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without any anxiety, for Mary will guide her house wisely and happily in her absence. But in the sick room her presence is an especial blessing. Her hand is next to mother's own in gentleness and skill. Her sweet music can charm any pain, and brighten the weariest hours. There are elder sisters whose presence is not such a blessing in the home. Their own selfish ends and aims are the main pursuits in life and anything that stands in the way of these is regarded with great impatience. Such daughters are no comfort to a mother's heart. Which kind of an elder sister are you in the household?

**Prohibition Election.**  
The majority for prohibition in Borden county in Saturday's election, was quite a surprise, even to those who felt confident

it would carry. It was indeed a signal victory for temperance. It voiced the sentiment of the people in no uncertain terms. As they have almost unanimously declared for temperance, we believe they will expect and require a strict enforcement of the local option law, and whether a candidate favored or assisted in enforcing the law, will be a burning issue in the next election of county officers.

Following is the result of the election:

	Pro.	Anti.
Gail	51	10
Abney	0	0
Durham	10	1
Snelling	15	5
Park	14	10
Tredway	19	1
Total	109	27

**School Notes.**  
Among the visitors last week were Messrs. Thad Durst, Max Dillahunty, Aurther Frost, T. C. Gober, Tom Holler and Mrs. J. H. Hannabass.

The older girls in school have organized for basket ball and expect to be playing soon. The necessary equipment has been sent for and will be here in the next few days and soon the Gail High School basket ball team will be ready to meet all comers.

The appearance of the primary and intermediate rooms has been improved by the hanging of some new curtains.

The new report cards have been printed and will be given out on Friday. Weeping and wailing and songs of gladness will celebrate the occasion.

Miss Josie DeShazo was on the sick list this week.

Mr. Echol Park of Possum Trot and Miss Myrtle Hopkins of Gail have entered school this week. We wish them well in their pursuit of an education.

Mr. John Howe visited the school Monday. He expressed himself as well entertained and pleased. He says he will enter before long.

It is said that some folks were in a hurry to get home from the singing Sunday night. Wonder who?

Some of the trees on the campus have been cut down. We presume they are to be used for firewood.

As Echol Parks is a new comer we must "learn" him to stay in line.

The recent library accessions are as follows: "A Ramble among Surnames," Fay Jolly; "Life of McKinley," Ora Smoot; "After-whales," Sidney Cathey; "Four American Pioneers," Lida Kennedy; "Thirty years in Hell," Fletcher Patton; "Standard Biography," Myrtle Jolly; "Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare," "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," "Masterpieces of American Literature," Ethel Blankenship; "Treasure Island," Zettie Cathey; "Ready Money," L. F. McKay.

On Friday Afternoon Sept., 27, the Library Club was organized and has decided to devote some of its spare time in working for the library. The library has just been started but is growing fast. The books may be taken out on Friday evening and are returned Monday morning any week. Donations of books or of money to buy same, will be thankfully received and receipted. Help out a good cause

STUDENT.

#### Japanese In Texas.

There are probably 500 Japanese colonists in Texas. The principal colonies are at Deepwater, Webster, Wharton and Victory. A number of Japanese rice farmers are also settled along the line of the Southern Pacific between Houston and Beaumont. The people of Texas have no complaint to make of the Japanese farmers as citizens. They have proved themselves to be hard-working, enterprising and honest developers of resources of the region where they are settled. At Deepwater the Japanese method of transplanting rice has been followed for the last two years with the greatest success and profit.

The rice harvesting season is now in progress and the scene of

the Japanese colonies is an animated one from early morning until late in the evening. They conduct their harvesting work on the co-operative plan, much the same as wheat harvesting is carried on in the middle states of America. All the Japanese farmers in the colony join force, and help thrash the crops on different farms. The Japanese make a holiday out of the work. They appear to get much enjoyment out of everything they do.

A noticeable thing about the Japanese is that they never lose their patriotism for their native country. The Japanese flag always occupies a position of honor on every farm. It may be seen flying on the thrashing machines while the rice-thrashing work is in progress. It is frequently planted upon some elevated spot in the field, where it is in constant view of the little brown men while they are working. The Japanese colonies in Texas have many thousands of acres in rice this year. The yield will be heavy and the profits from the crop very large.—Texas Letter to Indianapolis News.

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#### BORDEN COUNTY,

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. Agriculture 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 build 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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of questioning his authority always angered him. The smile went out of his face, and he retorted explosively: "Go on! Be serious if you want, only don't take so long about it. But



"Well, Jefferson, did you have a good time abroad?"

understand one thing—I want no preaching, no philosophical or socialistic twaddle, no Tolstoi; he's a great thinker, and you're not; no Bernard Shaw; he's funny, and you're not. Now go ahead."

This beginning was not very encouraging, and Jefferson felt somewhat intimidated, but he realized that he might not have another such opportunity, so he plunged right in.

"Father, I am devoted to my work. I even intend to go away and travel a few years and see the world. It will help me considerably."

Ryder senior eyed his son in silence for a few moments; then he said gently:

"Don't be obstinate, Jeff. Listen to me. I know the world better than you do. You mustn't go away. You are the only flesh and blood I have. You see that I want you with me, and now you take advantage—you take advantage!"

"No, father, I don't," protested Jefferson, "but I want to go away. Although I have my studio and am practically independent, I want to go where I shall be perfectly free—where my every move will not be watched—where I can meet my fellow man heart to heart on an equal basis, where I shall not be pointed out as the son of Ready Money Ryder. I want to make a reputation of my own as an artist."

"Why not study theology and become a preacher?" sneered Ryder. Then more amiably he said: "No, my lad, you stay here. Study my interests—study the interests that will be yours some day."

"No," said Jefferson doggedly, "I'd rather go. My work and my self respect demand it."

"Then go, go!" cried his father in a burst of anger. "I'm a fool for wasting my time with an ungrateful son!" He rose from his seat and began to pace the room.

"Father," exclaimed Jefferson, starting forward, "you do me an injustice."

Ryder laughed cynically. He went back to his desk, and, sitting facing his son, he said:

"Jefferson, you are young. It is one

of the symptoms of youth to worry about public opinion. When you are as old as I am, you will understand that there is only one thing which counts in this world—money. The man who has it possesses power, the man who has it not, and power is what the ambitious man loves most."

He stopped to pick up a book. It was "The American Octopus." Turning again to his son, he went on:

"Do you see this book? It is the literary sensation of the year. Why? Because it attacks me, the richest man in the world. It holds me up as a monster, a tyrant, a man without soul, honor or conscience, caring only for one thing—money; having but one passion—the love of power and halting at nothing, not even at crime, to secure it. That is the portrait they draw of your father."

Jefferson said nothing. He was wondering if his sire had a suspicion who wrote it and was leading up to that. But Ryder senior continued:

"Do I care? The more they attack me the more I like it. Their puny pen pricks have about the same effect as mosquito bites on the pachyderm. What I am, the conditions of my time made me. When I started in business a humble clerk, forty years ago, I had but one goal—success; I had but one aim—to get rich. I was lucky. I made a little money, and I soon discovered that I could make more money by outwitting my competitors in the oil fields. Railroad conditions helped me. The whole country was money mad. A wave of commercial prosperity swept over the land, and I was carried along on its crest. I grew enormously rich, my millions increasing by leaps and bounds. I branched out into other interests, successful always, until my holdings grew to what they are today—the wonder of the twentieth century. What do I care for the world's respect when my money makes the world my slave? What respect can I have for a people that cringe before money and let it rule them? Are you aware that not a factory wheel turns, not a vote is counted, not a judge is appointed, not a legislator seated, not a president elected without my consent? I am the real ruler of the United States—not the so-called government at Washington. They are my puppets and this is my executive chamber. This power will be yours one day, boy, but you must know how to use it when it comes."

"I never want it, father," said Jefferson firmly. "To me your words savor of treason. I couldn't imagine that American talking that way." He pointed to the mantel, at a picture of George Washington.

Ryder senior laughed. He could not help it if his son was an idealist. There was no use getting angry, so he merely shrugged his shoulders and said:

"All right, Jeff. We'll discuss the matter later when you've cut your wisdom teeth. Just at present you're in the clouds. But you spoke of my doing you an injustice. How can my love of power do you an injustice?"

"Because," replied Jefferson, "you exert that power over your family as well as over your business associates. You think and will for everybody in the house, for everyone who comes in contact with you. Yours is an influence no one seems able to resist. You robbed me of my right to think. Ever since I was old enough to think you have thought for me; ever since I was old enough to choose you have chosen

for me. You have chosen that I should marry Kate Roberts. That is the one thing I wished to speak to you about. The marriage is impossible."

Ryder senior half sprang from his seat.

"So," he said sternly, "this is your latest act of rebellion, is it? You are going to waltz on your word? You are going to jilt the girl?"

"I never gave my word," answered Jefferson hotly. "Nor did Kate understand that an engagement existed. You can't expect me to marry a girl I don't care a straw about. It would not be fair to her."

"Don't be a fool, Jeff. I don't want to think for you or to choose for you or to marry for you. I did not interfere when you threw up the position I made for you in the Trading company and left that studio. I realized that you were a mess under the harness, so I gave you plenty of rein. But I know so much better than you what is best for you. Believe me I do. Don't—don't be obstinate. This marriage means a great deal to my interests—to your interests. Kate's father is all powerful in the senate. He'll never forgive this disappointment. Hang it all, you liked the girl once, and I made sure that—"

He stopped suddenly, and the expression on his face changed as a new light dawned upon him.

"It isn't that Rossmore girl, is it?" he demanded. His face grew dark, and his jaw clicked as he said between his teeth: "I told you some time ago how

I felt about her. If I thought that it was Rossmore's daughter! You know what's going to happen to him, don't you?"

Thus appealed to, Jefferson thought this was the most favorable opportunity he would have to redeem his promise to Shirley. So, little anticipating the tempest he was about to unleash, he answered:

"I am familiar with the charges that they have trumped up against him. Needless to say, I consider him entirely innocent. What's more, I firmly believe he is the victim of a contemptible conspiracy. And I'm going to make it my business to find out who the plotters are. I came to ask you to help me. Will you?"

"I will see him hanged first! He has always opposed me. He has always defied my power, and now his daughter has entrapped my son. So it's her you want to go to, eh? Well, I can't make you marry a girl you don't want, but I can prevent you throwing yourself away on the daughter of a man who is about to be publicly disgraced, and I will."

"Poor old Rossmore!" said Jefferson bitterly. "If the history of every financial transaction were made known, how many of us would escape public disgrace? Would you?" he cried.

Ryder senior rose, his hands working dangerously. He made a movement as if about to advance on his son, but by a supreme effort he controlled himself.

"No, upon my word, it's no use dis-inheriting you. You wouldn't care. I think you'd be glad—on my soul, I do!" Then, calming down once more, he added: "Jefferson, give me your word of honor that your object in going away is not to find out this girl and marry her unknown to me. I don't mind your losing your heart, but don't lose your head. Give me your hand on it."

Jefferson reluctantly held out his hand.

"If I thought that you would marry that girl unknown to me I'd have Rossmore sent out of the country, and the woman too. Listen, boy. This man is my enemy, and I show no mercy to my enemies. There are more reasons than one why you cannot marry Miss Rossmore. If she knew one of them she would not marry you."

"What reasons?" demanded Jefferson.

"The principal one," said Ryder slowly and deliberately, and eying his son keenly as if to judge of the effect of his words, "the principal one is that it was through my agents that the demand was made for her father's in-

terment."

"Ah," cried Jefferson, "then I guessed aright!"

"Marry Kate or not, as you please, but I want you to stay here," the elder man said after a pause.

"It's no use. My mind is made up," answered Jefferson decisively.

The telephone rang, and Jefferson got up to go. Mr. Ryder took up the receiver.

"Hallo! What's that? Sergeant Ellison? Yes, send him up."

Putting the telephone down, Ryder senior rose and, crossing the room, accompanied his son to the door.

"Think it well over, Jeff. Don't be hasty."

A few minutes later Jefferson left the house.

The door opened and Mr. Bagley entered, followed by a tall, powerfully built man, whose robust physique and cheap looking clothes contrasted strangely with the delicate ultrafashionably attired English secretary.

"Take a seat, sergeant," said Mr. Ryder cordially, motioning his visitor to a chair. The man sat down gingerly on one of the rich leather upholstered chairs. His manner was nervous and awkward, as if intimidated in the presence of the financier.

"Are the national committee still waiting?" demanded Mr. Ryder.

"Yes, sir," replied the secretary.

"I'll see them in a few minutes. Leave me with Sergeant Ellison."

Mr. Bagley bowed and retired.

Ryder, with his customary bluntness, came right down to business.

"Well, what have you been doing about the book?" he demanded. "Have you found the author of 'The American Octopus'?"

"No, sir; I have not. I confess I'm baffled. The secret has been well kept. The publishers have shut up like a clam. There's only one thing that I'm pretty well sure of."

"What's that?" demanded Ryder, interested.

"That no such person as Shirley Green exists."

"Oh," exclaimed the financier, "then you think it is a mere nom de plume?"

"Yes, sir."

"And what do you think was the reason for preserving the anonymity?"

"Well, you see, sir, the book deals with a big subject. It gives some hard knocks, and the author no doubt felt a little timid about launching it under his or her real name. At least that's my theory, sir."

"And a good one, no doubt," said Mr. Ryder. Then he added: "That makes me all the more anxious to find out who it is. I would willingly give this moment a check for \$5,000 to know who wrote it. Whoever it is, knows me as well as I know myself. We must find the author."

The sleuth was silent for a moment. Then he said:

"There might be one way to reach the author, but it will be successful only in the event of her being willing to be known and come out into the open. Suppose you write to her in care of the publishers. They would certainly forward the letter to wherever she may be. If she does not want you to know who she is, she will ignore your letter and remain in the background. If, on the contrary, she has no fear of you and is willing to meet you, she will answer the letter."

"Ah, I never thought of that!" exclaimed Ryder. "It's a good idea. I'll write such a letter at once. It shall go tonight."

He unhooked the telephone and asked Mr. Bagley to come up. A few seconds later the secretary entered the room.

"Bagley," said Mr. Ryder, "I want you to write a letter for me to Miss Shirley Green, author of that book 'The American Octopus.' We will address it care of her publishers, Littleton & Co. Just say that if convenient I should like a personal interview with her at my office, 36 Broadway, in relation to her book, 'The American Octo-

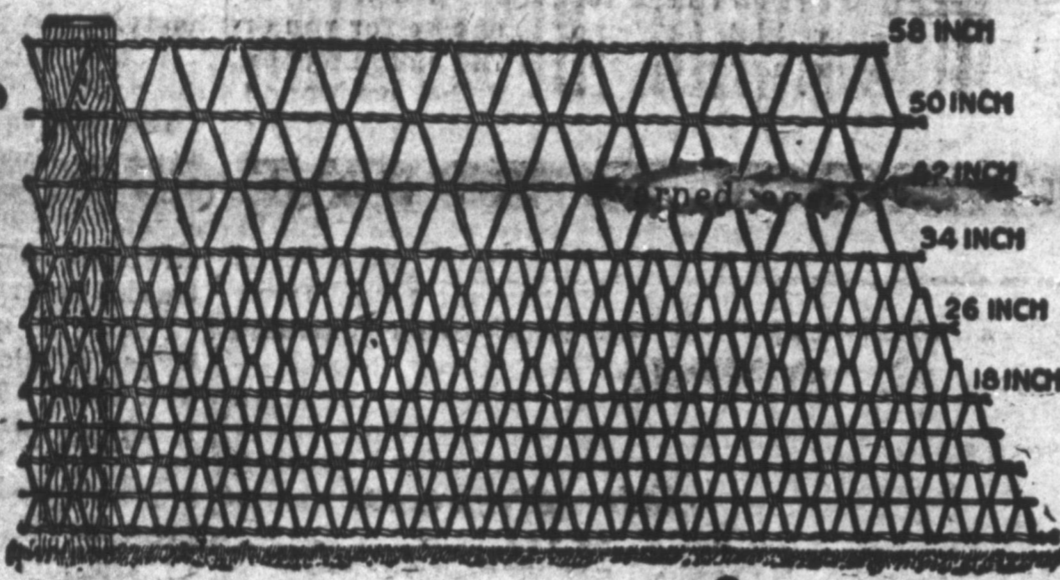
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**Churches.**  
 Methodist: Preaching every first sun R. v. J. W. Childers, Preacher in Charge.  
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**TAFT AND BRYAN ON THE TARIFF.**

Secretary Taft, who hopes to succeed President Roosevelt, has made a number of speeches recently in which his views were set forth. In one of them he took occasion to indulge in some criticism of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan 'sat up and took notice' and in a speech delivered subsequently he sized up Secretary Taft as the "great postponer" instead of a do it now statesman. Referring to the Secretary's declarations he says Mr. Taft declares himself in favor of tariff revision—not now but after the presidential election; in favor of an income tax—some other time; in favor of an inheritance tax—some time in the future, and several other important measures which we fail to recall at the moment, all of which he says are good things but which on one pretext or another he puts off for the future and Mr. Bryan thinks some of the good things ought to be done for the people of this generation.

Speaking at Tacoma a few days ago—Secretary Taft referred to Mr. Bryan's characterization of him as the great postponer and attempted to defend or excuse his position on the tariff, but failed to take up the other questions. As to the tariff he said:

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"Mr. Bryan, in discussing some of my views on the tariff and other matters, has done me the honor to call me the "great postponer" with respect to the tariff. I was in favor of revision last year and I am still in favor of revision, but I am a party man, and I hope a practical man, and I realize the lack of wisdom and the danger both to the party and to the country in attempting a revision of the tariff immediately in the midst of a presidential campaign. I am convinced that the republican party as a party will come to a revision of the tariff immediately after the next presidential election. If it cannot be done this year I am in favor of doing it next year."

That is the same old song the republican leaders have sung on the tariff question for a decade. Knowing that there is a considerable percentage of republicans outside of the protected classes who favor tariff reduction, especially in the middle and western states, they talk tariff revision to them during the campaigns, but the promise always is to do it some other time, now is never the accepted time. It remains to be seen how long it will be before independent voters tire of promises which never are fulfilled.—Haskell Free Press.

**Keep Money at Home.**

It is not the loss of the small profit the local dealer should make on the dollar's worth of goods you buy from a catalogue house that hurts a community. It is the loss of the dollar to the community. Supposing you go to town and buy a dollar's worth of sugar. Under ordinary conditions the man you buy that sugar of makes five cents; that's about all the profit there is in sugar under the present state of competition, and many sell it at cost and some below. The chances are that your local dealer will pay that money out to some person who lives in the town for rent, produce or labor or for some other things that he needs and can buy at home. Supposing that it goes to your neighbor for potatoes. He passes it along to another local merchant for tobacco, and that merchant passes it to one of his clerks for labor and the clerk buys candy for his girl or something else. Don't you see that while the dollar keeps moving it is manufacturing prosperity as it goes. Every man who receives it makes a profit off it and finally it belongs to the community because the residents of the community have honorably earned it and it stays at home.—Cleburne Chronicle.

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### Model Farm in Miniature.

One of the many Special Features being prepared to please, instruct and entertain visitors to the National Corn Exposition, to be held in Chicago October 5 to 19 next, is a complete, up-to-date farm, in miniature. Buildings, fields of growing grains, wood-lots, farm machinery, etc., will all be shown within the 20-foot enclosure assigned to the exhibit. A tiny stream of running water (representing a river), complete railway trains in miniature, etc., will add life and interest to the scene. It is to be located in the exact center of the great Exposition building (Coliseum), where every visitor can have a splendid view. It will be the smallest, yet most perfect and complete farm in existence.

### Obedience to Parent.

It can be stated as a general rule, that has but few exceptions, that children who are not obedient to their parents do not make reliable men and women. Lack of obedience is always accompanied by deceitfulness, and once this is pretty thoroughly implanted in the system, it is almost impossible to eradicate it. The child who is not obedient to parents will soon come to tell falsehoods as a shield against punishment and will also practice things intended to mislead or deceive its parents even about trivial affairs will soon grow into thinking that deception is shrewdness, and after growing up in such belief will attempt to go through the world by the practice of such methods. Under such training, or lack of training, is it any matter of surprise that so many people grow up to be failures in life, that so many totally unreliable men and women are brought to maturity? A person who is capable of judging character knows that at least half the people with whom he

transacts business are not to be relied upon strictly to fulfill their agreements. This unreliability is in nearly every case the result of early lack of obedience. The parent who has the real good of the child at heart should rigidly enforce obedience to parental authority for the future good of the child. It is a part of the education that fits it for life, without which there will be much trouble from wrong conceptions gathered in childhood. When the indifference or carelessness which most parents show in the training of their children is a matter of surprise that even so many men and women enter upon the activities of life prepared for its duties and its obligations. The lessons of obedience is one that should be taught quite persistently.—Brownwood Bulletin.

### Was Welcome to His.

A certain prosy preacher recently gave an endless discourse on the prophets. First he dealt at length on the minor prophets. At length he finished them, and the congregation gave a sigh of relief.

He took a long breath and continued: "Now I shall proceed to the major prophets. After the major prophets had received more than ample attention the congregation gave another sigh of relief.

"Now that I have finished with the major prophets, what about Jeremiah? Where is Jeremiah's place.

At this point a tall man arose in the back of the church. "Jeremiah can have my place," he said; "I'm going home!"

A subscriber once received a dun through the postoffice, and it made him mad. He went to see the editor about it and the editor showed him a few duns of his own—one for paper, one for type, one for rent and several others. "Now," said the editor, "I didn't get mad when these came because I knew that all I had to do was to ask several reliable gentlemen like you to come and help me out and then I could settle all of them." When the subscriber saw how it was he relented, paid up and renewed for another year.—Antelope Valley Gazette.

A Dallas man bit into a peach the other day and was stung by a bee which was having a good time in the interior of the fruit. If people will butt into the business of others, they must not complain of the consequences.

R. N. Miller, Pres. J. D. Brown, Cash. D. Dorward Jr. Asst Cash

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DURST & PEARCE, Prop.

### Special Philippine Correspondence

By S. E. DeRackin.

#### GOVERNMENT OF THE MORO PROVINCE.

In the year 1903, owing to the peculiar conditions existing in the Moro country, it was decided that a separate government was needed for the Mohammedan Moro. This led to the practical separation of the Moro country from the Christian Filipino country, the former's relations to the latter being somewhat analogous to those of the Philippine Islands to the Government of the United States. The organic act of the Philippine Commission creating separate government for the Moro country, could not have been simpler or more effective. Fortunately, the first governor of the Moro country was Major General Leonard Wood, a thoroughly practical, and energetic executive.

After one year's work and study in the Moro country, General Wood decided that the most imperative need of Mindanao was the American settler. In his first annual report, he said:

"What is needed to develop this portion of the world is a suitable class of settlers, bringing with them knowledge of modern agricultural methods, enterprise, and some capital. Such a class of settlers will do

much to introduce higher standards of industrial and agricultural capacity, standards which must be established before the native will take steps to change his present methods which are all that he knows and unless he has before him the example of what can be done in this really remarkable country, it is not believed that his present primitive methods will be materially changed. If he could see the result of better agricultural methods and better industrial methods generally, it is believed that his ambition would be stimulated and that his development would be comparatively rapid. In short a scattering of good agriculturists throughout the province would be of inestimable value to the people, individually and as a whole."

Speaking of the progress made in Moroland under General Wood's administration, the Manila Times said:

"General Wood is pursuing a policy not only so broad and liberal, but so progressive, energetic and enlightened withal that it is attracting a very desirable class of settlers to Mindanao and its tributary islands, who are devoting their lives, the very best that is in them, to the building up and developing of the young country with which they have cast their lot and which they intended to make their own.

It seems to be General Wood's platform: 'I am an American and I have confidence in the ability and disposition of my countrymen to give me material aid in civilizing and Americanizing this tropical oriental country. I believe in them, I trust their loyalty and patriotism, and I can conceive of no better medium through which to inculcate American ideals and to set up American standards among the Moros than that of sturdy, high-minded young Americans scattered about through the province. I wish to have an American government here, and I need Americans of the right sort to help me make and maintain it. I do not want more American soldiers, but I do want more American settlers.'

"If these are not General Wood's sentiments, his line of policy would give the impression that they were, and the result is seen in a public spirit, a unanimity of purpose, a concentration of effort for the welfare of the community, that bespeaks a hale and prosperous future for the islands of which in the past, the most plentiful harvests have been reaped with kisses and kampilans."

The local paper published in Zamboanga had the following to say:

"As regards Governor Wood's accomplishments, we point to the fact that he found the Moro country in a state of anarchy, and known far and wide as a

good place to stay away from. His first move was to bring order out of chaos, and to make it safe for traders to go any place in the Province. His next move was to secure, through the offer of a small bonus, the organization of a local steamship company as a means of gathering up the produce of the people living along the coast. The inauguration of this service has proven wonderfully successful, and is resulting in a greatly increased output of hemp, copra, almaciga and jungle products. Governor Wood's next move was to secure, through a very reasonable guarantee, the calling of the China Navigation Company's steamers at this port as a means of getting to the best markets the produce gathered up by the boats of the local steamship company. This has not only resulted in much cheaper freight rates, but in much better prices for our products.

"It might be said that we are too vitally interested in the things which Governor Wood has accomplished in this Province to make our opinion of his achievements as trustworthy as those of others less concerned. If this be true, then the reverse ought to be true, and we wish to present the testimony of those who had every reason to object to Governor Wood's activity, resulting as it did, in barring the Philippine Islands from participating in the prosperity of the Moro country.

## Local and Personal

Mrs. Moore of Tredway was trading in town Monday.

Mrs. Carl Hutchinson of Julia was here Monday.

Mrs. Maude Carlyle returned Saturday from a visit to her sister Mrs. Benham of Garza.

Mr. G. W. Foster was trading in Gail Saturday.

Mr. Francis Abney was shopping here Monday.

The Fifth Sunday Singing at the Mullins school house was enjoyed by several of the Gail people of whom we have the names of Mr. Frank Berry and sister, Cora, Mr. Jess Smith, Miss Alma Dickenson, Mr. Hugh Kennedy and sisters, Misses Lidia and Minnie, Mr. and Mrs. Biffle.

Get my prices on cattle Dip Paint, Wall paper (Phonographs and records a specialty.)  
W. L. DOSS.  
Colorado, Texas.

Mr. Fred Petzel was in town Monday with a bale of cotton.

Mr. J. K. Mitchel was in town Monday.

Mr. J. D. Black was here on business Monday.

Mr. Will Johnson returned Tuesday from a visit to his uncle in Scurry county.

Mrs. J and D. Dorward called on Mrs. Troy Bullard last week they report her improving nicely.

Mr. Coats was in town Monday.

Mr. Bradley and wife passed through Gail Sunday on their way to their new home in Snyder.

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

Mr. D. W. Godwin was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. Mike Jones and mother Mrs. Coleman were trading in town Tuesday.

Mr. Johnston and son were in town on Wednesday.

Miss Maude Naylor is improving nicely, her fever is not so high.

Mr. Hoy of the Park neighborhood was here Tuesday.

Mr. Greer Whitaker was in town Tuesday.

Miss Hettie Kincaid was in town Saturday.

Mrs. L. B. Curtis went to Lubbock Saturday to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. George Curtis.

Mr. Sid Stephenson, from Lubbock is acting as operator in the telephone office here in Mr. Curti's absence.

For ridge roll, cresting and finials, call at Arnolds tin shop when in Big Springs, or write him for prices. Also for Gutters, flues and tanks.

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.

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

R. F. POWEL, Mgr.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore of Snyder come in Sunday on a visit to Mr. Walter Turner and family. Mrs. Moore is a sister of Mrs. Turner.

Miss Katy Turner visited the Misses Nesbitt's the later part of last week.

Miss Unice Nesbitt visited home folks last week.

Mrs. S. L. Jones returned home Wednesday after several weeks visit to her daughter Mrs. Troy Bullard.

I have just received a handsome assortment of fine rugs. I will give one free to each purchaser of dry goods. They are beauties, call and see them and learn my plan of distribution.

J. W. CHANDLER.

Mail or send your watches to Towle & Johnson, Snyder Texas every watch guaranteed, with careful usage to run and keep time one year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Daphern, of near Tredway, spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Leake.

Mrs. Goucher, of Brownwood sister to Mrs. H. D. Pruett, returned home Tuesday morning.

I have got 24 extra fine Registered Hereford Bull calves for sale from 8 to 12 months old.

J. K. Mitchell.  
Gail, Texas.

Mr. Auther Frost returned to Big Springs where he will visit relatives for a few days before returning to his home in Bee county.

Mr. and Mrs. John, Howe visited their uncle Mr. Jesse Frost near the river Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Bullard are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born Sept. 26.

Will. Huoser, of Big Springs is visiting his aunt Mrs. John. De. Shazo

CASH OR CREDIT.

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Our Building Material is of the best and our prices are always in line.

No trouble to make estimates

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BIG SPRINGS,

TEXAS.

## MILLINERY

We have received our fall stock of Millinery, which is now opened up and ready for inspection.

We invite the ladies of Gail and surrounding country to come and see our stock, feeling sure we can please them in price and quality of goods  
MRS. N. E. BERRY, GAIL, TEXAS.

### Tire Setter

We have the famous West Hydraulic Tire Setter This machine will set tires quicker and better so they will run longer without loosening, than is possible if set in the old way. Gives just the desired amount of dish to the wheel. We guarantee our work, and return money if not satisfactory. This machine was put in at a cost of \$1800 and is run by a six horse power engine. Call and see it in operation.

G. D. GRIFFICE.  
Big Springs, Texas.

### Graham Chapple.

Mrs. Henry Johnson of south plains visited our community Monday.

The U S outfit left Tuesday with a herd of cows and calves for Stanton.

Mrs. Lula Burress was the guest of Mrs. W. T. Ivey Wednesday night.

Rebecca and Oscar Graham visited Mrs. Joe McMahan Saturday.

There was quite a crowd took dinner at the U'S chuck wagon Monday. Among them were Mrs. Maggie Ivey, Misses Oby, Bertha and Cardie Wilbourn, Mrs. Lula Burres, Mr. Bob Rogers, Miss Bulah Green and Grandma Pierce.

Miss Mattie Hill of Fort Worth visited Miss Oby Wilbourn Sunday.

Mr. Frank Maxey visited our Sunday School Sunday.

Brown Eyes.

Mrs. Lizzie Kincaid left Monday to visit her daughter Mrs. J. W. Clark

Mr. L. B. Curtis, Mr. J. C. Brammer and Mr. Morgan left Gail Friday to do some line work at Brownfield Texas.

Mr. George T. Curtis of Lubbock was in Gail a couple of days last week.

### Swift Destruction.

We have sat upon the sea shore and waited for its gradual approaches, and have seen its dancing waves and white surf, and admired that He who measured it with His hand had given it life and motion; and we lingered till its gentle waters grew into mighty billows, and had well-nigh swept up from our firm footing. So we have seen some of the heedless youth of our town gazing with curious spirit upon sweet motions and gently approaches of inviting pleasures and sins, till they have detained their eyes and imprisoned their feet and they have been swept to swift destruction.

On last Saturday morning Mrs. E. R. Yellott was called to the bedside of her mother who is seriously ill at their old home in Lockhart.

### Why Advertising Pays.

"You will be pressed for money oftener because you have no advertising bills to pay than because you have," observes the Buffalo News. Big advertising bills and big bank balances grow together, out of the same publicity campaigns." The merchant who holds down his expense account by cutting out advertising saves money just the way the railroads would if they should stop buying coal for their locomotives. Without coal the wheels won't turn; without publicity trade comes to a standstill. It pays to throw silver out of the window that gold may come in at the door.

Mr. Jessie Greenwood and brother of Stanton, nephews of Mrs. John DeSaazo, were in Gail Monday and Tuesday. They exhibited a motion picture show at the court house Tuesday night which was real nice and well attended.

Mr. T. D. Whitaker left Monday for a trip East.