and that the matter

as a national evil can only be dean with adequately by a national law.

Child labor laws exist already in many states, and in several new governors inaugurated in January made recommendations as to such legislation.

The factory inspector of Pennsylvania in a recent address stated that in the tobacco making establishments of Pittsburg children as young as eight and nine years could be found at work.

Missouri has an anti chud labor law. but the labor unions are agitating for its amendment and more rigid enforcement of the statute.

Senator Beveridge illustrated his speech in the senate with photographs showing the conditions amid which children sometimes work. He points out that as the result of labor under such conditions many die, while others grow up dwarfed, crooked and weak, their minds dulled and clouded and their souls darkened and vicious. He maintains that many more children are employed in factories than the census figures show. The senator tells of a tiny girl seven years old who worked twelve hours a day in a canning factory in Maryland, a state having over 200 establishments employing children. John Spargo, author of "The Bitter Cry of the Children," tells of a little girl in Atlanta, Ga., who said, "When I work nights I's too tired to undress when I gets home, and so I goes to bed with my clothes on."

The noted writer, H. G. Wells, says: "In Massachusetts little naked boys are packing cloth into bleaching vats in a bath of chemicals that bleaches their little bodies like the bodies of lepers. In the south there are six times as many children at work as twenty years ago, in Pennsylvania children of ten and twelve stoop over chutes and pick out slate, and in Illinois they stand ankle deep in blood, cleaning intestines and trimming meat."

### HE SLIPPED.

I clamped the skates upon my feet; I stepped upon the ice; smiled to hear my friends repeat Their quite well meant advice.

I skated when I was a boy: I skated quite a lot. The pastime I could still enjoy;

glided out a yard or so; My stroke was pretty fair, When, just as I began to go, My heels flew in the air.

I saw old Saturn and his rings And Venus, shining bright; A comet and some other things Burst then upon my sight.

Orion and the Milky way And Mercury and Mars-I saw, though it was bright noonday, A perfect blaze of stars.

They showed me later where I fell-They said it was the place. I know it wasn't very well, Because I'd left no trace.

I knew that this was just a joke. Some foolish monkey trick. The ice they showed me wasn't broke, Though scarce twelve inches thick. -Chicago News.

"War is --"



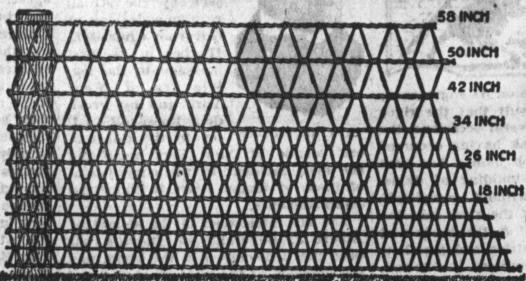
Mrs. Hector-If my first husband hadn't got killed fighting at San Juan hill I wouldn't be your wife today.

Mr. Hector-I guess what Sherman said about war was pretty true.-Harner's Weekly.

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Presbyterian: Preaching every third Sunday. Rev. W. W. Werner, Pastor.

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Sunday Desecration.

In the rage now prevalent after lucre the Christian Sabbath the Lorde day—which God's people in all ages have been commanded to keep holy and as a day of rest from all manner of labor, is being more and more placed in the back ground. Not far back in our history Sunday a day that was in accord with authority, set apart for spiritual and physical refreshment, is now in too many places being turned into little better, if not worse than a gala occasion in which figure railway excursions, baseball and other secular attractions. In the great cities there may be some excuse for Sunday excursions to country scenes at least, but out of them even this may be called a desecration of the day, and when sports are the attraction all men are included in the desecration and the offense against the laws of God is complete.

Laying aside God's law, Sunday desecration, where ever practiced, has a decided tendency to lower the moral tone of a community and for that reason, if for no other, it should be under the ban of all right thinking people. In this connection The Newsie proud to note the fact that in a meeting of the Can;on City Baseball Club, held at the court house Saturday, it was unanimously voted "not to engage in any games on Sunday."

The news is far from being a Puritan, but it does believe in honoring the Christian Sabbath and keeping it from desecration. Permit such, give it the countenance of our enlightened public opinion, and Americans will soon be numbered among the nations that "Forget God."-Canyon City News.

There is probably no other one of God's laws trampled under foot of man, more than is the law of "Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy." It is coming to a pretty pass that instead of mak. ing it a day of rest that our people look upon it meerly as a holiday. a day of fun, revelry and frolic. This is bad practice for those

who do not make any pretenses | Sunday as it is usually termed. at living up to God's teaching, Christians, should certainly set a better example to our worldly friends for "He Who Breaketh the Sabbath Shall Surely Die," sayeth the Lord. Think people what we are drifting to!-Avalanche.

No one will question the obligation of those who are chris-

It is observed by Christians in but when church people lead commemoration of the resurecthem in Sabbath desecration, tion, the scriptures tell us that the what can we expect of them? early christians met on the first We are sorroy to see and know day of the week to break bread. this is the case in Lubbook, and The Seventh day or Saturday it is to be hoped that our people was the Sabbath or day of rest will stop and think. We, as kept by the Jews, and at this day by the Advents. Sunday should be respected not only on account of the solmnity of the day, but in deference to tians who observe it. should show our respect for them and for the day of rest by refraining from all secular business, which the law prohibits on that day and all sports calculated to disturbe its quiet, and at tians to keep the Lords day or least spend it as a day of rest.

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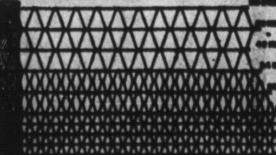
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### THE RED CROSS OF EUROPE AND AMERICA.

luto the shell-shattered city o Strasburg on the morning after its capitulation to the Grand Duke of Baden, there walked unguarded, unattended save by a maid, a slight delicate woman in a dark plain dress, with a scarlet cross wrought in her sleeeve above the elbow Through the battalions of conquering troops which guarded the city she went fearlessly unmolested, and the sentinels on the ramparts grounded their muskets as she touched the scarlet symbol on her arm and hurried past them over the heaps of dead and dying, into the heart of the stricken city. She found famine, fire, terrror, a shattered city surrendering through hunger, its hospitals filled with wounded women and children, its streets swarming with half naked, half-starved, frenzied people, a city whose ablebodied men were all in the conscripted ranks of the French army or in the prisons of Germany.

Through the instrumentality of the stranger, in forty days the hungry were fed, the sick healed, and the naked clothed. Boxes of supplies came by hundreds into the city, marked ever with the scarlet symbol she wore, money poured into her treasury faster than she could spend it, and scores of brave nurses and heroic assistants gathered about her. White hands that had never known labor bound the scarlet badge on their arms, and the provoest ladies of Germany, under the sign of the crimson cross, went down to the help and succor of the city which their troops had conquered. Indeed, so abundant were the ofierings of clothing that a message was sent to the Empress, "You are making paupers of Strasburg with your generosity; send me material rather than "clothing, that I may hire them made up here,

and thus create an industry for the people." The material was sent, and twice each week hundreds of womer went to her door with baskets on their arms to receive their work, for which they were abundantly paid. Forty thousand neatly fashioned garments of assorted-sizes packed in boxes stamped with the scarlet cross.

The commune had fallen in Paris. The crash of the column Vendome still thrilled in the startled air. The flames of the Hotel de Ville lit the city with the lurid light. The streets were reeking with blood, and the air was heavy with the groams, of the dying.

Suddenly there approached the same vision of mercy that came to the need of Strasburg. Pale, dust-covered, travel-worn, and well nigh exhausted, for she had walked seven miles into the city (90,000 horses having been eaten by the people, none were left for transportation). The German troops outside the city detained her with no questions when they caught the gleam of the scarlet cross. Cordons of French soldiers guarding the streets lowered their bayonets as she touched the glowing symbol, and the sullen, frenzied mob made way for her to pass.

The Mayor had been reinstated in his office but a few hours, the dust of months lay thick on books and papers, his assistants were hurrying to and fro and writing frantically. The Mayor nimself was anxious, weary, heart-sick. Suddenly a soft voice sounded in his ear, an earnest; resolute, tender woman's face was lifted to his own, he caught the gleam of the scarlet cross, and heard the low. clear words, "Mayor, I have come to help you. I have 40,000 garments in my boxes cutside the city, and plenty of money." The Mayors house was instantly at her disposal, but she argued, "It is too grand for my work; give me some humble place where the poor will not be afraid to come to me."

"Madam, eight months ago I left my home, as I supposed, to be burned-to-day, through the grace of God, it stands intact. Is it too good for God's poor? Make it your headquarters-they will go to you anywhere."

The history of Strasburg repeats itself, and the hungry were fed, the naked clothed, the poor taught self helpfulness, and then the woman of the red cross vanished.

When the Mississippi overflowed its banks in 1884, and people were without homes, food, money, or seed for the next season's planting, suddenly out of the turbulent waters a steamer laden R.N. Miller, Pres. D.Dorward Jr.Cash. J.D.Brown,

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to her guards with every variety comfort for man and beast, came to the rescue of the suffering people. Whence she came, how provisioned, by whom supplied, no one knew; only a woman stood at the helm, with a cross of crimson on her sleeve, and at the mast of the banner floated a shield of white crossed with scarlet bars. When the floods abated and the needs were all supplyed, the strange craft vanished and her colors were hauled down in an unknown pert,

High up in the Balkan mountains the soldiers of Bulgaria were freezing and dying for want of supplies. Word came to the woman with the scarlet cross, was forwarded to her colleagues in various cities, and before night this telegram was sent from New Albany: 'Call on us for \$500 for the Balkan soldiers." The message was cablegrammed America sends \$500 to the Balkan soldiers." Telegrams were sent from Geneva to Bulgaria, the woman of the red cross received the call of need, high up mountains the soldiers were receiving the warm garmants sent.

Who is this mysterious woman of provender, sustenance and that controls the soldiers of opposing armies and commands the Exchange of the world with the gleam of the scarlet cross?

Heroes of the rebellion know her as the first woman nurse to bring comfort and succor to the wounded. Surgeons remember when her white tented wagons drove upon the field the things most needed were at hand. The army of the Potomac know her and the heroes of Morris Island have never forgotten the only woman who remained on the island, caring for the wounded while the shot and shell fell like hail. The Andersonville prisoners remember the woman who took them by the hand, and the widows and mothers of the Andersonville dead will ever remember her at whose request the bodies of the 30,000 men who died there were identified and buried in marked graves. The sufferers of the Onio floods, to Geneva, Switzerland, the Michigan fires, Charleston earthnext morning: "The red cross of | quake, Texas drouth, and recent Mount Vernon tornado can tell you who she is, and every sovereign in Europe knows well goods were purchashed to that the name and works of Clara amount, and the next day after | Barton, the President of the "American Red Cross."

[Who would not rather be in the fastness of the Bulgarian Clara Barton than King, Queen, or Emperor. ]-Editor.

-Our Dumb Animals.

### If Robinson Crusoe had Been Cast Away on a Modern Steamship

Have you ever tried to imagine what would happen to a modern Robinson Crusoe who should be wrecked on a modern ocean liner,

The description of the ocean liner is such that one would reach the conclusion that the moderen Robinson Crusoe would find himself in a really delightful situation, Not only does the liner provide every luxury and comfort for ordinary travelers, but there are special provisions for them in case they should become Crusoes.

The history of Robinson Crusoe, a story largely founded on facts, which has thrilled and fascinated the youth of the whole world for nearly two hundred years—since 1719—might be repeated again to-day but for the improvements due to the enormous progress in science and knowledge since its publication.

Now let us suppose the liner in mid Pacific breaks her shaft which makes a hole in her bottom. The crew and passengers all take to the boats except Crusoe. who is hidden up forward. The sinking ship, held up by water tight compartments, drives on a desert island, and in the morning, the storm ceases and the ship is left on the shore of the island.

We see Crusoe II looking around and finds one boat that is left loaded with provisions sufficient to last a week or more. The boat is all ready to be pushed overboard with but little tronble and the modern Crusoe quickly proceeds to set sail.

It will be remembered that the original Robinson Crusoe with infinite labor constructed a wretched raft of old pieces of wood and rope, which threatned to turn over if he even lifted one foot.

Our modern Crusoe would find up in the bow, a handy little derrick, which he could operate with a new patent windlass, and with this he would begin to fit up his boat.

Crusoe I had to lower everything with a piece of rope,

On the modern liner there is a number of ropes, cords, in fact everything that is necessary for the deck, with which one man could haul up or let down the weight of a ton.

For the exploratory voyage to the island, the modern Crusoe takes a little folding tent, a rifle, a revolver, a hundred pounds of corned beef, with beans, water and biscuit. He lands on the island, and selects his camping place—a spendid view on which to build his house and make himself comfortable.

.Now he returns to the grounded

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ocean liner and gathers material for his country house. He would find a whole shopfull of carpenters and engineer's tools to aid him in building, and also at every turn of the ship a saw and are placed in a case for his convenience. Poor old Robinson had to get along with two rusty saws, an axe and hammer. He lacked those essential tools—a plane, an augur, scews and screwdriver, pick and shovel,

Crusoe II decides to build himself a handsome little one-story house, just the sort of place for his climate. It can be built to cover as much ground as required and he has no trouble running up and down stairs.

Crusoe II saws out the handsome, polished hardwood walls of the state rooms for the walls of his house. For flooring he cuts out pieces of the beautiful promenade deck which is easily removed being laid over without nails or screws.

The ventilators make beautiful chimneys and the skylights of the saloon and glass doors of the chart room make fine windows. He selects his furniture from the magnificent upholstered state rooms, commonly called 'the bridal chambers.' Poor old Robinson had to live in a hole which he scooped in the rock.

Now Crusoe II will begin to provide himself with luxuries What is home without a piano? On the liner there is at least one grand upright. He takes the best of course.

He can take the instruments of the brass band and the string band that are used to entertain passengers. The old Crusoe had absolutely no musical instruments. There is a large supply of phonographs with cylinders recording all the popular songs. Crusoe II will also talk into phonograph and later be able to listen to his own wit and wisdom.

One of the cruelest trials of the original Crusoe was the absence of a living person to talk to and for this reason he almost lost his speech, Crusoe II will run no such risk, since he has the phonopraph.

Crusoe II will search further in the ship and finds an automobile. When the savages from the distant island make a mad rush upon him as they did old Robinson Crusoe, he will not have to retreat to his stockade to fight them. He will go out in his "auto" with a dozen "six-seooters" and magazine rifles. "Let 'em come," but he will keep out of their reach, shooting them down all the time. When they run he will take after them and make them hard to catch.

There are plenty of oil lamps on the ship, but Cusoe II will have studied electricity and taken ashore

a small electric light plant. Now he has one of the liners dynamos and it harnessed by a water wheel to a stream

He will have a hundred trunks of clothing to make his selection of costumes-if he wishes to wear one of those up todate dresses, such as the belles of N. Y. or Paris wear, no one will be there to snigger at his taste. He can wear low neck and short sleeves, sailor collars, wide or narrow belts or none at | plowed and is growing off nicely. all if he desires. Is he not happy?-would not mind being a modern Crusoe myself. Now of course he will have all the new fads of taylor made clothing and he may pick from the abundance the long Claw-hammer coat and dance the first "Spanish Fandango" with the paint phantom of his far away Betsy Ann.

Crusoe I, we shall remember had to dress himself in goat skins -and me thinks they were a mis-

Crusoe II we fear, will probably visit the room of the ocean liner where the strong waters are stored He will haul up cases of champagne, Burgundy, Kentucky Bourbon, and as many others as he chooses together with his ice cold beer.

Poor old Crusoe I had to content himself with a barrel or two of sorry rum of which he took only a half mouthful at a time, when he felt sick, for fear of using

Crusoe II will visit the cook room on the liner. He finds the range, the most complete yet devised, with all the pots, pans etc.

How poor old Crusoe I suffered for the lack of even a pot to cook his goat meat in! Crusoe II not only has the latest cook vessels. but tons of coal to use.

The modern ship has quite a colony of cats, dogs, parrots and such like, and Crusoe II can have more than one pet.

Even more wonderful than these pets, there are fine horses, cows, sheep and hogs. when he gets tired of his "auto" he hitches some "Dan Patch" and tries his speed on the newly made race track.

There is such an abundance and variety of food on the liner that in Seurry county was in Gail he need not fear for want of something to eat. He can live like the inmates of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, or he can eat a nice boiled steak with peas, potatoes and corned beef and wash down with black coffe.

Here lets remember how poor oll Robinson Crusoe I nursed that one barrel of pork for more than

So now we have a picture of our modern Crusoe, seated in his handsome house, mahogany furniture The building is 60 feet long. We and wainscoted galleries, with handsome drawings and ingravings on the walls, with companionable dogs cats, parrots and phonographs all around, with wine and all kinds of good cheer on the sideboard, and with an inexhaustable supply of food and clothing close last Friday, a white horse 15 at hand.

It seems there is only one thing lacking to make the situation of the modern Crusoe the absolute ideal of earthly happiness an comfort and that is Mrs. Crusoe.

ANON,

Go to W. R. Cole and Strayhorn of Big Springs, Texas, for Bug. gies, wagons, and the best im plements on Earth.

B. B. Connally who rented a part of the J. F. Parker farm was in Gail Saturday. His cotton he says has been twice

Prof. S. T. Roberts, teacher of the Mesquite school reports an average of 28 pupils. He says his students are making good progress in their studies.

John Howe rented his market and butcher tools last week to Charley Taylor who will hence. forth keep the market.

Mr. J. I. Leake is erecting a dwelling for himself in North Gail.

H. D. Pruett has completed his harness shop on the corner West of J. W. Chandler and moved in last week. He now has a roomy and pleasant business house.

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Miss Lizzie, sister of Miss Katie Turner, who has been teaching a school of short hand and type writting in Memphis Tenn., is visiting at the home of our townsman Mr. J. H. Scarlett. We understand Miss Lizzy will teturn to Memphis after a stay of 10 days in this locality.

J. T. Carey of near 9 R ranch last Saturday on his way to the plains. Mr. Carey reports a fine rain in his neighborhood last Wednesday.

Mr. J. M. Ainsworth who lives south on the river was here last Saturday.

The storm of the evening of the eighth, blew the barn of the 9 R ranch off its foundation. understand J. H. Smoot has been employed to put it back in position.

### Strayed or Stolen.

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Miss Lela M. Nisbett informs the public that she will teach a subscription school at the school house in Gail, beginning Wednesday the 26 of this month.

L. G. Phillips, T. E. Elexanbeen here several days visiting der and R. D. Hurley of the plains were in Gail yesterday.

J. I. Michael has opened a restaurant on West side of square and is already feeding the hungry public. He will also put in a cold drink, confectionary and ice cream outfit next week. He will be prepared to supply you with dainties or substantial food.