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A. Financial View by a Citizen.

Causes produce effects. What cause has operated to produce the present financial stringency? A merchant said it was caused by lack of confidence. What caused the loss of confidence? Inability to meet agreements. What caused this failure? Well, a variety of causes brought about this condition. First, failure in part or crops, speculations in various lines, over buying of luxuries, too much credit, inability to realize on securities, not enough cash for the high scale of prices on property, &c.

Confidence is maintained as long as contracts are fulfilled. Confidence can not be restored where satisfactory arrangements

are not made to fulfill agreements.

Our mad thirst for gain allures us on to take hazardous chances to secure coveted things that result in failure. That effects our creditors as well as ourself, and like a pebble thrown in a pond, effects every drop in it.

The Bible says, "Owe no man anything." "Having food and raiment, be therewith content"

If we followed this rule, there would be no failures or financial crisis. If man's moral nature is kept equal with his intellectual attainments, he will not likely enter agreements that he cannot fill. If his moral faculties are dwarfed, his sense of justice will be low and the ground for confidence in such a one is indeed

poor and risky.

It should be refreshing to man to know that God has not lost confidence in him. He continues to honor in part if not wholly his check for blessings every day. Sends us fruitful seasons, notwithstanding our failures to Him.

These times of scarcity should cause us to be more grateful and faithful to Him who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

Don't you think so, reader?

G. N. W.

—Breckenridge Democrat.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 12.—In speech at Sweetwater yesterday J. W. Bailey stated, as quoted by the News, that I had been in the employ of the Texas Company. I denounce the statement as wilfully false. When Bailey

made a similiar statement as quoted by the Fort Worth Record of which he is part owner, I immediately wrote that paper denouncing Bailey's assertions as false and demanding that it do me the justice to make editorial correction, which it did not do.

Bailey and his organ seem to be engaged in the task of furnishing cumulative proof of the necessity of putting an end to Baileyism in Texas.

E. G. SENTER.

—Breckenridge Democrat.

Mr. Willie Cotten and wife are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cotten.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Mauldin are visiting their friends at Morris this week Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bishop.

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.

The Wellman Arctic Balloon Venture

And now the information is sent out that Mr. Walter Wellman, the explorer-journalist has abandoned his balloon flight for the north pole for this season. There are those—friends and admirers of Wellman too—who gravely question if he will ever make the flight. You see, he is being backed in this project by a big Chicago newspaper, on the same plan that the New York Herald years ago backed Stanley to hunt for Livingstone in Africa. And it is a fine way for Wellman to keep himself and his journal before the public. Candidly, very clever advertising. But Walter Wellman has too much sound sense, in my belief to ever undertake so absurdly perilous a flight. Like all Arctic explorers, he dearly loves the fascination of dabbling in projects leading him toward the aurora borealis; and loves the renown; but Wellman loves life, and he may hardly be expected to wantonly hurl it from a collapsing balloon above an angry, icy Arctic.

"Teddy's" Successor.

Some pertinent questions are asked by Mr. Billy Sanders, of Shady Dale, Ga., and set forth in Uncle Remus's Magazine for October.

"Sence Teddy had got tired of his job, I want to know who's a-gwine for to take his place; I want to know who's a-gwine for to deal wi' the gener'l cussedness that we find all about us. Who's a-gwine for to strangle the speckl-

ed trusts an' the streaked rail roads, an' who's a-gwine for to settle the hoodlum question that's done gone an' shifted to Japan, the land of the bran' new moon? It's one thing for to be skeered before the shootin' begins, an' quite another for to be surprised ef the shootin' begins. They say that Taft has been tipped off as Teddy's successor, an' ef thar aint nothin' for to do but to set on things, he'll come mighty nigh comin' under the string not more'n ten lengths behind the best pacer that kin be brung agin him. He's willin' for to do anything except run, or trot, or walk fast for to git the job. So fur as I'm concerned, I don't feel right easy in my mind—not that I keer a drunkard's dream about the Republic party. What I do keer about is the whole country,

more especially our pine-barren an' black-jack thickets.

In a Hurry.

A Western Kansas editor has started this gem out into the world without any name attached to it: "The average business man eats in a hurry and gets dyspepsia. He walks in a hurry and gets apoplexy. He talks in a hurry and becomes a bankrupt. He votes in a hurry and produces corruption. He marries in a hurry and gets a divorce. He trains his children in a hurry and develops criminals and spendthrifts. He gets religion in a hurry and forgets it in a hurry. He makes his will in a hurry and leaves a legal contest. He dies in a hurry and goes to hell, and his tribe is steadily increasing."

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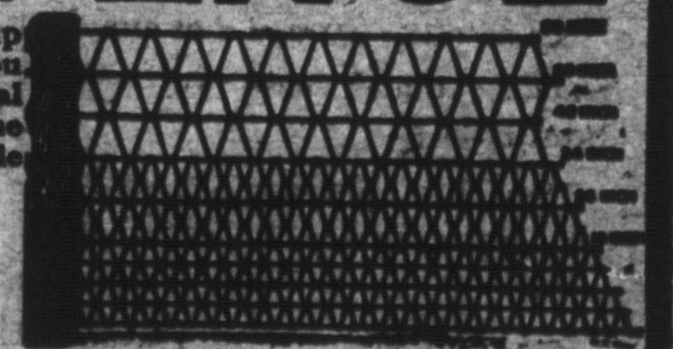
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He is such a nice boy.

Shirley tried to look unconcerned as she replied:

"I met him yesterday. Mr. Ryder introduced him to me."

"Poor lad! He has his troubles, too," went on Mrs. Ryder. "He's in love with a girl, but his father wants him to marry some one else. They're quarreling over it all the time."

"Parents shouldn't interfere in matters of the heart," said Shirley decisively. "What is more serious than the choosing of a life companion, and who are better entitled to make a free selection than they who are going to spend the rest of their days together? Of course it is a father's duty to give his son the benefit of his riper experience, but to insist on a marriage based only on business interests is little less than a crime. There are considerations more important if the union is to be a happy or a lasting one. The chief thing is that the man should feel real attachment for the woman he marries. Two people who are to live together as man and wife must be compatible in tastes and temper. You cannot mix oil and water. It is these selfish marriages which keep our divorce courts busy. Money alone won't buy happiness in marriage."

"No," sighed Mrs. Ryder. "No one knows that better than I."

The financier's wife was already most favorably impressed with her guest, and she chatted on as if she had known Shirley for years. It was rarely that she had heard so young a woman express such common sense views, and the more she talked with her the less surprised she was that she was the author of a much discussed book. Finally, thinking that Shirley might prefer to be alone, she rose to go, bidding her make herself thoroughly at home and to ring for anything she might wish. A maid had been assigned to look exclusively after her wants, and she could have her meals served in her room or else have them with the family, as she liked. But Shirley, not caring to encounter Mr. Ryder's cold, searching stare more often than necessary, said she would prefer to take her meals alone.

Left to herself, Shirley settled down to work in earnest. Mr. Ryder had sent to her room all the material for the biography, and soon she was completely absorbed in the task of sorting and arranging letters, making extracts from records, compiling data, etc., laying the foundations for the important book she was to write. She wondered what they would call it, and she smiled as a peculiarly appropriate title flashed through her mind—"The History of a Crime." Yet she thought they could hardly infringe on Victor Hugo. Perhaps the best title was the simplest—"The History of the Empire Trading Company." Every one would understand that it told the story of John Burkett Ryder's remarkable career from his earliest beginnings to the present time. She worked feverishly all that evening getting the material into shape, and the following day found her early at her desk. No one disturbed her, and she wrote steadily on until noon, Mrs. Ryder only once putting her head in the door to wish her good morning.

After luncheon Shirley decided that the weather was too glorious to remain indoors. Her health must not be jeopardized even to advance the interests of the Colossus, so she put on her hat and left the house to go for a walk. The air smelled sweet to her after be-

ing cooped so long indoors, and she walked with a more elastic and buoyant step than she had since her return home. Turning down Fifth avenue, she entered the park at Seventy-second street, following the pathway until she came to the bend in the driveway op-



"What a young girl you are to have made such a stir!"

posite the Casino. The park was almost deserted at that hour, and there was a delightful sense of solitude and a sweet scent of new mown hay from the freshly cut lawns. She found an empty bench, well shaded by an over-spreading tree, and sat down, grateful for the rest and quiet.

She wondered what Jefferson thought of her action in coming to his father's house practically in disguise and under an assumed name. She must see him at once, for in his lay her hope of obtaining possession of the letters. Certainly she felt no delicacy or compunction in asking Jefferson to do her this service. The letters belonged to her father, and they were being wrongfully withheld with the deliberate purpose of doing him an injury. She had a moral, if not a legal right to recover the letters in any way that she could.

She was so deeply engrossed in her thoughts that she had not noticed a hansom cab which suddenly drew up with a jerk at the curb opposite her bench. A man jumped out. It was Jefferson.

"Hello, Shirley," he cried gayly. "Who would have expected to find you rusticated on a bench here? I pictured you grinding away at home doing literary stunts for the governor." He grinned and then added: "Come for a drive. I want to talk to you."

Shirley demurred. No; she could not spare the time. Yet, she thought to herself, why was not this a good opportunity to explain to Jefferson how he came to find her in his father's library masquerading under another name and also to ask him to secure the letters for her? While she pondered Jefferson insisted, and a few minutes later she found herself sitting beside him in the cab. They started off at a brisk pace, Shirley sitting with her head back, enjoying the strong breeze caused by the rapid motion.

"Now tell me," he said, "what does it all mean? I was so startled at seeing you in the library the other day that I almost betrayed you. How did you come to call on father?"

Briefly Shirley explained every-

thing told him how Mr. Ryder had written to her asking her to call and see him and how she had eagerly seized at this last straw in the hope of helping her father. She told him about the letters, explaining how necessary they were for her father's defense and how she had discovered them. Mr. Ryder, she said, had seemed to take a fancy to her and had asked her to remain in the house as his guest while she was compiling his biography, and she had accepted the offer not so much for the amount of money involved as for the splendid opportunity it afforded her to gain possession of the letters.

"So that is the mysterious work you spoke of, to get those letters?" said Jefferson.

"Yes; that is my mission. It was a secret. I couldn't tell you. I couldn't tell any one. Only Judge Stott knows. He is aware I have found them and is hourly expecting to receive them from me. And now," she said, "I want your help."

His only answer was to grasp tighter the hand she had laid in his. She knew that she would not have to explain the nature of the service she wanted. He understood.

"Where are the letters?" he demanded.

"In the left hand drawer of your father's desk," she answered.

He was silent for a few moments, and then he said simply:

"I will get them."

The cab by this time had got as far as Claremont, and from the hill summit they had a splendid view of the broad sweep of the majestic Hudson and the towering walls of the blue palisades. The day was so beautiful and the air so invigorating that Jefferson suggested a ramble along the banks of the river. They could leave the cab at Claremont and drive back to the city later. Shirley was too grateful to him for his promise of cooperation to make any further opposition, and soon they were far away from beaten highways, down on the banks of the historic stream, picking flowers and laughing merrily like two truant children bent on a self made holiday. The place they had reached was just outside the northern boundaries of Harlem, a sylvan spot still unspoiled by the rude invasion of the flat-house bulider. The land, thickly wooded, sloped down sharply to the water, and the perfect quiet was broken only by the washing of the tiny surf against the river bank and the shrill notes of the birds in the trees.

Although it was late in October, the day was warm, and Shirley soon tired of climbing over bramble entangled verdure. The rich grass underfoot looked cool and inviting, and the natural slope of the ground affording an ideal resting place she sat there, with Jefferson stretched out at her feet, both watching idly the dancing waters of the broad Hudson, spangled with gleams of light, as they swept swiftly by on their journey to the sea.

"Shirley," said Jefferson suddenly, "I suppose you saw that ridiculous story about my alleged engagement to Miss Roberts. I hope you understood that it was done without my consent."

"If I did not guess it, Jeff," she answered, "your assurance would be sufficient. Besides," she added, "what right have I to object?"

"But I want you to have the right," he replied earnestly. "I'm going to stop this Roberts nonsense in a way my father hardly anticipates. I'm just waiting a chance to talk to him. I'll show him the absurdity of announcing me engaged to a girl who is about to elope with his private secretary!"

"Elope with the secretary!" exclaimed Shirley.

Jefferson told all about the letter he had found on the staircase and the Hon. Fitzroy Bagley's plans for a runaway marriage with the senator's wealthy daughter.

"It's a godsend to me," he said gleefully. "Their plan is to get married next Wednesday. I'll see my father on Tuesday. I'll put the evidence in his hands, and I don't think," he added grimly, "he'll bother me any more

about Miss Roberts."

"So you're not going away now?" said Shirley, smiling down at him.

He sat up and leaned over toward her.

"I can't, Shirley, I simply can't," he replied, his voice trembling. "You are more to me than I dreamed a woman could ever be. I realize it more forcibly every day. There is no use fighting against it. Without you my work, my life, means nothing."

Shirley shook her head and averted her eyes.

"Don't let us speak of that, Jeff," she pleaded gently. "I told you I did not belong to myself while my father was in peril."

"But I must speak of it," he interrupted. "Shirley, you do yourself an injustice as well as me. You are not indifferent to me—I feel that. Then why raise this barrier between us?"

A soft light stole into the girl's eyes. Ah, it was good to feel there was some one to whom she was everything in the world!

"Don't ask me to betray my trust, Jeff," she faltered. "You know I am not indifferent to you—far from it. But I—"

He came closer until his face nearly touched hers.

"I love you—I want you," he murmured feverishly. "Give me the right to claim you before all the world as my future wife!"

Every note of his rich, manly voice, vibrating with impetuous passion, sounded in Shirley's ear like a soft caress. She closed her eyes. A strange feeling of languor was stealing over her; a mysterious thrill passed through her whole body. The eternal, inevitable sex instinct was disturbing for the first time a woman whose life had been singularly free from such influences, putting to flight all the calculations and resolves her cooler judgment had made. The sensuous charm of the place—the distant splash of the water, the singing of the birds, the fragrance of the trees and grass—all these symbols of the joy of life conspired to arouse the love hunger of the woman. Why, after all, should she not know happiness like other women? She had a sacred duty to perform, it was true, but would it be less well done because she declined to stifle the natural leanings of her womanhood? Both her soul and her body called out: "Let this man love you; give yourself to him; he is worthy of your love."

Half unconsciously she listened to his ardent wooing, her eyes shut, as he spoke quickly, passionately, his breath warm upon her cheek:

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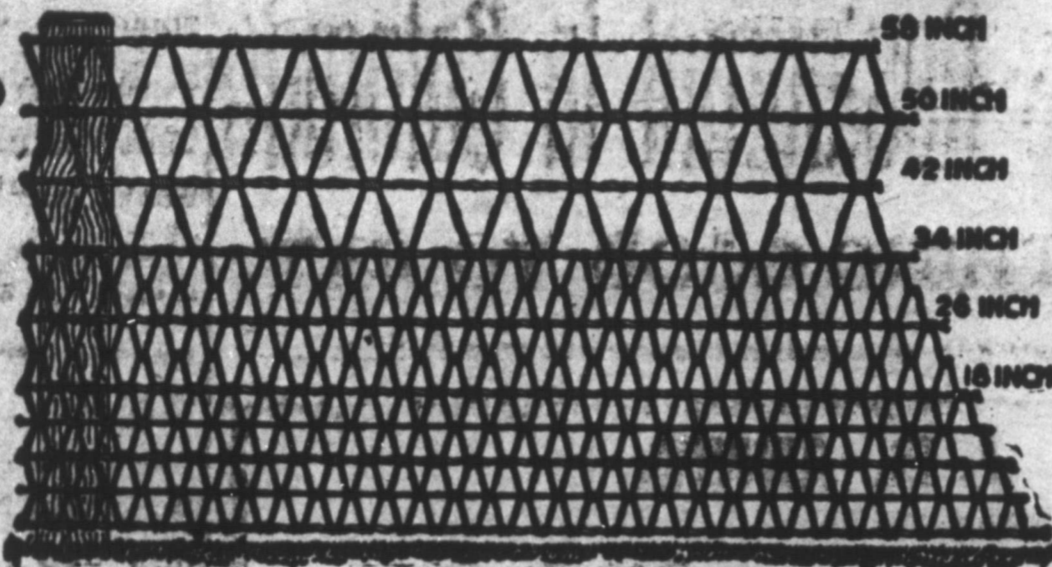
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has been good to the sinner as well as to the saint, he has caused the rain to fall upon the unjust as well as the just, and yet how far we fall short of our duty to our Maker. A great many people, certainly misconstrue the object and purposes of Thanksgiving day. There are some who with gun and dog take to the fields to shoot the innocent and unsuspecting quail or dove; many others, for any kind of sport, fun or frolic, amusements of any nature, anything but the real purpose for which this day was intended. Some few have a different view and these will remain at home and talk, and discuss their neighbors, their faults and habits, not for a moment do they speak of the good traits of these friends and neighbors, but gossiping and tattling seems to be the ruling enjoyment of the day. Then there is a class, who will know the object and purpose of Thanksgiving day and this class though small, yes; very small, will respect this good day and spend it as the day should be.
 A few of these good people will meet in their holy sanctuary and there lift up their voices in prayer to their Master for the many blessings and comforts showered upon them and theirs. This class of people are few and far between, yet the good lord will hear and answer these prayers. My dear young men, stop and reflect e'er you desecrate this great and good day. Celebrate it as it should be and as it was intended to be, a day of prayer and thanksgiving to our good Master for his goodness and kindness to us through all of our lives. As the day rolls around we oft times reflect when we see the youth of the country preparing for wicked and sinful sport that he intends to participate in, how greatly the meaning of this good day is misconstrued. Turn over a new leaf, young man, in life's history and vow to do so no more, but instead assemble with those who do know and who will always be found doing the right thing at your church, and there in humble submission to His will, offer up to your good Master a prayer for his blessings,
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Gall, Texas, Nov. 27, 1907.

We are experiencing what is usually termed a financial crises. The history of the past shows that they occur at pretty regular intervals of about 20 years, and at such times capital takes a scar, withdraws its money from the depositories of the country, creating a scarcity of the medium of exchange, and consequent business depression. When the panic is over timid capital ventures out into the marts of business, and we witness again a normal condition of trade. The present crises is not traceable to any great adversity as pestilence, famine or War to exhaust our supply of money. Since the Cuban and Philippine wars this country has enjoyed an unbroken season of prosperity, steadily developing and discovering new sources of wealth. It is not due to lack of money, but to an inadequate circulation. It is attributed to wild speculation in stocks or collaterals not negotiable. In the spring and summer it is said that the money of the country no being required in moving the crops or in trade flowed back into the banks of the country creating a surplus which tempted to gambling, wild speculation and reckless investments, and now instead of money sufficient for the business of the country banks hold collaterals which have declined, and upon which they cannot realize. We hope some plan will be devised by the next Congress by which the government may be able to prevent in future capitalists from causing financial panics and the business loss and depression which always accompanies them.

An Appeal to Texas Democrats.

To the Democrats of Texas:

Friends of the cause which is set forth in the following declaration of principles are requested to cut it out, paste it on a sheet of paper, and secure and send in signatures thereto at Dallas, Texas.

Funds are needed to push this

movement with vigor. Hon. George W. Riddle, banker, of Dallas, has kindly consented to act as treasurer, and all contributions in this behalf should be sent to him.

E. G. SENTER, Chairman.
Dallas, Texas.

1.

The objects of this organization are:

1. To encourage and support those officials who respect public office as a public trust, and who courageously fight corrupting influences and contend for the highest standards of official duty, and to oppose all those who make merchandise of official honors or who, in any way, betray public trusts.

2. To have submitted to the Democratic voters of Texas, at the next general primary election, under the Terrell election law, the issue of the approval or disapproval of J. W. Bailey's relations with trusts and trust magnates through a vote by the people upon a call for his retirement from the United States Senate.

II.

The domicile of this organization shall be in Dallas Texas, and its affairs shall be managed by an executive committee, representing different sections of the State.

III.

We, the undersigned Democratic voter of the postoffice of _____ County of _____ hereby become members of the Democratic Club of Texas upon above declaration of principles and purposes.

The Convict—His Family—Law

It is urged that convicts must not be kept idle, that they must earn their living, that the people should not be taxed to feed and clothe an army of criminals, and so forth and so forth.

Let us see how this works. The state arrests a young fellow, who, let us say, in a drunken quarrel has stabbed a companion. He is hurried away to prison. He is brought into court, tried and convicted. He is sent to prison for five years or for ten years, or for life. All the while a young wife and half dozen little children are left without their natural protector and support. They huddle in a corner of the court room. They hear the lawyers' yawp. They listen to the verdict. The case is closed. The young father is bundled off in one direction in chains. The young family is turned off in another in tears. The state takes the time, the earnings of the one itself, leaving the other to starve the mother dies of despair. The boys grow up thieves. The girls harlots. The law is vindicated. The tax payer is protected. The criminal

classes are replenished. Is it not damnable? Does not the society which tolerates such monstrosities deserve all the evils it entails upon itself? The state has no right to take that man's labor from his wife and children and give them no equivalent. It should

punish the guilty, not the innocent. Every dollar that is diverted in this way from the natural needs of the helpless to the uses of the public, is base blood money that should and does carry with it the curse of God.

THE WIGWAUM RESTAURANT

Is the only First Class restaurant in Big Springs with Ladies dining room. Cold Drinks and Ice Cream. Regular Dinners 25 cts. Short orders day and night. Come and See Us.

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Who

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They will treat you right on your house bills too.

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The New Idea Woman's Magazine contains over 100 pages each month of fashions, dressmaking, needlework and household helps.

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These two publications furnish reading for every member of the household.

CITIZEN, \$1 Per Year

Local and Personal

Mr. D. W. Godwin also Mr. Jim Christopher were in town working a young horse Sunday.

Mr. Jesse Walker made a business trip to Big Springs this week.

The O. B. ranch hands left for Big Springs with a herd of cattle last Friday.

J. A. Arnett was in town on business Tuesday.

Mr. G. A. Brazil was in town Tuesday trading.

Messrs. J. H. Berry and T. M. Jones made a business trip to Big Springs last week.

Mr. J. K. Mitchell was in town on business Saturday.

Mr. Ford Coates was here Saturday.

Mrs. Snyder was in town trading Saturday.

Mr. Cab Whitaker was chatting with his friends in Gail last Monday.

Mr. John Williams was here Monday.

Mr. Patton was on our streets last Tuesday.

Mr. Hester and son Rex were in town trading Monday.

Mr. Walter Hill was shaking hands with friends on our streets Tuesday.

Mrs. Morrison of the plains, who was called to the bedside of her father here last week, reports everything on the plains looking nice.

Plainview School House.

We are having some misty weather and work is being postponed.

Messrs. Jones, Beach and Brooks went to Tahoka Saturday. Mr. Beach did not return until Sunday, he carried two bales of cotton.

Messrs. Elbert Mayfield and P. C. Parker have been picking cotton for Tom King.

Mr. Garley Dargitzs spent last Sunday night with the family of Jno. Berry.

Mr. A. L. Jones and family spent last Sunday with Mr. Berry's family.

Miss Sallie Beach spent last Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. Rains.

Mrs. Jno. Hughes is sick at her sister-in-law's, Mrs. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Kincheloe dined with their friend Miss Sallie Beach last Saturday en route

A good place to spend your cash is at J. D. McDonald's, dealer in Fruits, Candies, Groceries and Notions Crockery and Tinware. One door east of A. G. Halls store, Big Springs, Texas.

G. Samson, a Stone cutter from Forfar Scotland, arrived here Monday evening. Mr. Samson was on his way to Post City to join his partner, James Napier a stone mason of Montrose, Scotland both of whom are engaged on the Post City work.

For the best hacks, and buggies, see D. P. Strayhorn. "They are good for money."

\$1.50 per day

COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Fare, the best the market affords

Nice, neat and comfortable beds

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Shop Made Bits and Spurs

Shop Made Saddles and Harness

All work and Material guaranteed.

Gail Blacksmith Shop

J. C. Babb, Prop.

All kinds of Blacksmithing Wheelright and Woodwork also Horse shoeing promptly done and satisfaction guaranteed.

West side public square

Gail Texas

to Lamesa they had been to Post City.

Mrs. Rains and sister, Miss Sallie Beach called on Mrs. Richard Brooks Sunday eve.

Mr. Farris started to Donley county last Thursday to see about selling his crop near McClain.

Misses Amus and Cora Baty spent last Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Laura Salyers.

Mr. Luke Riley has purchased a span of mules.

Mr. Wm. Salyers is drilling a well for Mr. Henderson of Draw community.

Messrs. Rains and Beach will start to Big Springs Tuesday if weather will permit.

Mr. N. G. Betenbough spent last Wednesday night with Mr.

Rains on the way to Tahoka with a bale of Cotton

A few farmers have started to breaking sod.

Mr. Drew Wilson of Tahoka moved a house from Mr. James Weems to Tahoka for his own use.

Mr. Jones of Draw community purchased a house from Mr. Farris and moved it to his place.

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

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

Oklahoma State.

On last Saturday morning the Indian and Oklahoma territories were admitted as one state (the 46th) of the Union. The President attached his signature to the Oklahoma Constitution and to the proclamation declaring it a state of the Union. We doubt whether any of the former states were so well prepared for statehood at the the time of admission as Oklahoma. She comes in as a prohibition state and a constitution framed to suit all the requirements of modern government, not surpassed in excellency by that of any of the States of the Union.

Oklahoma leads all the states in mineral wealth and her soil

is rich and productive. As a territory she has made rapid advancement in population, in building cities and towns, in her educational institutions and in all the requirements to fit her for statehood. Admitted under such favorable auspices Oklahoma is destined we think to become one of our richest and most prosperous States.

Just received a car of the Old Reliable Peter Schuttler broad tire wagons,

D. P. STRAYHORN,

Successor to Cole & Strayhorn

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

J. K. Mitchell.

Gail, Texas.

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

R. F. POWEL, Mgr.

To Those who are indebted to Me.

I am now having heavy obligations to meet and must rely on those whom I have favored to aid me. All who are indebted to me, either by note or account are earnestly requested to settle at once.

Respectfully

J. W. CHANDLER.

For Sale

Four work mules, two horses and six sets of harness. Also a new Peter Schuttler Wagon. Price \$875.

J. B. DITTO,

Ira, Texas.

Get my prices on cattle Dip Paint, Wall paper (Phonographs and records a specialty.)

W. L. DOSS.

Colorado, Texas.

It is a generally conceded fact the country weekly newspaper, no matter how limited its circulation or how poorly printed, is a power for public good, a champion and defender of the rights of the masses. The country press has originated and forced practically every movement resulting in public benefit, and is today the chief bulwark of our national liberty.—Barnhart Book.

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Clean and well kept rooms. Excellent Table Service.

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Carry the best assortment of Furniture, Stoves etc. ever offered to the people of West Texas. Second hand goods bought and sold. Write or call and see us when in the City.

Undertakers goods.

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\$3.25 GIVEN AWAY

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We will save you that much on the price of the Citizen, the Western Breeders' Journal, the Woman's Home Companion, the American Monthly Review of Reviews and the Cosmopolitan Magazine if you order them through us. Let the figures talk.

Price Each per Year Taken Separately:

The Borden Citizen	1.00
Western Breeders' Journal	.25
Woman's Home Companion	1.00
American Review of Reviews	3.00
Cosmopolitan Magazine	1.00

TOTAL \$6.25

These fine periodicals conform to the highest standard of literary merit in their respective fields and are well worth the above named prices, but since nothing is too good for our patrons, we have made arrangements whereby we are enabled to offer you

All 5 for \$3.00

And we save you all the trouble of writing letters and sending money.



Teachers Institute.

On Friday night Dec. 6, the teachers institute will be favored with an address by J. S. Crumpton. Mr. Crumpton is an able speaker and always has something good to say. The people of Gail and surrounding country are hereby given an urgent invitation to be present on that occasion. There will be other things on that program and we feel sure that we can promise every one an enjoyable time. Mr. Crumpton is candidate for district attorney for this district.

The teachers will meet each day at the school house. A critical study of Whites School Management is to be made and each teacher is expected to have

a paper on some phase of school work. Teachers in the county are hereby notified of the date. Dec. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Miss Stella Nisbett left Monday for Light where she will teach school this winter.

Mr. Jesse Walker returned from Big Springs Wednesday.

W. J. French of Terry county a former citizen of Borden is in Gail today shaking hands with his old friends and acquaintances.

J. B. Baunest representing the Bliss Syrup co of Kansas City and Sam Kelsey of the McCord Collin Co., of Fort Worth are taking orders in Gail today.

THOMPSON HOTEL.

Nice Beds
Good service
Well supplied table

Beds 50 ets.
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Rates
\$1.50 per day
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Clean and well kept rooms. Excel-
lent Table Service.

COLORADO, TEXAS.

J. C. Babb the black smith is
putting up a tent for a tempor-
ary lodging place West of the
square.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pierce
have a sick child this week.

Mrs. J. A. Smith who has been
sick for some time is much bet-
ter this week.

Mr. Harvey Everett, who has
been sick for several days, is
able to return to school.

Mrs. B. N. Green was shop-
ping in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris-
son are visiting the home of
T. D. Cathey who has been very
sick but is better.

Mr. Hoy also Mr. Hamilton
were in town trading on wednes-
day.

Mr. Graham Whitaker was in
town on business Wednesday.

Mr. A. M. Tredway and son,
Tom were in town trading Wed-
nesday.

Mr. W. N. Collier was here
Wednesday.

Mrs. Reed and little daughter
are very ill with the fever.

Mr. Tom Cotten returned
from Howard county Monday.

Mr. Frank Burke is here visit-
ing the home of J. H. Cotten.

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