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On Wednesday the 11th inst., R. H. Muldrow, Postmaster at Pride sustained a serious loss in the destruction of his house and household effects by fire. None of his household goods were saved.

The fire originated in the dug out just out side the dwelling. It is supposed to have caught from a match which Mrs. Muldrow struck while looking for

something. The neighbors are said to have contributed generously to the family who were left without home or shelter.

Several of the Gail people attended the meeting of Eld. Vaughn at the Park school house last Sunday. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pruett, Mrs. Gotcher and Mrs. N. C. Cathey, W. S. Cathy and T. M. Jones. There was a full attendance from the neighborhood and quite a number from the plains.

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Judge W. R. Smith Speaks.

Judge W. R. Smith who represents this district in Congress addressed the people of Borden county at the Court house in Gail last Friday night. The audience was good considering the brevity of the notice of his coming. On being introduced by Judge E. R. Yellott, judge Smith began by saying he needed no introduction to the people of Borden county, in as much as he had served them six years as District Judge and four years as their representative in Congress. That he was not permitted to appear before them in the last campaign in order to strive to show his fitness to succeed himself as their representative in Congress. That he was detained at the bedside of his wife whose condition was such that had he left her he would not have been worthy of any office

or favor in the gift of the people. That his opponent for Congress Mr. Cunningham had challenged him for not being present, well knowing the reason of his absence when he was 2000 miles away. That no issue was made against him in the last campaign that was not a false issue. That Mr Cunningham not only criticized him unfairly, in his absence, but sent out pamphlets of such criticism all over the district. That he was not content to fight him in the campaign but went to the nominating Convention and attacked his record there. That he had charged him with devoting his whole efforts in behalf of El Paso to the neglect of the local interests of the rest of the District. He stated that Mr. Cunningham knew this charge was not true and affirmed that a representative was not fit to serve, unless he

represented every interest and every section. That before he was elected as their representative to Congress the irrigation act, which was framed by senator Newlands of Nevada was passed, which was made to apply to 3-4 of all the arid country West of the Mississippi except Texas, and that in securing the much needed benefits of this act to Texas, he complied with the platform demand of the party.

He stated that the irrigation act provided that the cost of the water supply should be paid out of the proceeds from the sale of the public domain, and that the lands reclaimed should be sold in tracts not over 160 Acres to any one man, that the purchasers should repay the government the cost of irrigation in ten equal annual installments, and they would then have an absolute fee simple right to the water supply for all time to come. That Mr. Cunningham sought to prejudice the people against him by asserting that the provisions of the irrigation act were so closely drawn that the rights of individual purchasers were not protected, and that they would become the prey of capitalists, who would finally gobble up the irrigated lands. He stated that Section 8 of said act afforded ample protection to all purchasers of said lands. In refutation of this charge, the judge also stated that the National Convention of the party which met at St. Louis in 1904 in their platform, congratulated the country on its good fortune, in securing the benefits of an irrigation act of such far reaching importance to the people, in which its beneficent provisions rigidly protected the rights of the individual owners of irrigated lands against monopolies and corporations &c.

In summing up his work in Congress, the judge stated he had secured the benefits of the Irrigation Act to Texas, an appropriation of \$40,000 to the military post at Fort. Bliss, secured an appropriation of \$100,000 to the Federal building at San Angelo, offered a bill to establish a sanitarium and government hospital at Mineral Wells and other improvements in the district. Was instrumental in the establishment of demonstration or experimental farms, supported the Free Seed distribution act, also the act to eradicate the cattle fever tick, the eight hour bill relating to government works, Telegraphers and Railroad employers, and opposed government by injunction. He charged Mr. Cunningham with being absent when in the Legislature at 153 Roll calls in 100 days, and during that time with not being ab-

ing absent more than four days at any one time. Tho he offered 15 bills, not one of the 15 became a law and finally voted for the bill providing that the appropriation to the confederate idigent soldiers, then 8000 in number, should never exceed \$25,000 per annum, an amount so manifestly inadequate that the only negro member in the House scorned the Bill voting against it. He then closed his address thanking the audience for the respectful attention given him. The address was listened to with marked attention and at the close heartily applauded.

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Borden county is located partly below and partly above the "cap rock". The altitude below the cap rock is about 2300 feet. Soil fertile, climate pleasant. About 25 per cent of the land to some extent is rough and better adapted to stock raising than to farming. Timber for fuel is plentiful, below the foot of the plains, mesquite being the most abundant. This country is well set in good grass, the principal grasses being the needle and mesquite.

The rainfall here is sufficient for abundant and successful farming. The products of the farm are cotton, corn, maize, cane Kaffir, wheat and oats. Wheat and oats have not been grown extensively in this county, but some parts are specially adapted to the raising of small grain. We find the gardens bedecked with beans, peas, turnips, onions radishes, beets, potatoes, peanuts and watermelons. The orchards furnish peaches, pears, apples, grapes, plums and apricots. The wild fruits are grapes, plums and mulberries. At present orchards are comparatively few, but bear good and abundant fruit. Agri-

culture is fast becoming the leading industry. The lands which only a few years since were trodden under the foot of the buffalo and mustang pony, and the howl of the lobo and the yelp of the coyote were the only signs of life now are under fence and the soil beneath the plow. At present the whistle of the farm boy, the songs of the milk maid, the bark of the neighbor's dog, the rattling of wagons, and the hum of gins are some of the indications of life and civilization.

Stock raising is still a leading factor in the progress of our county. Borden county takes pride in raising some of the best horses, cattle and hogs. Poultry does extremely well in this locality.

The development of this county has been quite rapid the last six months. During that time there

has been a nice little town built up. The Methodists have erected a handsome church building at Durham in the South-Eastern part of this county.

Gail, the county seat, is a small town but is building fast. There are eight business houses, besides a bank, two hotels, a restaurant, a livery stable and a wagon yard, two blacksmith shops and a new gin. Several of these improvements have been recently erected. Borden county is almost sure to average one-half bale per acre to all lands planted in cotton. I have lived in Borden county for eight years and have never witnessed a complete failure in crops. The lands about Gail have not heretofore been for sale, hence the slow development. At the present some of the pastures are for sale in small tracts.

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instructions to the servants, therefore, were to admit no one under any pretext whatever unless the visitor had been approved by the Hon. Fitzroy Bagley, Mr. Ryder's aristocratic private secretary, and to facilitate this preliminary inspection there had been installed between the library upstairs and the front door one of those ingenious electric writing devices, such as are used in banks, on which a name is hastily scribbled, instantly transmitted elsewhere, immediately answered and the visitor promptly admitted or as quickly shown the door.

Jefferson did not have to ring at the paternal portal. The sentinel within was at his post. No one could approach that door without being seen and his arrival and appearance being signalled upstairs. But the great man's son headed the list of the privileged ones, so without ado the smartly dressed funkier opened wide the doors, and Jefferson was under his father's roof.

"Is my father in?" he demanded of the man.

"No, sir," was the respectful answer. "Mr. Ryder has gone out driving, but Mr. Bagley is upstairs." Then after a brief pause he added, "Mrs. Ryder is in too."

Jefferson went up the grand staircase lung on either side with the old portraits and rare tapestries, his feet sinking deep in the rich velvet carpet. On the first landing was a piece of sculptured marble of inestimable worth, seen in the soft warm light that sifted through a great pictorial stained glass window overhead, the subject representing Ajax and Ulysses contending for the armor of Achilles. To the left of this, at the top of another flight leading to the library, was hung a fine full length portrait of John Burkett Ryder. The ceilings here as in the lower hall were richly gilt and adorned with paintings by famous modern artists. When he reached this floor Jefferson was about to turn to the right and proceed direct to his mother's suite when he heard a voice near the library door. It was Mr. Bagley giving instructions to the butler.

The Hon. Fitzroy Bagley, a younger son of a British peer, had left his country for his country's good, and in order to turn an honest penny, which he had never succeeded in doing at home, he had entered the service of America's foremost financier, hoping to gather a few of the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table and disguising the menial nature of his position under the high sounding title of private secretary. His job called for a spy and a toady, and he filled these requirements admirably. Excepting with his employer, of whom he stood in craven fear, his manner was condescendingly patronizing to all with whom he came in contact as if he were anxious to impress on these American plebeians the signal honor which a Fitzroy, son of a British peer, did them in deigning to remain in their "blasted" country. In Mr. Ryder's absence, therefore, he ran the house to suit himself, bullying the servants and not infrequently issuing orders that were contradictory to those already given by Mrs. Ryder.

Jefferson could not bear the sight of him. In fact, it was this man's continual presence in the house that had driven him to seek refuge elsewhere. He believed him to be a scoundrel as he certainly was a cad. Nor was his estimate of the English secretary far wrong. The man, like his master, was

a cad, and the particular trait he was after now was either to make a marriage with a rich American girl or to so compromise her that the same end would be attained. He was shrewd enough to realize that he had little chance to get what he wanted in the open matrimonial market, so he determined to attempt a raid and carry off an heiress under her father's nose, and the particular proboscis he had selected was that of his employer's friend, Senator Roberts. The senator and Miss Roberts were frequently at the Ryder house, and in course of time the aristocratic secretary and the daughter had become quite intimate. A flighty girl, with no other purpose in life beyond dress and amusement and having what she termed "a good time," Kate thought it excellent pastime to flirt with Mr. Bagley, and when she discovered that he was serious in his attentions she felt flattered rather than indignant. After all, she argued, he was of noble birth. If his two brothers died, he would be peer of England, and she had enough money for both. He might not make a bad husband. But she was careful to keep her own counsel and not let her father have any suspicion of what was going on. She knew that his heart was set on her marrying Jefferson Ryder, and she knew better than any one how impossible that dream was. She herself liked Jefferson quite enough to marry him, but if his eyes were turned in another direction—and she knew all about his attentions to Miss Rossmore—she was not going to break her heart about it. So she continued to flirt secretly with the Hon. Fitzroy while she still led the Ryders and her own father to think that she was interested in Jefferson.

"Jorkins," Mr. Bagley was saying to the butler, "Mr. Ryder will occupy the library on his return. See that he is not disturbed."

"Very good, sir." The butler bowed and went downstairs. The secretary looked up and saw Jefferson. His face reddened, and his manner grew nervous.

"Hello! Back from Europe, Jefferson? How jolly! Your mother will be delighted. She's in her room upstairs."

Declining to take the hint and gathering from Bagley's embarrassed manner that he wanted to get rid of him Jefferson lingered purposely. When the butler had disappeared, he said:

"This house is getting more and more like a barracks every day. You've got men all over the place. One can't move a step without falling over one."

Mr. Bagley drew himself up stiffly, as he always did when assuming an air of authority.

"Your father's personality demands the utmost precaution," he replied. "We cannot leave the life of the richest and most powerful financier in the world at the mercy of the rabble."

"What rabble?" inquired Jefferson, amused.

"The common rabble, the lower class, the riff-raff," explained Mr. Bagley.

"Pshaw!" laughed Jefferson. "If our financiers were only half as respectable as the common rabble, as you call them, they would need no bars to their houses."

Mr. Bagley sneered and shrugged his shoulders.

"Your father has warned me against your socialistic views." Then, with a lofty air, he added: "For four years I was third groom of the bedchamber to the second son of England's queen. I know my responsibilities."

"But you are not groom of the bed-

chamber here," retorted Jefferson.

"Whatever I am," said Mr. Bagley haughtily, "I am answerable to your father alone."

"By the way, Bagley," asked Jefferson, "when do you expect father to return? I want to see him."

"I'm afraid it's quite impossible," answered the secretary with studied insolence. "He has three important people to see before dinner. There's the national Republican committee and Sergeant Ellison of the secret service from Washington, all here by appointment. It's quite impossible."

"I didn't ask you if it were possible. I said I wanted to see him, and I will see him," answered Jefferson quietly but firmly and in a tone and manner which did not admit of further opposition. "I'll go and leave word for him on his desk," he added.

He started to enter the library when the secretary, who was visibly perturbed, attempted to bar his way.

"There's some one in there," he said in an undertone. "Someone waiting for your father."

"Is there?" replied Jefferson coolly. "I'll see who it is," with which he brushed past Mr. Bagley and entered the library.

He had guessed aright. A woman was there. It was Kate Roberts.

"Hello, Kate! How are you?" Jefferson decided to say nothing of the interrupted tete-a-tete, but mentally he resolved to spoil Mr. Bagley's game and save Kate from her own folly. On hearing his voice Kate turned and gave a little cry of genuine surprise.

"Why, is it you, Jeff? I thought you were in Europe."

"I returned yesterday," he replied somewhat curtly. He crossed over to his father's desk, where he sat down to scribble a few words, while Mr. Bagley, who had followed him in, scowling, was making frantic dumb signs to Kate.

"I fear I intrude here," said Jefferson pointedly.

"Oh, dear no, not at all," replied Kate in some confusion. "I was waiting for my father. How is Paris?" she asked.

"Lovely as ever," he answered. "Did you have a good time?" she inquired.

"I enjoyed it immensely. I never had a better one."

"You probably were in good company," she said significantly. Then she added: "I believe Miss Rossmore was in Paris."

"Yes, I think she was there," was his noncommittal answer.

To change the conversation, which was becoming decidedly personal, he picked up a book that was lying on his father's desk and glanced at the title. It was "The American Octopus."

"If you'll excuse me, I'll go and pay my filial respects upstairs," said Jefferson. "I'll see you again." He gave Kate a friendly nod, and without even glancing at Mr. Bagley left the room.

The couple stood in silence for a few moments after he disappeared. Then Kate went to the door and listened to



"I fear I intrude here."

his retreating footsteps. When she was sure that he was out of earshot she turned on Mr. Bagley indignantly.

"You see what you expose me to, Jefferson thinks this was a rendezvous."

"Well, it was to a certain extent," replied the secretary unabashed. "Didn't you ask me to see you here?"

"Yes," said Kate, taking a letter from her bosom; "I wanted to ask you what this means?"

"My dear Miss Roberts—Kate—I—stammered the secretary.

"How dare you address me in this manner when you know I and Mr. Ryder are engaged?"

No one knew better than Kate that this was not true, but she said it partly out of vanity, partly out of a desire to draw out this Englishman who made such bold love to her.

"Miss Roberts," replied Mr. Bagley loftily, "in that note I expressed my admiration—my love for you. Your engagement to Mr. Jefferson Ryder is, to say the least, a most uncertain fact." There was a tinge of sarcasm in his voice that did not escape Kate.

"You must not judge from appearances," she answered, trying to keep up the outward show of indignation which inwardly she did not feel. "Jeff and I may hide a passion that burns like a volcano. All lovers are not demonstrative, you know."

The absurdity of this description as applied to her relations with Jefferson appealed to her as so comical that she burst into laughter, in which the secretary joined.

"Then why did you remain here with me when the senator went out with Mr. Ryder, senior?" he demanded.

"To tell you that I cannot listen to your nonsense any longer," retorted the girl.

"What?" he cried incredulously. "You remain here to tell me that you cannot listen to me when you could easily have avoided listening to me without telling me so! Kate, your coldness is not convincing."

"You mean you think I want to listen to you?" she demanded.

"I do," he answered, stepping forward as if to take her in his arms.

"Mr. Bagley!" she exclaimed, recoiling.

"A week ago," he persisted, "you called me Fitzroy. Once in an outburst of confidence you called me Fitz."

"You hadn't asked me to marry you then," she laughed mockingly. Then, edging away toward the door, she waved her hand at him playfully and said teasingly: "Good by, Mr. Bagley. I am going upstairs to Mrs. Ryder. I will await my father's return in her room. I think I shall be safer."

He ran forward to intercept her, but she was too quick for him. The door slammed in his face, and she was gone.

Meantime Jefferson had proceeded upstairs, passing through long and luxuriously carpeted corridors with paneled frescoed walls and hung with grand old tapestries and splendid paintings, until he came to his mother's room. He knocked.

"Come in!" called out the familiar voice.

He entered. Mrs. Ryder was busy at her escritoire looking over a mass of household accounts.

"Hello, mother! How's father?" he cried, running up and hugging her in his boyish, impulsive way. Jefferson had always been devoted to his mother, and while he deplored her weakness in permitting herself to be so completely under the domination of his father, she had always found him an affectionate and loving son.

Mrs. Ryder sighed while she looked her son over proudly. In her heart she was glad Jefferson had turned out as he had. Her boy certainly would never be a financier to be attacked in magazines and books. Answering his question, she said:

"Your father is as well as those busybodies in the newspapers will let him be. He's considerably worried just

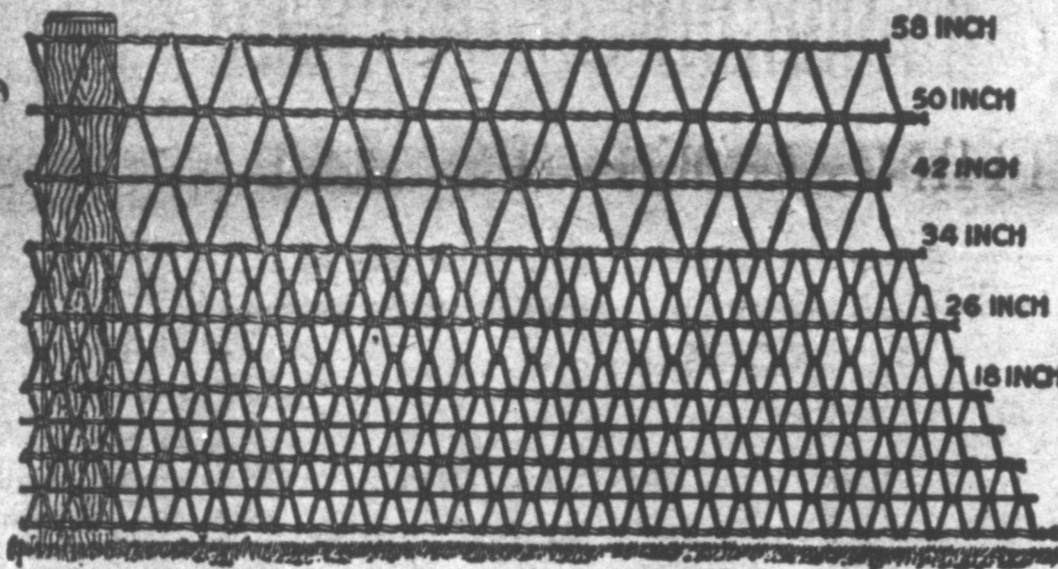
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 must drive where few will care
 to go. Few have it, though it
 may be acquired by all. It
 should be secured at any cost
 and defended as capital stock.
 It will pay dividends in time of
 business depression and will
 survive when all else fails. It
 may be acquired by unselfish
 devotion and maintained by a
 persistency of which it is a part.
 Acquire it, keep it develop it,—
 Trade Review.

Saturday Night.

Saturday night and the week's
 work is done—the trials and
 troubles of the week are ended.
 Saturday night and we are one
 week nearer home. If we have
 lived right and improved well
 our time, we have accomplished
 our mission here on earth; if, on
 the other hand, we have let time
 speed by without trying to im-
 prove our opportunities, we are
 losers, and should try to im-
 prove on our next week's effects.
 Saturday night and the mother
 is teaching her little one its Sun-
 day School lesson. Saturday
 night and she is shaping her
 child's future course and destiny
 for whom she is ready to make
 any sacrifice. Saturday night
 and we are balancing our week-
 ly account. If the balance is
 on the credit side, we are doing
 well, but if on the other page,
 the error should be corrected.
 Saturday night and an other
 week has flown forever. How
 important then that we should
 improve each fleeting hour.
 "Work while it is day, for the
 night of death cometh in which
 no man can work!"—Pampa
 Crow.

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Special Philippine Correspondence

By S. E. DeRackin.

THE ONLY HOPE OF SUCCESS.

Zamboanga, Moro Province, P. I.—If the American Government should pull out of the Philippine Islands, even after having started the natives on the highroad to self-government, as they did the Cubans, leaving no greater obstacles to nation-building than the inexperience, ignorance and sloth of the people themselves, it is the honest conviction of 99 Americans out of every 100 who are here today that the experiment would be a failure in much less time than it proved to be in Cuba. The danger can be mitigated, but not cured, by the retention of the Moro country, both as regards the danger to the Filipinos which arises from their proximity to the Moros, and as point of observation and quick action in case of necessity. With American government transferred to Zamboanga, and the conviction forced upon the Filipinos that armed revolution would speedily result in American intervention here as in Cuba, would exercise a wholesome restraint, and check a natural tendency of the leaders to commit overt acts.

Even if it is the intention of the American people to retain possession of the entire group for any considerable period of time, conditions are so different in Mindanao than in the other Island, that one government is wholly incompetent to administer both sections. Recognizing this fact from the start, the people of the Moro country prepared a petition asking for separate territorial government, and presented it to the Congressional party which visited the Moro country with Secretary of War Taft, in August, 1905.

RESOLUTION OF THE ZAMBOANGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At a meeting of the Zamboanga Chamber of commerce, held August 7, 1905, the following resolution was unanimously approved and copies ordered to be furnished the press and the members of the distinguished party upon their arrival in Zamboanga:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that all that portion of the Philippine Islands lying south of the Straits of Surigao, should be created by act of Congress a territory of the United States.

"In presenting our views touching the necessity for separate territorial government for the Moro country, we do not wish to be understood as having discovered anything new. The Philippine Commission, some years ago, first discovered anything new. The Philippine Commission, some years ago, first discovered this necessity. The sole purpose of our agitation is to have the idea of the Philippine Commission carried to its logical conclusion.

"Briefly stated, our reasons follow:

"1. The Island of Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago embrace a territory larger than the combined area of Delaware, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Porto Rico.

"2. The native population of the Moro country is very small and consequently interposes no obstacle to American colonization.

"3. Our colonial experiment in the Far East depends for its success upon the introduction of Western civilization and progress. This can come only with American settlement and enterprise.

"4. American settlement and enterprise will come only as a result of liberal inducements held out by the government. Liberal inducements can not, in justice to the dense population of the northern Islands, ever be made to Americans to settle there.

"5. Liberal inducements can be made to Americans to come to the Moro country without in any sense working an injustice to the native population. On the contrary, an influx of Americans to this Island would be a boon to its people."

It is needless to say that no opposition developed against this plan in the Moro province. In fact, the proposition met with universal approbation among Americans throughout the Island, as shown by the editorial expression of the Island press.

Of this proposition, the American said:

"We have examined every feature of the resolution adopted by the Zamboanga Chamber of Com-

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merce and we do not hesitate to give it our unqualified support. If a territorial form of government in Mindanao will give Americans there a freer hand in the development of its unlimited resources, we cannot see in what regard such a concession by Congress will effect disastrously the prosperity of the rest of the archipelago. It will establish in these Islands a monument to American enterprise in the Far East and set an example to the rest of the archipelago of what can be accomplished when American enterprise is given free rein.

"Territorial government in Mindanao would not mean another Cuba, another Hawaii or another Porto Rico, nor would it develop into a bouffe government so characteristic of South America. But it would be another Texas, an empire state with unlimited resources and possibilities that cannot be measured. All the conditions that pertained to Texas when the now flourishing state was first invaded by the pioneer pertain to Mindanao today, the latter having the advantage in seaboard and in its adaptability for culture of Manila hemp, an exclusive product of the Philippines.

"Such an arrangement with reference to Mindanao would relieve Secretary Taft and the administration from any possible fear that the policy of the 'Philippines for the Filipinos' would ever be endangered. The development of Mindanao would use up all the American energy that

could be introduced into the archipelago for almost a century and by that time the American government would have a fair idea just how much of the country the Filipinos are capable of taking care of, and there will be no excuse if they fail to make good."

The Manila Times is quoted as follows:

"We know only a few of the American settlers in Mindanao, but they evidently have a bunch of hustlers down there. They are of the kind that pry the sun up of a morning and when the lark gets ready to lift his lay have put in a good half day's work.

"If their scheme of territorial government meets with approval and on its face we see no reason why it should be denied, it is likely to mean that Mindanao will become the Mecca of the energetic and enterprising Americans who come so these shores. All the opportunities Luzon or Leyte or Albay will be there with few of their drawbacks, and there will be very few blanks in the lottery of oriental exploitation, or, to use a more soothing term, development."

Town Topics favors the plan. It says:

"We are all together in sympathy with the resolution adopted by the Zamboanga Chamber of commerce touching the creation of that portion of the Philippine Islands lying south of the Surigao Straits into a separate territorial form of government.

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Tariff Reform.

As the time draws near some speculative opinions are being advanced as to what measure will be given most consideration at the coming session of Congress. Democrats seem generally agreed that revision and reduction of the tariff, should be the paramount issue of the approaching session. Mr. Bryan eight years ago advocated tariff reduction as the only efficient plan of controlling the trusts, and the history of the last decade has proven his views of St. tecraft, tho rejected by the country then as chimerical and impractical, to be wise and expedient. The president as a tariff reformer, has held that the trust problem itself is the result of the

high protective tariff system.

In deference to the popular sentiment both the great parties of the country are advocating tariff reform, but whether they will stand for a sham revision or a sweeping reduction, remains to be seen.

Grumblers.

Grumblers who have fallen into the habit of complaining about their real or imaginary troubles are nuisances to those who associate with them. The business man who is ever grumbling and growling about things makes a blue atmosphere about him. There is no good in grumbling. Grumbling is an evidence that you are looking at the world through blue glasses; that you haven't the proper estimate of other people. Grumbling is an advertisement to the world that you are not a success, says New York Weekly. Grumbling wont help things a bit. The more you indulge yourself in grumbling the quicker you form the habit, and it becomes so fixed upon you that later on you find it almost impossible to shake it off.

We trust our readers who have contracted this habit will from this time on, strive to overcome it and not worry themselves or others with their troubles.

A. J. Baker and N. B. Cathey of the Pride neighborhood, Dawson county were in Gail last Saturday.

Mr. J. Logan and J. H. Martin of the Ira neighborhood passed through Gail Saturday on the way to Post city.

R. L. Walls of the Tredway neighborhood was trading in Gail Saturday.

Local and Personal

F. W. Park and family who have been absent several weeks, visiting friends and relatives in Alabama, have returned home.

Mrs. Maud Carlyle of Thurber is visiting her relatives here, the family of J. H. Berry.

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Several families have moved here on account of school. Among the number are the families of J. H. Cotten, Jno. DeShazo and Sam G. Jones, and others will follow.

See Towle and Johnson when in Snyder for every thing in good jewelry.

Miss M. A. Smith of Cleburne is visiting her uncles, the whitaker brothers.

Eld. Vaughan of Lometa closed his meeting at the Park school house Sunday night. The attendance was excellent on the part of all denominations, and much interest was manifested, but there was only one addition.

I have four mule colts about five months old at my ranch 10 miles south of Post City, to sell cheap for cash. N. H. GRAHAM.

H. D. Pruett has just received a supply of new quilts.

J. L. Williams and T. F. Oliver from near Ira were in Gail yesterday. They come seeking homes.

The singing school at Tredway conducted by prof Ira I. Isbel will close on the night of the 25. There will be an exhibition of fine singing and everybody is cordially invited.

We regret to hear that Mrs. Elmer Russell has been quite sick and is still confined to her room.

M. T. Hutcherson was in Gail several days this week under the treatment of Dr. Hannabass, for a chronic case of indigestion. Mr. Hutcherson left yesterday and we hope he will be better in a few days.

Mr. D. W. Godwin returned Tuesday from his home in Fort Worth.

Miss Irene Hutcherson came in Wednesday after her father who has been visiting the home of Mr. H. S. Bolin.

Mrs. Charlie Martin of Terry County is visiting the family of T. D. Cathey.

Miss Mary Leake has been on the sick list the past week, but is now improving.

Mrs. M. A. Lyons and family of the Light neighborhood, who have been visiting the family of Cass Lyons in Dawson county passed through Gail yesterday on their return home.

Mr. Elmer Russell has brought his daughter, Rada to Gail to attend school. Miss Rada boards at Mrs. Dave Dorwards.

The Vine Hill nursery of Titus which we represent is one of the best nurseries in the state. It makes replaces and supplies shortages and omissions. It is best to patronize a local agent, who is always in reach.

T. M. JONES.

Mr. Kincaid and wife were in town trading Tuesday.

The singing association will meet at J. W. C. Mullin's home, on the 5th Sunday of this month.

All parties are warned against depreddating in any manner on the Munger ranch property, especially cutting wood.

R. F. POWEL, Mgr.

Mrs. Lula Morrison is visiting her relatives here and stopping at present at the home of T. D. Cathey.

Mrs. Josie Yeary, from Alvoird is visiting her father J. M. Kincaid.

NOTICE.

Remember the local option election on the 28th. The result of this election will settle the question for two years. If you do not turn out and vote you should not hereafter complain because it went against your wishes.

Tredway Items.

Everything is very dry on the plains and a good rain would be greatly appreciated just now.

Quite a crowd of the Mesquite people attended church at Park school house Saturday night and Sunday.

The singing at D. C. Stevens Sunday night was a grand success, almost the entire community attended.

Miss Mattie Bullard visited Miss Myrtle Moore last Sunday.

Mrs. D. Dorward of Gail, who has been visiting Mrs. E. H. Russell returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Jones is visiting her daughter Mrs. Bullard near Gail this week.

Messrs. Sygler and Moore have returned from Big Springs with a load of posts for Mr. Sygler.

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Mr. Tredway and sons have returned with a load of lumber and are preparing to erect a new dwelling for Porter Tredway.

The new residence of D. C. Stevens is nearing completion.

D. W. West come in Friday with the new organ for Mesquite.

J. T. Creighton and family made a trip to Gail Saturday.

Troy West is drilling a well for W. N. Collier. JANE.

Graham Chapple Happenings.

Once more I come with a small budget of news. Health in this community is very good at present.

The farmers of this neighborhood are busy gathering their feed crops.

Misses Laura and Clemmie Graham visited Misses Vertie and Ruby Rogers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Wilbourn were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas last Sunday.

Mrs. Lathum of Lamesa called on Mrs. Lula Burress Friday evening.

Mr. Perry Crowley has moved to Mrs. Gaits place.

Mr. Quillie Spears was at Post City Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chencel were visitors at the home of W. T. Ivey Sunday.

Mr. Bishop Crowley and family were the guests of Mr. J. I.

Wilbourn Sunday.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely.

Mr. W. L. Wilbourn is again with us, accompanied by his nephew, Mr. Homer Cox.

BROWN EYES.

Julia Items.

It is still dry and dusty with us. The farmers of this community are busy harvesting their grain crops and forage.

Bro. Vaughn of Lometa, Texas has just closed an interesting series of sermons.

Mrs. R. N. Miller has been indisposed for about two weeks.

Mr. Pete Whitaker is also on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Park are home from an extended visit to Als and other places.

Miss Maud Smith of Dallas is a pleasant visitor at the home of Mrs. Sam Whitaker.

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E. F. Lipscomb of Archer county was in Gail yesterday as a prospector.

Mrs. Paige and sister were in town Tuesday visiting the home of Mrs. Hannabass.

Mr. Elsie Creighton and wife were shopping in town Tuesday.

Mr. Francis Abney was in town on Tuesday.