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Y. M. C. A.

Major General John W. Ruckman, Department Commander, writes to Chaplain Bateman that if the Y. M. C. A. plant is put in at Fort Clark he will be present in person at the dedication. This is the opportunity of a generation for the people of Kinney county to do something really worth while for Fort Clark and they are responding in fine style according to report brought home by Mr. Towne, the Secretary, who returned from Brackettville Tuesday night. Everybody from General Ruckman down is in favor of the enterprise and success seems now assured. It is now known that Ft. Clark will be given a good overhauling, the quarters put in first class condition. Colonel Day, the commanding officer there, has designated the best possible location for the Y. M. C. A. building and is heartily in favor of the enterprise.

Nels Petersen, Jim Clamp and other prominent business men are lending strong helping hands, while Editor Price is pushing publicity in the columns of The News-Mail.

Chaplain Bateman with characteristic enthusiasm says: "I rejoice that Fort Clark is coming to life again. An Army Y. M. C. A. will put more 'pep' into the old post than was ever known before."—Del Rio Herald.

Captain Morgan a Suicide.

Captain W. W. Morgan, commanding Field Bakery No. 34, United States Quartermaster Corps, Fort Logan, (near Houston), Texas, shot and killed himself Thursday night of last week, no motive being given out for the act, but it was said the Captian had been despondent.

Captain Morgan is well known to the people of Brackett and Kinney County, and he was a Sergeant and was stationed at Fort Clark with G. troop, 14th Cavalry. It was a shock to learn of his death, and our people regret the untimely end.

Captain Morgan was a member of the local Masonic Lodge, Las Moras Lodge No. 444, A. F. & A. M.

No Principal This Year.

Due to the fact that the drafting of Prof. T. S. Benton, Jr., did not come until just about the time that the local high school was to start, the School Board of this Independent School District was thrown into a flurry and there was much to do in attempting to either retain Prof. Benton or secure a new principal. There has been no success whatever attendant these efforts of the Board, though they enlisted every means available and the cooperation of friends and Educational associates all over the State. The principalship, therefore, remained vacant, and the

Board, finding they could not possibly secure the man they wanted, decided to abolish, for this school term, the principalship, and institute a teacher for the high school, and place a lady teacher therein.

Thus the Board emphasized its declaration that all its efforts had been unavailing, and that owing to the general drafting of men and as there were many principal and men teachers involved, it has been impossible to secure a principal as they desired.

Prof. T. S. Benton Qualifies.

Prof. T. S. Benton, Jr., who has the honor of being the first Kinney County man drawn from those drafted and called into the new National Army, on last Friday was accepted, he having passed successfully all the examinations and tests, and he is now a real U. S. soldier, and was sworn in Friday afternoon.

Besides being the first man drawn from Kinney County Prof. Benton can claim also the honor of being the only one taken so far from the county. Mr. Benton is a man of splendid physique and has all the qualification necessary to make him a U. S. soldier of the finest type. The people of Kinney County are proud of him, not only because he was the first and only to be called to arms in the new National army, but he went there willingly and with the expressed and evident inten-

tion of doing his duty for and towards his country.

Our people know that he will be a credit to the county, his country and his home, and though he be ready to go with many another son into the fray where terror and peril abound, their faith in him, and those who are to go with him from here, is unbounded and know that they will do their duty as their country expects them.

Rains Benefit County.

The County during the last week received a fair share of rains, and there are many reports that the county is at present in a very excellent condition, and that the range, though needing much rain yet to fully develop and come out fine, is getting into good shape.

Last week, owing to heavy rains in the vicinity of the mountain and on the outskirts of Brackett, the draws were filled with water and for a time it was thought that there would be a repetition of the former floods which occurred here. The draws in town were full of water to their brim, and at several places went over a little, but it fortunately went down soon.

The Del Rio-Brackett road was impassible for several days due to the heavy fall of rain between here and Standart, amounting to a flood, but the other roads were in good condition.

A Bank Account

Teaches Economy.

It helps your credit.

It stimulates your courage.

It guards you against extravagance.

It gives you confidence in your judgment.

It furnishes the Best Receipt for the Money you pay out.

It creates Business habits and will increase his savings.

Some Reasons Why You Should Open An Account

with the

The First State Bank

(GUARANTY BOND.)

CAPITAL \$30,000.00 SURPLUS \$20,000.00

Brackettville, Texas.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the public of the Brackett Independent School District of Kinney County, Texas, that beginning on the 1st. day of October, 1917, the provisions of what is known as the Compulsory Education Law will be enforced in said

District as to all children in the Third grade up, for a period of time not less than Eighty days beginning on the 1st. day of October, 1917.

Board of Trustees of the Brackett Independent School District.

Miss Hyland teaches High School.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Brackett Independent School District, it was decided and then acted upon to elect Miss Kathryn Hyland to teach in the high school for the coming term, as the Board had found that they could not secure a principal, and therefore had to make the best of it as they could.

The action of the Board in selecting Miss Hyland for this important position, where she will teach Latin and Sciences, shows that they have noted her work which she done last year and began so well this term, and their choice is applauded by the many friends of the school as Miss Hyland has been a good teacher and done excellent work in her classes. The action is taken as complimentary by the many friends of Miss Hyland, and they are well pleased with her new position, as she is a former Brackett girl, and is known to everybody here.

This week Miss Margaret Filippone is teaching Miss Hyland's room and classes, and thereby makes things at school go on as smoothly as before.

Dance Last Saturday Night.

The Non-Commissioned officers of Ambulance Company Number 27 held a most enjoyable dance last Saturday night at the School House, a very large crowd being present for this occasion. Everything possible was done to make it a success, and those in charge had reason to be well pleased with their efforts. The music was excellent, the crowd large and in a merry mood, everyone present had a good and jolly time, while refreshments were served during the dance. Quite a number of local people were present at this dance.

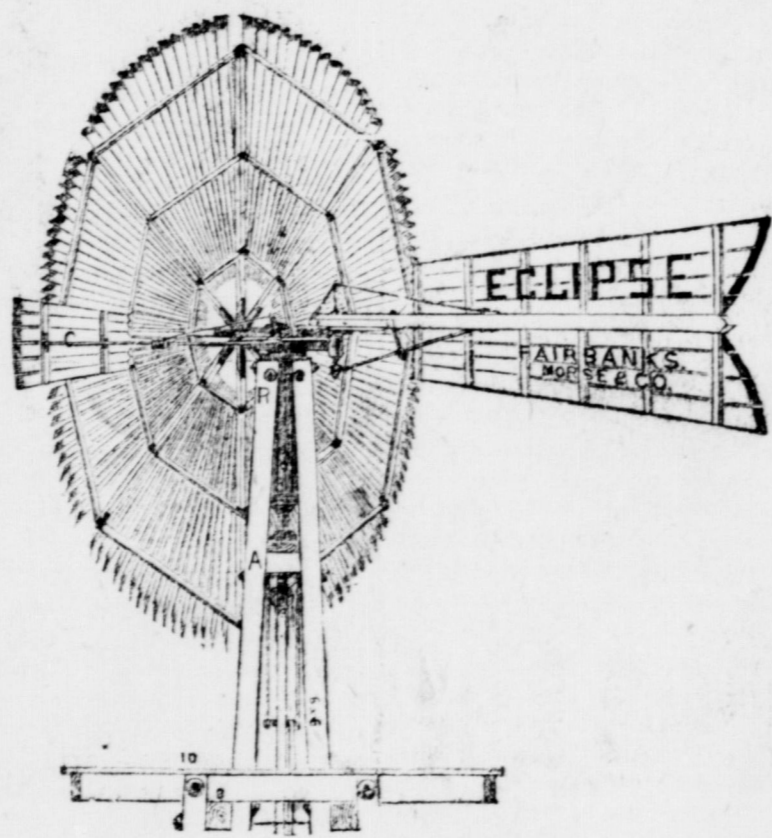
Milk For Sale.

Jersey Milk, put up in Sanitary bottles at ten cents a quart. All orders delivered promptly, morning or night. Your patronage solicited.

John Herzog.

THE LEADING STORE IN TOWN GET YOUR MONEY'S FULL WORTH

by trading at OUR Store where you can get what YOU do want, as we have complete lines of goods at your service, Mr. Customer: trade with an old reliable firm like us and you will be treated fair and square:

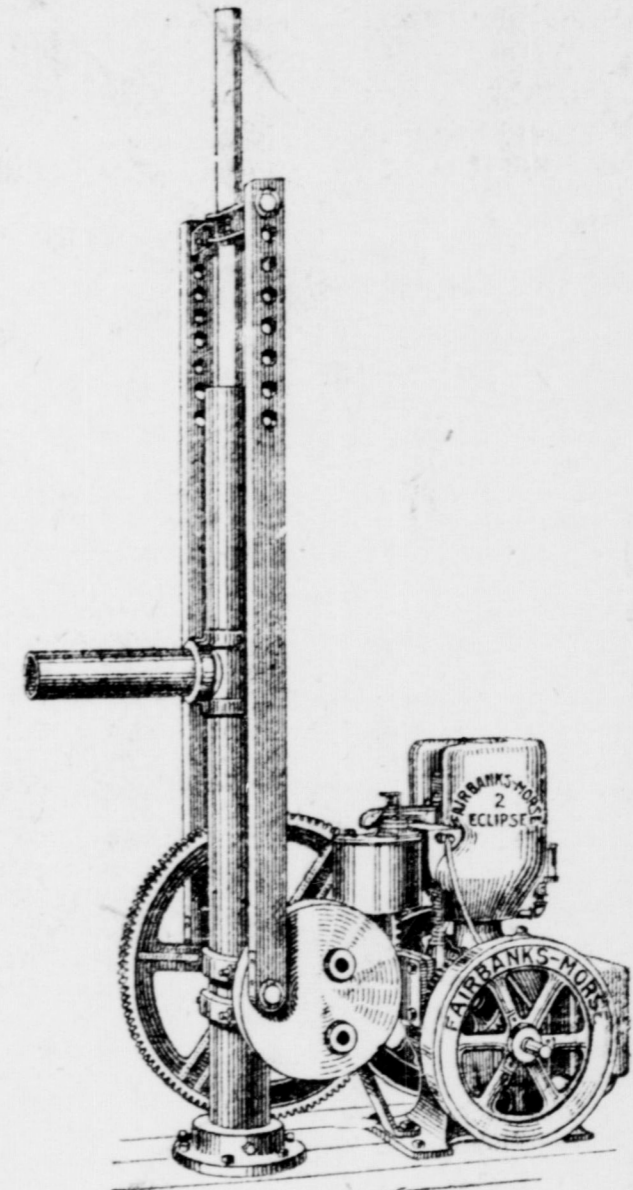


Groceries, Lumber
Clothing, Etc

Windmills

and

Gasoline Engines



Petersen & Company
BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

Dealers In

"A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING"

TELEPHONE 41

CRISIS OF WOMAN'S LIFE

Change Safely Passed by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Wagoner, Okla.—"I never get tired of praising Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound because during Change of Life I was in bed two years and had two operations, but all the doctors and operations did me no good, and I would have been in my grave today had it not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound which brought me out of it all right, so I am now well and do all my housework besides working in my garden. Several of my neighbors have got well by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. VIOLA FINICAL, Wagoner, Okla.

Such warning symptoms as sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches, backaches, dread of impending evil, timidity, sounds in the ears, palpitation of the heart, sparks before the eyes, irregularities, constipation, variable appetite, weakness and dizziness should be heeded by middle-aged women. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has carried many women safely through the crisis.

GREEN MOUNTAIN ASTHMA TREATMENT

This treatment is the result of many years of study and experiment in the treatment of diseases of the lungs and throat by the late Dr. J. H. Gird, graduate of New York Medical College and New York Chemical Laboratory, a practitioner in Bellevue and New York Charity Hospitals, and an eminent physician, scientist and druggist.

It isn't so difficult for one fool to convince another that he is a wise guy.

Weak, Faint Heart, and Hysterics can be rectified by taking "Renovine" a heart and nerve tonic. Price 50c and \$1. Adv.

WOMEN! IT IS MAGIC! LIFT OUT ANY CORN

Apply a few drops then lift corns or calluses off with fingers—no pain.

Just think! You can lift off any corn or callus without pain or soreness.

A Cincinnati man discovered this ether compound and named it freezezone. Any druggist will sell a tiny bottle of freezezone, like here shown, for very little cost. You apply a few drops directly upon a tender corn or callus. Instantly the soreness disappears, then shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you can lift it right off.

Freezone is wonderful. It dries instantly. It doesn't eat away the corn or callus, but shrivels it up without even irritating the surrounding skin.

Hard, soft or corns between the toes, as well as painful calluses, lift right off. There is no pain before or afterwards. If your druggist hasn't freezezone, tell him to order a small bottle for you from his wholesale drug house.—adv.

Two business men were dining and the talk had turned to business efficiency.

"I tell you," said one, "there is nothing in all the world that is of more advantage to a man in business than a good memory. I'm taking a course in memory training and in just two weeks I've learned a string of 125 figures, the names of all the presidents of the United States and the names of 47 different kinds of soup. I tell you it's great stuff."

"Sounds pretty good," admitted the other. "Who originated the system?" "Er—I don't remember."

WHY HAVE CHILLS AND FEVER?

"Plantation" Chill Tonic is guaranteed and will do the work in a week. Your money cheerfully refunded by dealers if it fails after giving it a proper trial. Price 50c.—Adv.

The man who earns the money isn't always the one who gets it.

Nothing joits a woman's sweet, trusting disposition like marriage.

Granulated Eyelids, Sties, Inflamed Eyes relieved over night by Roman Eye Balsam. One trial proves its merit. Adv.

Wise is the baldhead who can fool a fly.

After the Movies... "The Movies" is for Tired Eyes. Red, Itchy, Sore Eyes—Roman Eye Balsam—Granulated Eyelids, Itchy, Inflamed Eyes—Roman Eye Balsam—Give your eyes as much of your "wing care" as you give your teeth and with the same result.

CARE FOR THEM YOU CANNOT BUY NEW, TEST! Sold in Drug and Optical Stores or by Mail. Ask Marine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago, Ill. Free Book.

TEXAS NEWS

The oyster season is now open in Texas.

The onion crate men of Texas and Arkansas met in Austin last week.

The letter carriers of the State held their convention at Dallas last week.

General rains throughout the state have placed soil in good condition for plowing.

Car shortage and the drought is causing the death of cattle in West Texas is reported.

Former State Senator W. J. Townsend of Jacksonville has been appointed assistant attorney general of Texas.

Many Texas farmers are taking advantage of conditions offered by recent rains and are busy planting fall crops.

J. F. Marron has resigned as legislative reference librarian of the state library at Austin, the resignation to become effective Sept. 24.

The shops of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway at San Angelo, Texas, and at Wichita, Kan., were shut down this week because shopmen went on strike.

The attorney general's department has approved the following bond issues: McLennon county common school district No. 44, \$2,500; Travis county common school district No. 64, \$6,500; Rusk independent school district, \$6,000.

Acting Governor W. P. Hobby has accepted on behalf of the state the new State School for the Blind, which was erected at Austin at a cost of \$300,000. The buildings were recently completed and will be occupied by the school at the term which opens this fall.

A rural health survey of Jefferson County, to be conducted jointly by the state and county governments, was authorized by the county commissioners court and an appropriation of \$2,400 was authorized for the purpose. The state will appropriate a similar amount.

Harry Locke of Los Angeles, Cal., and Captain F. P. Bennett of Dallas, second vice president of the Texas State Fire Marshals' Association, conferred with the state highway commission this week at Austin. They are making a tour of the state in the interest of good roads.

For the purpose of conferring with apple growers on the problem of arriving at a proper standardization and classification of apples for market under the new marketing law, Sam H. Dixon of the state department of agriculture has gone to Plainview, Anson, Tascosa and other sections of the apple belt.

The secretary of the Wharton County Poultry Association has figured up the poultry and egg shipments from that point since Jan. 1 and states that as near as can be estimated \$10,935 worth of eggs and \$9,318 worth of poultry has been shipped. Also that the total by the end of the year will reach \$27,000 to \$28,000.

Through Pullman service between Houston and the City of Mexico will be established Sept. 15, according to announcement of C. M. Fish, traffic manager of the Texas-Mexican railway, and C. W. Strain, general passenger agent of the Gulf Coast Lines, made this week. The first Pullman for Mexico for five years will be attached to the Gulf Coast Lines train leaving Houston the night of Sept. 15. It will be switched off at Robstown and then sent on to Laredo.

Commissioner F. C. Weibert of the markets and warehouse commission has appointed E. A. Calvin of Houston, W. R. Johnson of Greenville and J. P. Gross of Waco to constitute a board of examiners to examine applicants for license as public cotton classifiers, as provided for in section 35 of the amended markets and warehouse act, which went into effect on August 17.

Texans Assigned to Regiments. Washington.—The following Texans, appointed second lieutenants in the regular army from civil life, are assigned to the following regiments: Joseph I. Lambert, Thirtieth Cavalry; James V. McDowell, Twentieth Cavalry; Ernest D. McQueen, Second Cavalry; Jackson B. Wood, Fifth Cavalry; Robert C. Scott, Twenty-second Cavalry; Hex B. Shaw, Tenth Field Artillery; Oliver C. Brush, Nineteenth Field Artillery; Simpson R. Stribbling, coast artillery corps; Raymond Orr, Fifty-fifth Infantry; Edwin E. Aldrich, Sixty-second Infantry; William E. Tidwell, Forty-ninth Infantry; Wilbur S. Elliott, Fifty-fifth Infantry; Neil S. Edmond, Forty-eighth Infantry.

Broom Corn Sells at High Price. El Campo, Tex.—A shipment of broom corn sold this week for \$300 and \$325 per ton. The shipment consisted of about ten tons and was worth over \$3,000.

Americans in Rio De Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro.—American sailors from the Atlantic patrol were among 20,000 troops which paraded Friday, Brazil's independence day. The Americans were greeted with the wildest enthusiasm along the route.

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To admit and not sustain the chair: Allred, Buchanan of Bell, Buchanan of Scurry, Caldwell, Dechard, Floyd, Henderson, Johnson, Johnston, Lattimore, McNealus, Robbins, Smith, Suttler, Westbrook, Woodward—15.

Against admission and to sustain the chair: Bailey, Bee, Clark, Collins, Dayton, Hall, Harley, Hudspeth, McCollum, Page, Parr, Strickland—12.

Dean present and not voting. Gibson and Hopkins absent.

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Answering the question, Dr. Vinson said the salaries paid Texas full professors, associate and adjunct professors are uniformly lower than those paid to similar men in other institutions of the same class, while the instructors' salaries are about on a level.

Mr. Crane—Are the hours of work about the same in Texas University and the other universities of the same class for those men?

Dr. Vinson—Before you answer I want to know where and how you got the information on this subject.

Dr. Vinson—I obtained the data from the report of the United States commissioner of education.

Answering the question witness said the hours of work are longer in Texas University; that the average classroom work for a full professor is about nine hours, while it exceeds that in Texas.

Dr. Vinson then gave the testimony he rendered in the house, that there are 134 students per teacher in Texas

University, which is exceeded only in Michigan and Mississippi of the states of a similar class. Colorado University has 5.9 students per teacher.

"My experience has been that the hours in classroom mean hours of preparation, especially of fresh preparation. Usually from two to four hours of preparation are needed for every hour in the classroom. Students' papers must be read and corrected, which is a heavy burden in an institution the size of the Texas University, besides laboratory supervision."

In the senate Friday bills were introduced by Mr. Hall regulating emigrant employment agencies to stop wholesale exodus of laborers; by Mr. Hudspeth reorganizing the seventh judicial district, and by Mr. Dayton correcting the juvenile training school act.

In the house Mr. Dunnam introduced a resolution setting forth that the house had asked the resubmission of the laws creating branches of A. and M. College and new normals and that the acting governor had "either failed or refused" to submit them. The resolutions asked that he submit such laws to the legislature.

Mr. Bledsoe took the floor against the adoption of the resolution. He declared the resolutions were unjust to Acting Governor Hobby. The latter had not had time to look into all matters, he said.

The point was sustained and that ended the matter.

Austin, Tex.—Eight witnesses testified for the proponents Thursday in the trial of Governor James E. Ferguson before the senate upon impeachment articles returned by the house. Two of these witnesses, Franz Fiset, an Austin attorney, and J. W. Butler of Clifton, a banker and former member of the university board of regents, gave new testimony, not having previously appeared in the house hearings. The other witnesses were President R. E. Vinson of the university, P. L. Downs, a Temple banker; W. R. Brents of Sherman, a member of the university board of regents; Representative R. M. Dudley of El Paso, Representative R. E. Thomason of El Paso and B. A. Cox, chief clerk in the secretary of state's department. All of these had testified before the house committee of the whole and a large part of their testimony Thursday was in effect the same as that developed before the house.

Mr. Fiset's testimony was, in effect, that Wilbur Allen, chairman of the university board of regents, had told him, prior to the remission by Governor Ferguson of the \$5,000 bail bond upon which Allen was one of the signers, that President Vinson was fitted for his office, and after the remission of the bail bond had told witness Dr. Vinson was not fitted for the office.

Mr. Butler testified, in effect, that he had sought appointment as a university regent, as a friend both of Mr. Ferguson and Dr. Vinson; that as a regent he had hoped to bring them into better relations, and when it was apparent that reconciliation could not be effected that he resigned as a regent at Governor Ferguson's suggestion or request. He described the university parade by the governor's office; said he considered it improper, and said a faculty committee had stated they could not have prevented that parade.

Mr. Butler testified that on May 21 a deposit of \$7,500 in currency was made to Governor Ferguson's account in the First Guaranty State bank of Clifton, of which bank witness is an officer. He did not see this deposit and was not familiar with the circumstances connected therewith. He saw the deposit slip which the cashier showed him, remarking: "This is a nice deposit." He saw Governor Ferguson in the bank.

Other witnesses gave testimony as to money transactions in banks, etc.

In the house Thursday Mr. Terrell introduced a resolution asking aid of the federal government for the relief of drought-stricken portions of West Texas. Mr. Metcalfe said a great begira of farmers and stockmen from West Texas is in progress. Recent rains, he said, had vouchsafed good prospects for winter wheat crops, but that the farmers are unable to buy seed and feed for the animals.

Mr. Terrell said the food conservation bill provided for a food survey and that the federal government would be glad to aid Texans in the production of food and feed crops.

Speaker Folger announced that the names of Messrs. Cope, McMillin and Schlossman would be added to the Fly investigating committee.

Acting Governor Hobby submitted a bill regulating immigrant agents. This bill is to prevent wholesale shipments of negroes from Texas to the North. A similar bill by Senator Hall died on the calendar of the last called session.

In the senate Mr. Smith offered a resolution that Thursday being the birthday of Lafayette, that when the senate adjourn it do so in honor of his memory. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on agriculture reported favorably the drought relief bill.

Austin, Tex.—Seven witnesses were used Wednesday by the proponents of the impeachment charges. H. F. Blum, assistant cashier of the Temple State bank, concluded his testimony and was excused. Others testifying were DeWitt C. Dunn, cashier of the Union National bank of Houston, Carl Widener, assistant cashier of the American National bank of Austin; L. A. Wroe and T. H. Davis, each a vice president of the American National bank; James Rogan, receiving teller, American National bank, and Curtis Hancock, chairman state highway commission.

H. C. Blum resumed the stand and answering Mr. Crane, said that on Aug. 23, 1915, the date of the \$5,600 charge against the James E. Ferguson, governor, account at the Temple State bank, the word "balance" is stamped on the face of that account in the bank records. Asked what that meant, he said it meant a statement of the account was mailed to the governor's assistant private secretary on that date. Yes, he knew of his own certain knowledge that statements of the governor's accounts were mailed to the secretary; he had no recollection of this specific balance or statement; he had no memory about it. In response to a series of questions he insisted that the statements were mailed to the governor's assistant private secretary and not to the governor direct.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hanser witness said he did not know what right the bank had to charge "the J. E. Love note" to the governor. He knew nothing of that transaction or why it was put in the settlement.

DeWitt C. Dunn, called next by the proponents, testified that he has been cashier of the Union National bank of Houston for eleven years; answering questions he said the penitentiary system opened an account with his bank in the latter part of December, 1915, with a deposit of \$27,000. The account still continues. Total deposits made to it have been \$921,721.60. The governor had a personal account with this bank during this period. He owed the bank a note of \$11,000, the loan having been made in 1913 and paid in June, 1916. After the penitentiary account was opened he asked for a \$30,000 loan in the spring of 1916, upon Bastrop Lignite Coal Company bonds as security. The bank declined the loan. No, there was no unpleasantness growing out of this refusal. Yes, the governor had had an account of \$25,000 there, as governor; this deposit was made May 10, 1915, and withdrawn April 12, 1916. The date of the governor's application for the loan was April 1, 1916. A letter was read into the record from Governor Ferguson to Mr. Dunn, dated April 11, 1916, stating that the \$25,000 account belonged to the Canyon City Normal fund and would be withdrawn, as the buildings had been completed.

Austin, Tex.—Tuesday's testimony in the trial of Governor James E. Ferguson before the senate, upon impeachment articles presented by the house, dealt almost entirely with the amounts and conditions, at various times, of the state accounts at the Temple State bank and of Governor Ferguson's accounts and obligations with that bank. A great deal of the evidence had already been developed in the house investigation. H. F. Blum, assistant cashier of the Temple State bank, occupied the stand most of the day.

When Mr. Blum resumed the stand Tuesday morning he was asked by M. M. Crane of Dallas, attorney for the house board of managers, to give the total of the deposits of state officials in the Temple State bank. He gave these totals: Banking commissioner, \$112,046; secretary of state, \$596,350.18, and governor, \$51,985.68. This, he said, made a grand total of \$760,411.86 that had been deposited in the Temple State bank by state officials. Some of this came through Austin banks, while other deposits came in the form of checks on other banks.

Mr. Blum said he had prepared the list of notes Governor Ferguson and the Bell-Bosque stock farm had owed the Temple State bank, as shown by the records of the bank. He read the following list of James E. Ferguson notes. The first date, as he testified, was the time the note was made; next comes the amount of the note, next the date due, and in the last date on which the note was paid, or renewed.

Senator V. A. Collins of Beaumont took the oath of office Tuesday and assumed his seat in the senate. Senator Gibson was given permission, by unanimous consent, to be absent from the trial for about five days, in order that he may go to Washington.

The house had no quorum Tuesday, although it was twice convened by Speaker F. O. Fuller in an effort to obtain one.

Explosion in Arsenal. Philadelphia, Pa.—Three men were killed and twenty-one persons, including several women, were injured in an explosion Saturday at the Frankfort arsenal. The explosion wrecked the building in which primers and detonators for three, four and six inch shells were dried. Eighty thousand detonators recently completed were set off, and the fire which followed destroyed three small structures adjoining.

State Sues Orient Railroad. Austin, Tex.—Attorney General Looney Saturday instituted suit in the fifty-third district court against the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway for penalties for having discontinued defendants' passenger trains Nos. 1 and 2, operating between San Angelo and Alpine, without having obtained the consent of the railroad commission.

Letter Carriers End Convention. Dallas, Tex.—Following the installation of officers and the consideration of a few undisposed reports and resolutions, the twenty-first convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the sixth convention of the national auxiliary adjourned Saturday to meet in Philadelphia in 1919. Richard F. Quinn of Philadelphia was elected chairman of the national executive board of the letter carriers' organization.

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Dean present and not voting. Gibson and Hopkins absent.

When Dr. Vinson resumed the stand Mr. Crane asked him to state whether the salaries paid professors and members of the teaching staff of the University of Texas were in excess of or below salaries paid men of the same rank and capacity and educational attainments in other universities of the same class.

Answering the question, Dr. Vinson said the salaries paid Texas full professors, associate and adjunct professors are uniformly lower than those paid to similar men in other institutions of the same class, while the instructors' salaries are about on a level.

Mr. Crane—Are the hours of work about the same in Texas University and the other universities of the same class for those men?

Dr. Vinson—Before you answer I want to know where and how you got the information on this subject.

Dr. Vinson—I obtained the data from the report of the United States commissioner of education.

Answering the question witness said the hours of work are longer in Texas University; that the average classroom work for a full professor is about nine hours, while it exceeds that in Texas.

Dr. Vinson then gave the testimony he rendered in the house, that there are 134 students per teacher in Texas

University, which is exceeded only in Michigan and Mississippi of the states of a similar class. Colorado University has 5.9 students per teacher.

"My experience has been that the hours in classroom mean hours of preparation, especially of fresh preparation. Usually from two to four hours of preparation are needed for every hour in the classroom. Students' papers must be read and corrected, which is a heavy burden in an institution the size of the Texas University, besides laboratory supervision."

In the senate Friday bills were introduced by Mr. Hall regulating emigrant employment agencies to stop wholesale exodus of laborers; by Mr. Hudspeth reorganizing the seventh judicial district, and by Mr. Dayton correcting the juvenile training school act.

In the house Mr. Dunnam introduced a resolution setting forth that the house had asked the resubmission of the laws creating branches of A. and M. College and new normals and that the acting governor had "either failed or refused" to submit them. The resolutions asked that he submit such laws to the legislature.

Mr. Bledsoe took the floor against the adoption of the resolution. He declared the resolutions were unjust to Acting Governor Hobby. The latter had not had time to look into all matters, he said.

The point was sustained and that ended the matter.

Austin, Tex.—Eight witnesses testified for the proponents Thursday in the trial of Governor James E. Ferguson before the senate upon impeachment articles returned by the house. Two of these witnesses, Franz Fiset, an Austin attorney, and J. W. Butler of Clifton, a banker and former member of the university board of regents, gave new testimony, not having previously appeared in the house hearings. The other witnesses were President R. E. Vinson of the university, P. L. Downs, a Temple banker; W. R. Brents of Sherman, a member of the university board of regents; Representative R. M. Dudley of El Paso, Representative R. E. Thomason of El Paso and B. A. Cox, chief clerk in the secretary of state's department. All of these had testified before the house committee of the whole and a large part of their testimony Thursday was in effect the same as that developed before the house.

Mr. Fiset's testimony was, in effect, that Wilbur Allen, chairman of the university board of regents, had told him, prior to the remission by Governor Ferguson of the \$5,000 bail bond upon which Allen was one of the signers, that President Vinson was fitted for his office, and after the remission of the bail bond had told witness Dr. Vinson was not fitted for the office.

Mr. Butler testified, in effect, that he had sought appointment as a university regent, as a friend both of Mr. Ferguson and Dr. Vinson; that as a regent he had hoped to bring them into better relations, and when it was apparent that reconciliation could not be effected that he resigned as a regent at Governor Ferguson's suggestion or request. He described the university parade by the governor's office; said he considered it improper, and said a faculty committee had stated they could not have prevented that parade.

Mr. Butler testified that on May 21 a deposit of \$7,500 in currency was made to Governor Ferguson's account in the First Guaranty State bank of Clifton, of which bank witness is an officer. He did not see this deposit and was not familiar with the circumstances connected therewith. He saw the deposit slip which the cashier showed him, remarking: "This is a nice deposit." He saw Governor Ferguson in the bank.

Other witnesses gave testimony as to money transactions in banks, etc.

In the house Thursday Mr. Terrell introduced a resolution asking aid of the federal government for the relief of drought-stricken portions of West Texas. Mr. Metcalfe said a great begira of farmers and stockmen from West Texas is in progress. Recent rains, he said, had vouchsafed good prospects for winter wheat crops, but that the farmers are unable to buy seed and feed for the animals.

Mr. Terrell said the food conservation bill provided for a food survey and that the federal government would be glad to aid Texans in the production of food and feed crops.

Speaker Folger announced that the names of Messrs. Cope, McMillin and Schlossman would be added to the Fly investigating committee.

Acting Governor Hobby submitted a bill regulating immigrant agents. This bill is to prevent wholesale shipments of negroes from Texas to the North. A similar bill by Senator Hall died on the calendar of the last called session.

In the senate Mr. Smith offered a resolution that Thursday being the birthday of Lafayette, that when the senate adjourn it do so in honor of his memory. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on agriculture reported favorably the drought relief bill.

Austin, Tex.—Seven witnesses were used Wednesday by the proponents of the impeachment charges. H. F. Blum, assistant cashier of the Temple State bank, concluded his testimony and was excused. Others testifying were DeWitt C. Dunn, cashier of the Union National bank of Houston, Carl Widener, assistant cashier of the American National bank of Austin; L. A. Wroe and T. H. Davis, each a vice president of the American National bank; James Rogan, receiving teller, American National bank, and Curtis Hancock, chairman state highway commission.

H. C. Blum resumed the stand and answering Mr. Crane, said that on Aug. 23, 1915, the date of the \$5,600 charge against the James E. Ferguson, governor, account at the Temple State bank, the word "balance" is stamped on the face of that account in the bank records. Asked what that meant, he said it meant a statement of the account was mailed to the governor's assistant private secretary on that date. Yes, he knew of his own certain knowledge that statements of the governor's accounts were mailed to the secretary; he had no recollection of this specific balance or statement; he had no memory about it. In response to a series of questions he insisted that the statements were mailed to the governor's assistant private secretary and not to the governor direct.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hanser witness said he did not know what right the bank had to charge "the J. E. Love note" to the governor. He knew nothing of that transaction or why it was put in the settlement.

DeWitt C. Dunn, called next by the proponents, testified that he has been cashier of the Union National bank of Houston for eleven years; answering questions he said the penitentiary system opened an account with his bank in the latter part of December, 1915, with a deposit of \$27,000. The account still continues. Total deposits made to it have been \$921,721.60. The governor had a personal account with this bank during this period. He owed the bank a note of \$11,000, the loan having been made in 1913 and paid in June, 1916. After the penitentiary account was opened he asked for a \$30,000 loan in the spring of 1916, upon Bastrop Lignite Coal Company bonds as security. The bank declined the loan. No, there was no unpleasantness growing out of this refusal. Yes, the governor had had an account of \$25,000 there, as governor; this deposit was made May 10, 1915, and withdrawn April 12, 1916. The date of the governor's application for the loan was April 1, 1916. A letter was read into the record from Governor Ferguson to Mr. Dunn, dated April 11, 1916, stating that the \$25,000 account belonged to the Canyon City Normal fund and would be withdrawn, as the buildings had been completed.

Austin, Tex.—Tuesday's testimony in the trial of Governor James E. Ferguson before the senate, upon impeachment articles presented by the house, dealt almost entirely with the amounts and conditions, at various times, of the state accounts

WEB OF STEEL

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Father and Son

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THREE CRUSHING SORROWS BEAR DOWN UPON YOUNG BERTRAM MEADE—DEATH, LOSS OF REPUTATION AND LOSS OF FRIENDS

Bertram Meade, Sr., plans a great international bridge for the Martlet Construction company. His son, Bertram Meade, Jr., resident engineer at the bridge site, and Helen Illingworth, daughter of Colonel Illingworth, president of the Martlet concern, are engaged to marry as soon as the work is finished. The young engineer had questioned his father's judgment on certain calculations and was laughed at for his fears. The bridge collapses and 150 workmen die. This installment describes a memorable scene in the elder Meade's office.

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

"I haven't lost any confidence, sir. We all make mistakes. I made one, you know, and you took me up."

"It's too late for anybody to take me up. Men can't make mistakes at my age. No more of that. We have still one thing to do, set the boy right before the world."

"But if I were your son, sir, said the secretary, 'rather than see you ruined I would take the blame on myself. He can live it down.'"

"But he is not to blame. On the contrary, he was right, and I was wrong. Here, Shurtliff, is his own letter. You know it; you saw him give it to me. You heard the conversation, and I have written out a little account explaining it, stating that I made light of his protests, acknowledging that he was right and I was wrong, taking the whole blame upon myself. He will be back here tonight, I am sure. I intended to give it to him."

"Oh, don't do that, Mr. Meade," the telephone bell rang.

"The bridge!" clamored the insistent bell.

Staggering almost like a drunken man, Shurtliff left his place by the door, reached his thin hand out and lifted up the telephone, its bell vibrating, it seemed, with angry, venomous persistence through the quiet room.

"It's a telegram," he whispered. "Yes, this is Mr. Meade's private secretary. Go on," he answered into the mouthpiece of the telephone.

There was another moment of ghastly silence while he took the message. It was typical of Shurtliff's character that in spite of the horrible agitation that filled him, he put the instrument down carefully on the desk, methodically hanging up the receiver before he turned to face the other man. He spoke deprecatingly. No woman could exceed the tenderness he managed to infuse into his ordinarily dry, emotionless voice.

"The bridge is in the river, sir." "Of course; any more?" "Abbott—and one hundred and fifty men with it."

"Oh, my God!" said the old man. He staggered forward. Shurtliff caught him and helped him down into the big chair before the desk. The news had been discounted in his mind, still some kind of hope had lingered there. Now it was over.

"We must wire Martlet," he gasped out.

"The telegraph office said the message was addressed to you and Martlet, so they have got the news, sir."

"It won't be too late for the last editions of the evening papers, either."



"We Must Wire Martlet," He Gasped Out.

said the old man. "Shurtliff, I was going to give these documents to the boy when he got back, but I want them to appear simultaneously with the news of the failure of the bridge. Wait." He seized the pen and signed his name to the brief letter of exculpation.

The writing in the body of the document was weak and feeble, the signature strong and bold. He gathered the papers up loosely.

"Here," he said, "I want you to take them to a newspaper—the Gazette—that will be certain to issue an extra if it is too late for the last edition."

I want this letter of his with mine to go side by side with the news. There must not be a moment of uncertainty about it."

"Mr. Meade, for God's sake—" "Don't stop to argue with me now. Take a taxi and get there as quickly as you can. You are carrying my honor, and my son's reputation. Go."

CHAPTER VIII.

For the Father.

Two and one-half hours later a group of anxious reporters, clustered at the door of the Uplift building, were galvanized into life by the arrival of a taxicab. Out of it leaped Bertram Meade. He was recognized instantly.

"You know about the bridge, Meade?" asked one, forcing his way through the crowd, which broke into a sudden clamor of questioning.

Meade nodded. He recognized the speaker, his hands met. This was a man of his own age named Rodney, who had been Meade's classmate at Cambridge, his devoted friend thereafter. Instead of active practice, he had chosen to become a writer on scientific subjects and was there as a representative of the Engineering News. There were sympathy and affection in his voice and look, and in the grasp of his hand.

"Have you seen my father, Rodney?" Meade asked, quickly moving to the elevator, followed by all the men.

"At the house they said he was not there, and here at the office we get no answer."

As Meade turned he saw his father's secretary coming slowly through the entrance. "Shurtliff," he called out. "My father?"

"I left him in the office two hours ago. He told me to—to go away and—leave him alone. I have been wandering about the streets."

Outside in the street the newsboys were shrieking:

"Extry! Extry! All about the collapse of the International bridge. Two hundred engineers and workmen lost."

Shurtliff had one of the papers in his hand. Meade tore it from him.

"Who is responsible?" stared at him in big red headlines.

"Gentlemen," said Meade, "I can answer that question—he held up the paper so that all might see—"the fault—the blame—is mine."

"We'll have to see your father, Bert," said Rodney.

"He is in this building, we know, and he'll never leave it without running the gantlet of us all," cried another amid a chorus of approval.

Meade realized there was no escape. They all piled into the elevator with him and Shurtliff. They followed him up the corridor. He stopped before the door of the office.

"I forbid you to come in," he said. "This is my father's private—"

"Have no fear, Bert," said Rodney firmly. "We don't intend to break in. We understand how you feel. We will wait here until you say the word, and then all we shall want will be a statement from your father."

"Thank you, old man. Come, Shurtliff," said Meade, turning his key in the lock. The two men entered and carefully closed the door behind them.

The door was scarcely shut when Helen Illingworth left the elevator and came rapidly up the corridor. She had called at the office before and had no need to ask the way. The reporters gathered around the door moved to give her passage while they stared at her with deep if respectful curiosity.

"Pardon me, gentlemen," she began, "but I am very anxious to see the younger Bertram Meade."

"He has just gone into the office," answered Rodney respectfully.

The girl raised her hand to knock. "A moment, please; perhaps you had better understand the situation. The International bridge—"

The girl came to a sudden determination. She could not declare herself too soon or too publicly.

"My name is Illingworth," she said, and as the hats of the surprised reporters came off, she continued, "I am the daughter of the president of the Martlet Bridge company, which was erected by the International."

"Yes, Miss Illingworth," answered Rodney, "and did you come here to represent him?"

"I am Mr. Bertram Meade, Jr.'s, promised wife, and I am here because it is the place where I ought to be. When the man I love is in trouble, I must be with him."

She raised her hand again, but Rodney was too quick for her. He knocked lightly on the door, and then struck it heavily several times. The sound rang hollowly through the corridor, as it always does when the door of an empty room is beaten upon. There was no answer for a moment.

"Oh, I must get in," said the woman.

Rodney knocked again, and this time the door was opened. Shurtliff stood in the way. He had been white and shaken before, but now so anguished and shocked was his appearance that everybody stared. Shurtliff moistened his lips and tried to speak. He could not utter a word, but he did manage to point toward the private office.

"Perhaps I would better go first," said Rodney, as the secretary stepped back and gave them passage.

Helen Illingworth followed, and then the rest. Young Meade was standing erect by his father's chair. The great bulk of the old engineer was slouched down, his body bent over, his head on the desk, face downward. One great arm, his left, extended, shot straight across the desk. His fist was clenched, his right arm hung limp by his side. He was still.

There was something unmistakably terrible in his motionless aspect. They had no need to ask what had happened. A sharp exclamation from the woman was the only sound that broke the silence, as she stepped to her lover's side.

"You can't question my father now, gentlemen," said Meade; "he is dead."

In the outer office they heard Shurtliff brokenly calling the doctor on the telephone and asking him to notify the police.

"Did he—" began one, hesitatingly.

"He was too big a man to do himself any hurt, I know," answered Meade proudly, as he divined the question. "The autopsy will tell. But I am sure that the failure of the bridge has broken his heart."

"And we can't fix the responsibility now," said Rodney, who for his friend's sake was glad of this consequence of the old man's death.

"Yes, you can," said the young man. He leaned forward and laid his right hand on his dead father's shoulder.

Helen Illingworth had possessed herself of his left hand. She lifted it and held it to her heart. The engineer seemed unconscious of the action, and still it was the greatest thing he had ever experienced. Meade spoke slowly and with the most weighty deliberation in an obvious endeavor to give his statement such clear definiteness that no one could mistake it.

"Here in the presence of my dead father," he began, "I solemnly declare that I alone am responsible for the design of the member that failed. My father was getting along in years. He left a great part of the work to me. He pointed out what he thought was a structural weakness in the trusses, but I overbore his objections. I alone am to blame. The Martlet Bridge company employed us both. They said they wanted the benefit of my father's long experience and my later training and research."

"Do you realize, Meade," said Rodney, as the pencils of the reporters flew across their pads, "that in assuming this responsibility which, your father being dead, cannot be—"

"I know it means the end of my career," said Meade, forcing himself to speak. "My father's reputation is dearer to me than anything on earth."

"Even than I?" whispered the woman.

"Oh, my God!" burst out the man, and then he checked himself and continued with the same monotonous deliberation as before, and with even more emphasis, "I can allow no other interest in life, however great, to prevent me from doing my full duty to my father."

He had been fully resolved to protect his old father's fame had the father survived the shock. The appeal of the dead man was even more powerful than if he had lived. Meade could not glance down at that crushed, broken, impotent figure and fail to respond. It was not so much love—never had he loved Helen Illingworth so much as then—as it was honor. The obligation must be met though his heart broke like his father's; even if it killed him, too.

And the woman! How if it killed her? He could not think of that. He could think of nothing but of that inert body and its demand.

"Have you no witnesses, no evidence to substantiate your extraordinary statement?" asked Rodney.

"I can substantiate it," said Shurtliff, coming into the room, having finished his telephoning. "The doctor and the police will be here immediately, but before they come—" and he drew himself up and faced the reporters boldly. "Gentlemen, I can testify that everything that Mr. Bertram Meade has said is true. I happened to be here when my dead friend and employer got the telegram announcing the failure of the bridge and, although he knew it was his son's fault, he bravely offered to assume the responsibility and he told me to go to the newspapers and

tell them that it was his fault and that his son had protested in vain against his design."

"Why didn't you do it?" asked one of the reporters.

"I couldn't, sir," faltered the old man. "It wasn't true. The son there was to blame."

He sank down in his seat and covered his face with his hands and broke into dry, horrible sobs. It was not easy for him either, this shifting of responsibility.

"You see," said young Meade, "I guess that settles the matter. Now you have nothing more to do here."

"Nothing," said Rodney at last, "not in this office at least. We must wait for the doctor, but we can do that outside."

One by one the men filed out, leaving the dead engineer with his son, the secretary, and the woman in the room.

"Bert," said the woman, laying her hand on his shoulder, "why or how I feel I cannot tell, but I know in my



"He Will Point Out Some Way—"

heart that you are doing this for your father's sake, that what you said was not true. Things you have said to me—"

"Did I ever say anything to you," began Meade in fierce alarm, while Shurtliff started to speak but checked himself, "to lead you to think that I suspected any weakness in the bridge?"

The woman was watching him keenly and listening to him with every sense on the alert. Nothing was escaping her and she detected in his voice a note of sharp alarm and anxiety as if he might have said something which could be used to discredit his assertion now.

"Perhaps not in words but in little things, suggestions," she answered quietly. "I can't put my hand on any of them, I can hardly recall anything, but the impression is there."

Meade smiled miserably at her and again her searching eyes detected relief in his.

"It is your affection that makes you say that," he said, "and as you admit there is really nothing. What I said just now is true."

It was much harder to speak the lie to this clear-eyed woman, who loved him, than to the reporters. He could scarcely complete his sentence, and in the end sought to look away.

"Bertram Meade," said the woman, putting both her hands upon his shoulder, "look me in the face and tell me that you have spoken the truth and that the blame is yours."

Meade tried his best to return her glance, but those blue eyes plunged through him like steel blades. He did not dream in their softness could be developed such fire. He was speechless. After a moment he looked away. He shut his lips firmly. He could not sustain her glance, but nothing could make him retract or unsay his words.

"I have said it," he managed to get out hoarsely.

"It's brave of you. It's splendid of you," she said. "I won't betray you. I don't have to."

"What do you mean?" asked the man.

But the woman had now turned to Shurtliff. In his turn she also seized him in her emotion and she shook him almost eagerly.

"You, you know that it is not true. Speak!"

But she had not the power over the old man that she had over the younger. The secretary forced himself to look at her. He cared nothing for Miss Illingworth, but he had a passion for the older Meade that matched hers for the younger.

"He has told the truth," he cried almost like a baited animal. "No one is going to ruin the reputation of the man I have served and to whom I have given my life without protest from me. It's his fault, his, his, his!" he cried, his voice rising with every repetition of the pronoun as he pointed at Meade.

Helen Illingworth turned to her lover again. She was quieter now.

"I know that neither of you is telling

the truth," she said. "Lying for a great cause, lying in splendid self-sacrifice. You are ruining yourself for your father's name and he is abetting. Why? It can't make any difference to him now. But it makes a great difference to me. Have you thought of that? I'm going to marry you anyway. Only tell me the truth, Bert. By our love I ask you. If you want me to keep your secret I'll do it. But if you won't tell me the truth, and then I shall publish it to the whole world and then—"

"And you would marry me then?" asked Meade, swept away by this profound pleading.

"I will marry you now, instantly, at any time," answered the girl. "Indeed you need me. Guilty or innocent, I am yours and you are mine."

"Listen," protested the engineer, "nothing will ever relieve me of the blame, of the shame, of the disgrace of this. But I am a man. I have youth still, and strength and inspiration. Until I can hold up my head among men I am nothing to you and you are free."

There was a finality in his tone which the woman recognized. She could as well break it down as batter a stone wall with her naked fist. She looked at him a long time.

"Very well," she said at last, "unless I shall be your wife I shall be the wife of no man. I shall wait confident in the hope that there is a just God, and that he will point out some way."

CHAPTER IX.

The Unaccepted Renunciation.

The doctor and the officers of the law entered the outer office. In spite of the brave words that had been spoken by the woman, the man could only see a long parting and an uncertain future. He realized it the more when old Colonel Illingworth entered the room in the wake of the others. After he had recovered himself he had hurried to the station in time to catch the next train and had come to New York, realizing at once where his daughter must have gone.

"My father is dead," said Meade as the doctor and the officers of the law examined the body of the old man. The son had eyes for no one but the old colonel. "The failure of the bridge has broken his heart; my failure, I'd better say."

"I understand," said Illingworth. "He is fortunate. I would rather have died than have seen any son of mine forced to confess criminal incompetence like yours."

"Father," said the girl with a resolute and firmness singularly like his own. "I can't hear you speak this way, and I will not."

"Do you go with him or do you not?" thundered the colonel.

It was Meade who answered for her. "She goes with you. I love her and she loves me, but I won't drag her down in my ruin."

"I am glad to see honor and decency are in you still," said the colonel, "even if you are incompetent."

"If you say another word to him I will never go with you as long as I live," flashed out Helen Illingworth.

"I deserve all that he can say. Your duty is with him. Good-by," said Meade.

"And I shall see you again?" "Of course. Now you must go with your father."

Helen Illingworth turned to the colonel.

"I shall go with you because he bids me, not because—"

"Whatever the reason," said the old soldier, "you go." He paused a moment, looking from the dead man to the living one. "Meade," he exclaimed at last, "I am sorry for your father, I am sorry for you. Good-by, and I never want to see you or hear of you again. Come, Helen."

The woman stretched out her hand toward her lover as her father took her by the arm. Meade looked at her a moment and then turned away deliberately as if to mark the final severance.

With bent head and beating heart, she followed her father out of the room. There he had to fight off the reporters. He denied that his daughter was going to marry young Meade. She strove to speak and he strove to force her to be quiet. In the end she had her way.

"At Mr. Meade's own request," she said finally, "our engagement has been broken off. Personally I consider myself as much bound as ever, but in deference to his wishes and to my father's—"

"Have you said enough?" roared the colonel, losing all control of himself at last. "No, I will not be questioned or interrupted another minute. Come."

He almost dragged the girl from the room.

Within the private office the physician said that everything pointed to a heart lesion, but only an autopsy would absolutely determine it. Meanwhile the law would have to take charge of the body temporarily. It was late at night before Bertram Meade and old Shurtliff were left alone. Carefully seeing that no one was present in the suite of offices Meade turned to Shurtliff.

"Get me that memorandum I wrote to my father. You know where he kept it."

"Yes, sir, separate from the other papers concerning the International, in the third compartment." He turned the big safe door slowly. The third compartment was empty. "It's gone," he said.

Meade went to the safe, a small one, and examined it carefully and fruitlessly. His letter was not there with the other papers, where it should have been if it were in existence. It was not anywhere.

"Father told me he was going to destroy it, but I rather thought he was keeping it to have some fun with me when the bridge was completed," he said at last.

"Yes, sir, that was his intention. In fact, I know he did not destroy it at first. He told me to file it with the plans. He must have destroyed it later. I haven't looked in this compartment for weeks."

"I'll never forget the lie you told to back me up, Shurtliff. I can see you loved him as much as I."

"No one will ever know the truth from me, sir. You saved your father's name and fame."

"I think we had better search the office now. I wouldn't have that paper come to life for the world," said Meade.

Shurtliff was the most orderly of men. The care of the old engineer's papers and other arrangements had devolved upon him. The search was soon completed.

"I guess he must have destroyed it," said the young man, "but to be sure I will examine his private papers at home. Good night. You will be going yourself?"

"In a few minutes, sir."

"Come to me in the morning after the autopsy and we will arrange for the funeral," said the younger man as he left the office.

Shurtliff waited until his footsteps died away in the hall. He waited until he heard the clang of the elevator gate. Even then he was not sure. He got up and in his catlike way opened the door of the office and peered down the hall. It was empty. He stood in the door waiting, while the night elevator made several trips up and down without pausing at that floor. He sat down at the dead man's desk. From his pocket he drew forth a packet of papers.

There were no legal proceedings, although there were many inquiries at the bridge. The cause of the failure was clear. It was recognized by everyone, whose opinion was worth considering, that the disaster had resulted from a mistake which any engineer could have made. As a matter of fact there was no experience to guide the designers. There never had been such a bridge before. Certain elements of empiricism had to enter into their calculations. They had made the plan after their best judgment and it had failed. They could be blamed, even vilified as they were in the press, but that was the extent of their punishment.

The bitter weight of censure fell entirely upon Bertram Meade. His ruin as an engineer was immediate and absolute. He was the seagoat. No one had any good to say of him except Rodney, who fought valiantly for his friend and classmate, at least striving to mitigate the censure by pointing out the quick and ready acknowledgment of the error which might have been ascribed to the dead man without fear of contradiction.

An effort was made by competitors and stock speculators to ruin the Martlet Bridge company. By throwing into the gap their private fortunes to the last dollar and by herculean work on the part of their friends, the directors saved the Martlet company, although its losses were tremendous and almost insupportable, not only in money, but in prestige and reputation. Colonel Illingworth came out of the struggle older and grayer than ever. The terrible combat had left him almost broken for a time, and his daughter said that it was not possible even to mention Bertram Meade to him, then.

The funeral of the great engineer was held strictly private. Only his confidants, men who stood high in scientific circles, certain people for whom he had made great and successful designs, a few others whose ties were personal, had been invited to the house for the services. The interment was in the little Connecticut town of Milford, in which the older Meade had been born, and from which he had gone forth as a boy to conquer the world.

The next installment tells of young Meade's big move, which leads to even more startling consequences than the recent happenings in his life.

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According to our war observer who was studying the points in psychology and human nature noted by the Germans, he finds they are good ones, and states that for all the psychology the Germans can use that the very flexibility of the Russian army defeats the German purposes. To fight the English the Germans place few men in the first line and many in reserve as the English advance so far and then hold their ground, whereas in the case of the French the Germans concentrate men in their 1st line for a break thru would mean a big victory for the impulsive French. Machine Guns and artillery are the best answers, according to English proof, to psychology.

The War Department has ruled that one negro infantry regiment must go to each cantonment in the South. Following the riot at Houston and the fight at Waco it seems to us rather risky business mingling the two races. Negro soldiers are in the service of the U. S. but when they attempt to east aside restraint and wreak vengeance on those who would bar them they go wild. We do not blame, nor do we complain, but why not use common sense?

Whatever the people of the nation may disagree over at home they concentrate on their work in this war. To give freely as has been given, to support the government in every way, and now to show their loyalty and duty by their work in the army—the answer is sufficient for Uncle Sam but the Central Powers won't believe it until they feel 'em.

When representatives at Washington in public declare that American money lent the Allies will not all come back home, and this assertion was not denied by any member or head of the government in power, we take it to be a fact, and express our innocent ignorance of this new principle in business.

What we like to hear is a man who states his views and convictions clearly and does not make parrot talk of them. There are many people we know who when they have once taken up a grudge will continue hammering with it until they weary their best friends and supporters with the din.

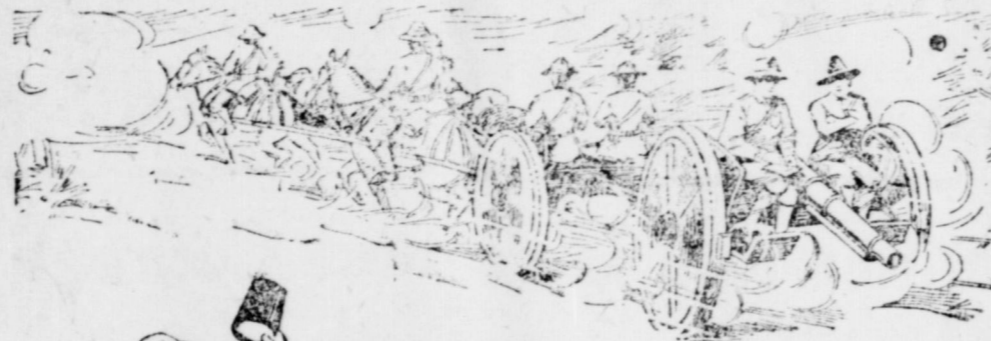
Prussia has not been crushed yet; Germany has lost many sons but there are more Prussians left than of any other class for the reason that the Kaiser feels more certain of them and wants to hold his hand over the others when the time of reckoning comes.

Russia, though groping in the dark as yet for the Light, feels the grand instinct of Liberty rushing down through the ages, and her determination is stronger than ever to be Free.

The biggest and best ally with the Entente is King Winter who is rushing to their aid, and is already making his power felt in northern Russia.

The first one from Kinney for the new National Army has already gone. Who is the next.

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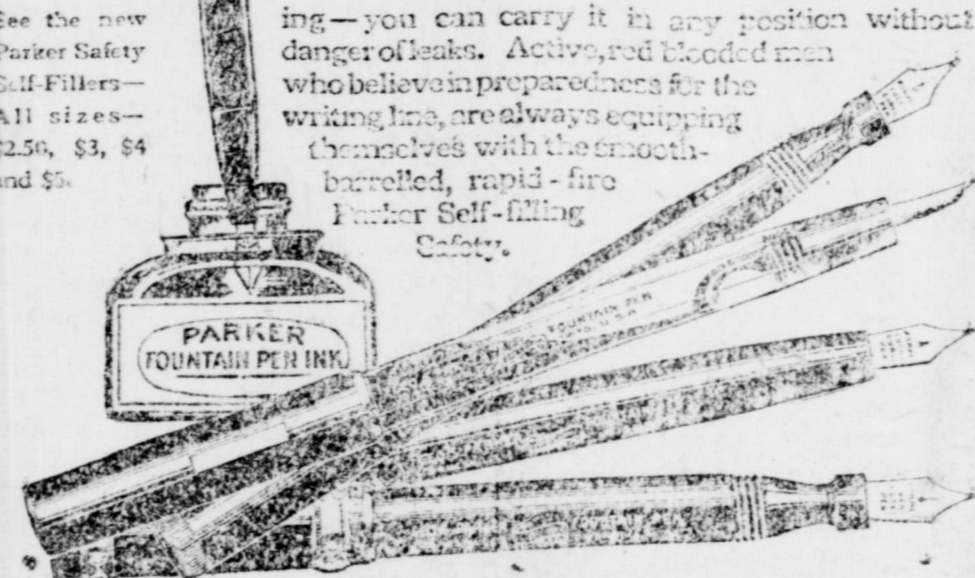


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Local News

Dave Rose was in Brackett the first of the week on business.

For a good smoke try a Henry George at F. H. Fritters.

F. O. Long of Spofford was in Brackett Monday attending commissioners court.

Miss Maud Studer of Uvalde was the guest this week of Miss Hattie Wickham.

See the advertisement of Dr. L. Perkins, the new Dentist, elsewhere in this issue.

Frank Rose, Jr., returned home Sunday afternoon after a couple of days visit with friends in Del Rio.

Henry Horn of Del Rio was a Brackett visitor Sunday, returning the same afternoon to his home town.

The Ambulance Companies at the Post will hold another dance Saturday night at the School Auditorium.

Miss Cerelda Kirkpatrick of San Antonio is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barricklow at their home in Fort Clark.

Ice cream of quality, cold sanitary soft drinks, fresh fruit, tender pies, and good appetizing meals at the Manhattan, of course.

T. B. Jackson was a business visitor here Sunday and Monday. Mr. Jackson stated that he is very busy now days with his new work in San Antonio.

Dr. W. W. Nipper and children left Tuesday afternoon for San Antonio, where the Doctor will remain for a day or so purchasing his Christmas goods.

Chaplain C. C. Bateman of Del Rio was in Brackett Wednesday morning, and made us a call. The Chaplain came over to officiate at the Berry-Sauer wedding.

-Fresh stock of good cigars at F. H. Fritters.

A. L. Cashell of Tularosa was a Brackett visitor Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hymans spent Sunday in Del Rio with relatives, returning the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dooley were in from their ranch Monday afternoon, and visited with relatives while in town.

Quite a number of Brackett people attended a dance given at Live Oak Friday, and all report having had a good time.

Mrs. L. Fontana returned Wednesday afternoon from Del Rio where she had spent a month the guest of friends and acquaintances.

A squad of motorcycles and side cars for the Ambulance Companies arrived here the first of the week and have been attached to the Ambulance Companies at the Post.

J. W. Nolan returned home Thursday afternoon after a few days sojourn in San Antonio, coming there after a month's stay at Mineral Wells. Mr. Nolan is in good health.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stadler and son, Harry, and Mrs. Kornrum left yesterday afternoon in their car for San Antonio, where Mr. and Mrs. Stadler will visit with relatives. Harry will enter the West Texas Military academy and Mrs. Kornrum return to her home.

The Butterfly features which the Star Theater showed Saturday night, "The Flame of Youth," was one of the best ones in a long while. Jack Mulhall was the chief actor and as the play was of a very humorous sort, and full of stirring and exciting events, the audience enjoyed it. It was the story of a rich boy, his trip to find out who was robbing his father's opal mines, his struggles and how he came to find a girl who wasn't afraid to stand up for him.

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Y. M. C. A. Assured.

It has been practically conceded that the Y. M. C. A. will be built at Fort Clark, and although the amount subscribing is rising and has not yet reached the level it should, we have it from authoritative sources that the amount will be easily raised by Brackett and Kinney County people. Chaplain C. C. Bateman who was here from Del Rio Wednesday morning was very enthusiastic about the Y. M. C. A., and was delighted to learn that the building was practically assured Fort Clark. The Chaplain with characteristic energy and enthusiasm looked into the prospects of the matter and found them to be very bright. Our people have been lending a helping hand for this institution and with but little help will place things where all wish them to stand.

The Y. M. C. A. at Fort Clark, as the Chaplain so aptly puts it, "is a go!"

Services In St Andrew's Church.

The Rev. D. I. Johnson who will succeed the Rev. Goodrich Fenner as Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, will hold his first services next Sunday, September 16th. The services will be as follows:

11 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon.

8 P. M. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

LOST.

One tire and ream on the road between Brackett and Standart, on Sunday, September 9th. Finder please notify C. Y. Slator and receive reward.

For Sale.

All of my household furniture and goods. Apply to Mrs. M. Mendeke.

Low Rust, the genial manager of the Del Rio and Western Telephone Company, was a Brackett visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose, Jr., returned home Thursday afternoon from Del Rio where they had visited relatives several days.

The Manhattan! That word stands for a good meal, and is known to everyone who desires a good, well cooked and juicy meal.

The local Garages have decided and last week put into practise their new ruling not to do any work on automobiles on Sunday.

Mrs. V. Alderete left Thursday afternoon for her home in San Antonio after a two weeks visit here with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rose.

There are cold drinks and cold drinks, but the kind the Manhattan makes and sells are clean, of good quality and they do treat you fair.

John Washington, colored, who was bitten on the hand last week by a rattlesnake, is now practically recovered, though not entirely out of danger.

Brackett automobile owners have for the most part received their licenses from the State, and they expect their numbers to be arriving in the near future.

Major J. M. Slator was a Brackett business visitor Monday, paid us a call and stated his section as being in a very fine condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Carr arrived here from Del Rio Friday evening, and are making their home near the bridge on the Del Rio road. Mr. Carr is a member of the Machine Gun 14th Cavalry stationed at Fort Clark.

W. O. Vincent has begun work again at the Post and is now overhauling and repairing the Quartermaster building. A large appropriation of \$30,000 has been made and Fort Clark will be renovated thoroughly.

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George Rivers

Compulsory Education.

All children within the scholastic age, from the third grade up, will soon be required to attend the school, as is provided by the State Compulsory Education Law. Such was the ruling of the Brackett Independent District School Board Saturday night, and Prof. Cox will begin on the 1st of next month, October, the enforcement of the provisions of this law.

The law requires that children within the scholastic age shall go to school, but inasmuch as the lower grades up to the third are at present crowded and it would be impossible for them to accept any more in such numbers as might be if the law were severely enforced, it was therefore decided to exclude these three grades and use only the grades from the third up. The Board is standing firmly behind Prof. Cox and will see to it that the law is placed in active enforcement on the 1st of October, which is Monday. All within the scholastic, as has been said before, will have to go, with the following exceptions, as provided by law:

1. If the child is over 14 years old.
2. If the child is over 2 1/2 miles from the school.
3. If the child is in a private school.
4. If the child is over 12 years old, and has finished the 4th grade, and is needed at home for the support of a parent.
5. If deaf, dumb, blind or feeble minded.

It is therefore to the interest of the parents of children within the scholastic age and not barred from attendance by any of the exemptions given above, to send them to school at once. The Board is determined to fulfill the law to the letter.

Walt-Coston Wedding Announced.

Invitations are out, and have been received to the effect that Frederick William Walt of Spofford will be married to Miss Hattie Leonora Coston of Uvalde, the wedding to take place on Tuesday, September the 25th, in St. Phillips Episcopal Church, in Uvalde.

Mr. Walt and Miss Coston are well known to our people, and their engagement created a pleasant surprise. Mr. Walt is a young man from Spofford, with bright prospects, while Miss Coston is well known socially here and has many friends.

The couple will be at home to their friends after October the 10th, in Santa Cruz, California.

For Sale.

One Remington No. 10 Visible Typewriter in good condition. For particulars write Box 31, Spofford, Texas.

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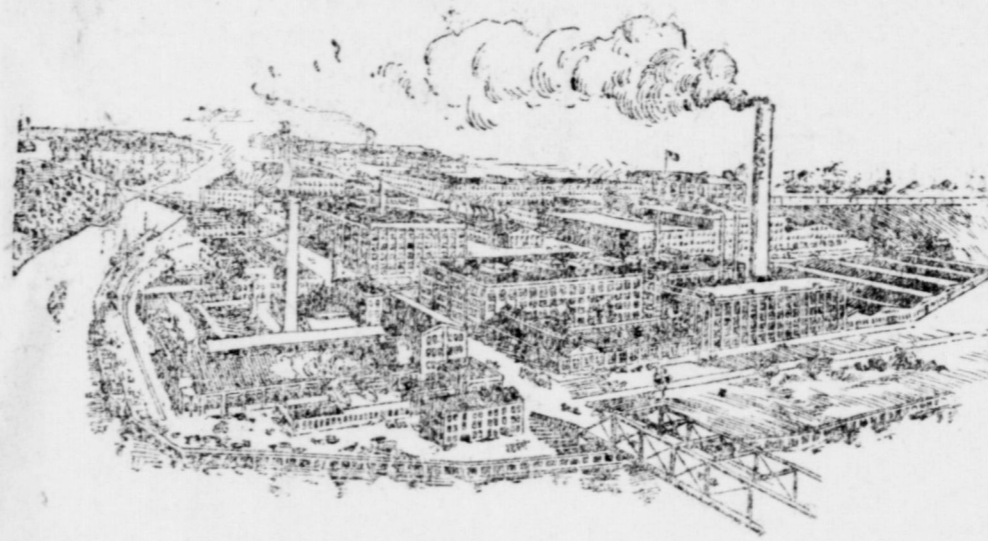
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Proceedings of the Commissioners Court.

At a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court on September 19th, 1917, held at Brackettville, Texas, the following business was had, all the Court with the exception of August Wipff being present:

Canvassing the returns of the Amendment election the Court found 35 votes for and 4 against the Amendment, the majority for being 31.

Petition of Nipper Drug Company to lay a pipe from the corner of Ann and Spring Streets

to his business, was granted, it being specified that Nipper Drug Company place it 2 feet beneath ground, and be responsible to public during its construction.

Petition of Ed Fritter to put Electric wire from Clark Theater to his place of business granted. The Court ordered the Sheriff be allowed a guard at the Brackett jail at \$2.00 per day.

There being no further business the Court adjourned.

Jury List.

District Court convenes next Monday, September the 17th, and the following names are those who have been selected and summoned to appear before the Court and act in the capacity of jurors as given below:

GRAND JURY.

- F. G. Bless, J. F. Nance, W. D. Dooley, Charles Gaebler, T. J. Martin, A. L. York, M. L. Witt, E. H. Nolan, A. M. Slaton, Sam Harwood, C. W. Beard, J. C. Tally, John Hering, J. H. Ballantyne, W. G. Lackey and W. F. Holmes.

PETIT JURY.

- John Dooley, Dave Owens, J. E. Clark, L. Dial, G. A. Briggs, W. H. Wilson, Charles Schwandner, John Sheedy, S. P. Witt, Roy Sprout, W. O. Shely, Jim Rose, W. S. Ballantyne, J. J. Murray, Hans Petersen, Joe Thurman, F. Walti, J. H. Wallace, J. W. Musgrave, T. S. Sprott, Jim Lathan, Charles Senne, Tom Cook, Frank Clamp, Dan Farley, F. H. Fritter, Henry Senne, O. F. Sergeant, H. E. Zinsmeister, J. A. Pehl, W. W. Jameson, L. W. Everett, Phillip Engelke, Postell and Fred Maley.

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The Universal Program.

You like to see the better kind of shows and the right kind of pictures. The Star will entertain this week with a program that has not been equalled for a long, long time.

Beginning Sunday, the 16th with Dan Russell in a 2 reel L-Ko, "Surf Scandal," Universal Animated Weekly feature Number 80, and IMP with Lee Hill, "Batton of Headquarters;" Monday, episode 7 of "Pearl of the Army," with Pearl White, Hearst-Selig Weekly, and a good comedy; Tuesday, special Universal feature play with a special cast, "The Web" in 2 reels, Universal Current Events No. 10, and a Nestor with Eddie Lyons, Lee Moran and Edith Roberts, "Seeing Things;" Wednesday, episode 6 of "The Gray Ghost," with Harry Carter, Eddie Polo and Priscilla Dean; Thursday, Harry Carey in a 3 reel GoldSeal, "A Soldier of the Legion," and Powers Cartoon Comedy, "Box Carr Bill Falls In Luck;" Friday, Victor 2 reel with Matt Moore and Jane Gail, "Caught in the Act," Universal Screen Magazine No. 29, and Joker with Gale Henry and William Francy, "He Had Em Buffaloed;" Saturday a 5 reel Butterfly feature with Mary McLaren and Kingsley Benedict "The Plow Woman."

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Berry-Sauer.

A quiet wedding was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock when Albert A. Berry and Miss Hortense Sauer were united in the bonds of matrimony by Chaplain C. C. Bateman of Del Rio at the Sauer ranch home. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for Galveston and New Orleans for an extended trip, and then will return to San Antonio where Mr. Berry will teach Science and coach athletics and Mrs. Berry will teach German and History at the West Texas Military Academy, both being in the same institution. The many friends of the happy couple, for Mr. Berry was principal of the Brackett High School for two years and is well known to our people, and Miss Sauer is the daughter of our fellow citizens, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Sauer, and the best wishes of all accompany the hopes of the News-Mail that theirs be one long road of happiness.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

Mrs. Cash of Fort Clark entered her boy in the 5th grade this week.

The School Board has decided to enforce the compulsory attendance law for all pupils from the 4th grade up.

Miss Margaret Filippone is teaching the 5th grade this week, since Miss Hyland was moved up to the high school.

The graduating class also selected officers for the year, choosing Ellie Perry as President, and Della Rose as Secretary.

On Monday, the 10th grade elected officers for the year, choosing Willie DeWitt for President of the class for the year, and Mamie Frank Hunt Secretary.

Several new pupils entered the school this week, swelling the enrollment to 253 white and 67 colored, making a total of 320 up to last Tuesday. Among the new pupils was a Philippine boy from Fort Clark.

The book cases purchased by the Parent-Teachers Association last Spring, finally came, and have been set up in the Library; they are beauties and make quite a valuable addition to the equipment of our nice Library.

The afternoons have been so awfully hot that it was a real punishment for the pupils to sit quietly in school; and the water being hot in the hydrants made it all the worse for comfort of the children; but they tried to endure the heat and hot water as best they could.

Miss Kathryn Hyland has been made one of the high school teachers, she taking the classes that Prof. Benton was to have, as the School Board failed to find a suitable man for the principal's position. Miss Hyland is taking hold of her new work with considerable energy and the prospects are that the Latin and Physics classes will have no time bread to eat this term.

The Parent-Teachers Association held their regular monthly meeting last Monday afternoon at the high school. The meeting was fairly well attended, and considerable business was transacted. The matter of saving the waste paper at school, and all over town as well, was discussed by the mothers, and an effort will be made to save the paper and sell it. The Superintendent was given authority to put up more play-ground equipment on the school yard.

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"Whenever a man suffers as long as I did, he gets to the place where he feels like he's no more good in this world," he continued, "and that's just the way I had begun to feel. Long ago I got so weak I couldn't carry on my work, for spells of stomach trouble and nervousness just made it torture for me to eat and the trouble I had wouldn't let me sleep at all. My heart would flutter and act queer until I was afraid it would stop and I got so blue and discouraged that I felt like I didn't much care if it did.

"I'd been well-enough satisfied just to have my sufferings relieved, but that's not all Tanlac has done for me—I have gained eleven pounds in weight—since I started taking it. I can eat as hearty a meal as if I had never had stomach trouble at all and my strength has come back so I can do as much work in a day as I ever could. I just feel like a new man all over and will be glad to tell anybody just what this wonderful medicine has done for me."

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Very Useful.

"What a peculiar choice for a wedding gift!" remarked a lady, trying not to laugh, as she inspected a huge flat-iron which her charwoman had just brought.

"Ain't it, ma'am?" said the charwoman, rather proudly than otherwise. "It's my sister that's gettin' married, and I'm repayin' her for the gift she sent on my wedding day."

"Did she send you something very ugly, then?"

"Deed, no, ma'am. Hers was a beautiful present. But you see, ma'am, a little bird whispered to me that her future husband's a man of violent temper, and I thought I'd send her something that would be useful in case of family disputes. She has the straight razor with a blade, you know, from Pearson's Weekly."

Juice of Lemons! How to Make Skin White and Beautiful

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quarter pint of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as sallowness, freckles and tan and is the ideal skin softener, smoothener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It naturally should help to soften, freshen, bleach and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin. It is wonderful to smoothen rough, red hands. Adv.

Right in Line.

"Have your millions enabled your children to marry well?"

"Rather. My daughter married a cabaret dancer and my son is engaged to a pretentious chorus girl. We're headed for the best society now."—Kansas City Journal.

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

No Hardship for Him.

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HEADACHES

This distressing ailment should be relieved at once and save strain on Nervous System. CAPDINE gives quick relief. It's a liquid—Pleasant to take.—Adv.

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WASHINGTON NEWS.

The national guard camps in Texas and elsewhere in the South are to be used for a comparatively short time and the house appropriation committee has refused to allow an appropriation of \$18,280,000 for transferring them into wooden cantonments. Secretary of War Baker stated to the house committee. The report of the hearings shows that the camps were not to be used after vacated by the national guard.

President Wilson Friday placed an embargo, effective Sept. 10, on the exportation of coin, bullion and currency. At the same time he authorized the secretary of the treasury to license such exportations where, in the opinion of the federal reserve board, they are not harmful to the public interest.

Nationwide seizure by the government of documents of the Industrial Workers of the World is said to be but one step in the vigorous campaign which the department of justice is prepared to conduct against disloyalty and sedition wherever they may show themselves.

In the urgent deficiency appropriation bill reported to congress Thursday by the house appropriations committee is an item of \$250,000 for the use of the agricultural department in conducting its war on the pink boll worm. This appropriation has been approved by the appropriations committee on the assurance of the agricultural department that the Texas legislature, now in session, will enact legislation providing for cooperation with the federal government in the effort to keep the pest out of the United States.

The great war credits bill, authorizing \$11,538,945,460 in bonds and certificates, unanimously passed the house Thursday.

Appropriations and authorizations totaling \$4,810,000,000 are proposed in a general deficiency bill embracing chiefly war expenditures reported favorably Thursday to the house by the appropriations committee.

The government Wednesday took drastic measures to end the anti-war propaganda and activities conducted in the name of the Industrial Workers of the World, the socialist party and other organizations throughout the United States. On orders from Attorney General Gregory, United States marshals in many towns and cities descended at 2 p. m., central time, upon local headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World, seized books, checks, correspondence and other documents, and in some instances arrested officials found upon the premises.

Uniformity in enforcement of regulations on dependency claims under the selective draft is expected from the district boards, to which the government has appealed all such exemptions. In cases where claims of dependency have not been allowed, the interested person should perfect his appeal, otherwise the decision of the local board stands as law.

STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

A heavy rain, accompanied by a high wind, swept over Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday, where about 10,000 Texas and Oklahoma guardsmen are quartered in tents, and considerable damage was done.

The American Alliance for Labor and Democracy, in session at Minneapolis, Minn., Thursday unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing as unwarranted the declarations of the People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace and other similar organizations that America has not clearly stated her war aims.

In a message sent to the Texas legislature Friday, Acting Governor Hobby submitted the subject of the enactment of a law which will permit the transfer of liens on state school lands and university lands to the Federal Loan bank in order that the owners of such lands may be able to borrow money thereon for the purpose of improving the land.

In the general election Thursday at Houston, Texas, J. C. Hutcheson, Jr., democratic nominee for mayor in the primary election of August 13, received 1,379 votes, about one-eighth of the total of 9,102 first choice votes polled in the primary. J. J. Settegast received 14 votes, Ed H. Harrell 1, Andrei Vann 1, H. F. MacGregor 1 and Lettoert 1.

The first sale of new rice was made Thursday at El Campo, Texas. Six hundred bags of Early Prolific were sold at a price of \$7.16 per hundred.

The 160th anniversary of the birth of Lafayette was observed at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pa., Thursday by the raising of a specially made flag, a duplicate of which was unfurled at the city hall in Paris, France. Jules J. Jusserand, the French ambassador, was present as a guest of honor and delivered a brief address.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, Wednesday pledged the united support of organized labor to the government in its prosecution of the war, assailed the peace propagandists and denounced the futile activities of those who would split labor's ranks on the question of war. It was the keynote speech of the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy, in session at Minneapolis, Minn.

Two hundred Mexican soldiers were drowned Thursday in the Gulf of California as a result of the sinking of a Mexican government vessel by a squall.

The American Bar Association at its session Thursday at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., denounced the war methods of Germany as illegal, resolved to request the judges of state and federal courts to write shorter judicial opinions; authorized further investigation of a proposal to change the date of presidential inauguration; opposed legislation designed to repeal the national bankruptcy law, and favored the "technical error" bill now before the United States senate, a measure empowering appellate courts to disregard in their decisions technical errors or defects which do not affect the substantial rights of the parties.

Found guilty of violating the ninety-third article of war, which defines assault with intent to murder, five of the members of the Twenty-fourth Infantry (negro regiment), who rioted at Waco, Texas, on the night of July 23, will each serve a sentence of five years at hard labor in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., while a sixth rioter will serve ten years in the same prison.

The senate, in executive session Tuesday at Austin, Texas, confirmed the nomination of John Sealy of Galveston to be a regent of the University of Texas.

FOREIGN NEWS.

In their present drive against the Austrians the Italians have already taken 30,000 prisoners and the losses of the Austrians are estimated at 120,000. The ground over which the Austrians charged in an effort to keep the Italians from advancing further toward Trieste is heaped with dead.

The seventh German war loan, which the capture by the Germans of Riga is expected to aid materially, will open for subscription Sept. 19. The loan will be of the same character as the sixth war loan, with 5 per cent bonds issued at 98 and 4 1/2 per cent treasury certificates carrying a bonus for which the holders will have a chance to get from 110 to 120 when they are drawn for redemption.

German airmen have bombed a group of British-American hospitals of the French coast. One officer of the American medical corps was killed and three officers were wounded severely by bombs dropped on a Harvard hospital.

The official weekly report of french merchantmen sunk by mines or submarines during the past week shows that three vessels of more than 1,600 tons were sent to the bottom. No vessels in the category of less than 1,600 tons were sunk. One vessel was unsuccessfully attacked by a submarine. No fishing vessels met with disaster.

Sub-Lieutenant Raoul Lufbery, the American aviator flying with the Lafayette escadrille, in France Friday brought down his twelfth German airplane.

German cavalry has been engaged with Russian rear guards at Zegevoil, forty miles east of Riga, but apparently the German attack in force has slackened. Around Friedrichstadt, about fifty miles southeast of Riga on the Dvina river, the retiring Russians have set fire to several villages.

Premier Lloyd George, in a speech at Burkenhead, England, Friday declared that the whole allied cause and the freedom of the world depended on supremacy at sea, and that he was certain it would be maintained.

British naval airplanes penetrated far inland in Turkish territory Wednesday, dropping bombs on the city of Adrianople, about 137 miles northwest of Constantinople.

The German crown princess Wednesday gave birth to a daughter, according to Berlin advices. This is the sixth child born to Crown Prince Frederick William and the crown princess.

In Tuesday night's air raid 107 persons were killed and eighty-six were wounded at Chatham, England. The victims were naval ratings. Six German airplanes took part in the raid.

Four German mine sweepers were destroyed Monday off the coast of Jutland by British light forces, according to an announcement issued by the British admiralty.

Riga, Russia's port on the Gulf of Riga, is in the hands of the Germans and its garrison and the civilian population are in retreat eastward.

After a cabinet meeting presided over by King Alfonso Friday at Madrid, Spain, Premier Dato announced that a comprehensive program of reform was in preparation and would be announced, after which general elections would be held. There have been widespread strikes and disorders, accompanied by bloodshed, in Spain, at intervals for several months.

"MURDER ROOM" NOW IS BRIDAL CHAMBER

Man Acquitted of Killing Wife Returns With New Bride and Occupies House.

St. Joseph, Mo.—The room in which Mrs. Harriet Moss McDaniel was murdered a year ago became a bridal chamber last week.

Oscar D. McDaniel, former prosecuting attorney of Buchanan county, who was arrested and later acquitted of the charge of murdering his wife, returned this week from a honeymoon trip through the East with his new bride and occupied the house in which Mrs. McDaniel was murdered.

The marriage of McDaniel and Miss Zora Cook, twenty-one, one of the leading society girls of the city, last week, furnished another link in one of the most mysterious murder cases in the history of the country.



Mrs. McDaniel Was Murdered a Year Ago.

Beginning with the murder of Mrs. McDaniel a year ago, continuing with the trial and acquittal of her husband, then adding more tragedy when John E. Krueker shot and killed his wife and committed suicide, the case now takes a new turn with the marriage of the principal figure.

Mrs. Krueker had been called "the woman in the case." Miss Cook is the daughter of C. A. Cook, manager of the Bell Telephone company here. He was one of the two men arriving first at the McDaniel home after the murder.

Miss Cook gave testimony for McDaniel. Following the trial rumors that the pair were to be married were persistently denied by both. Miss Cook is a graduate of St. Joseph Central High School and is noted for her beauty and musical accomplishments. Directly across a narrow hall from McDaniel's office is the office of Bart M. Lockwood—the man who as special prosecutor caused McDaniel's arrest on the murder charge.

ARRESTS SELF WITH HIS OWN HANDCUFFS

Indianapolis, Ind.—Abe Brown is a most accommodating man; he handcuffed himself and made his arrest a simple matter.

Brown had visited the home of James Fleming frequently. Several articles were missed and suspicion pointed to him. He gathered with the family one evening for a friendly chat and proudly exhibited a pair of handcuffs he had purchased. "Show us how they work," said Mrs. Fleming. "Simple, just like this," said Brown, and he accidentally locked them.

"We'll call the police to unlock them for you," said Mrs. Fleming. "Fine, thanks," answered Brown, jovially. And when the police came, Mrs. Fleming told the police not to unlock them until she had put a charge of larceny against Brown.

SHOT SELF WHILE ASLEEP

Girl Believed to Have Been Dreaming When She Placed Revolver Against Head and Fired.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Miss May Wilson, twenty-five years old, is believed to have been asleep when she placed a revolver against her head and fired a fatal shot. She had often told her friends she was moved by dreams, and her friends declare she must have been having a nightmare when she fired the shot.

Miss Wilson lived with her father, James R. Wilson, and always kept a revolver under her pillow. She was found on her bed with the revolver lying beside her. Only one shot had been fired and no one heard it. The girl was of a sunny disposition, had perfect health and no trouble. The stress of a dream is the only possible explanation of the tragedy.

ILLED MOSQUITO, BROKE HIS NOSE

Ole Bergstrom Has Prospered in Alaska Despite His Many Disasters.

OFFERS NO COMPLAINT

Thinks All Accidents Are Work of Providence—Seward Physician Only Surprised When He Shows Up Intact.

Seward, Alaska.—Ole Bergstrom is an intensely religious homesteader who has lived in Alaska for twenty years or more and prospered both financially and spiritually despite the fact that the misfortunes he has endured make Job's numerous troubles trivial and inconsequential by comparison.

The whole period of Ole's residence in Alaska is plastered over with a network of overlapping and interlocking ills such as cloudbursts, destructive windstorms, stock diseases, depredations of wild animals and other disastrous incidents which would drive the ordinary man to distraction, but which Ole accepts without complaint and in the firm conviction that they are visitations from Providence in punishment for sins of commission or omission; although if Ole ever committed a really wrongful act in his life it is unknown to his neighbors.

Recently a mosquito perched unexpectedly on Ole's nose, whereupon a well-directed blow from his ham-like palm effectually disembodied the spirit of the mosquito, but unfortunately broke Ole's nose. Dr. J. H. Romig, the physician in attendance, says that Ole will be about his business again in a few days, but with a nose robbed of its original symmetry, and a firm conviction that the peculiar misfortune was a direct rebuke from providence for his avarice—Ole having been tempted by the sinfully high prices, prevailing and prospective, to plant 20 acres of potatoes, a previously unheard of acreage in Alaska.

Bear Upon Him.

Five years ago while returning to his ranch from a trading visit to Seward Ole unexpectedly came upon a brown bear and her cub at a turn of the trail on Resurrection river and, being wise to the general habits of brown bears, knew it was folly to run, particularly as he had a heavy pack upon his back. As something just had to happen to Ole it shows lack of both understanding and imagination on the part of those neighbors who criticize his action in hurling at the mother



Came Upon a Brown Bear and Her Cub.

bear the bundle of papers he was carrying in his hand. Ole merely beat the bear in the start of the affair by a shade, for, according to his own vision, the bear was upon him before his arm was lowered from the throw.

Some time later Harry Hoben and Jim Davis came along the trail and were greatly surprised when they finally discovered that Ole's heart was still beating, and more surprised an hour later when he regained consciousness. These two good Samaritans rigged up a kind of litter and packed Ole into Seward to Doctor Romig's office. Doctor Romig was not surprised at Ole's arrival; never is save when Ole arrives intact.

Possibly the most peculiar of the innumerable accidents which have befallen Ole occurred last summer on the ranch of Erick Lucas. Lucas was having some land cleared and Ole was on the job in pursuance of a work-swapping agreement with Neighbor Lucas, when he sank his double bladed axe in a spruce log in an effort to split it. The log did not split and the axe was so deeply imbedded that the handle was useless in removing it. Whereupon Ole picked up a club to knock it out and succeeded at the first blow. Unfortunately the axe glanced against the side of an adjacent tree, rebounded to another tree, and then boomeranged back to Ole, striking him on the side, and besides cutting him severely, again broke one of those four ribs Doctor Romig fixed up after the bear episode.

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Make War on the Rat. There are more rats than human beings in the United States, and every rat is a food waster.

Gentle Hint. He—Do you know, I think you are a most singular girl. She—I assure you it isn't from choice.

Work of Agricultural Department. The department of agriculture has a staff of more than 16,000 people who are devoting their whole time to the improvement of agriculture, the investigation of marketing problems and the enforcement of federal laws.

The Easier Task. A circus was in the neighborhood and sonny's father took him. His little playmate, Ethlyn, was afraid to go, but had heard much about the wild animals that were generally with a circus, so her mother told her to ask sonny if he saw the hippopotamus. She thought a moment and said: "Mother, I'll call him and you ask him."

Time to Change Subjects. "But, my dear, unless you put some of your allowance in the bank, you will never have any money left for an emergency." "Haven't we a telephone in the house?" "Certainly." "And is there anything to prevent me from calling you up when I need money?" "No, no. Ahem! I believe we are going to have some rain today."

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CONVICTS AID THE RED CROSS



"Doing their bit" while "doing time," might be the motto of the convicts of the Eastern penitentiary, Philadelphia. Some of the prisoners are set at the task of rolling bandages for the Red Cross. The men in the picture, along with others, roll 1,000 bandages a day. Three hundred bandages are placed in each bag. The work is done under the most sanitary conditions and under the supervision of a trained Red Cross nurse.

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Mother's Cook Book

I do not ask for wealth or style. With all their heartless, cold demands. My heart much better understands.

Bread Crumb Pancakes.

Take a cupful of crumbs, two and a fourth cupful of skim milk, sour, one teaspoonful of salt, a teaspoonful and a half of soda, one well-beaten egg and a half cupful of flour. Soak the crumbs in milk overnight. Cook as any other griddle cakes.

Peach Butter.

Take partly ripe peaches, thinned from the trees, or windfalls may be used. Be careful to discard all bruised parts. Stew the peaches until tender, then rub through a sieve. To 12 pounds of the fruit pulp add six pounds of light brown sugar, three teaspoonfuls of ground cinnamon, two teaspoonfuls of ground allspice and one teaspoonful of cloves. Cook until thick, stirring often.

Grape Juice.

Wash the grapes well, just cover with cold water and let simmer until the juice seems to be well extracted. Then strain through a jelly glass and add a cupful of sugar to each quart of strained juice. Put on fire and bring to the boiling point, bottle and seal in well-sterilized receptacles, and the juice will be perfect after a year in the cellar.

Grape Jelly.

Take a basket of perfectly ripe Concord grapes, six Duchess or other apples which cook quickly, and with a little water to keep them from scorching, cook until the juice is extracted. Then drain and to each cupful of juice add two cupfuls of sugar. Stir until every grain of sugar is dissolved and turn into glasses. This makes a jelly that tastes like fresh grape juice. Be sure to try it.

Nellie Maxwell

BOOK FOR FIGHTERS

President Wilson Urges Soldiers to Read Bible, Key to Own Heart.

Bibles for American soldiers and sailors, to be given by the Scripture Gift mission of Philadelphia, will carry a foreword by President Wilson urging the troops to read the Scriptures diligently. The president has written this inscription:

"The Bible is the word of life. I beg that you will read it and find this out for yourselves—read, not little snatches here and there, but long passages that will really be the road to the heart of it.

"You will find it full of real men and women not only, but also of things you have wondered about and been troubled about all your life, as men have been always; and the more you read the more it will become plain to you what things are worth while and what are not; what things make men happy—loyalty, right-dealings, speaking the truth, readiness to give everything for what they think their duty, and, most of all, the wish that they may have the real approval of the Christ, who gave everything for them—and things that are guaranteed to make men unhappy—selfishness, cowardice, greed, and everything that is low and mean.

"When you have read the Bible you will know that it is the word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty.

"WOODROW WILSON."



CARE OF DUCKS.

The requirements of ducks are so few that anyone can raise them. They are less bother than chickens, not requiring such varied feeding, and a fence two feet high will keep them where you wish them to stay, says one writer. They will not dig up the garden, never fly up onto anything, and are never troubled with lice or bowel troubles as are chickens.

You can feed them the same kind of feed from the fifth day after they hatch until they are full grown, which they will be in 10 or 12 weeks.

Do not feed the young ducklings until they are 36 hours old, taking particular pains to see that they are kept dry and warm. It is not desirable to try to raise them with hens, as they step on so many of them and the ducks are even worse to raise them with. Brooders are much less bother and will raise a larger per cent of them.

For the first five days feed bread crumbled and moistened with milk.

American Boy Tells Efforts to Save Wounded Under Fire

The following letter was written by Robert Redfield, Jr., a University of Chicago student, who went to France to serve in the ambulance corps and who is in the section awarded the Croix de Guerre. The letter was written to his family:

"I know there is certainly no way that in writing I can give you any idea of the experiences I have passed through and the things I have seen. I might just as well confine my remarks to 'I am well and hope you are the same.'

"At present I am writing on a hard-wood table under an electric desk lamp. I am within a few hundred yards of the German trenches, and hell is loose above me. But here it is perfectly quiet; I am three stories below ground in a sort of catacomb. Here I wait till my car is needed. The air is fresh but somewhat damp; the place is dark, cluttered with stretchers; bandaged men pass in and out.

"Must Forget All Feeling. "Across the table sits an officer at a telephone switchboard. Every little while—perhaps once every five minutes—men come in by the communication trenches, bearing silent, dirty, bloody lumps. They are carried under acetylene lights in a small room in the second cellar and the surgeons slit the filthy woolen and begin their work.

"I am surprised at the excellent control I have over my nerves. This afternoon I opened a box of sardines, carefully spread the fish on a hunk of bread, and ate the light lunch with relish while the priest heard confession from a torn and crushed ghastly thing beneath which the red patch grew and grew in spite of the lint bandages. I know it sounds heartless, but one has to develop the faculty of giving opiates to one's sympathetic reactions.

"It is only afterwards that I remember these horrors and shudder—a man with face torn away; a shameful animal thing out of which came a slight, indescribable sound; a man suffering from shell shock, mind gone, every muscle of his body crawling, crawling. But enough of that.

"Work in Hell of Noise. "Well, if I am 'on deck' and they have a load of wounded ready, I emerge from the quiet cavern into a world where the sky is shattered, split, sundered by report after report. The earth shakes and quivers. Airplanes above, 75's below, German artillery over the hill, mitrailleuse, whining shrapnel, the shriek of shells passing above—a hell of noises.

"Somehow Eames and I start the engine; we receive our freight of wounded; we are off, at first through

adding a heaping tablespoonful of sharp, sifted sand. After the fifth day feed one and a half pounds of middlings, one and a half pounds of chop, three pounds of bran and one and a half pounds of sifted sharp sand, well mixed, and a small amount at a time wet up into a crumbly mash. Never feed only what they will clean up in ten minutes, three times a day, always giving fresh water when you feed them, and be very sure that none of the feed is dry or they will choke to death.

CREMATE DEAD FOWLS.

The average amateur poultry raiser has a handy spot in some corner of his yard for burying dead chicks and fowls. Their ailment may be roup, cholera, gapes, or any other contagious disease, yet when the bodies are buried or thrown into the compost heap the poultryman considers his duty well done.

The careless burial of victims of any contagious disease is a crime against the living. In the poultry yard it is well to remember that earthworms work unceasingly, disintegrating the soil and bringing disease germs to the surface. Cremation of all fowls that die is the best plan. Fire is called "the great destroyer," for there is no chance for contagion from ashes.

Fowls may be cremated in any kind of a furnace or stove. Simply wrap the body in paper saturated with coal oil, and it will burn fiercely and sometimes not leave even a bone. There is no odor or unpleasantness about such a process, and surely it is less labor than digging holes for burial. In the summer one may make a small outdoor crematory with a few bricks and an old, burned-out grate.

On Foot.

Sir Gold goes by in his motor car. I tramp the road and take his dust; But a friendly wind from the hills afar Sweeps it away with a laughing gust. Sir Gold may ride, if he wills it so, But let me follow the winding way That leads to the hills and the streams I know.

Where the birches bend and the fishes play. He has not seen in the sheltered nook The windflower swing on the threadlike stalk. He never knows how the fern fronds look. Nor listens to jack-in-the-pulpit's talk. And where the oriole's nest is swung. A web of dreams against the sky. Precious and sweet with her eager young. Blind and stupid he rushes by.

Well, let him go if he likes the pace. So long as he leaves the road behind; In spite of his speed he has lost the race. The tingling zest the foot-wind find. He! He! I laugh at his sorry flight. A speeding slave, when he might be free In God's green weather of sweet delight. On the good brown road, at ramp with me.

—George Edward Day.

IMPRESSIVE IN HIS SPEECH

Old Soldier Endeavored to Make Vocabulary Fit the Responsibilities of His Position.

An old soldier was for a long time curator of a certain public educational institution. In accordance with the duties of his responsible position it sometimes fell to his lot to remind the students of forgotten regulations.

"Gentlemen," he shouted, on one occasion, when a game of leapfrog was going on in a somewhat shabby gallery, "why this violent disturbance?"

"Well," was the reply, "what business is it of yours?"

"Gentlemen," he responded, indignantly, displaying his full height, "do you know that I am placed here by the governors of this college to conserve this building?"

At another time the prank was played upon him of being simultaneously summoned by two students from different ends of the corridor.

"Gentlemen," he cried out, "I really cannot be unambiguous!"

On another occasion, after heavy rains, there was dire disaster of unadorned flood in the cellars. "Sir," reported Thomas, to the principal, "the rain has permeated the soil and has resuscitated all the drains to overflowing!"

Why Not?

It was a day in the winter and the snow was falling heavily. All of a sudden the sun appeared in the sky. Little Norman stood by the window looking intently out. His mother noticing him, asked him what he was looking for.

"A snowbow," he replied. "A snowbow?" repeated his mother. "Why, what do you mean?"

To which the boy answered: "If there is a rainbow, why shouldn't there be a snowbow?"

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"But I have to buy it before I can do that." "Yes'm; that's the beauty of the prescription."

His Discovery.

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SAW HIS ERROR TOO LATE

Misfortune Convinced Tommy He Had Used Salt Water on Wrong Portion of His Anatomy.

Tommy Tonkins was keen on baseball and particularly ambitious to make his mark as a catcher. Any hint, however small, was welcomed if it helped on his advance in this department of the game. When he began to have trouble with his hands, and somebody suggested soaking them in salt water to harden the skin, he quickly followed the advice. Alas! a few days later Tommy had a misfortune. A hit at the bottom of the garden sent the ball crashing through a neighbor's sitting-room window. It was the third Tommy had broken since the season began.

Mrs. Tonkins nearly wept in anger when Tommy broke the news.

"Yer father 'll skin yer when he comes home tonight," she said.

Poor Tommy went outside trembling to reflect. His thoughts traveled to the punitive strap hanging in the kitchen and he eyed his hands ruefully.

"Ah!" he murmured, with a sigh. "I made a big mistake. I ought to have sat in that salt and water."

Extravagant.

"Is he extravagant?" "I should say he is. He even pays more than \$10 for his Palm Beach suit."

To Be Sure.

"I owe him a grudge." "In cases of that kind it is better to suspend payment."

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"Believe me, Grace, when I am away, I am always thinking every instant of your blue eyes and of your lovely fair hair."

"Tut, tut! I am sure you said the same thing to another girl before me."

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The man who ridicules the ancestors of other people evidently considers himself the fruit of a special creation.

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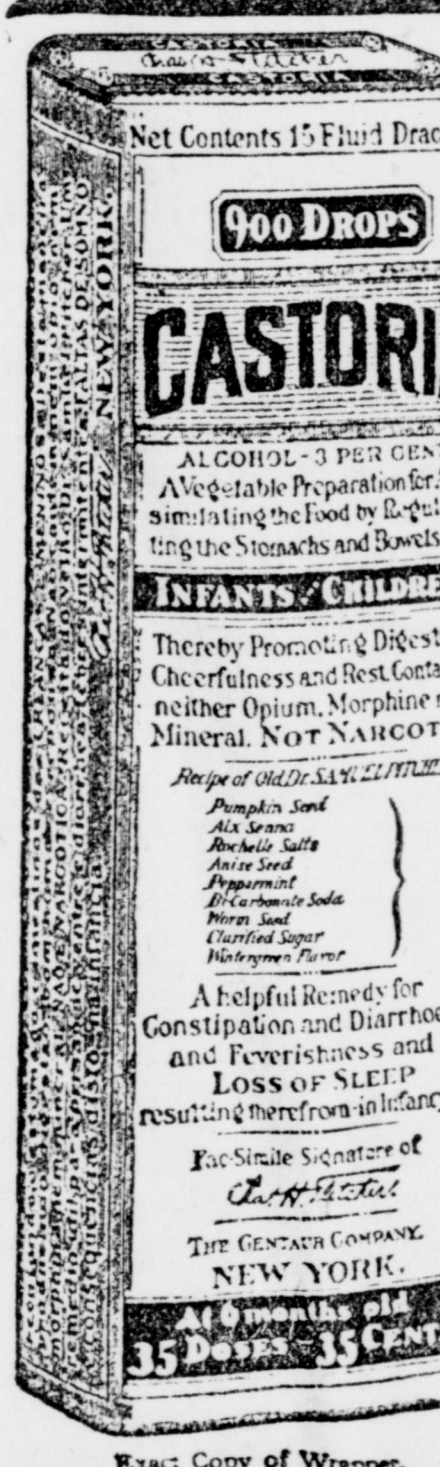
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Notice.

We have all our lands "Posted" and any person trespassing thereon will be violating the law. Lee Hughs and W. H. (Jumbo) Hughs.

Posted.

All my lands in this county bordering town and the Pinto, are posted against fishing, camping, hunting, wood-hauling, or otherwise trespassing, offenders to be prosecuted according to law. W. G. Lackey.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranch know as the Mariposa ranch for the purpose of hunting, fishing or cutting wood will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Verbal or written are here. G. Davidson.

Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranch owned and controlled by the undersigned for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting wood or hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. There will be no permits issued to camping parties. A. M. Slaton.

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Spofford Train Schedule

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MAIN LINE

WEST BOUND

No. 7 3:55 P. M.
No. 9 1:27 A. M.

EAST BOUND

No. 8 6:40 A. M.
No. 10 3:55 P. M.

EAGLE PASS BRANCH

NORTH BOUND

No. 226 3:20 P. M.
No. 228 12:20 A. M.

SOUTH BOUND

No. 225 4:10 P. M.
No. 227 6:40 A. M.

Appraising the Goods.

Fair Client—"I wish to sue a young man for taking two kisses. At what amount shall I place damages?" Lawyer—"Kisses, my dear lady, are variously quoted. I—er—I could judge better their value if you gave me a sample."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Truly Said.

It is difficult to think nobly when one thinks only to get a livelihood.—Rousseau.

Most Necessary.

A bridle for the tongue is a necessary piece of harness.

Printer's Problem.

Margie hit upon a problem the other day more perplexing than George II's apple dumpling. She peered between the uncut leaves of a magazine and said: "Mother, how did they ever get the printing in there?"

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Live as in Stone Age.

An Indian tribe in Bolivia shuns the whites and lives as in the stone age, making tools and weapons of stone, bone and wood.

Effect of Cutting Diamond.

In the process of cutting about 60 per cent in weight of the rough stone is lost, and this, added to the cost of cutting and the rarity of these fine gems, partly accounts for the high cost of the finished diamond.

Longfellow Read Law.

The poet Longfellow read law in his father's office, but never practiced. He was only twenty-eight years old when he became professor at Harvard university, and he had previously been professor at Bowdoin college.

Back to the Land.

Mr. Valentine Davis, a prominent vegetarian, declares that if the soil of England was cultivated as was done half a century ago it would feed 24,000,000 people and find employment for 750,000 men.

Drink Through Macaroni.

A stick of macaroni will serve in place of a glass tube for a patient who cannot sit up to drink or will sometimes induce a child to drink its milk when otherwise it would not.

Our Sawed-Off Sermon.

It's a fortunate thing for the average specimen of mankind that the fool killer is about three score and ten years behind with his work.

Big Span Collapses; Many Lives Are Lost

(Daily Press Dispatch, Sept. 12, 1916)

Quebec—The second attempt to bridge the St. Lawrence river here resulted in another failure when the massive center span, weighing over 5,000 tons suddenly collapsed and fell into the river yesterday causing a loss of 27 lives. The span was being raised from pontoons and was about 15 feet above the water when, from some unknown cause, it collapsed and sank into the river, which is 200 feet deep at this place. About 90 men were caught on the span when it began to sway and all of them went down into the water with the structure. The bridge is the largest in the world, its contemplated length from shore to shore being 3,239 feet, with a distance of 1,800 feet between anchor buttresses. The central span is 640 feet long. The first collapse occurred Aug. 29, 1907 when 60 engineers and workmen perished in the disaster.

This paragraph might well have been written about the main incident in the new serial we have secured and the first installment of which will appear in an early issue of this paper. The story is

Web of Steel

By Cyrus Townsend Brady, Father and Son

It is a tale of strong, daring, honorable men, of faithful women, of high adventure, of great success and failure, of love and tragedy.

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Las Moras Lodge No. 444 A. F. & M. meets first and 3rd Monday every month in Masonic Hall in the Old Court House. A cordial invitation to all visiting Brethren. T. J. Martin Worshipful Master; Will W. Price Secretary.



The Brackettville Chapter No. 60 Order of The Eastern Star meets on the first and Third Tuesdays of each month at 8 p. m. Visiting members are cordially invited. Mrs. Mauc Hodges, W. M. Will W. Price, Secretary.



Echo Lodge No. 275 I. O. O. F. meets every Thursday night at their Lodge room in Fillippone Hall. Visiting Brethren cordially invited to attend. A. A. Bitter, Noble Grand; Will W. Price, Secretary.



Rosewood Camp No. 128 W. O. W. meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday night in their Hall over the Post Office Visiting Sovereigns invited to attend. Henry Zinsmeister, C. C. Ernest Rose Clerk.



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