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Speaking of volcanoes, earthquakes and other great convulsions of nature, it may be well to remember that there are some things even more destructive; witness a tale that is told of an occurrence during the earthquake in Charleston, South Carolina, several years ago.

A resident of the shaken city, while he felt that his duties required him to remain there to do what he might for the sufferers, sent his six-year-old son out of the danger and confusion to the youngest's grandfather in New York. Three days after the boy's arrival the Charleston man received this telegram from his father: "Send us your earthquake and take back your boy."

A man, now middle aged, whose boyhood home was in the same fertile region, was wont to recall a very severe freshet that swept

the old homestead away. "And the next thing I saw of father," he would say at a thrilling point of the narrative, "he was sailing downstream on the dining room table."

"And what did you do?" would be the invariable query.

"Oh, I accompanied him on the piano,"—Woman's Home Companion.

Henry Hollar who has been away for sometime superintending the building of a rent house on his ranch, got home again Saturday evening.

W. S. McClung left here Tuesday morning to visit relatives at Calvert, Texas, and will probably be absent some two weeks.

J. H. Smoot lost a horse last week with blind staggers from eating June corn and has three others affected from some cause.

Claud Gill and a Mr. Griffin representing the J. M. Radford Grocery Company of Abilene were taking orders here on Tuesday.

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**Clerks Annual Statement.**

Clerks annual Statement of the assets, receipts and expenditures of the different county Funds for the year beginning Feb. 1st 1908 to Feb. 1st 1909.

**JURY FUND 1ST CLASS.**

To Balance on hand	\$641.68	
To Amt. received during year	3 32	
By Amt. paid out during year		\$244.34
By Amt. to Balance		400.66
Balance	645.00	645 00
To Balance on hand	400.66	

**ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND NO. 1 2ND CLASS**

To Balance on hand	\$2465.15	
To Amt. received during year	1810.03	
By Amt. paid out during year		\$1899.67
By Amt. to balance		2375.51
Balance	4275.18	4275.18
To Balance on hand	2375.51	

**GENERAL FUND 3RD CLASS**

To Balance on hand	\$195.35	
To Amt. received during year	5564.12	
By Amt. paid out during year		\$5488.21
By Amt. to balance		271.26
Balance	5759.47	5759.47
To Balance on hand	271.26	

**COURT HOUSE FUND 4TH CLASS.**

To Balance on hand	\$3699.10	
To Amt. received during year	1206 67	
By Amt. paid out		\$2389.74
By Amt. to balance		2516.03
Balance	4905.77	4905.77
To balance on hand	2516.03	

**JAIL FUND 5TH CLASS**

To Balance on hand	\$1690.71	
By Amt. received during year	724.02	
By Amt. paid out during year		\$249.35
By Amt. to balance		2165.38
Balance	2414.73	2414 73
To Balance on hand	2165.38	

**ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND NO. 2 6TH CLASS.**

To Balance on hand	33.79	
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To Amt. received during year	1226.64	
By Amt. paid out during year		1046.05
By Amt. to balance		214.38
Balance	1260.43	1260.43
To Balance on hand	214.38	

**SCHOOL FUND 7TH CLASS**

To Balance on hand	\$1380.20	
To Amt. received during year	3070.32	
By Amt. paid out during year		\$3717.62
By Amt. to balance		732.90
Balance	4450.52	4450.52
To Balance on hand	732.90	

The State of Texas }  
 County of Borden } I, J. S. Weatherford, County Clerk in and for Borden county, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct statement of the assets, receipts and expenditures of the different county funds of Borden county, Texas, for the year beginning Feb. 1st 1908 and ending Jan 31st, 1909.

Given under my hand and SEAL of office this 26th day of Feb. 1909.

SEAL

J. S. WEATHERFORD,  
 County Clerk Borden county, Texas.

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**District Officers**

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 R N Grisham Attorney  
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 Jno. R. Williams Sheriff  
 J S Weatherford Clerk  
 M H Leake Treasurer  
 H R Debenport Attorney  
 Court convenes 1st Modday in February, May, August and November.

**Commissioners**

F M Christopher Praet. No. 1  
 Francis Abney " " 2  
 Walter Bishop " " 3  
 C E Reeder " " 4

**Secret Orders**

Masons meet on Saturday night on or preceeding the full moon.

W. O. W. meets 1st Saturday night after each full moon and on Saturday night two weeks thereafter.

Gail Commercial Club meets 2nd Thursday night of each month.

**Churches**

Methodist preaching every 4th Sunday, Rev. J L B Cash, preacher in charge.

Church of Crist, preaching every 2nd Lords day, Eld. J L Roberson, pastor. Ladies Home Mission Society meets every Thursday afternoon

Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night.

Prof. Bills was visiting Ma. and Mrs. W. A. Clark Saturday and Sunday.

J. M. Rodgers and son were in Gail on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs J. W. Clark from the river were here last Saturday.

Ed Gober went to Big Springs Tuesday where he has employment

J. K. Mitchell had business in town on last Tuesday.

W. N. Ross had business in Gail on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumby entertained a number of young folks on last Friday night.

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W. N. Collier left Gail on Monday morning on his way to Fort Worth with some stock to exhibit at the Stock Show.



# The Woman In the Alcove

By ANNA KATHARINE GREEN.

Author of "The Millionaire Baby," "The Filigree Ball," "The House in the Mist," "The Amethyst Box," Etc.

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a wealthy commoner's purse, he was to buy it. Upon inspection it was found to be all that was claimed, with one exception. In the center of one of the facets was a flaw, but as this was considered to mark the diamond and rather add to than detract from its value as a traditional stone with many historical associations it was finally purchased by Mr. Grey and placed among his treasures in his manor house in Kent. Never a suspicious man, he took delight in exhibiting this acquisition to such of his friends and acquaintances as were likely to feel any interest in it, and it was not an uncommon thing for him to allow it to pass from hand to hand while he pottered over his other treasures and displayed this and that to such as had no eyes for the diamond.

It was after one such occasion that he found on taking the stone in his hand to replace it in the safe he had had built for it in one of his cabinets that it did not strike his eye with its usual force and brilliancy, and on examining it closely he discovered the

absence of the telltale flaw. Struck with dismay, he submitted it to a still more rigid inspection, when he found that what he held was not even a diamond, but a worthless bit of glass, which had been substituted by some cunning knave for his invaluable gem.

For the moment his humiliation almost equaled his sense of loss. He had been so often warned of the danger he ran in letting so priceless an object pass around under all eyes but his own. His wife and friends had prophesied some such loss as this not once, but many times, and he had always laughed at their fears, saying that he knew his friends and there was not a scamp among them. But now he saw it proved that even the intuition of a man well versed in human nature is not always infallible, and, ashamed of his past laxness and more ashamed yet of the doubts which this experience called up in regard to all his friends, he shut up the false stone with his usual care and buried his loss in his own bosom till he could sift his impressions and recall with some degree of probability the circumstances under which this exchange could have been made.

It had not been made that evening. Of this he was positive. The only persons present on this occasion were friends of such standing and repute that suspicion in their regard was simply monstrous. When and to whom, then, had he shown the diamond last? Alas, it had been a long month since he had shown the jewel. Cecilia, his youngest daughter, had died in the interim; therefore his mind had not been on jewels. A month!—time for his precious diamond to have been carried back to the east! Time for it to have been recut! Surely it was lost to him forever, unless he could immediately locate the person who had robbed him of it.

But this promised difficulties. He could not remember just what persons he had entertained on that especial day in his little hall of cabinets, and, when he did succeed in getting a list of them from his butler, he was by no means sure that it included the full number of his guests. His own memory was execrable, and, in short, he had but few facts to offer to the discreet agent sent up from Scotland Yard one morning to hear his con-

plaint and act secretly in his interests. He could give him carte blanche to carry on his inquiries in the diamond market, but little else. And while this seemed to satisfy the agent, it did not lead to any gratifying result to himself, and he had thoroughly made up his mind to swallow his loss and say nothing about it, when one day a young cousin of his living in great style in an adjoining county informed him that in some mysterious way he had lost from his collection of arms a unique and highly prized stiletto of Italian workmanship.

Startled by this coincidence, Mr. Grey ventured upon a question or two which led to his cousin's confiding to him the fact that this article had disappeared after a large supper given by him to a number of friends and gentlemen from London. This piece of knowledge, still further coinciding with his own experience, caused Mr. Grey to ask for a list of his guests in the hope of finding among them one who had been in his own house.

His cousin, quite unconscious of the motives underlying this request, basted to write out this list, and together they pored over the names, crossing out such as were absolutely above suspicion. When they had reached the end of the list, but two names remained uncrossed. One was that of a rattle pated youth who had come in the wake of a highly reputed connection of theirs and the other that of an American tourist who gave all the evidences of great wealth and had presented letters to leading men in London which had insured him attentions not usually accorded to foreigners. This man's name was Fairbrother, and the moment Mr. Grey heard it he recalled the fact that an American with a peculiar name, but with a reputation for wealth, had been among his guests on the suspected evening.

Hiding the effect produced upon him by this discovery, he placed his finger on this name and begged his cousin to look up its owner's antecedents and present reputation in America; but, not content with this, he sent his own agent over to New York, whither, as he soon learned, this gentleman had returned. The result was an apparent vindication of the suspected American. He was found to be a well known citizen of the great metropolis, moving in the highest circles and with a reputation for wealth won by an extraordinary business instinct.

To be sure, he had not always enjoyed these distinctions. Like many another self made man, he had risen from a menial position in a western mining camp to be the owner of a mine himself and so up through the various gradations of a successful life to a position among the foremost business men of New York. In all these changes he had maintained a name for honest if not generous dealing. He lived in great style, had married and was known to have but one extravagant fancy. This was for the unique and curious in art, a taste which, if report spoke true, cost him many thousands each year.

This last was the only clause in the report which pointed in any way toward this man being the possible abstractor of the Great Mogul, as Mr. Grey's famous diamond was called, and the latter was too just a man and too much of a fancier in this line himself to let a fact of this kind weigh against the favorable nature of the rest. So he recalled his agent, double locked his

cabinets and continued to confine his display of valuables to articles which did not suggest jewels. Thus three years passed, when one day he heard mention made of a wonderful diamond

which had been seen in New York. From its description he gathered that it must be the one surreptitiously abstracted from his cabinet, and when, after some careful inquiries, he learned that the name of its possessor was Fairbrother, he awoke to his old suspicions and determined to probe this matter to the bottom—but secretly. He still had too much consideration to attack a man in high position without full proof.

Knowing of no one he could trust with so delicate an inquiry as this had now become, he decided to undertake it himself, and for this purpose embraced the first opportunity to cross the water. He took his daughter with him because he had resolved never to let his one remaining child out of his sight. But she knew nothing of his plans or reason for travel. No one did. Indeed, only his lawyer and the police were aware of the loss of his diamond.

His first surprise on landing was to learn that Mr. Fairbrother, of whose marriage he had heard, had quarreled with his wife and that, in the separation which had occurred, the diamond had fallen to her share and was consequently in her possession at the present moment.

This changed matters, and Mr. Grey's only thought now was to surprise her with the diamond on her person and by one glance assure himself that it was indeed the Great Mogul. Since Mrs. Fairbrother was reported to be a beautiful woman and a great society belle, he saw no reason why he should not meet her publicly, and that very soon. He therefore accepted invitations and attended theaters and balls, though his daughter had suffered from her voyage and was not able to accompany him. But alas! He soon learned that Mrs. Fairbrother was never seen with her diamond and, one evening after an introduction at the opera, that she never talked about it. So there he was, balked on the very threshold of his enterprise, and, recognizing the fact, was preparing to take his now seriously ailing daughter south, when he received an invitation to a ball of such a select character that he decided to remain for it, in the hope that Mrs. Fairbrother would be tempted to put on all her splendor for so magnificent a function and thus gratify him with a sight of his own diamond. During the days that intervened he saw her several times and very soon decided that, in spite of her reticence in regard to this gem, she was not sufficiently in her husband's confidence to know the secret of its real ownership. This encouraged him to attempt piquing her into wearing the diamond on this occasion. He talked of precious stones and finally of his own, declaring that he had a connoisseur's eye for a fine diamond, but had seen none as yet in America to compete with a specimen or two he had in his own cabinets. Her eyes flashed at this and, though she said nothing, he felt sure that her presence at Mr. Ramsdell's house would be enlivened by her great jewel.

So much for Mr. Grey's attitude in this matter up to the night of the ball. It is interesting enough, but that of Abner Fairbrother is more interesting still and much more serious.

His was, indeed, the hand which had abstracted the diamond from Mr. Grey's collection. Under ordinary conditions he was an honest man. He prized his good name and would not willingly risk it, but he had little real conscience, and once his passions were aroused nothing short of the object desired would content him. At once forceful and subtle, he had at his command infinite resources which his wandering and eventful life had heightened almost to the point of genius. He saw this stone and at once felt an inordinate desire to possess it. He

To be continued.

## HISTORIC FIGURE.

Chief Quanah Parker of Comanche Indians Half Breed.

## RECALLS BYGONE DAYS.

His Mother Captured in Indian Raid—When a Child—Never Returned to Whites—He Will Attend Fat Stock Show.

Chief Quanah Parker of the Comanches and Chief Geronimo of the Apaches are easily the foremost living Indian chiefs of today. They are as truly historic figures as is King Phillip of Colonial days, and their lives mark epochs in the history of the nation. Both of the famous chiefs will be seen at the head of forty braves in daily street parades in Fort Worth during the National Feeders and Breeders' Show, to be held in that city March 13 to 20. Both these chiefs and the braves which they head will also be seen in daily exhibitions to be held in the arena at the Coliseum on paint ponies from Jurke Burnett's ranch.

Chief Quanah Parker is the son of Cynthia Ann Parker, the white girl who was stolen from her father's ranch near what is now Groesbeck, Tex., in 1836, and of Peta Nacona, the Indian chief who married her after she had grown to womanhood in the tribe. Geronimo is the grizzled old warrior of the Chiricahua Apaches, whose long war against the whites made his name a fearsome word all over the great west, even after he had been captured and put in prison with a guard of 5,000 soldiers. Probably never again will the opportunity be offered of seeing two such representatives of an age, hallowed in the history of the country. And this fact in itself, aside from the spectacle of the exhibitions to be given in the arena, will doubtless serve to draw large crowds to the show, which promises to be the largest and most successful ever held by the Feeders and Breeders' association.



MINA'S DIAMOND.

A high grade registered Shorthorn, No. 292,459, owned by Frank Schofield, Hillsboro, Tex.

## FARMERS' DAY MARCH 19.

Management to Encourage Raising Fine Horses.

The inauguration of "Farmers' Day" at the National Feeders and Breeders' Show, to be held at Fort Worth March 13 to 20, has met with the heartiest endorsement of the farmers and stockmen of the southwest. Friday, March 19, has been set apart for this day, on which the various grade draft and grade coach horses and mules will be judged. No entry fee will be charged, and there will be no expense whatever in connection with entering stock in these classes.

Many farmers within a radius of thirty miles of that city have announced their intention of driving in the night before, resting their animals over night, and entering them the following morning, the entry books remaining open until 9:30 of that day. Others from more distant points will ship their stock in, but either case affords an opportunity, at very limited expense, to exhibit horses, and perhaps win one of the coveted prizes.



## STRANGE SHEEP.

Caraculs From Persia to Be Seen at Fat Stock Show.

### FAMOUS PERSIAN LAMB.

From Young of Caracul Sheep That Valuable Fur Is Obtained—Dr. Young Expects Shipment Before Show Opens.

Who has not seen and admired the soft fur, known to commerce as "Persian lamb?" But how many have ever seen the Caracul sheep, from the young of which this beautiful fur is obtained? The management of the National Feeders and Breeders' Show, to be held in Fort Worth March 13 to 20, hope and expect to have a herd of these sheep on exhibition when the show opens.

Dr. C. C. Young, the government livestock sanitary expert of Wichita Falls, who has devoted much time to the raising of sheep, has fifteen of these sheep on their way from far off Persia, the only place in the world where they are to be found. If they reach a port in time to pass the government inspection, they will be sent to Fort Worth and be placed on exhibition there.

These sheep are far below many of the breeds with which this country is familiar, so far as strict wool or mutton qualities are concerned, but they are the only source of supply of the famous Persian lamb skin, much esteemed in the north for the making of fur garments. When the baby lambs are born they have a coat of very soft, kinky, glassy fur, which loses its luster a few days after the lamb is born. It is for these baby lambs that the sheep are raised. They are a hardy breed, and stand great cold well.

Should Dr. Young's experiment prove successful, it is probable that a new industry will be added to the many Texas now has. The sheep will be kept on Dr. Young's ranch near Wichita Falls after being shown at the exhibit at Fort Worth.



ROYAL PRINCE.

A high grade registered Shorthorn, No. 234,662, exhibited at the National Feeders and Breeders' show last year. Owned by W. R. Hunt, Sildell, Tex.

### STRIKING TRANSFORMATION.

Will Be Shown at Fat Stock Show This Year.

Seventy-six years ago next May Chief Quannah Parker's grandfather, at the head of a band of marauding Comanche Indians, fell upon an outlying settlement and fort in Limestone county, murdered Benjamin Parker and most of the other settlers, and carried away as captives Parker's nine-year-old daughter, Cynthia Ann, and five other women and children. This year Chief Quannah Parker, son of that Cynthia Ann Parker, and of Peta Nocona, a war chief, comes to the National

Feeders and Breeders' Show at Fort Worth from March 13 to 20, with old Chief Geronimo and forty of their people, to take part in parades for the entertainment of visitors to the show.

From Limestone county, of the present day, will come prosperous stockmen with their families, to show, by their exhibits, the progress which has been made in the interval of time which has elapsed since the fateful day in the long ago. And here visitors will see one of the few links left directly connecting this day with those others, when an epoch has come into the history of the country. In no other way, and probably in no other time, will the transformation of the southwest from savagery to a rich and peaceful commonwealth be so vividly presented as by the show and these Indian warriors. In those days it was the farmer and the stockmen who pushed out into the wilds and claimed as his own the land; it was these Indians and their families who resisted their coming with all the savagery of their innate savage natures.

As is, perhaps, best fitting, the National Feeders and Breeders' Show brings together those formerly irreconcilable foes, and these two chiefs and their warriors will supply the pageant which shall more forcibly impress on visitors the radical changes which have come in this great southwest in the past seventy years.

## Menace of The Mask.

By Don Marquis in Uncle Remus

There is too much "pistol toting" and too much palliation of "pistol toting" all through the South. The mere possession of a deadly concealed weapon has a certain psychological effect upon the most conservative of temperaments. Upon even a strong character the "feel" of a pistol is likely to breed the desire to use the pistol.

Whether I am a weak character or not, I know it did in my case. I never carried one until I went into the Reelfoot Lake district and then I strapped one on just because every one else seemed to have one; it appeared to be the fashionable thing. The thing fascinated me so that before I had been wearing it two days I was yearning for a good excuse to use it. To be absolutely candid, my moral nature was all broken down; I became a sensationalist. I would likely have shot myself in the thigh, or knocked off the end of my thumb, or something of the sort, if I had tried to use it; but this personal testimony is merely to make clear the psychology of "pistol toting."

Of course a person who has carried one all his life—Heaven only knows what for?—likely gets so used to the thing—(gets to feeling so much as if it were a common place part of male equipment like a pair of suspenders)—that it does not make so much difference

to him as it did to me. His acquisition of a desire to commit homicide is more gradual than mine was. I yielded at once, and became a "pistol toter" without a struggle. After three days of this I put it aside, however, as the photographer who was with me declined to ride around in my company any more unless I did so. He said if it went off and hit me, it was alright; but he wasn't going to run any more risks of having it go off and hit a livery-stable horse that he was partially responsible for.

This sensationalism (which I have just confessed sharing)—this kind of vanity—this desire to feel that one can kill if one chooses—this cheap love of the spectacular is the quality which makes messenger boys that read the nickle libraries want to imitate the James brothers (not Henry and William, but Frank and Jesse)—it is a love of the romantic which has become cheapened and perverted. In most human beings, with average advantages and average education, it passes away rather early in life; or is reserved for a more legitimate and recog-

nized exercise, on the side of law and order, or in war-time, or in some dangerous calling.

But the tough nature, or the weak nature, does not care whether it is exercised on the side of recognized authority or not; it is simply its exercise that such a nature desires. He wants to see himself in a heroic attitude. I have no doubt that many of the Night Riders went into the thing just because it gave them an opportunity to ride around the country at night, in a silly masquerade, with guns in their hands and in their egotistic hearts that satisfying feeling that they belong to a band that runs things. When we were boys we all used to read about pirates and outlaws and wish either to join them or fight against them. We laugh at the feeling now. But a number of the Night Riders are young men with the boy's mentality and sentimentality who have joined a band for no other or deeper reason than that which actuates the boy who plays Indian.

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the South, cannot be convinced that habitually to carry a pistol—unless on occasions where one is really needed—is a foolish thing to do, they can at least be convinced that it is an expensive habit. The laws against carrying concealed weapons are good enough; all that is needed is their general enforcement by the proper authorities. Such enforcement would of ten, in various localities, be an unpopular thing; that is the reason that the "pistol toting" habit prevails so extensively. And the habit is a feeder for all sorts of lawlessness; it fixes and fosters the suggestion of homicide. Surely we have learned it is always easier to prevent lawlessness than it is to stop it after it gets started.

The killing of Ex-Senator Carmack, who was editor of the Nashville Tennessean, on the streets of Nashville a few months ago, has been represented as "a street duel. From the newspaper reports of the affair it does not appear that Carmack had any chance for his life; and in any event the affair was not a duel. Duelling has been frowned on in this country for several decades; but it would be better than such street killings as that of Carmack in Nashville, or that of Gonzales, in Columbia, a few years ago. In a duel each participant at least

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Big Springs, Texas.

has something like an equal chance; but when the "pistol toter" goes after his man it is not with the idea of giving him a chance for his life.

An expression of opinion with regard to the Carmack killing before the Coopers have had their trial would scarcely be proper; but there is this much to be said generally for such killings: If men of influence and a certain degree of prominence, like the Coopers in Tennessee, and the Tillmans in South Carolina, "tote" deadly weapons with which to settle their personal difficulties—if these men of a class who are supposed to have had certain educational advantages are "pistol toters", how then are the inhabitants of the Reelfoot Lake district, the Kentucky and Tennessee and Georgia mountaineers and the youths of the narrow inland villages all throughout the south, who are lacking in opportunities and position, to be taught the lesson that "pistol toting" is a vain, foolish, criminal and contemptible habit.

There is a certain degree of dignity, as well as a lot of barbarity, about a real duel, but there is nothing particularly dignified or "chivalrous" about getting the drop on a man and killing him before he can defend himself. It is a more cowardly way to kill than that of the wild beast it usually has the justification that he needs food; the wild beast does not merely desire blood. The man who goes gunning for an enemy usually has small grounds for even seeking a quarrel.

It is my hope and belief that the Night Rider bands will not spread to the cotton country. They need not do so if the sheriff of each county will do his duty and take vigorous action the moment the very first intimation of lawlessness reaches him.

And I am confident that in those districts where the Night Riders already exist the situation

which has been created will, in the end, react in a beneficial way. For nothing can so bring home to every inhabitant of a community the necessity of observing law as an era of lawbreaking.

### COMPULSORY EDUCATIONAL BILL.

Now Pending Before the Legislature and favorably considered.

It applies to all school districts except to cities of 5000 or more. It requires 120 days attendance of children within school age who live within 5 miles by the nearest road to the public school. A child under 9 years of age who resides one mile or more from the public school of the District of his residence is not subject to its provisions or if he lives more than three miles and has no conveyance or unable to furnish one, or where in case of sickness or extreme poverty the wages time and labor of such child is necessary to the support of a parent or a brother or a sister. It includes children between the ages of 7 and 14. The penalty for violation of this act by parent or person having charge of children is a fine of from \$5 to 25.

### Raising Meat

By George T. Smith, Pittsburg, Texas.

It matters not what kind of business one undertakes in life, the ultimate success of the undertaking must depend on its being made an economical proposition, for if it is not, then in course of time it will prove a failure, and will result in much loss of time and money, and it is so with the farm; for if we do not look to this one most important part of the undertaking, we must sooner or later come to distress and want, due to this fact, that

we did not make the foundation of the structure sufficiently broad and strong.

Now, beginning with the subject, "Why we should raise enough meat on the farm for home use."

Will say it has been demonstrated by thousands and thousands of good, successful farmers, who made ample arrangements, laying out a broad platform on which to build homes and fortunes, that of all things necessary they must look to growing the substantial things which go to making the farm and economical and successful business, and among those most needed on every well established farm is plenty of good and wholesome meat, grown at home, for the family use.

It is one of the most important of all, that the needs of the family be supplied with sufficient food grown at home, and meat is one of the most important of all, which can be grown at a very small cost when thoroughly understood and carried out, while on the other hand those who say, "I can't afford to raise my meat at home," generally are not only hard liners but are generally in debt, for it is both expensive and unsatisfactory to have to buy the meat for the family from the store, and it requires the profit he has made from the sale of other farm products to supply the meat sufficient to sustain his family. We find the farmer who makes up his mind to grow his meat at home usually does so, and it is surprising how soon it becomes a part of his regular business to look to the matter of growing some fine thoroughbred hogs and other farm animals in order to supply his family needs. Think how much more one gets out of having plenty of homemade sausage, back bones and ribs and some good country cured hams, and all can be had at a thorough understanding of the importance of grazing the stock on green pastures and giving them the necessary care and protection and the farmer who does not raise his own meat at home will sooner or later come to want and poor living, debt and ruin will be his portion.



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### THE COMMON SCHOOL

There's many a stately edifice  
With grand and stately walls,  
And many an institution rare  
With academic halls,  
And normal schools and colleges  
Where stern professors rule,  
But dearer far than all to me  
I count the Common School.

The Common School for one and all

A helping hand extends,  
It counts the poor as well as rich  
Among its list of friends.

It nothing knows of caste or sect  
(God grant it never may;)  
But may its record be unstained  
To many a distant day.

Our Common School! oh save  
that name

Forever from disgrace.  
Oh! raise it high in prominence;  
Give it an honored place.

The Common School! oh, let it  
stay

To educate the youth;  
It shall not wrong or error teach  
But plain and honest truth.

Oh! guard that institution well  
It is our country's pride,  
Within this much-loved land of  
ours

Let it in peace reside;  
And garland it with letters bright  
Which plainly shall declare:  
Our bulwark is the Common  
School;

Molest it if you dare.

### IMPRESSIONS.

It is a common saying and generally accepted as true that first impressions are most lasting

We are often led by instinct to form favorable or unfavorable impressions of persons on first sight, and this propensity manifests itself towards natural objects as well as toward persons. For instance a stranger who visits our country for the purpose of buying land and improving a

farm here.

He for the first time travels over one of our public roads, his opinion of the country and the people will be made up largely from the condition of the road he travels. If it is a turnpike or a nice graded or macadamized road, one that a conveyance glides smoothly over, he will enjoy his ride, be pleased with the country, and give its citizens credit for being an enterprising and progressive people. If on the other hand the road is rough and the stumps and deep ruts make his journey unpleasant and fatiguing, he will feel but little inclination to make his home in such a country.

The question suggests itself to the thoughtful, why are our roads not kept in better condition, inasmuch as we work the roads as the law requires. In reply to this we will say that those who work the roads are at a great disadvantage, in not having a sufficiency of and suitable implements for the business.

We think at least, a good grader and a few road plows and scrapers should be provided, they would cost but a few hundred dollars and more and better work could be done with them in one day than perhaps is now done in 10 days. The Commissioners of Howard county have recently ordered six Road Graders in addition to those they already have. Good public roads are as necessary as railroads they are much more used and if kept in 1st class condition, there is a great saving in teams and in vehicles, in time going to market, church and Schools and post office and in travel between neighborhoods. The convenience of the farmer, the business interests of the town require better roads. Why not improve them?

The saloon is a business enterprise the purpose of which is to make money out of the weakness and sin of its patrons. The more weakness and sin of this kind there is, the larger will be the profits of the owners of the saloons. So they become the instruments of temptation to young men and old, and even to women, many of whom in the larger cities are becoming drunkards. The saloon is a law-

### WINDMILLS

Standard, Eclipse, Monitor, Samson and Ideal.

## Leroy Johnson

—Proprietor of—

Farmers and Merchants Gin Company

—Also—

The Snyder Gin Company

Snyder,

Texas.

# Burton Lingo Co

All Lumber under Sheds

Big Springs,

Texas.

## Groceries and Feed

AT THE OLD COTTEN & COTTEN STAND IN GAIL

L. A. PEARCE

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

## GAIL BANK

(UNINCORPORATED)

Will do a general Banking business.

Exchange drawn on the principal Commercial cities.

Do You Eat

## BREAD

IF SO TRY MOUNTAIN PEAK FLOUR

I HANDLE THE FRESHEST GROCERIES

Come play with me when in Fluvanna

Edgar L. Davis.

breaker, and hence it tries to corrupt the officers of the law so as to secure their protection in lawlessness. The saloon makes men and women lawbreakers and becomes the headquarters and meeting place of all sorts of criminals, who there plot their evil work and are inflated to do it by the drink they there secure. The saloon seeks to corrupt the political life of the whole land, because its very life depends upon securing a majority of the votes cast by the citizens of the country. It therefore uses its venomous influence to debauch both leaders and voters. For these and other reasons let all good

citizens who stand for law and order join together in saying: "The saloon must go!"

Monday evening a pair of horses dashed into town with the front wheels of a wagon and coupling pole, and ran into the wire enclosure of our townsman J. H. Barry. A young man named J. P. Randal was driving them to an empty wagon and getting out to pick up his whip, they ran off, uncoupling the wagon. The only injury sustained was the cutting of one of the horses hind feet, by the wire fence.



# C. Nation & Son

Pay the Highest market Prices for Hides and Furs, Hay and Grain

CLAIRMONT ST. South of the Darnell Lumber Company.

SNYDER, TEXAS.

## Local and Personal

J C Howe will build, paper, and paint your house and guarantee his work. TRY HIM. Phone 26

In choosing our wearing apparel we should always select it with regard to comfort rather than appearance. Sometimes we have the good fortune to secure the advantage of both comfort and good appearance. This is invariably the case when we get a good fit. Why not then get a good fit of up-to-date tailor made clothing by applying to Lee Wootton and a nice fit in boots or shoes at the Harness and Shoe Shop of H. D. Pruett?

### Trades Day

In the early part of the forenoon of Saturday, trades day seemed destined to bring in but few people, but about noon quite a number were on the ground. We heard of only 5 or 6 trades and that there were no straight sales of live stock. This is accounted for by the stringency of the money market.

The Best are the Cheapest.

See the Hand Made Saddles of Hopson & Samples at Snyder, Texas.

Now is the time to kill your prairie dogs with strychnine and corbon. We have the stuff.

D. DORWARD Druggist.

There will be a railroad meeting at the court house in Gail at 10 a. m Saturday March 6.

### STOP AT

The Western Hotel in the Alderman Building next door to Arnold, McCamant Drug store, when in Big Springs.

Miss Nell Hale and Mother visited in Big Springs last week, returning Friday.

Miss Lillie Field left Sunday for her home in Graham, to spend a few weeks with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Abney were in Gail on last Saturday.

S. H. Kelsey of McCord, Collins Company of Fort Worth, was soliciting orders in Gail last Saturday.

John Walk who had gone to Snyder Sunday for lumber received a telephone message about 2 o'clock Monday morning, calling him home to the bed side of a sick child. Mr. Walk reached here about 10 o'clock that day on his way home.

T. W. Cotten who is now living at his home in the South part of the county was here last Monday and Tuesday.

We are sorry to lose Z. Robertson our popular and efficient telephone operator. We hear that several telephones have been discontinued because of the change of operators.

### Our Seal.

Extra High Patent

Watch our circular letters and see whether or not our predictions have come true. If you haven't been getting our letters regularly, write us, and we will see that you get them. Medlin Milling Co., Fort worth.

We have just received a big lot of this high grade flour—quality guaranteed.

L. A. Pearce.

Misses Myrtle, Fay and Florence Jolley visited Mrs. Harlin Dodson on last Sunday and Sunday night.

M. H. Leake's son and family are here on a visit from Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stevens from Tredway were visiting friends in Gail Sunday the 21.

W. A. Clark and family visited Mr. Park and family of Julia on Sunday 21.

J. E. Davidson the new telephone operator took charge of the office here Monday evening. Mr. Davidson is preparing to build a dwelling part of the lumber was

D. W. Godwin of Fort Worth has returned to his ranch west of Gail.

## THE ANDERSON HOTEL

Excellent Fare  
Good Service

Rates—Meals .25, \$1.25 a day  
\$4.50 and \$5 00 per week

Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Prop.

Snyder,

Texas.

## Harness & Repair Shop and

Made to Order.

H. D. PRUETT, Proprietor; Gail, Texas.

## NOTICE!

When in Big Springs put your team up at the Big Stall Wagon yard just East of Burton Lingo's. If you will Stop with me once you will be treated in a way that you will come back again. I handle flour and meal, also, and sell all kinds of feed stuff.

E. E. WILLIAMSON

Phone No. 368

Big Springs, Texas.

Z. Roberson our telephone operator left us Tuesday to take a job at the Belcher ranch.

Miss Lizzie Turner who has been absent some two years or more is here, visiting relatives and friends. Miss Lizzie arrived last Wednesday from Memphis Tenn. and is stopping at the home of our townsman J. A. Scarlett.

C. B. Andrews was in from his ranch Monday last, Mr. Andrews was limping pretty badly from rheumatism.

hauled in by J. A. J. Jones from Fluvanna Tuesday, it will be attached to the phone office for sake of convenience.

The Cotton in this county is about all ginned and marketed. Five bales left here Monday for the railroad. We opine that this shipment will about wind up the crop in this locality.

Miss Bessie Mayfield of Hamlin is visiting her sister Mrs. M. J. Thornton. Miss Mayfield arrived Tuesday.

When Loft, the candy man, started to advertise, only a few years ago, the largest space that

he felt he could afford to use was a two inch advertisement.

He had a small store, very little money, but he had a lot of pluck, energy and ability.

He kept that two-inch advertisement running as steadily as the ticking of a clock.

And, above all, he had the good sense to reiterate one thing only, viz: Good pure candy at a reasonable price per pound.

The business grew rapidly. His advertising space increased slowly but steadily. He never splurged or used sensational advertising.

It was constant, everlasting reiteration of quality and price. People who read his announcements believed them, and believing, bought.

The point about this story is that there are merchants in this town who can commence advertising as Loft did and make a success of it if they will also do as Loft did—TELL THE TRUTH REITERATE THE TRUTH and back it up with THE GOODS.



## 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 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

Matt Cathey, Woodworkman

A L. Cumbie, Forgeman.

## The Matt Cathey Shop

East Side Square, Gail, Texas.

General Blacksmithing, Repairing. Woodwork and Horseshoeing a specialty. All work has our special prompt attention. Horseshoeing strictly cash.

MATT CATHEY, Prop.

## Land Wanted

I have purchasers for land in large and small tracts, if you want to sell, list with me and get results. Write me and I will come over and see you.

YOURS FOR HONEST BUSINESS  
**Fluvanna Realty Co.**

Roy Neblett, Mgr.,

Fluvanna, Texas.

## CITY BARBER SHOP

LEE WOOTTON, Proprietor

Agent Steam Laundry of Abilene

Orders for Tailor made Clothing.

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 present some of the pastures are for sale in small tracts.

### MUST ACT ON PLATFORM

DEMAND SAYS CAMPBELL.

"Pass Appropriation Bill and Go Home" Does Not Appeal to Governor at Present.

Austin, Tex., March 1.—Gov. Campbell is not willing that the Legislature should "pass the general appropriation bill and go home"—that is to say, he thinks it should pass more than the appropriation bill before it quits. The Legislature was made acquainted with the views of the Chief Executive upon the subject very soon after the members returned from Dallas this morning. No formal message upon that subject was sent to the Legislature, but the Governor sent for members of both houses, singly, in pairs and in groups, and gave

them a piece of his mind.

All through this session the Governor has been keeping very quiet, quiet in a sort of ominous way. This morning he erupted, and, it is said, talked to the legislature in a very emphatic and firm manner.

### WHAT GOV. CAMPBELL SAYS

Some of those whom he summoned say that he expressed himself to them about as follows:

"If you fellows think you are going to pass the appropriation bill and then go home, you are badly mistaken. You may as well understand that you are going to stay right here in Austin until you have taken up the measures demanded by the people in the Democratic State Platform and voted upon them. I have no pet hobbies of my own, but I shall insist that the Legislature shall not ignore the demands of the people."

This means, of course, that Gov. Campbell intends to "hold the nose of the Legislature to the grind stone" until it shall have voted upon the "platform demands."

### Graham Chapple

Mr. O. J. Conn was the guest of B. F. Chancellor Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burriss are

the proud parents of a fine boy. Miss Moncy Graham visited Mrs. Bob Rogers Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Lon Halinian and Charlie Alexander were visitors on the plains Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Rogers and daughter Ruby visited Mrs. Burriss Sunday.

Miss Tommie Elkins visited our school Friday eve.

Mr. McMahan was the guest of his sister Mrs. Ola McMahan Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crowley visited Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Wilbourn last Sunday.

Brown Eyes.

### May Christians Dance.

Bob Burnette answers this question in his usual unique fashion: "May a Christian dance? Of course he may. He might swear and lie, too, but it would not make him a better Christian. Surely, Christian, you may dance but dancing will never identify you as a Christian. What puzzles us is that you ask the question so often. Christians who don't dance never ask it. Yes, Christian, dance, if you can't live without it. Join hands with Salome, Herodias and Herod, and circle to the left. But don't be surprised if you are not mistaken for a goat. That is the side they are on. And you are liable to be overlooked by anyone hunting the Lord's sheep, as dancing is not a mark."—Crosbyton Review.

In far away India there is an animal whose history dates back to the days of the Phoenicians and which is looked upon with all the superstitious reverence that comes through ages of semi-idolatry. This is the farfamed "Sacred Bull" of that country.

There will be two of the finest examples of this animal at the coming National Feeders and Breeders Show to be held in Fort Worth March 13th to 20th, never seen in this country.

Peculiar interest attaches to these animals because of recent efforts to overcome the evils of the fever tick in Texan cattle by crossing these "Sacred Bulls" with native stock. The Indian animal is immune from the tick, the pest not attacking it under any circumstances. It is safe to say that these two specimens will be centers of attraction to stock raisers and cattlemen as well as to casual visitors.