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EAGLE PASS CELEBRATES

Many Brackett People go Down by Special Train to Help Celebrate.—Brackett Loses Base Ball Game.

The people of Eagle Pass did themselves proud by the fine program they gave during the day of the fourth. A special train left Spofford about 7:30 A.M. returning late that night and many people of Brackett took advantage of the opportunity to go down for the day.

The days program opened at 6 A.M. with a sunrise salute and two hours later an interesting field meet was given by the troops. The 100 yard dash followed and Sgt. Fritter of Brackett was easily the winner although the race was run a second time due to his starting ahead of the shot of the

gun. In the second race Fritter won again and by a greater margin. His time was 11 seconds which was exceptionally good on such a ground. The three-legged race, the ladies' 75 yard dash, greased pig and a few other events closed the program at the Fort grounds. All proceeded to town and enjoyed the parade. Some fine floats were exhibited, made up by the enterprising business men of Eagle Pass and the one given by the Jeweler easily took first prize. This was an excellent float and would have taken a prize anywhere.

The afternoon was taken up with Auto and Horse races and

later in the evening the base ball game was staged. The 14th Cavalry Band from the Fort here did themselves proud throughout the day by rendering the best of music. At 8 P.M. they gave a two hour concert on the Court House lawn and made for themselves an enviable reputation.

As a whole the days Program was good and many visitors were in Eagle Pass to enjoy the occasion.

THE BASE BALL GAME.

The base ball game resulted in defeat for the Brackett team by a score of 4 to 3. It happened this way: Fritter was the first man to bat and got on first by a short stop error. Wyatt singled and Stadler followed with a nice bingle and Fritter scored. The inning closed with no further scores and Eagle Pass came in and McAlpin, the first man up, singled. F. Hausser did the same and McAlpin scored. Perry fanned and Mike drew a base on balls and C. Hausser flied out to Kerberg, retiring the side. This closed the first inning with the score 1 to 1. The second session started by Ellis striking out, Smith got a beautiful two-bagger, and Kerberg got on base by a short stop error. Veltmann was out on a long fly to left field which scored Smith. Hopper then got a clean single which scored Kerberg. Fritter closed the inning with a strike out and score was then 3 to 1. Eagle Pass failed to score in their half of the second inning. The score stood in favor of Brackett until the last half of the fifth when Eagle Pass

scored. Mike flied to Veltmann and retired the side. This inning marked the beginning of Brackett's downfall, the various errors allowing two men to score after two men were out. Brackett failed to score in the next inning and Eagle Pass came back with the winning run in their half of the sixth. C. Hausser drew a base on balls, Hatch was out on a ground ball to short stop and Bibolet was out on a grounder to Hopper. Jaggi got a hit to right field and

C. Hausser scored. At this stage of the game "Bill" Taft was taken from behing the bat, and Johnny Stadler did the receiving and "Dock" Gilson took first base. This new combination proved effective and Eagle Pass was not allowed to score during the remainder of the game but the change was made too late. We had some hard luck, we lost and it will probably do us some good and we shall be glad to give Eagle Pass a return game. The official score follows:

Brackett						Eagle Pass					
AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Fritter, cf.	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyatt, ss.	4	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stadler, lb.	4	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Taft, c.	3	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ellis, 3b.	4	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, rf.	4	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kerberg, 2b.	4	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Veltmann lf.	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hopper, p.	3	0	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gilson, lb.	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	3	9	27	12	9	35	4	4	24	15

Score by Innings
Brackett.....120 000 000—3
Eagle Pass.....100 021 00—4
Summary: Two base hits, Smith 1; McAlpin, 1; Struck out, by Hopper 7; by Cline 6; Base on balls by Hopper, 2; by Cline 1; Hit by pitched ball by Hopper 3. Umpire Schmidt. Scorer, Fred A. Price.

LaCrosse of the West Texas News.

Our trip was an enjoyable one and we left Del Rio Friday morning arriving in Spofford in time to go with the people of Brackett by special train to Eagle Pass to celebrate the glorious fourth.

Will Price, the jolly, fat, unmarried editor of the Brackett News-Mail, was in town yesterday with his young and handsome brother. He was enroute to Eagle Pass to keep Joe Boehmer from reading the Declaration of Independence to-day. Will is to be married, but he is keeping it a profound secret. We know because we are to be one of the bridesmaids.—Val Verde County Herald.

Editor Willing to Retract.
"Look here, Mr. Editor," exclaimed an irate caller, "you referred to me yesterday as a reformed drunkard. You must apologize, or I'll sue your paper for libel." "Very well, sir," replied the editor. "I'll retract the statement cheerfully. I'll say you haven't reformed."

Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble.
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scored two, tying the score. This is the way they made their two runs—Bibolet was out on a grounder to the pitcher, Jaggi reached first on Bill Taft's error and Cline made the second out on a short fly to Hopper. McAlpin made a two-bagger to right field and Jaggi scored. F. Hausser struck out but reached first on another error by Taft. Perry got on by an error of Kerberg and

A Visit To Del Rio

The Editor of the News-Mail, accompanied by his brother who is visiting him, made a visit last week, for a few days, in Del Rio. This being the former residence of the Editor, many friends and acquaintances were met. Also while there, we spent a day on the beautiful Devils River, 12 miles north of Del Rio. This place

over the state make this trip an annual affair. While out on the river we met with Editor McCarty of the Eagle Lake Headlight, who told us that it was an annual affair for he and his wife to spend some time each year in this beautiful place.

While in Del Rio we called on Editors Callan, of the Herald and

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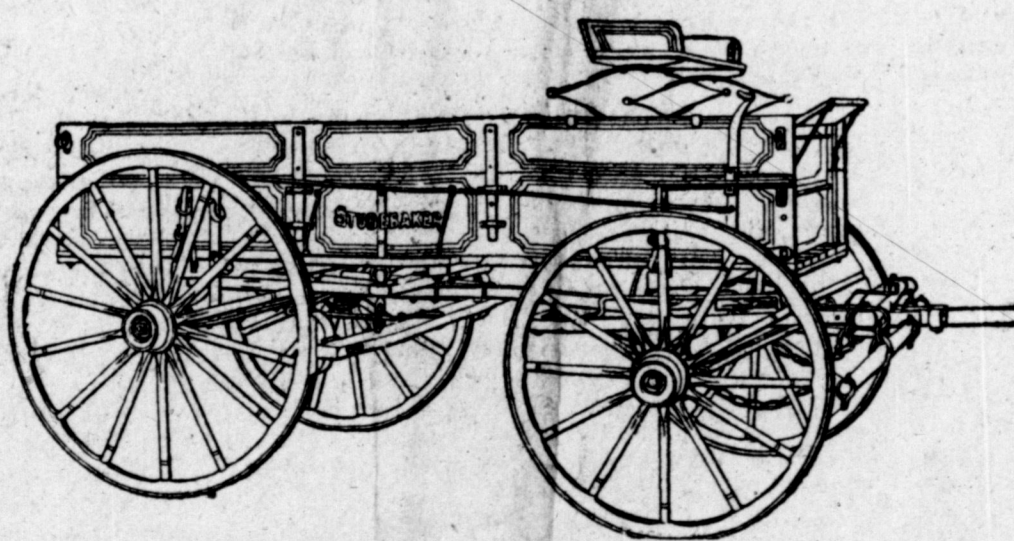
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People who were born on Friday always have something on which to blame their failures.

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Without woman man would be rough, rude, solitary, and would ignore all the graces, which are but the smiles of love.—De Chateaubriand.

Sarcastic.

"Does your landlady allow you to smoke?"

"No; only the stove does that."

Naturally.

"This is a shady business."

"What is it?"

"This one of providing people with family trees."

Whom She Preferred.

A lady suspected her two sons of carrying on a mild flirtation with one of the servants, a bonny Scottish lassie. In order to arrive at the truth of the matter she pressed the bell, and when the girl answered it spoke to her.

"Tell me, Jane," she said quietly, "which of my two sons do you prefer—James or Albert?"

"Weel, ma'am," replied the blushing Jane, "they are both nice, though I think of the two I prefer James; but for a real guld spree gie me the master."—London Tit-Bits.

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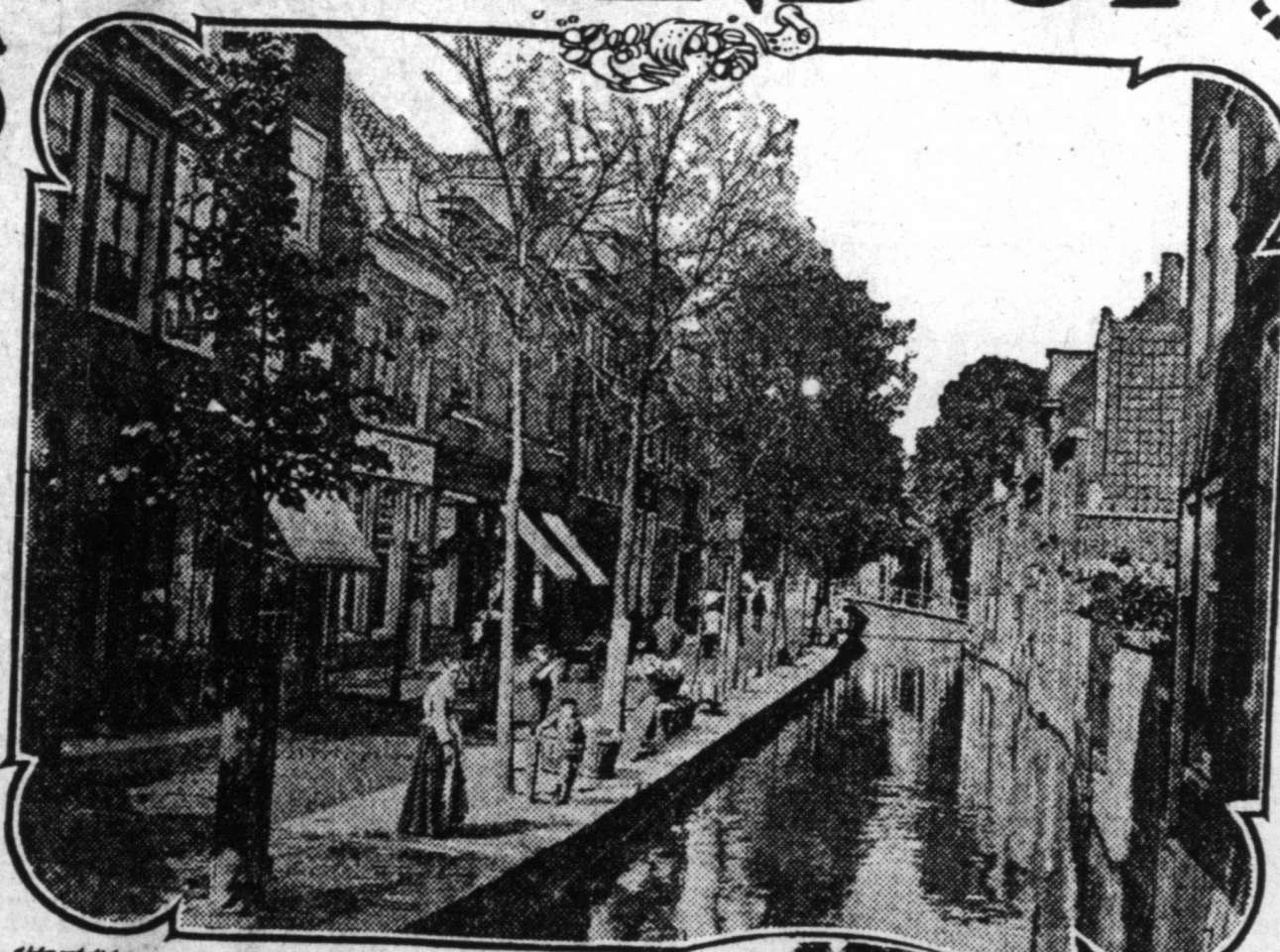
THROUGH A LAND OF CANALS

FROM Antwerp to Rotterdam is less than three hours by the rafts, but on the little steamer which crawls through the creeks, canals and lakes of Zeeland it is a full day.

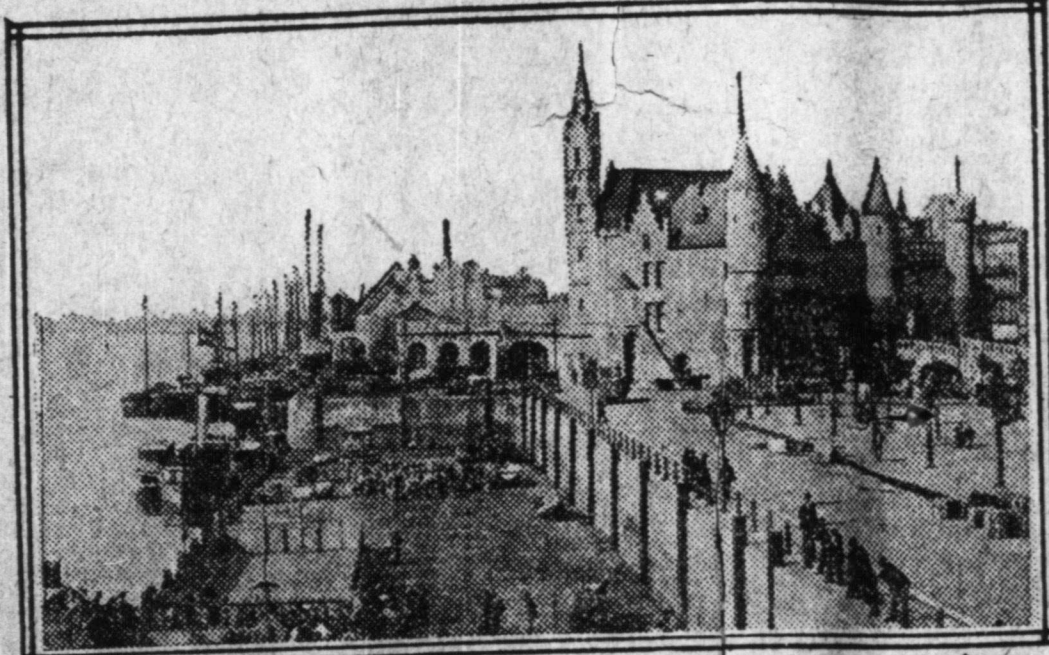
Come, steep yourself in sober luxury in an atmosphere of self-respect and much peace and dampness.

The steamer starts in the cold half dawn with all the Antwerp stretch of river lights burning an orange yellow. After two hours of tonic shivering you see the sun across a flat and fertile land, a big red sun which you may look at without blinking. There is a mighty river flowing full and broad between low banks with scattered trees. You glide into canals lined to the water's edge with grass and buttercups, enlivened with groups of fishers in trousers of the strangest cuts, who stand chatting with the keepers of the locks and drinking healths in schnapps.

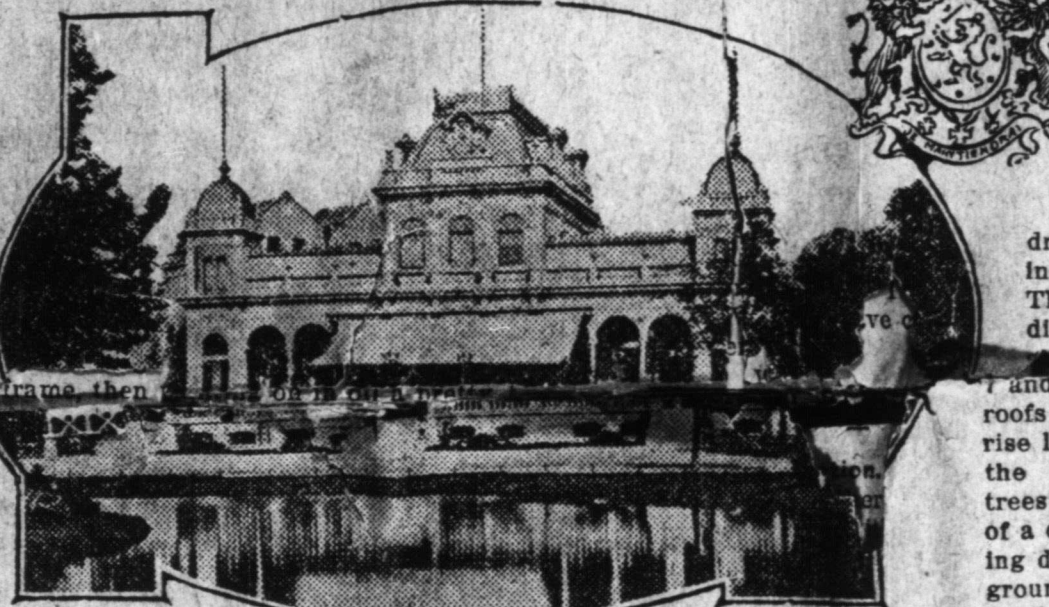
The trousers are bloomers, not unlike the knickers of the fair when full built (speaking of the knickers), and they wear round knit caps of vivid green. Others, more sober, wear bomb-shaped casquettes of orange velvet embroidered with black silk.



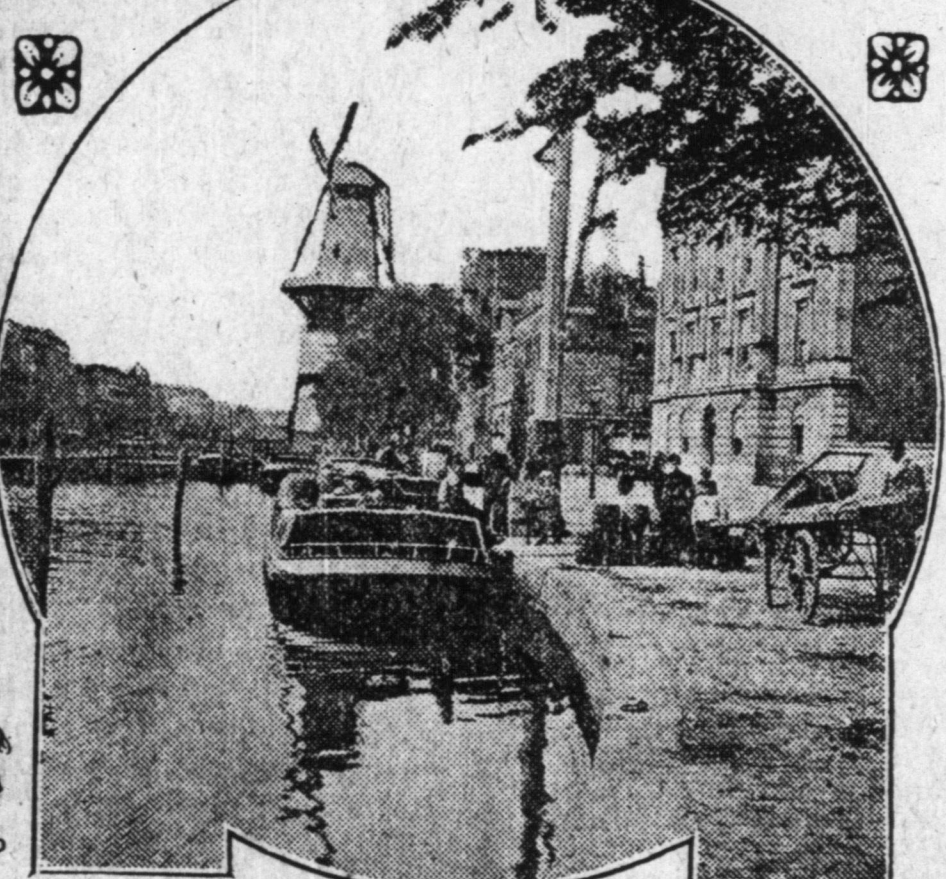
STREET AND CANAL AT ANTWERP



VIEW OF QUAY AT ANTWERP



VONDAL PARK, AMSTERDAM



BIT OF OLD AMSTERDAM

dry with bath towel till they shine. The sloping stone dikes are mopped ev-

Copenhagen or other promiscuous kissing games? Here they kiss all the afternoon, as innocent as little billing birds. They kiss in the rain; and it rains often.

the Boomples (the handsome ones, they say) may enter and inspect the vessels without objection provided they do not get in the way of the work in hand. We did not enter and inspect, but I can well believe we might have done so. We did walk innocently into the garden of the most aristocratic club of Rotterdam and mingled freely with the smart set who were holding tulip competition, where the heroine was a blonde, blue-eyed, fourteen-year-old girl who had grown an apple green variety! We were only made aware of our position when we drank curacao and bitters offered by a waiter in blue broadcloth and a yellow vest, who refused to take our money, we not being club members.

Rotterdam is so airy, open, bright, so shady, flowery and well watered that its citizens may sing. Canals are everywhere, and the canals are beautiful. They give a park-like look to all the streets, bordered by lawns, garnished by shrubs and trees and tulips. And the citizens, from out their kitchen windows or their parlor windows, when they have company for dinner, hook up fresh fish in profusion, which adds a labor-saving element to their blithe freedom.

Should a list be made of continental cities which have no great sights, no monuments, no ruins, no collections—in a word, no treadmill tourist round—the town of Rotterdam would take a place of honor in it, although she has a maritime museum, a picture gallery and a statue of Erasmus.

In the market you can make a study of the bodies and headgear of the peasants. Catching the Dutch taste for still life you may muse on symphonies of color in the produce. Here are the fish stalls, where all the shades of white—silver white, blue white, white shaded with bronze green, white with metallic reflections—unite in a clear scale of harmony. Here all the tints of green are heaped together in the vegetables, melodiously accompanied by the fragrance of the flowers, which sing together with the fruits in the most diverse color tones.

Though Rotterdam is a great port and an important manufacturing center, my best impressions of the pleasant city are connected with a cafe chantant, a park, the markets and the residential streets. The great manufactures are shipbuilding, tobacco factories, sugar refineries and many great distilleries, especially of gins and Dutch liqueurs. The more important articles of commerce are coffee, sugar, tobacco, rice and spices. It is the seventh port of Europe.

Again and again the vision of a well-known and beloved city rises up before the writer's docile imagination and affects him to the point of tears—the city of Philadelphia, Pa., which, I see, must be a faithful moving picture today of what New York was in 1750. It is the city of homes per excellence, and it resembles Rotterdam, and Rotterdam resembles it. The wearied tourist seeking for a snug retreat in which to raise a beard will find Rotterdam a second Philadelphia.

And looking from the watch tower of St. Lawrence's church, down on the tranquil panorama: on the river and the suburbs; on the red brick houses and the streets so straight and self-respecting, where the children play jackstones on the front doorsteps, and their big sisters play bull in the ring and kiss the boys on the sidewalk; to look down, I say, on the slow but yellow trolleys whose faint jingle rises as from some secure blameless and fruitful sheep field; to admire the smoke of manufactories, and police wagons taking drunken factory hands to jail, he will say, "It is Philadelphia—Philadelphia, for the outside of the platter is so clean!"

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Skyscraper Cities. Opposite the postoffice, in lower Broadway, New York city, there has just been completed a building, 780 feet high, which will provide working quarters for 10,000 people. If all the men and women employed in this one "skyscraper" should attempt to go uptown by the subway at the end of the day it would take the ten-car express trains, running at the intervals now established, 15 minutes to haul them away. Though this happens to be the highest structure in the city, there are others nearly as large; it is one of the dozens that accommodate 4,000 or 5,000 people each, and one of hundreds that accommodate more than a thousand each. The number of these great buildings is steadily growing.—World Work.

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Brackett is one of the most orderly and quiet towns in the State after 9:30.

We've got everything on earth almost to eat in Kinney county now, all raised here, from beef to turnips except fruit and that will begin coming in in a short time.

Kinney County looks like a vast wheat field when it is green. Grass every where and water abundant. Stock will go into winter in fine shape and there is no reason why prosperity.

Brackett, Brackett, beware of the day, when you meet the clans of La Aguilas in baseball array!" Joe Boehmer said that in the Guide last week, or words to that effect, and so it happened. Joe is some seer.

One county in Kansas has not had a grand jury in session for twenty-five years. The only way we can account for it, is that the people there are all neighbors and everybody knows everybody else and what everybody is doing.

Don't forget that \$2.50 prize we have up for the biggest and most luscious watermelon raised in Kinney county this year. Remember that we cannot eat over five a day so do not try to overtax our gastronomic powers.

We went, we saw and got walloped in the dust, but it could not be helped. Hiney was not in condition, Billy Taft was too soft and the rest of the gang were not worked out sufficiently. That's the way one of the boys explained the defeat to us.

Some people are so intensely patriotic that they hold on to an American dollar with a death grip. They do this to hear the eagle scream.—Val Verde County Herald.

We have a whole bunch of such patriotic people in Brackett and that is the reason we had no celebration here.

I am very much inclined to believe that the Editor-in-Chief has quit the matrimonial race since he was at Eagle Pass. He was in conference with Joe Boehmer most of the time, I am told, and the topic of conversation was marriage. Joe is some authority on the subject and gave Billy some very good and sound advice, so I believe he will remain fat, jolly and unmarried.

Huerta and his gang are still holding the lid down on the City of Mexico while Carranza is gathering

up Federals on the border. Don't look for much war news until the Sixteen of September when patriots will unfurl the flag of freedom, take a drink of pulque, and make the fur fly.

Bro. Callan better wake up the Del Rio police force. The other day a Mexican stole a cart, loaded with provisions and drawn by a burro, while the owner was in the moving picture show. The police finally captured the burro and cart but the provisions and the man escaped.

The Las Moras Creek is higher now than it has been for a number of years. This is one of the prettiest streams in West Texas, fringed as it is with giant oaks and pecans. It winds its silvery way through a regular forest and green fields and pastures to the Rio Grande. The fishing is fine also.

Col. Bill Price, the credit editor here, with all his hosts. He brought his brother, who is in the postal service at Baldwin, Kansas, and visiting him at Brackett, down with him and they both had a good time. He did not bring his wife with him.—Eagle Pass News-Guide.

One of the most important matters considered by the Marshals and Chiefs of Police at their convention in Galveston recently was the regulation of the pool and billiard halls of the State. The Governor will be urged to submit to the coming special session of the Legislature a bill providing for the closing of all pool and billiard halls in the State every night at midnight and remain closed on Sunday.

Every place of amusement ought to be closed up tight on Sunday. Cut out baseball, moving pictures, fishing, soda water fountains, automobile riding, buggy riding, picnicing, dancing, courting etc, etc. Draw the lines tight on all places of amusement so that the poor devil who works all week long won't have a place of amusement to go to on Sunday at all. It won't affect the rich man, because he can afford to keep wines and liquors in his house all the time, regardless of the law, and can have his billiard table right in his home. By all means give the working man hell, he deserves it for voting for the bunch that is making the laws that are putting a crimp into his foolish idea of having places of amusement to go to on Sunday. A poor man is a darn fool anyway; he has a foolish notion in his head that this a free country and he ought to be able to do as he sees fit on a Sunday. He imagines that there ought to be places of amusement open on Sunday where he could take his family and let them enjoy themselves, for instance the moving pictures. Nothing of the sort; cut them out Mr. Legislator and let the working man go to church on Sunday and be ready for work with a pious mind on Monday morning.

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Local News

Universal program at the Star California wines at the California Exchange.

Ice Cream Cones at Reming's.

Jim Clamp was in Del Rio Monday on business.

Watermelons are numerous in town now, but the price is not very numerous.

Saturday was pay day in the Post, but outside of the Post we heard little of it.

The best of dramas, comedies, educational and scenic pictures shown at the Star.

Tom Scarborough and road gang left Monday for the Nueces to work on the roads in that Precinct.

Misses Anna and Ida Hess West of San Antonio are here on a visit with their brother, W. Fred West.

Charlie Indlekofer returned Monday from San Antonio, where he spent several days with relatives.

John McGown, who has George Herzings old ranch leased, was in town Saturday with a load of fresh watermelons.

Only the leading and best actors are seen in the Universal pictures and Universal pictures can only be seen at the Star.

J. E. Clark, O. W. Zuehl, F. O. Long and A. J. Scott of Spofford were over Monday night to attend the meeting of the Masonic Lodge.

Reming can help you out. Call and see him. He has that nice box of candy for the girl.

Tom Scarborough and road gang came in Saturday from the Spofford District where they have been working for the last two weeks.

Mrs. J. H. Stadler, and little daughter, Dorothy, left for Atlanta Georgia, Monday on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Meier. From there they will visit relatives in Lafayette and New Orleans, La.

The Editor while in Spofford Monday made a call on Mr. L. N. Lewis. We found him located in his new quarters with his store and we anticipate for him a good patronage.

Fred Keys, a brother of our old fellow townsman Martin Keys, has opened a photograph gallery on the corner opposite Reming's Cafe. See his ad in another column and give him your patronage.

County Surveyor Hodges was up in the upper country last week on a surveying expedition and says that he was in the rain all of the time. He says the northern section of the county looks fine.

Judge Joe Veltmann came in from his Camp at Silver Lake Tuesday morning and held County Court, in the causes of the liquor and malt dealers, who had made application for a renewal of their licenses.

Go to the Star—There's a reason.

Grape Juice 35 and 65 at Reming's.

Comedies that make you laugh at the Star.

The best grade of cigars are at the California Exchange.

N. P. Petersen returned from a business trip to San Antonio Sunday.

George Rivers returned Monday night from a business hike to Santone.

Judge W. L. Clamp went to San Antonio and Austin Monday on business.

If you want a good smoke, try the Queen Saba at the California Exchange.

George T. McIntosh is in Carrizo Springs this week installing a moving picture show.

E. J. Smythe returned from Eagle Pass Tuesday where he went to take in the Fourth.

W. E. McDowell, County Clerk of Caldwell County, was here from Lockhart, the county seat, accompanied by J. E. Clark of Spofford, and made the News-Mail office a pleasant call.

Fred A. Price, after a ten days visit with the editor, left Monday for his home in Baldwin, Kas. Fred enjoyed his visit very much and will spend a two months vacation here next year, Deo volente. He likes our climate and said this was certainly a healthy section.

Three parties were arraigned before the Justice's Court this week charged with keeping unsanitary places. The lowest fine imposed was \$10.00 and costs, all amounting to \$24.00. As we said before clean up your premises or you may be next on the list of delinquents.

Lee returned from San Antonio Monday from Spofford shaking hands with his friends here. This is his first visit to Brackett in about two years. Lee is on a vacation and will leave for the West the latter part of the week and will spend some time in Alpine and Marfa.

Captain Gus Windus was here on a visit the past week and was pleased to be among his old amigos. He made the News-Mail office an appreciated visit and said that he must have the old home paper sent to him. He is in the customs service out west, somewhere in the Boquillas district.

The Del Rio Hospital has the only up to date equipment for the care and treatment of chronic and surzicle cases, between San Antonio and El Paso. Equipped with all modern electrical appliances as well as for nose and throat, work. Equipment for giving 600 and intravenous medication.

Philip Engelke was in town last Friday and reports his cotton in the best shape he ever saw. He said that if we could get a little hot sunshine for about two weeks that he would raise the best crop since he has been in Kinney. Since he was in we have had nothing but hot sunshine, and his hopes for a fine crop will no doubt be gratified.

August Mussmann, mail carrier between Hene and Brackett, reported that on his trip in last Friday he had a hard time to make the trip on account of the terrible condition of the Kiekapoo road, which was put out of commission by the floods in the Nueces River. August said that great big boulders were washed in to the road along the river and it was with difficulty that he got around them at all.

Jim Jeffers, not the noted pugilist, but our Jim, was in town recently and bought material for a telephone line to connect his ranch, John Shely and Harwood's with Brackett. He says they will commence work on the line as soon as the material arrives. This will be quite a convenience to these ranchers as they can talk with Brackett and order their supplies without having to drive such long distances.

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The San Antonio Express on sale every day at the News-Mail office.

Misses Nora, Gladys and Myrtle Nolan were visiting in San Antonio last week and returned home Monday night.

Tom Perry our efficient Sheriff, was a visitor to the Alamo City Monday on business.

Frank Jeffries, the contractor, arrived Sunday from San Antonio to finish the woodwork on Petersen & Co's store.

The California Exchange keeps nothing but the best grade of wines, liquors and cigars. Your trade will be appreciated.

Our machines at the Star Theater are in the hands of union operators which means perfect projection and perfect safety.

Fritz Mussman was in Monday from the Cow Creek country and reported the theft of one of his fine horses to the Sheriff's department.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Seargeant and daughter, Miss Blanche, returned Saturday from Eagle Pass, where they spent the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Sauer and family left for San Antonio this week they will visit friends for a few days and then visit the principal cities along the Gulf coast before returning home.

Tom Hamilton returned from Shedy's ranch on Cow Creek Friday. Tom says he feels fine and dandy. He helped plow, harrow and harvest crops, besides doing a little cow punching. Tom says that he rode all day long in a seven thousand acre pasture and there were five thousand eight hundred and eleven water holes in it besides a few lakes but no cattle that he could see. He reports having had a good time down there, with the exception of the time the centipede bit little Tom Jr. Mr. Hamilton says he was scared alright, but promptly took the little chaps finger in his mouth and sucked the poison all out. The centipede had been apparently killed by Ed Shedy and cut up in a number of pieces one of which the baby had evidently picked up and it fastened on to the end of his finger.

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Spofford Locals

Henry Salmon was in from the ranch Monday.

E. M. visited friends in Brackettville Thursday.

C. H. was in Uvalde several days this week.

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Tom and Jim Nolan, Sr., of Brackettville, were here Monday.

Walter returned Tuesday from O. where he visited relatives.

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PASSENGERS COMPLAIN

Spofford Has no Water for Travelers to Drink.

There is much complaint in regard to the lack of accommodations for passengers at Spofford. Complaint is made that one cannot secure a drink of water at that place, and if it should happen to be on a Sunday one's thirst must become agonizing while waiting for trains. Water should be free these prohibition times. It is bad enough to have to lay over there at all, and while a man can get along all right week days up there without water, women and children must be provided for, and on

Eagle Pass Guide states an unfortunate condition that exists at Spofford. You cannot get a drink of water there unless a train happens to come in or you stand well in the graces of the Brown News Company. You Spoffordites better make a concerted effort with us and get the S. P. to come over to Brackett where we have the best and purest water in the State.

LOST.

Sorrel horse, 15 hands high, branded Y F connected. A reward of \$10.00 will be given for the return of this horse.
Fritz Mussmann

No Trespassing Allowed.

My Silver Lake ranch is posted. There will be no fishing, hunting, camping or otherwise trespassing allowed. Anyone found violating this notice will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
J. D. GUINN

NEW POSTAL FEATURE

Parcels May Now Be Sent Through Mails Collect on Delivery.

Beginning July 1st of this year, the government has added a new feature to the postal service. This new feature is the sending of parcel matter C. O. D. A fee of 10 cents will be charged the sender for this privilege and the Post Office Department will record the business handled something like the insurance feature which has been in operation for sometime.

The receiver of a C. O. D. parcel may obtain the same at the post office by paying the collect charges plus the money order fee necessary for the postmaster to return the money to the sender by means of a post office money order. For instance, if you should have a parcel come to you C. O. D. with a value of \$3.00, you would be required to pay the postmaster \$3.05 to obtain the package, the 5 cents being the money order fee for the return of the \$3.00 to the sender of the parcel. Full information may be obtained upon application to Postmaster DeWitt.

Another welcome change soon to be made is the doing away of the parcel post stamp. The Parcel Post system will still remain in effect but the issuance of the parcel post stamp will be discontinued and the present supply of parcel post stamps may be used on all classes of mail, thus doing away with a distinctive stamp for parcel post mail. Ordinary stamps will then be good on all classes of mail.

Las Moras Spring

The recent rains have caused the Las Moras Spring to pour forth an extra amount of water and the supply coming from this spring is greater than it has been for several years.

We who live here, do not think of the great value such a spring should be to this community but to a visitor from other sections of the country where such a pure and abundant water supply is unknown, they remark that such a quantity

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of pure water would be worth millions of dollars in many communities where it is a problem to secure good water, and here it flows out into the creek, thousands of gallons daily.

Married.

Miss Ora Tucker, of Brackett, was united in matrimony Wednesday, July 2nd, at 7 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rowland, to Mr. T. J. Hutchison, of Burbank, Oklahoma.

Only the immediate family was present, when the ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. W. Allbritten, of the Methodist church.

A supper was given in honor of the bride and groom, by Mr. and Mrs. Rowland.

The Herald joins in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison a long, happy and prosperous life.—Val Verde County Herald.

The many friends of Miss Ora join the Brackett-News Mail in congratulations and best wishes.

Causes of Stomach Troubles.
Sedentary habits, lack of out-door exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, overeating, partaking of food and drink not suited to your age and occupation. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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My pastures formerly known as the Furnish Ranch are posted. There will be no fishing, camping or hunting allowed in any of them, any one found violating this notice will be prosecuted.
A. W. WEST

One-half the world spends half its time trying to find out how the other half lives.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

NEWS THAT IS NEWS, WHEN IT IS NEWS, FOR ALL.

FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE LAND

Happenings the Wide World Over of Important Events Condensed to Good Reading.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Majority members of the senate finance committee Friday decided that all schedules of the new tariff bill except sugar and wool should become first effective immediately after the enactment of the measure into law. Sugar, with the approval of the democratic caucus, will be subject to the Payne-Aldrich rates until March 1, 1914.

Representative Kahn's resolution to have the house call upon Attorney General McReynolds for all the papers in the Caine-Diggs white slave cases and Western Fuel Company prosecutions were reported out Wednesday with the recommendation that they be "tabled" because Mr. McReynolds already had complied with the request.

A sweeping investigation of lobbying charges made by Martin M. Mulhall, involving members of the house, was authorized by the house. After two hours of heated discussion Wednesday the house, referred the matter to the rules committee, with instructions to report out a resolution giving a committee broad inquisitorial powers to probe the matter.

Benjamin L. McKinley, acting United States attorney at San Francisco, pending senatorial confirmation of President Wilson's nomination of Thomas E. Hayden to succeed John L. McNab, tendered his resignation Wednesday. He gave as motive a desire to return to private practice.

The Indian appropriation bill, carrying \$11,000,000 for the fiscal year, was signed Monday by President Wilson. A notable feature of the bill this year is an amendment added by the senate providing that no contract with Indians relating to tribal funds shall be valid unless approved by the secretary of the interior.

STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

Standing of Texas league ball clubs: Club—Games Won Lost P. C.

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Chicago women celebrated the winning of the ballot Tuesday when 12,000 women representing a score or more of societies active in obtaining the passage of the woman's suffrage bill paraded Michigan avenue in gaily decorated automobiles. The bill granting equal suffrage to women for all statutory offices became a law Tuesday.

Tennessee's compulsory education law, enacted by the present legislature, became effective Tuesday. The law provides that all children between the ages of 8 and 14 must go to school.

Copious rains over almost the entire state Saturday and Sunday were of great value to agricultural interests and to stockmen. The area covered by the precipitation comprises all of South, Central, Middle West and East Texas.

Construction of a timber basin at Port Arthur, Texas, with a capacity of 10,000,000 feet, to be located somewhere along the water front controlled by the Kansas City Southern Railway Company, was announced by Vice President J. F. Holden of Kansas City Saturday. It will cost about \$50,000.

William Ashbeck, convicted for the murder of his wife in Edna last winter, was hanged Saturday at Victoria, Texas. He walked to the scaffold with a firm and steady step, smoking a cigarette.

Six persons were burned to death Saturday near Lexington, Ky., when the house of John Jacobs, a farmer, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The charred bodies of Jacobs, his wife and four children were found by a milkman.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Servians have captured Kotchana after a severe battle. It is reported they annihilated the Bulgarian right wing, capturing important war trophies.

The first convoy of Bulgarian prisoners taken by the Servians, consisting of 1,160 rank and file and seventeen officers, passed through Uskup Friday. The Servian troops took from the Bulgarians two strong positions to the north of Kotchana, which the Bulgarians defended with 100 field guns. The Bulgarians retreated to Kotchana.

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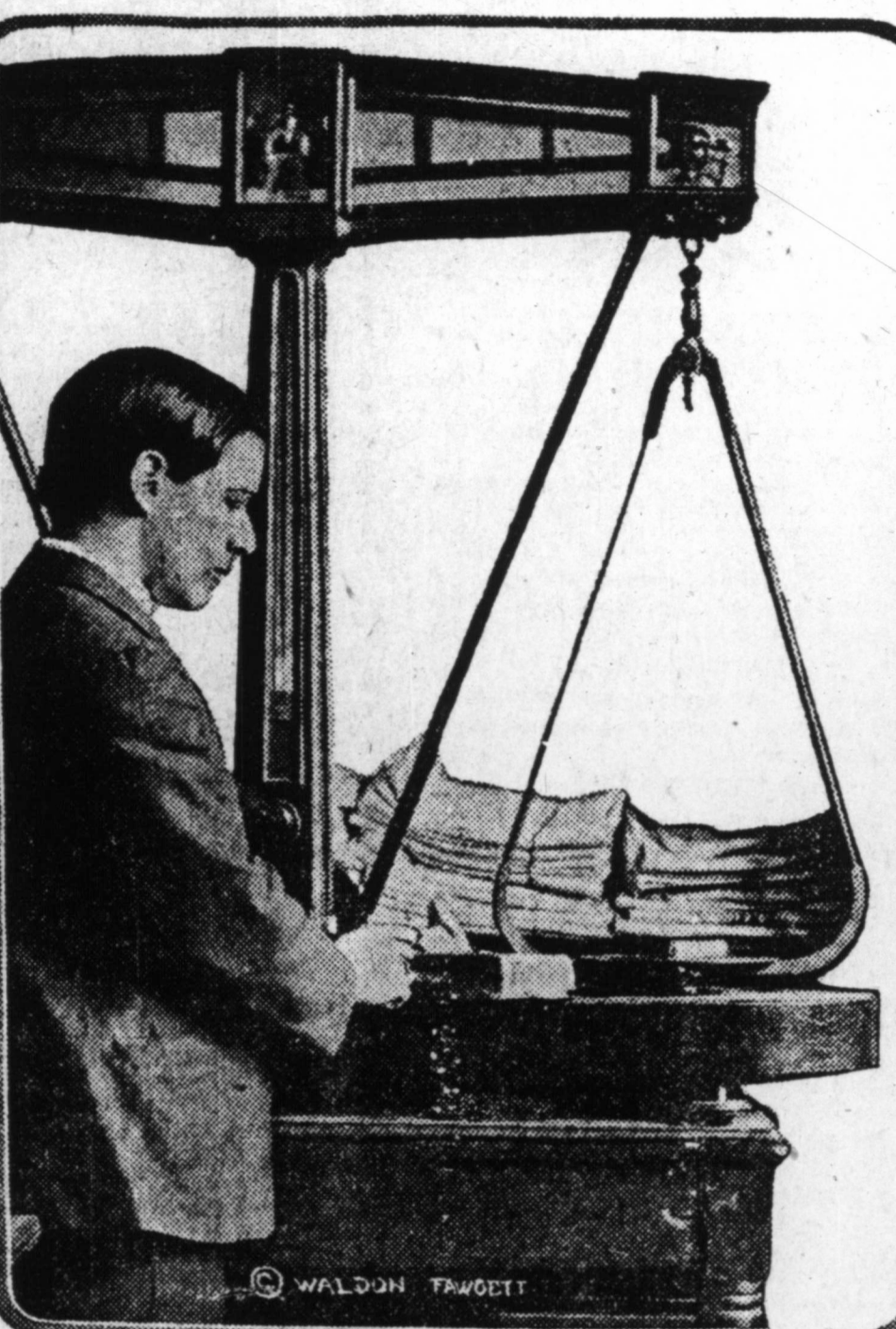
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UNCLE SAM'S TREASURE VAULTS



WEIGHING COIN AT TREASURY

UNCLE SAM'S treasury building at Washington covers two entire city blocks. In this building there are thirteen immense vaults, and several smaller safe vaults, in which are safely packed away billions of dollars in gold, silver, greenbacks and securities.

The vaults are wonderful in their intricate construction. They are surrounded by thousands of highly charged wires embedded in solid concrete, any one of which will give an alarm instantly if touched by any person not intrusted with the keys.

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Interesting Figures.

A number of interesting facts regarding the silver dollar were discovered during the writer's investigation of this subject. For instance, 1,000 new standard dollars will weigh exactly 58.32 pounds. If the country's stock of 564,604,719 silver dollars were loaded into freight cars of 60,000 pounds or thirty ton capacity, it would require more than 555 cars to carry them.

If these same silver dollars could be laid flat, one on top of another, they would make a monument 835 miles high. If placed end to end they would make a handsome "necklace" 13,350 miles in length. Or they would make a belt that would extend more than half way around the world.

One thousand dollars in new gold coins weighs 3.68 pounds. Uncle Sam's stock of gold, therefore, is equivalent to about 3,009 tons, which would require a train of 100 cars to carry it, each car having a carrying capacity of more than 60,000 pounds.

Another interesting fact in connection with paper money is that a million crisp, new \$1 paper bills, if placed one on top of another, would make a column about 260 feet in height, or nearly half as high as the Washington monument.

United States paper currency is issued in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. The bills are put up in packages containing \$4,000 of each denomination. So while a package of 4,000 \$1 silver certificates, about seven inches square, contains but \$4,000, yet a similar size package of \$10,000 gold certificates contains the equivalent of \$40,000,000.

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VETERANS HEAR THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson Delivers Address at Gettysburg Celebration.

DRAWS LESSON FROM BATTLE

Declares Great Army of the People Must Fight Peacefully to Perfect the Nation All Love.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 4.—National day in the semi-centennial celebration of the Battle of Gettysburg was made especially notable by an address delivered by President Woodrow Wilson. In his audience were many thousands of the veterans who fought in the great battle, as well as a great throng of other visitors.

The president's address follows: Friends and Fellow Citizens: I need not tell you what the battle of Gettysburg meant. These gallant men in blue and gray sit all about us here. Many of them met here upon this ground in grim and deadly struggle. Upon these famous fields and hillsides their comrades died about them. In their presence it were an impertinence to discourse upon how the battle went, how it ended, what it signified! But 50 years have gone by since then and I crave the privilege of speaking to you for a few minutes of what those 50 years have meant.

What have they meant? They have meant peace and union and vigor, and the maturity and might of a great nation. How wholesome and healing the peace has been! We have found one another again as brothers and comrades in arms, enemies no longer, generous friends rather, our battles long past, the quarrel forgotten—except that we shall not forget the splendid valor, the manly devotion of the men then arrayed against one another, now grasping hands and smiling into each other's eyes. How complete the union has become and how dear to all of us, how unquestioned, how benign and majestic, as state after state has been added to this great family of free men! How handsome the vigor, the maturity, the might of the great nation we love with undivided hearts; how full of large and confident promise that a life will be wrought out that will crown its strength with gracious justice and a happy welfare that will touch all alike with deep contentment! We are debtors to those 50 crowded years; they have made us heirs to a mighty heritage.

Nation Not Finished. But do we deem the nation complete and united? These venerable men crowding here to this famous field have set us a great example of devotion and utter sacrifice. They were willing to die that the people might live. But their task is done. Their day is turned into evening. They look to us to perfect what they established. Their work is handed on to us, to be done in another way but not in another spirit. Our day is not over; it is upon us in full tide.

Have affairs paused? Does the nation stand still? Is it what the 50 years have wrought since those days of battle finished, rounded out, and completed? Here is a great people, great with every force that has ever beaten in the life blood of mankind. And it is secure. There is no one within its borders, there is no power among the nations of the earth, to make it afraid. But has it yet squared itself with its own great standards set up at its birth, when it made that first noble, naive appeal to the moral judgment of mankind to take notice that a government had now at last been established which was to serve men, not masters? It is secure in everything except the satisfaction that its life is right, adjusted to the uttermost to the standards of righteousness and humanity. The days of sacrifice and cleansing are not closed. We have harder things to do than were done in the heroic days of war, because harder to see clearly, requiring more vision, more calm balance of judgment, a more candid searching of the very springs of right.

Tribute to Their Valor. Look around you upon the field of Gettysburg! Picture the array, the fierce heats and agony of battle, column hurled against column, battery following to battery! Valor? Yes! Greater no man shall see in war; and self-sacrifice, and loss to the uttermost; the high recklessness of exalted devotion which does not count the cost. We are made by these tragic, epic things to know what it costs to make a nation—the blood and sacrifice of multitudes of unknown men lifted to a great stature in the view of all generations by knowing no limit to their manly willingness to serve.

In armies thus marshaled from the ranks of free men you will see, as it were, a nation embattled, the leaders and the led, and may know, if you will, how little except in form its action differs in days of peace from its action in days of war.

May we break camp now and be at ease? Are the forces that fight for the Nation dispersed, disbanded, gone to their homes forgetful of the common cause? Are our forces disorganized, without constituted leaders and the might of men consciously united because we contented, not with armies, but with principalities and powers and wickedness in high places. Are we content to be still? Does our union mean sympathy, our peace contentment, our vigor right action, our maturity self-comprehension and a clear

confidence in choosing what we shall do? War fitted us for action, and action never ceases.

Our Laws the Orders of the Day. I have been chosen by the leader of the Nation. I cannot justify the choice by any qualities of my own, but so it has come about, and here I stand. Whom do I command? The ghostly hosts who fought upon these battle-fields long ago and are gone? These gallant gentlemen stricken in years whose fighting days are over, their glory won? What are the orders for them, who rallies them? I have in my mind another host, whom these set free of civil strife in order that they might work out in days of peace and settled order the life of a great nation. That host is the people themselves, the great and the small, with-out class or difference of kind or race or origin; and undivided in interest, if we have but the vision to guide and direct them and order their lives aright in what we do. Our constitutions are their articles of enlistment. The orders of the day are the laws upon our statute books. What we strive for is their freedom, their right to lift themselves from day to day and behold the things they have hoped for, and so make way for still better days for those whom they love who are to come after them. The recruits are the little children crowding in. The quartermaster's stores are in the mines and forests and fields, in the shops and factories. Every day something must be done to push the campaign forward; and it must be done by plan and with an eye to some great destiny.

How shall we hold such thoughts in our hearts and not be moved? I would not have you live even today wholly in the past, but would wish to stand with you in the light that streams upon us now out of that great day gone by. Here is the nation God has builded by our war. What shall we do with it? Who is ready to act again and always in the spirit of this day of reunion and patriotic fervor? The day of country's life has but broadened this morning. Do not put uniforms on. Put the harness of the present. Lift your eyes to the great track of life yet to be conquered in the latest of righteous peace, of that prosperity which lies in a people's hearts, and outlasts all wars and errors of men. Come, let us be comrades and soldiers yet to serve our fellow men in quiet counsel, where the blare of trumpets is neither heard nor seen and where the things are done, make blessed the nations of the earth in peace and righteousness and

of oil instead of coal. These venerable English navy is under construction. It is time Russia should give her attention to this question. If she is replacing its own cheap coal by more expensive foreign products, it must be important advantages of the same of naphtha, and in the future Russian fleet the part to be played by this fuel will be a most important one, the Novoe Vremya says. Many mills and factories have gone over to naphtha as fuel and the consumption is increasing every year.

Russia owns immense oil fields and it could be the chief supplier of the world. The need of organization in the business is recognized by the government and a number of special meetings have been held for discussing the subject. New conditions have been laid down for the exploitation of government territories, and the regulations for investigations have been changed. Some territories known as being rich in oil have been closed to private enterprise, such as the Asheron peninsula, near Baku, and various islands of the Caspian sea, as well as some territories in the Transcaucasian Ural and Gergana districts, and others in the north of Russia and Siberia, amounting to millions of acres. The reason for this action is the wish to preserve these districts from exhaustion.

Another question concerns the matter of investigation. It is quite necessary that the right of investigation be granted on a large scale, and not only for comparatively small lots of ground, where the investigation might not pay. The government is aware of this fact, and, according to the new regulations the plots of ground allotted for investigation are to be increased tenfold. The most advisable system is to grant concessions that would induce capitalists to place their money in such undertakings. Under the new regulations regarding the investigation of naphtha districts, the government proposes to publish geological descriptions of the various districts.

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LOOK TO RUSSIAN OIL FIELDS

Are Certain to Play an Important Part in Furnishing Power for Battleships.

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The MOLEN SINGER

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SYNOPSIS.

Agatha Redmond, opera singer, starting her auto drive in New York, finds a stranger who climbs aboard her car and chloroforms her. James Redmond, Lynn, Mass., witnesses the abduction of Agatha Redmond. Chamberlain, who is Agatha's abductor, secures a tug and when near the main village, along a road that more or less hugged the shore. Sometimes it topped a cliff that dropped precipitately into the water; and again it descended to a sandy level that was occasionally reached by the higher tides.

Near the main village the road ascended a rather steep bluff, and at the top made a sudden turn toward the town. As Chamberlain approached this point, he yielded more and more to the beauty of the scene. The Bay of Charlesport, the rugged, curving outline of the coast beyond, the green islands, the glistening sea, the blue crystalline sky over all—it was a sight to remember.

Not far from the land, at the near end of the harbor, was the Sea Gull, pulling at her mooring. A stone's throw beyond Chamberlain's feet, a small rocky tongue of land was prolonged by a stone breakwater, which sheltered the curved beach of the village from the rougher waves. Close up under the bluff on which he was standing, the waters of the bay churned and foamed against a steep rock wall that shot downward to unknown depths. It was obviously a dangerous place, though the road was unguarded by fence or railing. Only a delicate fringe of goldenrod and low juniper bushes veiled the treacherous cliff edge. It was almost impossible for a traveler, unused to the region, to pass across the dizzy stretch of highway without a shuddering glance at the murderous waves below.

On the crest of this cliff, each of the two men paused, one following the other at a little distance. The first man, however, paused merely for a few minutes' rest after the steep climb. Chamberlain, hardened to physical exertions, took the hill easily, but stood for a moment lost in speculative wonder at the scene. He kept a sharp eye on his leader, however, and presently the two men took up their Indian file again toward the village.

Some distance farther on, the road forked, one spur leading up over the steep rugged hill, another dropping abruptly to the main village street and the wharves. A third branch ran low athwart the hill and led, finally, to the summer hotel where Chamberlain and the Reyniers had been staying. At this division of the road Chamberlain saw the other man ahead of him sitting on a stone. He approached him leisurely and assumed an air of business sagacity.

"Good day, sir," said Chamberlain, planting himself solidly before the man on the stone. He was rather large, blond, pale and unkempt in appearance; but nevertheless he carried an air of insolent mockery, it seemed to Chamberlain. He glanced disgustedly at the Englishman, but did not reply.

"Rather warm day," remarked Chamberlain pleasantly. No answer. The man sat with his head propped on his hands, unmistakably in a bad temper.

"Want to buy some land?" inquired Chamberlain. "I'm selling off lots on this hill for summer cottages. Water front, dock privileges, and a guaranty that no one shall build where it will shut off your view. Terms reasonable. Like to buy?"

"Non!" snarled the other. Chamberlain paused in his imaginative flight, and took two luscious yellow pears from his bulging pockets.

"Have a pear?" he pleasantly offered. The man again looked up, as if tempted, but again ejaculated "Non!" Chamberlain leisurely took a satisfying bite.

"I get tired myself," he went on, "tramping over these country roads. But it's the best way for me to do business. You don't happen to want a good hotel, do you?"

Coarse fare and the discomforts of beggars' lodgings had told on the Frenchman's temper, as Chamberlain had surmised. He looked up with a show of human interest. Chamberlain went on.

"There's a fine hotel, the Hillside, over yonder, only a mile or so away. Best place in all the region hereabouts: tip-topping set there, too. Count Somebody-or-Other from Germany, and no end of bigwigs; so many of them have a good cook."

Chamberlain paused and finished his second pear. The man on the stone was furtive and uneasy, but masked his disquiet with the insolent sneering manner that had often served him well. Chamberlain, having once adopted the role of a garrulous traveling salesman, followed it up with zest.

"Of course, a man can get a good meal, for that matter at the red house, a little way up yonder over the hill. But it wouldn't suit a man like you—a slow, poky place, with no style."

"I was looking for a hotel," he said, in correct English but with a foreign accent, "and I shall be glad to take your advice. The Hillside, you say, is in this direction?"

"Yes," heartily assented Chamberlain, "about two miles through those woods, and you won't make any mistake going there; it's a very good place."

The man got up from the stone. "And the other inn you spoke of—where is that?"

"The Red House? That's quite a long piece up over the hill—this way. Straight road; house stands near a church; kept by a country woman named Sallie. But the Hillside's the place for you; good style, everything neat and handsome. And fine people!"

"Very well, thanks," cut in the other, in his sharp, rasping tones. "I shall go to the Hillside."

He slid one hand into a pocket, as if to assure himself that he had not been robbed by sleight-of-hand during the interview, and then started on the road leading to the Hillside. Chamberlain said "Good day, sir," without expecting or getting an answer, and turned the hill toward the village.

As soon as he had dropped from sight, however, he walked casually into the thick bushes that lined the road, and from this ambush he took a careful survey of the hill behind him.

Then he slowly and cautiously made his way back through the underbrush until he was again in sight of the cross roads. Here, concealed behind a tree, he waited patiently some five or ten minutes. At the end of that time, Chamberlain's mild and kindly face lighted up with unholy joy. He opened his mouth and emitted a soundless "haw-haw."

For there was his recent companion also returning to the cross roads, taking a discreet look in the direction of the village as he came along. Seeing that the coast was clear, he turned and went rapidly up the road that led over the hill to the old red house.

When Chamberlain saw that the man was well on his way he stepped into the road and solemnly danced three steps of a hornpipe, and the next instant started on a run toward the village. He got little Simon's horse and buggy, drove into the upper street and picked up the sheriff, and then trotted at a good rattling pace around by the long road toward Lion.

It was a large, cool room, lined with bookcases. Near the middle stood an oblong table covered with green felt and supporting an old brass lamp. Four people were in the room, besides the two newcomers. Aleck Van Camp was on a low step-ladder, just in the act of handing down a book from the top shelf. Near the step-ladder two women were standing, with their backs toward the door. Both were in white, both were tall, and both had abundant dark hair.

One day, in the presence of the Fox, the Tortoise was bragging to the Hare of his ability as a runner. The Fox was very derisive of the Tortoise's pretensions, whereupon the Tortoise, winking at the Hare, offered to bet the Fox a considerable sum of money that he could outrun the Hare. The Fox lost no time in putting up the money, and off the contestants started. The Hare took a big lead at once, but after getting comfortably out of sight, wandered away from the track and fell asleep. The Tortoise accordingly was the first to reach the winning post. The Fox went off cursing at the loss of his money, and when he had gone the Tortoise divided his winnings with the Hare. Ever since that time betting on races has been an uncertain sport.—Life.

Melanie looked at him keenly, with hesitating suspicions. "Ah! Duke Stephen's cat's paw! I remember you—well!" But before the words were fairly out of her mouth, Agatha's voice had cut in: "Mr. Van Camp, that is he! That is he! The man on the Jeanne D'Arc!"

"We thought as much," answered Chamberlain. "That's why he is here."

"We only wanted your confirmation of his identity," said the man who had been standing by the window, as he came forward. "Monsieur Chatelard, you are to come with me. I am the

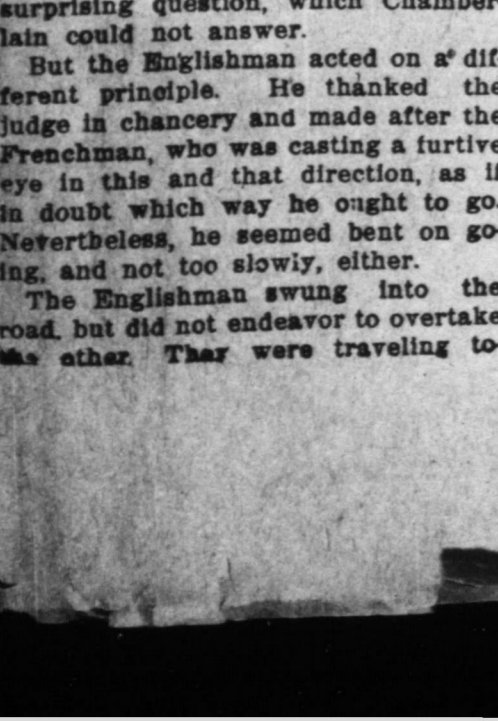
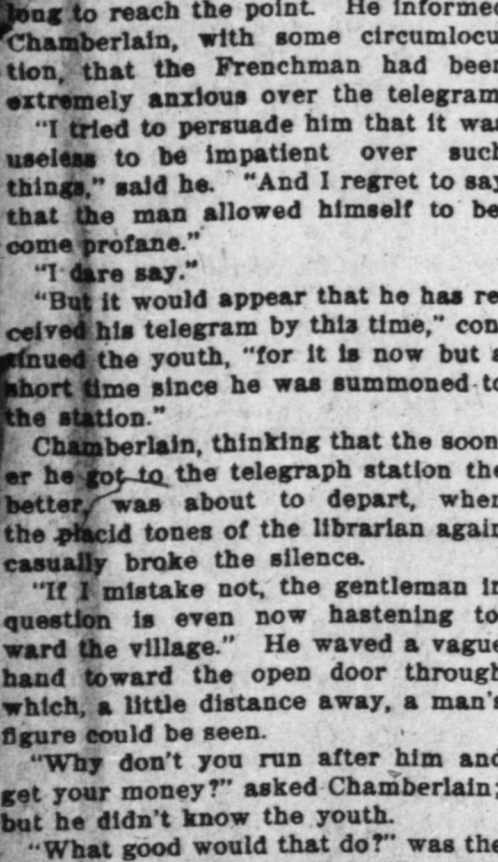
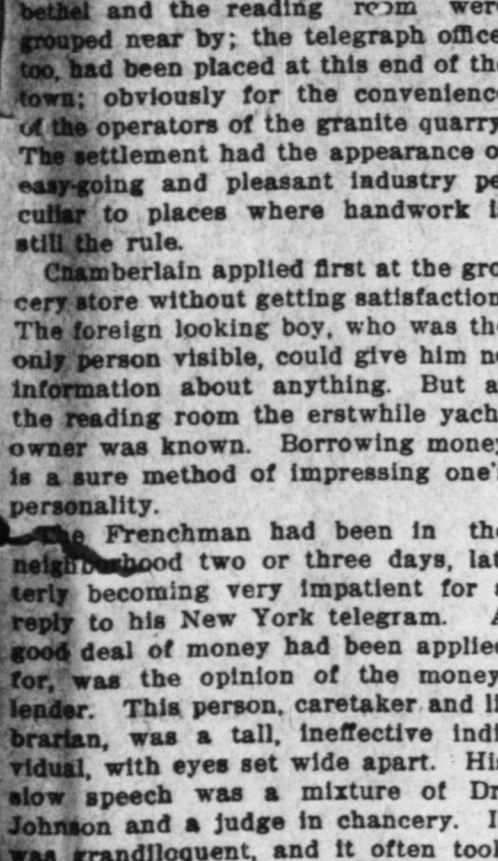
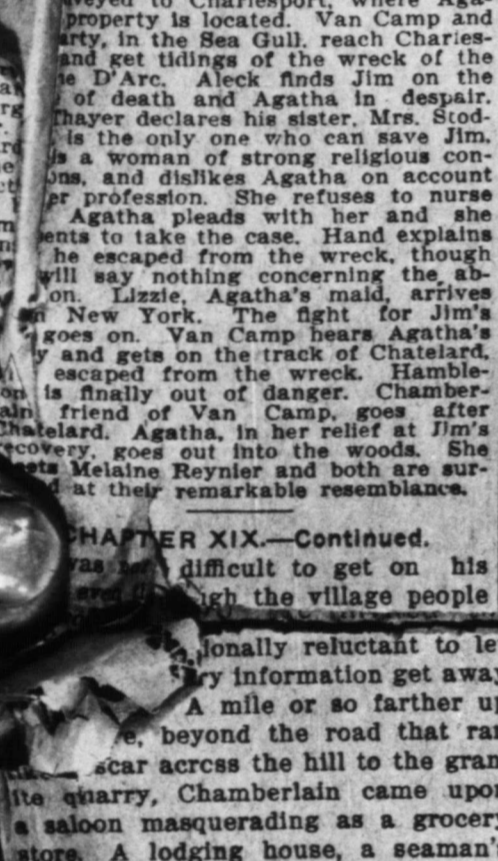
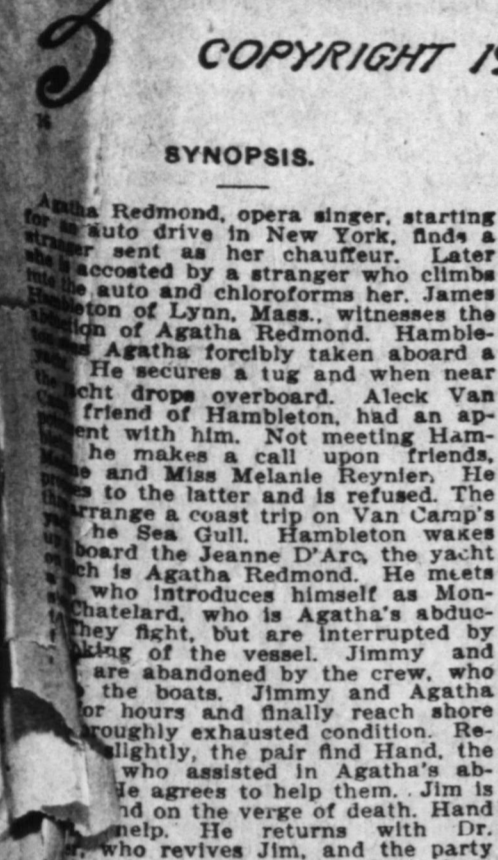
sheriff of Charlesport county, and have a warrant for your arrest."

As the sheriff advanced toward Chatelard, the cornered man turned on him with a sound that was half hiss, half an oath. He was like a panther standing at bay. Aleck turned toward Melanie.

"It seems that you know this man, Melanie?"

"Yes, I know him—to my sorrow."

"What do you know of him?"



THIS CAT CAN TALK OVER THE TELEPHONE

If You Don't Believe It Just Call Her Up at Navarre, Ohio.

Masillon, O.—Miss Polly is a pretty Maltese cat that talks over the telephone. Don't believe it? Well, call her up.



Polly is an expert "hello cat." She began her education by climbing up in the arms of her foster mistress every time Miss Schwarzlose would talk over the telephone. Soon Polly began to understand that the ring of the bell was for her mistress. On such occasions she would scamper around until she located Miss Schwarzlose and would then lead her to the telephone. After a while Miss Polly would crawl onto the table and take down the receiver from the desk telephone and then go for her mistress.

Finally one day Miss Schwarzlose found her pet holding the telephone receiver to her ear and moaning and meowing into the mouthpiece. Polly would listen a while and then begin to chatter and half walk into the telephone. Pleased at the show of intelligence displayed by the cat, Miss Schwarzlose permitted her to take down the telephone whenever the bell rang. Polly learned fast and now whenever the telephone bell rings she jumps onto the table, takes down the receiver with both paws and before her mistress is permitted to have the receiver Miss Polly makes a gurgle of sounds over the telephone to express her welcome.

DREAMER WAKES UP IN RIVER

Somnambulist Never Asks How or Why, but Swims After Game Is Won.

New York.—Several odd feats in somnambulism have been performed by Melville Haynes of Uniontown, Westchester, but he never suffered much through them until he got a ducking in the Hudson river.

Haynes went to bed at his usual hour Saturday night. He floated off into the land of dreams and into the Polo grounds. "Big Chief" Meyers lifted the ball over the center field fence with the bases full, three men on and four runs needed to win. Haynes leaped up and yowled in delight.

ANGLER GETS EAGLE ON HOOK

Farmer, With Oar, Kills Bird Which Swooped Down and Snatched His Catch.

Barnwell, S. C.—Perry Hiers, a farmer of Rosemary township, caught an eagle with a fish hook while angling near his home the other evening.

He was in his boat inspecting some "set lines" when he made his curious catch. The bird had been soaring high above him in circles as he raised the lines.

The eagle dropped like a plummet and snatched a fish on one of the hooks and before it could liberate itself Hiers dispatched it by a blow with an oar.

He brought the eagle to town. It measured five feet nine inches between the tips of its outstretched wings.

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DIRECTORY.

COUNTY OFFICERS:

Joe. Veltmann, - County Judge
 H. E. Veltmann, - Co. and Dist. Clerk
 W. F. Holmes, - County Treasurer
 Frank Lane, - County Attorney
 J. H. Stadler, - Tax Assessor
 Tom Perry, - Sheriff and Tax Collector
 Charles F. Hodges, - Surveyor
 Hans Petersen, - Com. Prec. No. 1
 Albert Schwander, - Com. Prec. No. 2
 A. M. Sator, - Com. Prec. No. 3
 L. N. Lewis, - Com. Prec. No. 4
 H. A. Longcor, - J. P. Precinct No. 1
 F. A. Rose, - Constable Prec. No. 1

Has Santa Anna Relic.

S. P. Witt recently came in possession of a souvenir of the defeat of Santa Anna by General Scott, near Mexico City in 1847, and because of its beauty and value and the national and family history associated with it he is justly very proud of his possession. It is a beautiful pin in the form of a serpent, the coils of which are some two and a quarter inches across. The body is made of the finest filigree work in pure gold, many of the interstices being inlaid with what appears to be tiny pieces of mother of pearl and emeralds, placed at such intervals as to represent the spots and stripes on a snake's body. The eyes are emeralds.

The pin has long belonged to Mr. Witt's aunt, Mrs. M. E. Williams, formerly of Labette county, Kansas but now a resident of Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Williams recently suffered a stroke of paralysis and her condition is critical. Mr. Witt recently visited her and she was dividing some keepsakes and relics among her nephews and nieces, giving this pin to him. The history of the pin which she relates is that it was taken from a trunk in Santa Anna's coach when he narrowly avoided capture by escaping from the battlefield near Mexico City, on amule. Men under Capt. Preston Witt, father of Mrs. Williams and the late E. L. Witt, of this county, grabbed the Mexican general by the leg, which happened to be his wooden one and pulled off as he vigorously kicked his mule with his good one, making good his escape, as the American soldiers attempting the capture were out of ammunition. Captain Witt broke open Santa Anna's trunk and after taking this pin, turned the other things in the trunk and the coach over to his men, excepting a tassel, which he jerked from the coach, and which Mrs. Williams has given to a niece. -Uvalde Leader-News.

Church Notice.

Services will be held every second Sunday in each month at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Fehlis School House, by Pastor Langner, Lutheran Minister. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Notice.

Our pasture known as A-1, from Mariposa ranch to Del Rio road is posted and all parties are forbidden to hunt, fish haul wood or other wise trespass on the same; if so they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. 11m. LACKEY & TAYLOR.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranch known as the Mariposa ranch for the purpose of hunting, fishing or cutting wood will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued, either verbal or written are hereby revoked. 11m. FLEMING & DAVIDSON.

The Best Medicine in the World.
 "My little girl had dysentery very bad. She would die. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured her and I can truthfully say that I think it is the best medicine in the world," writes Mrs. William Orvis, Clare, Mich. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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Over the Phone.
 Nobody is really as polite or as disagreeable as his tone of voice while talking over the telephone would imply.

Easy Driving.
 The driving is always easy when a man is driven to drink.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Quite Naturally.
 A funny mistake occurred lately in printing labels for a meat-preserving company. The printer had been in the habit of labeling tins of beef or mutton, as the case might be, with the words "without bone" prominently displayed. The company having added kidney soup to its list, the new article was duly ticketed as "Kidney soup—without bone."

What Shall I Give Her?
 If funds are low and a wedding present is a necessity to a friend, make her a "memory" book—or books—covering stiff backed blank books with white satin or pretty silk. Inside have the titles indexed—books, business, addresses, Christmas list, garden lists, invitations, new dishes. A companion book can be made and filled with "own" tried recipes from friends.

Glorious of Doing One's Duty.
 To do what we ought is an altogether higher, diviner, more potent, more creative thing than to write the grandest poem, paint the most beautiful picture, carve the mightiest statue or dream out the most enchanting composition of melody and harmony.—Geo. MacDonald.

American and Other Opals.
 It is generally conceded that the opals found in any part of America are less hard than those found in other localities, but they are no less brilliant, and some of them withstand atmospheric effect and the wear of time quite as well. Others again fade and become translucent and opaque in course of time, or according to the degree of exposure.

Sickroom Screen.
 A screen in the sickroom is almost indispensable, for it is needed to keep light from the patient's eyes, to guard the bed from drafts, or shut out the sight of medicine bottles and so forth. An excellent sanitary screen is made by tacking white cloth on to a frame, then painting on in oil colors scenes as birds or butterflies. These screens can be washed as often as necessary.

Effort Wasted.
 "What makes me really mad," said the woman, "is to spend minutes, maybe hours, trying to get hold of a white hair that shows up on my head like a dazzling light, yet which is tantalizingly elusive when I try to catch it, and then when I do finally separate it from the brown hair and give it a vigorous pull, to find that I have snatched out a good brown hair and left the white one still shining!"

Ready for Reception.
 Annoyed by a notice that the local sanitary committee were going to inspect his cowhouse, a Dorset (England) farmer spread linoleum over the floor of the building, displayed heart-rugs in convenient positions, hung the walls with pictures and a mirror, and installed a harmonium. When the committee arrived he gravely invited them to wipe their feet on the door-mat before entering.

Plenty of Grandfathers.
 Little Helen's father had been looking up his genealogical tree, and frequently spends his leisure evenings poring over papers from the various historical societies relative to the matter. One day while Helen was playing with her little friends, a childish dispute arose as to which was the best looking. Helen, almost in tears, blurted out: "Well, Alice may be the prettiest, and Dorothy has the nicest dress, but I have sheets of grandfathers at home."

Many Years' Loss of Memory.
 A Nevada case is reported where a man, wandered away from his wife and three children. For ten years he was not heard from. Passing through the state again something seemed to snap in his head and he knew himself again. He had gone to Texas, married and had another little family. His wife had died only the week before his knowledge of his real self returned. He attributed his loss of memory to overwork while figuring on complicated contracts.

By Their Speech Ye Shall Know Them.
 A traveler who believed himself to be sole survivor of a shipwreck upon a cannibal isle hid for three days in terror of his life. Driven out by hunger, he discovered a thin wisp of smoke rising from a clump of bushes inland, and crawled carefully to study the type of savages about it. Just as he reached the clump he heard a voice say: "Why in — did you play that card?" He dropped on his knees and, devoutly raising his hands, cried: "Thank God, they are Christians!"

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Bird Lights Lamp.
 In Greensford, England, a street lamp was found lighted every morning and the lamp lighter could not account for it, so he set a watch who soon found the culprit. A tomcat had built its nest in the corner of the lamp, and had a habit of hopping on the ring attached to the incandescent bypass, which caused the light to be turned on.

Remains of Old Civilization.
 Scattered throughout the Caroline islands, notably at Ponape and Lele, are massive ruins, one of a sort of Venice, whose origin is wrapped in mystery. Hundreds of acres in some localities are covered by the remains of walls, canals and earthwork of a stupendous character. There are old roads paved with stone blocks, ancient stone platforms, and on the lagoons ruins of what were once fish weirs. The islands offer a rich field for the archeologist.

Only Changes Needed.
 The other day my 6 year old brother, who has a fat chubby hand, was trying on my kid gloves. He found they were too tight for him and when asked if he could wear them he said: "No, but if some of the too long side was on the wide I could wear them."—Exchange.

So Careless.
 Two little girls had a bird given to them, and were very anxious to see it bathe. On seeing it get into the water for the first time, the three-year-old child exclaimed: "Why, I declare! If it isn't getting right in the water with all its feathers on!"

To Keep Cut Flowers Fresh.
 An interested reader writes that, whether the stems of flowers be either hard or soft, they may be kept fresh longer if the stems are cut off about a quarter of an inch after placing them in water. Use a sharp pair of scissors, and be sure that the cut end is not exposed to the air at all.

Explaining Why They Got Married.
 In New York recently a lot of post cards were mailed to married men asking them why they had married. Among the replies was one from a man who wrote: "Please don't stir me up." Another man answered: "I yearned for company. We now have company all the time—her folks."

Mental Conservation.
 Mr. Subly, who was rather conceited, declared that talking with an uncultivated person had a tendency to impair his peace of mind. "Then you ought never to do it, Mr. Subly," said a young lady present. "Any one with only a piece of mind ought not to risk it!"—Youth's Companion.

Strength of a Nation.
 The foundations of a strong and virile race are laid in the rural districts, and, if agriculture be allowed to decay, no development of industries in the heart of the town will atone for the loss to the nation of that greatest of all industries which makes wealth while it creates manhood.—Percy Alden.

Why Clerks Go Insane.
 Aunt Mandy (to the clerk of the general store)—"You all ain't got no fo'-cent caller, is you—or is you? Ef you is, is you all got some jes' a speck cheapah?"—Woman's Home Companion.

Rare Work of Art Found.
 A statue of Venus was found in a cellar at Naples a few days ago. The ground floor of a house collapsed suddenly, revealing an ancient cellar containing a magnificent statue of the goddess. The statue is of Parian marble and belongs to the best period of Graeco-Roman art.



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