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Mohair

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The receipts this season of mohair are the greatest in the history of San Angelo. The quality of mohair this year has been better than the average. The total receipts surpass all previous receipts for one time by 90,000 pounds.

While the bulk of the mohair has been sold, several dealers in wool and mohair are expecting large quantities to come in within the next two weeks.

Eastern buyers have been here on the market for mohair for the past several days and the price obtained by the Wool Grower's Central Storage Company is better than last fall's prices.—San Angelo Standard.

Trustee Election.

The trustee election of the Brackett Independent School District was held last Saturday. A light vote was polled. Very little interest was taken and only 37 votes were cast. The following trustees were elected for the ensuing two years. R. Stratton, W. F. Holmes, Henry Veltmann and Dr. F. J. Gilson.

Through a mistake Mr. O. W. Stadler's name was on the ballot instead of C. F. Hodges. Mr. Stadler is a hold over, and Mr. Hodges goes out, this year.

3710 Steers Sell For \$65,000

Cattle deals aggregating \$65,000 were closed in San Angelo Saturday. The number of cattle sold was 3710 head, consisting of yearling steers, twos, threes and fours. The buyers were C. M. Canble Albany, and Carroll & Watson of Winona, Okla.

The largest deal was the purchase of 3200 head of steer yearlings by Carroll & Watson, from divers people in this section at private terms.

This firm bought 1000 steer yearlings from J. W. Friend & Son of Ozona; 1250 steer yearlings from White & Littlefield of Menard, 500 steer yearlings from C. M. Cauble of Albany, and 500 steer yearlings from Ed Wallace of Llano. The deliveries are to be made between April 25 and May 1.

C. M. Cauble of Albany bought 450 head of twos, threes and fours from Jesse Cargile at \$30 round. He also bought 60 head of high grade twos from L. V. Farr, at \$37.50 round.

The delivery of the Cargile cattle is to be made May 1.—San Angelo Standard.

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Sheepmen Break Record.

The largest single shipment of sheep ever seen on the Fort Worth market was received Thursday from Pecos county. They were owned by J. R. Hamilton and his sons, who are among the biggest sheep raisers and shippers of all West Texas. In the consignment were 3450 mixed ewes and wethers, in the wool. They averaged 108 pounds and sold for a price of \$5.90.

The eyes of sheep buyers, salesman and market reporters bulged when they saw the big shipment arrive and a general run was made for the records of the market. There was considerable jubilation when it was learned that records for individual shipments had been broken.

Russ Hamilton, who has been associated with his father in the sheep business for the past fifteen years and knows every wrinkle of the industry as applied to his section of the country, was pleased with the sensation he had created on the market as well as the good stiff figure his stuff brought. In all he received about \$22,000 for his shipment.

"My sheep were good and a sample of what West Texas and the Pecos country especially producing this year," he said. There are perhaps more sheep down in the Pecos country and other sheep producing sections of West Texas this year than for the past fifteen years. Sheep conditions were never better and the wool crop is going to be heavier than ever.

"The day of the sheepman in West Texas certainly arrived. With the centralization of storage facilities at San Angelo, with the proper officials in charge and concessions received from railroads and consideration accorded by the big wool-buyers, there appears to be no reason that we shouldn't have a big year.

"It is also certain in my mind that the shipment of sheep to the

Fort Worth market will be greater than last year. That is what all the sheepman in our section think."—Live Stock Reporter.

Paralysis In Bees

A disease of bees known to bee keepers as paralysis has made its appearance simultaneously in various parts of Texas. The sudden outbreak of paralysis, occurring over a large area and appearing suddenly, is not unlike the similar sudden outbreak of pickled brood disease among the apiaries last year, is a statement from the office of Wilmon Newell, state entomologist.

Practically nothing is known as to the cause of paralysis, but its appearance in such a manner would seem to indicate that climate conditions may be in some way responsible. This disease attacks only the adult bees, never the larvae or brood. The affected bees become sluggish, tremble violently and the abdomen becomes swollen with a greasy appearance. The dead and dying bees are ejected from the hive by the remaining workers, and these dead and dying bees are sometimes found by the hundreds in front of colonies which are affected by the disease.

One authority recommends as a remedy the interchange of healthy and diseased colonies, the object being to get all diseased bees out

of the colonies as quickly as possible, thus removing the source of infection. The disease is communicated by the adult bees from one another, and is not carried on combs or in honey so far as known.

Another authority recommends the following treatment. Form as many nuclei from strong healthy stocks as there are sick colonies to be treated. As soon as the nuclei have young laying queens give to each as fast as it can care for it one or two frames of the oldest canned colonies, and thereafter until all brood from the diseased colonies is used up. The diseased bees and queen should next be destroyed with sulphur fumes and the hives fumigated at the same time.

There is also ground for believing certain colonies are more susceptible to this disease than others, and that certain colonies of strains are immune from it. Whenever this disease is noted, therefore, the hive should be marked and at the first opportunity the beekeeper should destroy the queen in the diseased colony and replace her with a queen from some other stock, either purchased from a queen breeder or reared from some colony of his own which has not shown the disease. In this way a gradual immunity to the disease may be brought about in ones apiary.

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SPORT in XVI Century Drawings

THE recent discoveries of prehistoric designs in a cave in the south of France confirm the assertion made by mediaeval writers that as sport formed the subjects of the earliest designs, the disciples of Nimrod can rightly claim to have given the first impulse to art. Unfortunately for us, the old skin-clad sportsman artist who covered the walls of his Perigord cave with outline drawings of his fellow-denizens—the mammoth, the giant cave bear and the reindeer—thereby securing for himself undying fame as the most archaic of all artists, and endowing that underground gallery with the distinction of being the most ancient of all art repositories, failed to depict his own form divine in connection with the trotting mammoth or the shambling bear. True, the spirit of self-effacement which this omission betrays evinces a refreshing absence of the "personal element." It proves more convincingly than could a library of volumes what an infinite vista of ages intervenes between that flint-wielding cave man and the modern, self-assertive, press-the-button sportsman. But stay! Are we judging this instance of palaeontological self-oblivion quite justly? Was that troglodyte's failure to leave a single indication as to the relative position of man and beast really the result of genuine diffidence? What evidence have we that this artist of the Pleistocene Age had already emerged from that primeval condition when man was still the hunted instead of the hunter? How do we know that the huge Elephas primigenius or the formidable Ursus spelaeus portrayed in that Perigord Louvre was not hunting him, the pigny homunculus? What proof have we that these crude tracings were not drawn with trembling hand after a horror-struck retreat to his cave, when his senses, which then were still as keen as those of the hawk, the far-scenting deer, or the acutely-hearing wolverine, warned him of the approach of his relentless foe? Indeed, have we not evidence supporting such doubts in the shape of a stone hammer found embedded in the skull of a Megaceros hibernicus? Had that blow been dealt by a hunter to an animal already down in order to dispatch it, the precious flint tool, which to produce had cost such infinite labor, would not have been left where Professor Wauchope found it untold ages later. What more likely than that the blow was inflicted as a desperate act of self-defense on the part of the hard-pushed quarry when the antlered monster charged down upon him, crushing him to death before he had time to withdraw his invaluable flint? That bit of bone-encased rock—what tragedies of the Stone Age does it not suggest?

But we have strayed far afield from the real purpose of these lines, which is none else than to make the reader acquainted with the limnings of an infinitely less remote age, but which, as samples of finished drawings of sporting scenes, yet rank among the oldest we have.

Flaminio de' Fiorini, though Flemish by birth, for he was born in Bruges in the year 1523, Giovanni della Strada, or to use his Latinized name with which he frequently signed his work, Joannes Stradanus, had acquired by his apprenticeship to Michael Angelo many of the famous artist's peculiarities and mannerisms, as a glance at Stradanus' prancing, heavily-maned steeds and giant-limbed men discloses. Stradanus was born at a most opportune moment, for the craving for pictorial matter making itself felt in the second half of his century was creating a demand which far exceeded the supply, and though your Bodes and Tschudis, and even earlier art critics, insist that this craving helped more than any other circumstance to prostitute art, debasing the divine inspiration of the painter to a common craft, it must not be forgotten that but for men like Stradanus, Theodore de Bry, Hans Bol, the multitudinous Galle family at Antwerp, Collaera, Wierx, Mallery, Sadeler and Goltzius, as well as the De Passe family, who all worked with extraordinary energy in turning out "pictures of the day," our knowledge of the daily life and of occurrences in that tempestuous century would be nothing like as correct and intimate as it is. What progress, for instance, art made in the half-century between 1517 and the year 1567, when Stradanus drew his one hundred and four Venetian sporting pictures, a glance at "Theuerdank," Emperor Maximilian's famous book of adventures, and at the prints appertaining to the first-named series, will show. Both the designer of the pictures and the wielder of the graver had made giant strides in the interval, and as we can see from reproductions of original drawings by Stradanus' hand, many a master of the eighteenth century would have done well to study the Italianised Fleming's method and touches.

The drawings afford amusing evidence of the widespread ignorance which then prevailed in connection with certain forms of sport. Perhaps the most characteristic in this respect is the picture of mountain sport—viz., the chase of the chamois. When one first saw the print of this picture and one's astonished gaze rested upon the delineation of the agile mountain beast carrying horns that are crooked forward instead of backward, one naturally assumed that this extraordinary mistake was made by the engraver and not by the artist who drew the animal, whose body and pose are in other respects correct. But in this one would have done the busy Antwerp engraver an injustice, as was disclosed when the original came into one's possession; for there, immortalized by master hand, prance about not one but several chamois with this curious malformation.

In other respects, too, Stradanus drew upon his imagination in concocting this drawing, for he represents the man of Michael Angelo-like limbs strapping stielgelsen, or crampons, to his naked feet, which, of course, was never done. To turn to another form of sport—elephant and ostrich hunting—Stradanus in the former picture drew his quarry of very under-sized dimensions, a mistake not usually made either by him or by other artists of his age, who, as a rule, magnified the size of foreign animals. Take as an instance our reproduction of an engraving after another drawing by the same Florentine artist. Here we have elephants which if we accept the ordinary human form as our scale, must have stood something like eighteen feet high, though probably, as the inscription below tells us that the man in the act of hamstringing his quarry is a troglodyte or cave-dweller, a race who were believed to be of dwarf stature, the disproportion is intended to be as great as it is. As an early pic-



Ostrich-Hunting.—By Stradanus.

ture of elephant-hunting its amusing details, such as the long file of natives carrying off loads of dismembered elephant on their heads and shoulders, are curious enough. The picture of the bear-hunt is more true to life, though we may express some doubt whether horses could be got to charge bears in the way Stradanus pictures.

Our last drawing represents the Florentine artist's ideas of heron-hawking. It tells its tale fairly plainly, though, of course, the incidents it represents are far too crowded together. It was considered the noblest of all hawking, and though it is not so long ago that more than two hundred heronries existed in the British Isles—some of them comprising as many as a hundred nests with four or five eggs in each—the sport is now extinct. Mr. Harting tells us that in the last century Mr. Edward C. Newcome of Norfolk, who was the last English falconer who kept heron hawks (he died in 1871), killed in two seasons with his two famous hawks, Sultan and De Ruyter, which he had imported from Holland, no fewer than one hundred and eleven herons. This shows that the royal sport became extinct in England not in consequence of any dearth of herons. In the Netherlands it is still kept up, though the celebrated Hawking club at the Loo, near Apeldoorn, which Mr. Newcome, assisted by the Duke of Leeds and Mr. Stuart Wortley, had formed in the year 1832, was dissolved the very year it had reached its majority.

One detail in Stradanus' drawing deserves special notice, i. e., the turned-up heads of the two herons at which hawks are about to stoop. It shows that the artist fully believed the legend, sanctioned even by such late writers as Walter Scott, that the heron when hard pressed and stooped at by the hawk will point his beak upwards and thus receive the descending enemy upon its point, thereby inflicting serious injury, if not killing him outright. According to modern experts this pretty story has no foundation in fact. It seems extraordinary that for centuries artists went on painting incidents which they never could have seen, scores, if not hundreds, of pictures of what was once a favorite and aristocratic sport depicting this very occurrence.

Stradanus' predilection for portly men and women, as well as for steeds of the cart-horse type, and for unwieldy fat spaniels and hounds, betray his Dutch origin, and perhaps also a businesslike desire to please his principal public in



Chamois-Hunting.—By Stradanus.



Bear-Hunting.—By Stradanus.

Arno and the harbor town on the North Sea did not interfere in a more discouraging manner between artist and engraver.

For more than half a century that studio in Florence, of which Stradanus gives us in one of his "arts and crafts" series, called the Nova Reperta, a characteristic picture, seems to have gone on supplying busy hands in distant Antwerp with material of the most heterogeneous kind. Saints and devils, popes and emperors, holy legends and scenes from purgatory, wars and sieges, land battles and naval engagements, royal progresses and peasant fetes, hunting, fishing and fowling scenes galore, the horses of all nations, the crafts and trades of the civilized world, the discoveries of Columbus and Vesputi, scientific inventions of the day, the working of the silkworm and scores of other subjects of the most diverse nature, were one and all depicted with a realism and with a power of imagination that really amaze one. It shows what an extraordinary demand for illustrations had suddenly sprung up in the second half of the sixteenth century among the nations of northern Europe, as they awoke from the intellectual stupor that had enchained them during mediaeval times.

STANLEY'S EXPLOITS

No explorer before or since has approached the harvest that Henry M. Stanley reaped (says a writer in the New York Sun), and no man of letters, soldiers, or scholar has had such a single lecture tour as Stanley's greatest. In something like ten big cities he received \$2,000 for his first appearance. For the first night in another group of cities he received \$1,000 and in still another group \$500. Traveling in a special car upon which he lived in most places, and accompanied by four or five guests, he ended the tour with \$64,000 clear of all expenses. For that first night in New York a charity paid Stanley's agent \$5,000

and the receipts from the lecture were \$14,763. On the other hand Alexander Graham Bell used to lecture for \$25 a night in schoolhouses and the struggling inventor was glad enough of the fee.

Since Teacher Did Not Know. It was in the primary class of a graded school in a western city, and the day was the 22d of February. "Now, who can tell me whose birthday this is?" asked the teacher. A little girl arose timidly. "Well, Margaret, you may tell us," said the teacher. "Mine," was the unexpected reply.—Everybody's Magazine.

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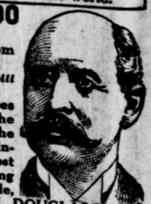
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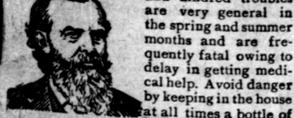
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El Paso, Tex.—Emilio Vasquez Gomez, a Mexican lawyer, was appointed provisional president of Mexico by proclamation of General Pascual Orozco, now at the front with the rebel troops threatening the federal base at Torreon. Juarez is now the provisional capital, but this probably will be shifted to Chihuahua.

The appointment, it is understood, will not interfere with the affairs in the states of Northern Mexico by General Orozco and by Gonzales, the rebel civil and special officer at Chihuahua. It was determined upon, it is said, chiefly for what effect it might have upon the United States. The rebels hope they may succeed in having their belligerency recognized.

When Washington a year ago recognized Francisco I. Madero, the latter was in control of little else than Juarez; Diaz held the rest of Mexico. At present the rebels control the states of Chihuahua, Sonora, Durango, most of Coahuila and certain contingent territory. Their troops outnumbering the federals, they have taken the offensive and are moving south over the Chihuahua-Coahuila border.

Provisional President's Statement.

After being sworn in as provisional president he issued the following statement: "I came to Juarez to assume the provisional presidency of the United States of Mexico with the object of establishing peace throughout the country through the success of the revolution. In the capacity of provisional president of the republic I wish to send a warm and sincere salutation to the whole world.

"Juarez will be my headquarters and the provisional capital of Mexico. Later I will go possibly to Chihuahua or anywhere to await developments, as we have not had time to formulate any plans for the future.

"At present I am studying the men suitable as members of my cabinet, which will be appointed in a day or two, as soon as they can be chosen. I will not have a provisional vice president, at least according to our present plans.

"The establishing of the provisional capital in Juarez makes four times that a Mexican president or provisional president has had his headquarters here.

"Benito Juarez made it his capital while rallying his army to repulse Maximilian; Porfirio Diaz made it his capital for two days; Francisco I. Madero, as provisional president of Mexico, established his capital here May 10, 1910, and Emilio Vasquez Gomez established himself as provisional president May 4, 1911."

WILSON HAS 309 INSTRUCTED DELEGATES

And Harmon 85—Taft and Roosevelt Close, With President in the Lead.

Latest reports received do not indicate any change in the final results of democratic presidential primaries in Texas. North and Central Texas have gone heavily for Wilson, while reports from South and extreme West Texas point to a division of delegates between Harmon and Wilson.

Taft and Roosevelt are making a close race, with the president slightly in the lead.

Reports give the number of instructed delegates as follows: Wilson 309, Harmon 86, and Clark 26. Required to control the state convention, 312 votes.

Precinct returns from South Texas continue to be divided between Wilson and Harmon, with Clark mentioned occasionally only. A number of counties report no primaries and un-instructed delegations.

Hays' Body Recovered.

Halifax, N. S.—The cable ship Minia, which relieved the Mackay-Bennett in the search for bodies of the Titanic victims near the scene of the disaster, reached Halifax Sunday, bringing, according to the wireless advices which have been received, fifteen additional bodies. Seventeen bodies in all were recovered by the Minia, she reported, but two of them, supposed to be those of firemen and unidentified, were buried at sea. The list of identified bodies on the Minia is headed by the names of Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada.

Jewelry Store Gutted.

Beeville, Tex.—Fire of unknown origin early Sunday destroyed the C. L. Kimbrough jewelry store. The blaze was well under way when discovered, but prompt action by the fire department confined the damage to the frame building in which it started. The building was valued at \$600, and was owned by C. M. Brown.

Drainage Contract Let.

Mercedes, Tex.—The drainage commissioners of drainage district No. 1 of Hidalgo county let their first contract for drainage work. The contract was let to J. A. Elmore and work is to begin at once. The contract calls for the moving of about 110,000 yards of dirt and the clearing of about twenty miles of right of way brush.

Ammi M. Wright Dies.
Alma, Mich.—Ammi M. Wright, multi-millionaire and philanthropist, died at his home Sunday of paralysis.

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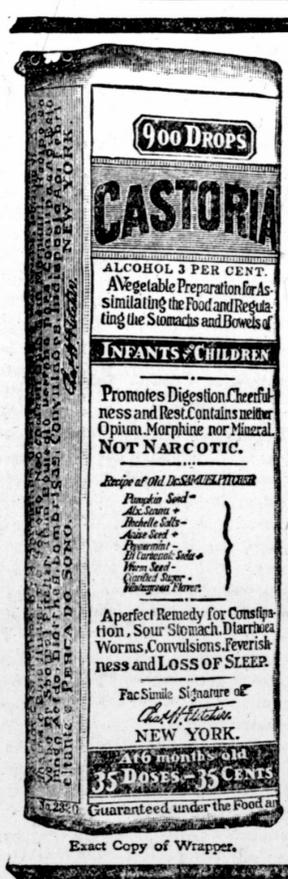
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Local News

Ice Cream soda at Reming's.

Swat the fly while the swatting's good.

Good roads are good investments.

Old Reserve D. at the California Exchange.

The Brackett Public Schools will close Friday May 17th.

Clyde Veltmann was on the sick list several days this week.

J. M. Slaton returned to San Antonio Monday afternoon.

Jas. Cornell, of Sonora, spent Wednesday here with relatives.

Alfred Vanderstucken left Tuesday for Fredericksburg on business.

Stop at Reming's and take home some cream cones for baby.

Sheriff Jack Allen, of Sanderson, was here on official business Friday.

Gus Kroschel, the hyde buyer, of Del Rio, was here Friday on business.

T. J. Martin was here Tuesday night to preside over the County Convention.

O. F. Seargeant went to San Antonio Wednesday afternoon on business.

Judge R. Stratton returned Saturday evening from a business trip to San Antonio.

Jos. Veltmann witnessed the Del Rio-Hondo base ball game in Del Rio Friday afternoon.

Romus Salmon and Dr. W. R. K. Johnson, of Spofford, were here Tuesday morning on business.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Stadler spent Saturday and Sunday at the Overstreet, ranch near Cline.

Chocolate candies at Reming's.

Tom Drago and Tom Barksdale, of Edwards County, were in Brackett Tuesday on business.

O. W. Zuehl and F. O. Long, of Spofford attended the Democratic county convention here Tuesday night.

Mrs. V. M. West and daughter, Miss Ida Bess West, of San Antonio are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred West.

John H. Stadler caught for Del Rio in a base ball game against Hondo in Del Rio last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. H. M. Dooley, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jas Cornell in Sonora, returned home Tuesday evening.

Sundae's of all kinds at Reming's.

Chas. A. McDonald, who is charged with theft of a diamond was taken to Sanderson Friday by Sheriff J. J. Allen.

Miss Mabel Henley, left Wednesday for Hondo and San Antonio, where she will spend the summer with relatives and friends.

Nic Ora, who is ranching near the Anacacho mountains brought in two large panther hydres Tuesday evening. They were killed in Hobbs' pasture.

John Drodgy, of Refugio arrived in our city Wednesday afternoon and left the same evening for the Mariposa ranch where he will visit his Uncle, Mr. L. E. Carlise.

Card of Thanks.

The Mexican Citizens of Brackett hereby extend their sincere thanks to the Commanding Officer at Fort Clark for his courtesy to them on the occasion of the Cinco de Mayo celebration Sunday last, and also to the Fourteenth Cavalry Band for the excellent music furnished during the celebration.

Republican County Convention.

A Republican County convention was held Tuesday night in the county court room. The meeting was called to order by County Chairman T. J. Martin. H. E. Veltmann was elected temporary secretary and the following business was transacted.

The following resolutions submitted by the committee on resolutions were adopted and delegates to the congressional and State conventions were instructed to vote accordingly.

Your Committee on Resolutions begs to submit the following:

FIRST:—That we re-affirm our allegiance to the principles of the Republican Party, and most respectfully commend the actions of Col. Cecil A. Lyons in conducting the affairs of the Republican Party in Texas in past years, and we recommend that the Delegates from Kinney County be instructed to vote for Col. Lyons as State Chairman, National Committeeman and Delegate at large from Texas to the National Convention to be held in Chicago in June.

SECOND:—We look to Theodore Roosevelt with pride as the leader of the Republican Party of the Nation, and point to his past record as being one of our greatest Presidents. We most heartily recommend that the Delegates from this County be instructed to vote for Theodore Roosevelt so long as his name is before the Convention as the Nominee for President of the Republican party.

THIRD:—We recommend that our Delegates to the 15th. District Congressional Convention to be held at Corpus Christi May 18th., also Delegates to the State Convention to be held at Ft. Worth May 28th. be instructed to vote for T. J. Martin as a Delegate from this District to the National Convention at Chicago.

The following persons were elected delegates to the State and Congressional Conventions: T. J. Martin, Jos Veltmann, J. L. Griffin and Jim Clamp.

The following alternates were appointed and were authorized to vote the county should no delegates be present: Eugene Nolte, R. W. Scott, J. C. Scott, R. C. Ballantyne, R. Salmon Wm Ketch and W. W. Price.

Mr. T. J. Martin was elected permanent chairman and H. E. Veltmann permanent secretary for the next two years.

There being no further business the convention adjourned.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.—Chief Quartermaster's Office, Federal Building, Chicago, Ills., April 15, 1912.—sealed proposals will be received here until 11 A. M., May 15, 1912, for furnishing coal required in Central Division during fiscal year commencing July 1, 1912 Information furnished on application. Col. Jno. L. Clem, Chief Quartermaster.

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Old Reserve D. the best whiskey made and recommended by all Old Timers sold at the California Exchange.

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Lame back is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the back, for which you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

If you want a good smoke. Try Queen Saba cigar. It is the best 10 cent cigar in town.

Cemetery Association.

The Brackettville Cemetery Association held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. F. J. Gilson, Friday, May 3rd. In the absence of the President, Mrs. N. P. Petersen, Vice President presided.

The Treasurer reported \$40.39 in the Cemetery Fund and \$44.00 in hearse fund, a bill of \$64.31 for materials for hearse house was voted paid.

Mrs. Homer Jones, Chairman of special committee, reported that Masons would pay \$25.00 annually toward the wages of a regular caretaker, provided one could be secured. Mr. Jos. Veltmann will allow a small house to be put upon his land between the Masonic and the Roman Catholic Cemeteries for use of caretaker.

The Chairman of "The Spinsters Convention" committee turned in \$69.00 proceeds from the entertainment.

A vote of thanks was extended Mr. Romus Salmon for money sent by him, though he was unable to attend our recent entertainment. In this manner, Mr. Salmon has several times manifested his interest in the work of the Association.

Mrs. Jos. Veltmann and Mrs. Frank Lane were appointed a committee to investigate the cost of having post cards printed, in order to notify members of amount of dues, before the regular semi-annual meetings for payment of dues.

The Association adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. E. Fritter the first Friday in June.

After the meeting adjourned Mrs. Gilson served delicious fruit punch, which was most refreshing on such a warm afternoon.

Secretary.

Democratic Convention.

The Democratic County Convention of Kinney County, convened at the courthouse in the city of Brackett in Kinney county, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Tuesday, May 7th. A. D. 1912, pursuant to the call of the Chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State Democratic convention which convenes in the city of Houston on the 28th. instant, which state convention selects states delegates to the National Democratic convention that meets in the city of Baltimore, Md. in June for the purpose of nominating a democratic candidate for the office President of the United States.

The Hon. O. W. Zuehl, chairman of the Executive committee called the meeting to order, and stated the object of the convention, there after O. W. Zuehl was elected chairman of the convention and Frank Lane was elected secretary, and the following voting precincts in the county were represented by delegates, to-wit: Brackett, precinct No. 1, delegates W. F. Holmes, Frank J. Gilson, and Frank Lane; Spofford, precinct No. 4, delegates, O. W. Zuehl, F. O. Long, and C. M. Walker, which delegates were duly seated.

Two delegates and two alternate delegates were selected to attend the Houston convention, Viz. Delegates, F. O. Long and W. F. Holmes, Alternate delegates, Frank J. Gilson and J. C. Beckett.

The Convention passed a resolution to the effect that the Kinney county delegates go to the Houston convention uninstructed, but the sentiment of a majority of the delegates to the convention were for the distinguished Southern gentleman and leader of the majority in the National House of Representatives, the Hon Oscar Underwood of Alabama. Governor Wilson did not have a supporter in the convention.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey, of Newberg Junction, N. B., writes, "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effective and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. Sold by all dealers.

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Should Keep Posted.
 A man who tries to farm these days without reading and studying is like the merchant who tries to do business without advertising. The merchant may know he is in business but there are not many others who do. Likewise the farmer who tries to farm without keeping abreast of the improvements in farm methods may think he is farming but he is woefully mistaken. Just look around you and you will see that those of your neighbors who are doing good work, doing good for themselves and for the community are those who read and think.—Ft. Stockton Pioneer.

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.
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Spofford Locals

Will Easterling of Alpine visited friends here Wednesday.

Mrs. T. J. DeRossett of the Las Moras visited friends here Monday.

T. W. Johnson was transacting business in Brackettville Tuesday.

W. H. Parsons of Uvalde was transacting business here Monday.

Chas. Gaebler of the Las Moras was transacting business here Monday.

Mrs. G. C. Cox and son Joe are visiting relatives in Uvalde this week.

Potter Dillard of the West ranch was transacting business here Saturday.

C. H. Neely was in from the ranch Wednesday transacting business.

Miss Lizzie Hay of Houston is the guest of her Sister Mrs. O. W. Zuehl this week.

W. W. Jamieson of the Las Moras was transacting business here Tuesday.

Mrs. Lang Williams of Eagle Pass is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Musgrave this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clamp visited relatives in Brackettville several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gay were in from the ranch Monday the guests of the Misses Curtis.

Henry Schmidt and August Biedler of the Pinto were transacting business here Monday.

A number of the young people enjoyed a dance at the residence

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Romus Salmon was transacting business in Brackettville Tuesday.

John Ware of the Pinto was transacting business here Monday.

J. W. Moore of Uvalde was transacting business here Saturday.

Mrs. Doak of Eagle Pass is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Musgrave this week.

Rev. W. H. Matthews of Del Rio preached in the School house auditorium Monday night.

W. I. Clark and son Richard were in from the ranch Monday transacting business.

Miss Katie Curtis was the guest of Mrs. Mary Neely at her home southwest of town Wednesday.

C. F. Schults of Ft. Worth is a guest on the Fleming and Davidson ranch south of here this week.

Mrs. O. W. Zuehl returned home Thursday from Houston where she visited relatives several weeks.

H. H. Ingraham of West is here this week looking after his cattle and land interests in this section.

W. N. Fleming of Victoria is spending the week on the Fleming and Davidson ranch south of here.

Green Davidson of San Antonio is spending the week on the Fleming and Davidson ranch south of here.

J. T. Power and family moved to the ranch on the Las Moras

Creek this week where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Martin were in from the ranch Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Zuehl.

Miss Mina Clark returned home Tuesday from Rockdale and Temple where she visited several months.

Arch Salmon of the Rothe ranch visited his Parents Mr. and Mrs. Romus Salmon here several days this week.

Misses Joe and Nina Williams of Eagle Pass were the guests of the Misses Musgrave Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Ewing and Mintie Neely were in from the ranch Saturday and Sunday the guests of the Misses Curtis.

Miss Ruby Curtis was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gay at their home on the Las Moras several days this week.

F. O. Long and O. W. Zuehl attended the Democratic County convention held in Brackettville Tuesday night.

We still hold that it is better to be a live editor than a dead millionaire. Being rich is too dangerous a proposition. Had we been worth fifty million we might have been on the Titanic, and just think, we might not have been able to get into a life boat. We would not begin to trade places with Mr. Astor.—El Campo Citizen.

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"If all the wheat in Texas were one grain, the only place to plant it would be in the Grand Canyon of Arizona, the only hole on earth big enough to hold it. If all the corn raised in Texas were one ear, the only way to shell it would be by steam stump pullers extracting a grain at a time from the cob. If all the cattle in Texas were one cow, she would browse the tender herbage of the tropics, whisk icicles off the north pole with her tail, and supply milk enough to fill a canal reaching from Kansas City to the Gulf on which to ship the boat-loads of her cheese and butter. If all the chickens in Texas were one rooster, he could straddle the Rocky Mountains like a great colossus, and crow until he shook the rings off the planet Saturn. If all the hogs in Texas were one hog, he could plant his hind foot on the soil of Cuba, his fore foot on the Isthmus of Panama, and with one root of his huge snout dig a sea level canal from ocean to ocean. If all the mules raised in Texas were one mule, he could plant his fore foot on the soil of Texas and another on the forests of Maine and with his hind feet kick the face off the man in the moon."

If all the deposits representing Texas products were in one bank—sh!—(We decline to say further; the so-called "Money Trust" is already being investigated).

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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.
12m.

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.

LACKEY & TAYLOR.

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The services will be every Sunday.

Low Mass at 7 a. m.
High Mass at 9 a. m.
Rosary and Benediction at 7:30 p. m. On the week days the holy Mass at 7 a. m. Everybody welcome.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

NEWS THAT IS NEWS, WHEN IT IS A C&S, FOR ALL.

FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE LAND

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

WASHINGTON.

The agricultural appropriation bill, carrying \$17,676,976, which is \$1,723,610 more than the house provided, and \$756,960 more than the current year's appropriation, was finished Saturday by the senate committee. The committee allowed \$40,000 to fight the chestnut tree blight.

The senate commerce committee has ordered a favorable report on its rivers and harbors bill whereby the house bill is increased by \$7,791,010. The total amount of the senate's increase exceeds \$8,000,000, but there are decreases aggregating \$273,000. The senate measure totals \$34,053,530. Two Russian Jews were deported from Mexico Saturday.

The war department and heads of the state militia have agreed on a plan for mobilizing militiamen for foreign service.

The United States should either enforce the Monroe doctrine or formulate a new one broad enough to prevent Japanese commercial interests from getting control of the territory about Magdalena Bay, in the opinion of Senators Lodge, Bacon and other members of the foreign affairs committee of the senate. In a debate Wednesday, after the receipt of President Taft's message transmitting the correspondence covering Japanese activity in Western Mexico, leading members of the senate declared that the control of so strategic a position, even by commercial interests wholly Japanese in character, could not be permitted without menacing the safety of the United States.

Representative Smith of Texas introduced a bill seeking to regulate the charters of corporations entering into interstate commerce. The bill in no way undertakes to amend the Sherman anti-trust law, but to supplement it by providing certain things that must be written into a charter of a concern before it can participate in interstate commerce.

A twenty-four-hour-day vigil at the state capitol will be required after July 1 on every kind of craft leaving an American port and carrying 100 persons, if the Hitchcock bill, passed Tuesday by the senate, is agreed to by the house.

Representative Clayton of Alabama, chairman of the judiciary committee, introduced a house joint resolution Wednesday to provide an amendment to the constitution fixing the term of office of the president of the United States at six years and making him ineligible for a second term.

A one system of parcels post is provided for in a bill introduced in the senate Monday by Senator Bourne, chairman of the committee on post-offices and post roads. The bill is the result of many months of investigation by the committee. The rates provided are the lowest yet suggested, but the postoffice department is quoted as expressing the opinion that if established the system would be self-sustaining.

STATE AND DOMESTIC.

Standing of clubs in Texas League:

Club	Played	Won	Lost	P.C.
Waco	21	13	8	619
Austin	22	12	10	545
Beaumont	19	10	9	524
Houston	21	11	10	524
Dallas	22	11	11	500
Galveston	21	10	11	476
San Antonio	21	10	11	476
Fort Worth	21	7	14	330

Foreign exports from Galveston during April reached \$11,576,322 in value, against \$7,139,400 in April, 1911. While not the largest April in the port's history, it represents the largest values since 1907, when values reached \$18,764,065.

Truck farmers are making large shipments of beans and potatoes from Brenham. There is a large crop of both of these vegetables.

The flood situation is growing rapidly worse along the lower Mississippi. People are panic-stricken.

President E. N. Brown of the National Railway line of Mexico confirms the story to the effect that former American conductors and engineers have had their applications granted by the Mexican government, and that they will receive both service letters and refund of all money paid for transportation when they left Mexico in a body last month.

Bursting suddenly through a point in the levee made weak by crawfish holes, the flood waters of the Mississippi river are pouring through a crevasse half a mile east of Torras, La.

By filing a petition in equity in the district court at St. Paul, Minn., the government Tuesday instituted a suit against the International Harvester Company under the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law. The government asks: That the \$140,000,000 corporation be dissolved on the ground that it is a monopoly in restraint of trade.

Declaring that he had enjoyed and been greatly benefited by his trip to Texas, and saying good-bye to the state "for a time," Governor Harmon of Ohio closed his campaign in this commonwealth Monday at Beaumont, Texas, and left for his home, going via New Orleans.

Rioting started at Zion City, Ill. Monday when employes of independent manufacturing concerns attacked a group of 200 Zion men and women at a prayer meeting. Both men and women were beaten with clubs and blackjacks and a number were seriously injured.

J. N. Johnson and his infant son were crushed to death and Mrs. Johnson was seriously injured when their log cabin was demolished by a storm near Marble City, Okla., Monday.

The return of the lower Mississippi west crevasse waters to the parent stream through the Red river at Torras is rapidly raising the water level at all points south of that place. A rise of two-tenths of a foot was recorded at Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville and New Orleans Monday, bringing the Mississippi gauge up to within two-tenths of the highest flood record at New Orleans and giving Baton Rouge half a foot in excess of the previous record.

As the guest of Mayor Rice of Houston, Governor Harmon of Ohio Sunday steamed down the ship channel on the mayor's yacht, the Zealand, visited the San Jacinto battlefield, ate a fish dinner at Morgans Point, and, after his return to Houston, drove over the city and at night attended church services.

FOREIGN.

After a day of turmoil, marked by several assaults and a few arrests resulting from attempts to distribute Chicago newspapers printed by non-union pressmen, publishers Saturday were confronted with fresh trouble when the stereotypers walked out of all of their offices. This move was made by the workmen in violation of a specific order by James J. Freely, international president of the Stereotypers' Union, who instructed the men to remain at work.

Mulid Hafid, the sultan of Morocco, in an interview at Fez, disclaimed all responsibility for the massacre of French soldiery and civilians during the revolt of the Moorish troops April 17, and he insisted on his devotion to France, as shown by the fact that he had resisted the repeated solicitations of the Germans and Spaniards subsequent to the Panther incident at Agadir.

The entire rebel army, numbering about 7,000 men, assumed the offensive near Jimenez Friday, General Pascual Orozco, the rebel commander in chief, starting his army across the desert. That General Huerta intends to make his final stand with his federal troops at Torreon was seemingly confirmed by the withdrawal of his advance guard from Conchos upon the appearance of Colonel Caesar Canales with the vanguard of the rebel cavalry.

Social London is affected by the tailors' strike, which began in a small way early in the week, and now involves 15,000 men. The movement has stopped the business of all the fashionable shops in the west end.

Rudolph von Benningzen died suddenly in Berlin Friday. He was the first governor of German New Guinea and a son of the national leader, Rudolph von Benningzen, who died August 7, 1902.

General Reissoli, commanding the Italian forces east of Tripoli, has, according to information received through an Italian source, attacked and captured the Turkish position at Lebda after a lively combat. The Turks resisted fiercely and lost 300 men killed. Eight Italians were killed and fifty-seven wounded.

Fifty-nine bodies of the unidentified victims of the Titanic were committed to their last resting place in three cemeteries Friday at Halifax, N. S.

Grand Duke Georges of Lichtenburg and uncle of Emperor Nicholas of Russia died in Paris Friday.

The fact that the Titanic ignored reports of icebergs in the path was the main point in the British investigation Saturday.

The British battleship Empress of India was in collision with a German sailing vessel Friday at Spithead. The battleship received a gaping hole in her side above the main deck, while the merchantman lost headgear and foretop mast.

Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, delivered his first presidential message in the form of a speech at the opening Monday at Peking of the advisory council, which practically is a provisional senate. The president proclaimed that the principles of the new Chinese government must be the maintenance of order in the interior. The attitude of foreign powers, he said, had been such as to merit the gratitude of China.

The Mexican police have seized thirty of the rifles shipped to Mexico City for Americans.

FUNERAL SHIP LANDS ITS CARGO OF DEAD

THE MACKAY-BENNETT RECOVERS 306 BODIES, OF WHICH 190 ARE BROUGHT ASHORE.

UNLOADING OF DEAD AT THE PIER

Body of Astor Found in Upright Position With Life Belt On—Widener's Body Not Aboard—Revised List of Identified Dead.

Halifax, N. S.—The cable ship Mackay-Bennett, which came with 190 of the White Star liner Titanic's dead into Halifax Tuesday, cast deep gloom over the city by its presence as a funeral ship and brought a shock to those waiting for her cargo of bodies with the announcement of her commander that fifty-seven of those reported by wireless as identified had of necessity been cast again into the sea.

Was No Favoritism.

That there was no favoritism shown in the reburial is indicated by the White Star Line's announcement that among those bodies sunk again was that of George D. Widener, the Philadelphia capitalist, although there appears to be a mistake, in that Mr. Widener's son believes that from Lardner's description of the body that the body was that of Mr. Widener's valet.

Perhaps never was an occasion fraught with such greivous aspect, marking a closing chapter of one of the greatest disasters on record, attended with more respectful silence than was the docking of the Mackay-Bennett. Not a half dozen of those actually concerned visited the pier proper and of the general public not more than 250. They could see nothing but the upper structure of the Mackay-Bennett, tents housing the coffins and a canvas under which the dead were being carried to the long file of undertakers' wagons for transfer to the morgue.

Only Five Women's Bodies.

There are only five women's bodies among the unidentified. One of them appears to be that of a Swedish woman and the other four of Italians. There seems little hope of recovering the body of Mrs. Isador Straus. A baby girl of about 2 years lies among the unclaimed and nameless. Of all the bodies picked up hers was the only one that the waves bore without the aid of a lifebelt. She was found floating serenely, looking very much like a big doll.

Summary of Findings.

The result of the Mackay-Bennett's voyage for recovery of the bodies of the Titanic's victims may be summarized as follows:

- Number of Titanic dead brought to Halifax, 190.
- Number of identified dead brought to Halifax, 130.
- Unidentified dead in morgue, 60.
- Identified dead buried at sea, 57.
- Unidentified dead buried at sea, 59.
- Total dead buried at sea, 116.
- Total dead found by Mackay-Bennett, 306.
- All told, 306 dead were found, 116 consigned again to the sea.

Flag at Half Mast.

Her own flag at half mast, the death ship docked slowly. Her crew manned the rails with bare heads and on the after decks were stacked the coffins with the dead.

Members of the crew, talking over the side, said that everybody picked up had been in a life belt and there were no bullet holes in any. Many uncoffined dead lay on the forward deck, covered with tarpaulins. As the undertakers came aboard it was decided to take off these bodies first. John Jacob Astor's body, it was said, was somewhere in the pile of rough coffins at the stern.

Astor's Pockets Held \$2,500.

After a second conference with the commander of the Mackay-Bennett, Captain Roberts said there was no doubt of the identification of Colonel Astor's body. In the pockets \$2,500 cash had been found and he wore a belt with a gold buckle. The body identified as that of Mr. Widener was buried at sea.

Victims Dot the Sea.

The victims of the Titanic dotted the sea over an area of thirty miles square, Captain Lardner said. Doors, windows and chairs by the score were found floating, but to none of them were bodies lashed.

In several instances there were groups of floating bodies, fifty or more, but none were lashed together. Colonel Astor was found standing almost erect in his life belt.

Small boats were lowered by the Mackay-Bennett whenever a group of bodies were sighted and into these were piled three or four at a time and hauled on board the cable ship. Each was numbered with a large canvas tag and the valuables and papers were placed in a canvas sack, similarly numbered.

Captain Lardner said he buried so many corpses at sea simply because all could not be accommodated. He said none of the passengers' corpses were let go except perhaps in the case of the Widener valet. The majority of those sunk were unidentified members of the crew. There were three funeral services.

List of Identified Dead.

- The White Star Line has issued the following revised list of the identified dead brought to port:
- Artagaveytia, Aamon, first class.
- Ashe, H. W., steward.
- Alec, William.
- Astor, J. J., first class.
- Aspland, Carl, third class.

- Allen, John, fireman.
- Ackerman, J., assistant pantry man.
- Antonia, B.
- Altum, Owen G., third class.
- Anderson, Karvin.
- Allison, H. J., first class.
- Butt, R., fireman.
- Butler, Reg., second class.
- Birnbaum, Jacob, first class.
- Bailey, G. F.
- Bateman, Robert J., second class.
- Brandels, Emil, first class.
- Batiste, Bernard I.
- Baxter, T. F., bedroom steward.
- Buckley, Katherine, third class.
- Brown, J.
- Bristow, E.
- Capman, J. H., second class.
- Carbines, W., second class.
- Chapman, Charles, second class.
- Cavendish, T. W., first class.
- Clarke, J. F. P.
- Cave, H.
- Carney, William.
- Cox, Denton.
- Crosby, E. G., first class.
- Douglas, W. D., first class.
- Dashwood, William.
- Dulles, William C., first class.
- Danbarn, E. Gilbert, third class.
- Dauson, J.
- Debrency, Maurice E.
- Dean, —
- Der, Zacarian Mauria.
- Doble, A.
- Everett, Thomas J., third class.
- Fellows, Alfred, steward.
- Fox, Stanley H., second class.
- Freeman, E., steward.
- Faunthorpe, Harry.
- Gattham, George E., first class.
- Givard, Hans C., second class.
- Greenberg, S., second class.
- Gee, Arthur, first class.
- Gradiage, C., fireman.
- Giles, Ralph.
- Hoffman, Louis, second class.
- Harbeck, W. H., second class.
- Holvenson, A. C.
- Harrison, W. H., first class.
- Hodges, H. P., first class.
- Hausea, Mercia.
- Hartley, Wallace H.
- Hosgood, R.
- Hutchinson, J. M.
- Hickman, Leonard, second class.
- Hendekovic, Texanal, third class.
- Holloway, T.
- Ingram, S. G.
- Johnson, Malcom, third class.
- Jones, C. C., first class.
- Johannsen, J. F.
- Jallett, H.
- Johnsson, G. G.
- Kent, Edward A., first class.
- King, Alfred, third class.
- Kvillner, Henrik.
- Kanber, S.
- Laurence, A., steward.
- Long, Milton C., first class.
- Lefreuve, George, steward.
- Lyon, H.
- Linhart, Wenzel.
- McCaffery, Thomas.
- Marriott, W.
- McCarthy, Timothy, first class.
- McQuillan, W., fireman.
- McAlphonse, —
- March, John S. S.
- Minahan, Dr. W. S., first class.
- Millett, Frank D., first class.
- Morgan, Thomas.
- McCree, Arthur G.
- Marsh, T., mail clerk.
- Milling, F. C.
- Nasser, Nicholas, second class.
- Newall, A. W., first class.
- Nicholson, A. S., first class.
- Nerman, D.
- Ostby, Englehardt C., first class.
- Partner, Austin, first class.
- Price, E.
- Paulsson, William A., third class.
- Porter, William C.
- Prazzo, Pompeo, waiter.
- Poggl, —, first class.
- Robins, Mrs. A., third class.
- Robins, A., third class.
- Rosenshine, G., first class.
- Rowe, Alfred, first class.
- Roberts, F., assistant butcher.
- Reeves, F.
- Rogers, Ed J.
- Schedi, Nahli, third class.
- Shea, —
- Sotther, Simon, third class.
- Schillabeer, —
- Semperolis, Petri.
- Saute, —
- Storey, J., third class.
- Straus, Isador, first class.
- Sawyer, Fred, window cleaner.
- Swane, George.
- Sebastine, Del Carle.
- Talbot, C.
- Teuton, T.
- Vanderhoef, W., first class.
- Wallens, Achilles.
- Van, Billiard A.
- Woodford, F.
- White, R. Frazier.
- Wareham, R. A., steward.
- Wirz, Albert, third class.
- Weisz, Lee.

TEXAS NEWS

GATHERED EVERYWHERE

A Commercial Club has been organized at Crockett.

Work has started on a new street railway at Corpus Christi.

Seven hundred head of steers sold for \$30,450 last week at Hereford.

Post City's new cotton mill is expected to be in operation May 15.

Engineers are at work on the route of the Greenville-Whitewright electric line.

An oil well has been brought in near Bay City, and is pumping 300 barrels per day.

Grading work has begun on the Hillsboro-Dallas interurban at Hillsboro.

Upshur county recently voted to build 100 miles of good roads in that county.

Bonds to the amount of \$45,000 have been voted at Terrell for municipal improvements.

Eighty cars of alfalfa have been shipped from Plainview to Galveston this week.

A charter has been granted the B. & W. Plantation Company of Ganada; capital stock \$50,000.

Track laying on the Stone & Webster Interurban is now seven miles from Waxahachie.

The Swan Furniture Company of Tyler has been granted a charter with a capital stock of \$100,000.

Northern capitalists are to spend \$150,000 for the purpose of building a new gas plant at Brenham.

It is reported that 75,000 goats will be shipped from West Texas to packing house markets this year.

The Texas Hardware Jobbers Association have selected Galveston as their meeting place in 1913.

Texas club women have started a movement to erect a monument to the heroes of the ill-fated Titanic.

It is estimated that the cost of laying the telephone wires underground at Dallas will cost \$1,500,000.

The Southern Commercial Secretaries will hold their annual meeting at Houston May 16 and 18.

The \$1,600,000 bonds voted by the voters of Tarrant County for road and bridge purposes has been approved.

Plans have been completed for a 36,000,000 gallon steam pumping plant at Dallas to cost approximately \$40,000.

Twenty-one cars of cabbage were shipped from San Benito last week. This shipment netted the owners \$11,000.

The Corpus Christi business men will run a trade excursion through their trade territory starting April 24th.

The thousand head of sheep were sold at Del Rio last week for \$454,000. The sheep will be shipped to Eastern markets.

An automobile Club has been organized at El Campo recently for the purpose of working for good roads in that section.

Eleven cars of steel have been received at Rivera for use in the construction of the railway from Rivera to Baffins Bay.

Four hundred dollars in prizes have been offered to the Boy's Corn Club of Bexar County by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

Work is being rushed on the grading of the Dallas-Corsicana interurban. More than 400 men are now employed on the work.

Hugo, Okla., is to have two large cotton seed oil mills completed in time to put them in operation at the beginning of the next season.

One thousand two hundred and ten head of cattle were sold at Plainview for a consideration of \$55,000 and will be shipped to northern markets.

Forty-two thousand acres of land between Alpine and Fort Stockton recently sold for a consideration of \$500,000. This land will be cut into small tracts, irrigated and sold for colonization purposes.

Work has started on the new \$25,000 cotton seed oil mill at Gilmer. This will be a six-press mill with the house built so that four additional presses can be used without any changes in the building or the other machinery. When completed it will be one of the latest and most up-to-date cold press oil mills in the State.

The citizens of Amarillo and Wichita Falls are considering the laying of a gas pipe line between the two cities, a distance of 300 miles. It is estimated the line will cost \$2,000,000.

The Western Paving Company of Oklahoma City, with principal offices in Paris, was granted a permit to do business in Texas. Capital stock \$60,000.

Arrangements are being made at Waxahachie to organize an ad club to help boost Texas during the convention to be held at Dallas May 19th and 23rd.

Gov. Colquitt has selected sixteen delegates to represent Texas at the convention of the National Good Roads Association to be held in New Orleans May 16 to 19.

A bond issue has been authorized by the stockholders of the Cotton Belt to the amount of \$100,000,000, part of which will be expended in improvements on the Texas terminals.

The West Texas National Bank of Big Springs has let the contract for the erection of a new bank building, work to begin May 1. The contract price being \$30,000.

BACKACHE NOT A DISEASE

But a Symptom, a Danger Signal Which Every Woman Should Heed.

Backache is a symptom of organic weakness or derangement. If you have backache don't neglect it. To get permanent relief you must reach the root of the trouble. Read about Mrs. Woodall's experience.

Morton's Gap, Kentucky.—"I suffered two years with female disorders, my health was very bad and I had a continual backache which was simply awful. I could not stand on my feet long enough to cook a meal's victuals without my back nearly killing me, and I would have such dragging sensations I could hardly bear it. I had sore-



ness in each side, could not stand tight clothing, and was irregular. I was completely run down. On advice I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and am enjoying good health. It is now more than two years and I have not had an ache or pain since. I do all my own work, washing and everything, and never have backache any more. I think your medicine is grand and I praise it to all my neighbors. If you think my testimony will help others you may publish it."—Mrs. OLLIE WOODALL, Morton's Gap, Kentucky.

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

DOMESTIC AMENITIES.



Hubby—I've waited an hour for you to get your hat on straight.
Wife—Well, I've waited longer than that for you to get your feet on straight.

Revenge is Sweet.

"The drinks is on me," said the little man with the greasy vest. "I'm feelin' good and I don't care what happens."

"What's matter?" said the barkeep. "Birthday?"

"No," replied the little man. "I took my wife down to the river to the Echo Rocks and she's so durn mad she's speechless. For the first time in her life she didn't get in the last word. Here's to the echo."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

An Exception to the Rule.

"Jinks is a man who has his hammer out on all occasions."

"I bet there is one occasion where he hasn't."

"What's that?"

"When it's time to put down the carpet."

Didn't Want Him to Laugh.
Hewitt—You would make a donkey laugh.
Jewett—Cut out your hilarity.

What's the Use of Cooking

When you don't have to?

Post Toasties

are skillfully and fully cooked at the factory—ready to serve direct from package with cream and sugar if you like.

These thin bits of toasted corn (sold by grocers) are crisp, delicious, satisfying and convenient.

"The Memory Lingers"

Made by Postum Cereal Company, Ltd. Pure Food Factories Battle Creek, Mich.

SAVED FROM DEATH BY PISTOL SHOTS

Long Beach (Cal.) Man Is Seriously Injured in a Most Peculiar Accident.

TRAPPED ON BRIDGE

Hung With Stiffening Fingers to a Slender Iron Rod on End of Big Bascule—Leg Amputated to Save Life.

Long Beach, Cal.—Edward Markgraf, aged thirty, an employe of the Edison power plant on the inner harbor, passed through a thrilling and terrifying experience the other night, which he will remember to his dying day.

Clinging with stiffening fingers to a slender iron rod on the end of the bascule bridge over the harbor entrance as it rose in air following the passage of a freight train, Markgraf said afterwards that all of his past life rose before him and the agony caused by his fall was soothed by the thankful knowledge that he was still alive. Only the presence of mind of his companion Harry Haff, and the quick wit of the bridge tender saved Markgraf from a frightful fall and probable death by drowning.

Markgraf and Haff are employed on the night shift at the Edison company and were on their way to work shortly after midnight and as their custom walked across the bascule bridge. They had nearly reached the end, feeling their way along in the darkness, when the bridge tender, before starting on a patrol of the jetties thought to raise the draw in case a boat should seek passage in the channel, it being required to keep the channel open when trains are not using the bridge. Haff felt the preliminary shiver of the structure as it responded to the levers and gave a long jump to safety on the abutments. Markgraf was a few feet behind him, too far to jump, but as the

draw started up he dropped to the ground and began to crawl down the other way. The time required for this was fatal and the big draw rose rapidly to its height of 85 feet in air, leaving Markgraf swinging over the channel and clinging to the slender rods of the bridge, with his body swinging to and fro in a stiff wind blowing in from the ocean. Haff gave a yell, but his voice was blown away in the wind. Quick as thought he drew a revolver and as fast as he could pull the trigger emptied it. Bridge Tender Fulton heard the shooting and ran to the edge of the channel. He saw Haff motioning in the air and quick to grasp the situation hastened to the tower house and began lowering the bridge aided by Haff. When lowered to within fifteen feet of the ground he paused a second, and the slackening shiver was sufficient to shake Markgraf's feeble hold and he fell to the ground. He was unconscious when picked up and was hurried to a local hospital where it was found that besides suffering from shock and concussion his left leg was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated.



Emptied His Revolver.

Removes Lion's Claw. Chicago.—Half a dozen physicians and a score of veterinarians performed an operation on a lion belonging to a circus here. The brute was rendered unconscious and a claw removed from his paw.

Why They Struck. Chicago.—Waiters of the Illinois Athletic club went on strike when they saw the words "no tipping allowed" printed on the menu cards. They make \$60 a month in wages, they say.

Hatched Grasshoppers. Graham, Mo.—After hatching chickens in an incubator, Allen McNeal hatched a swarm of grasshoppers in the same incubator to feed the young spring fries.



SYNOPSIS.

The scene at the opening of the story is laid in the library of an old world southern plantation, known as the Barony. The place is to be sold, and its history and that of the owners, the Quintards, is the subject of discussion by Jonathan Crenshaw, a business man, a stranger known as Bladen, and Bob Yancy, a farmer, when Hannibal Wayne Hazard, a mysterious child of the old southern family, makes his appearance. Yancy tells how he adopted the boy. Nathaniel Ferris buys the Barony, but the Quintards deny any knowledge of the boy. Trouble at Scratch Hill, Captain Murrell, a friend of the Quintards, appears and asks questions about the Barony. Trouble at Scratch Hill, Captain Murrell is kidnapped by Dave Blount. Captain Murrell's agent, Yancy overtakes Blount, gives him a thrashing and secures the boy. Yancy appears before Squire Bataam, and is discharged with costs for the plaintiff. Betty Malroy, a friend of the Ferrises, has an encounter with Captain Murrell, who forces his attentions on her, and is rescued by Bruce Carrington. Betty sets out for her Tennessee home. Carrington takes the same stage. Yancy and Hannibal disappear. The judge recognizes in the boy, the grandson of an old time friend. Murrell arrives at Judge's home. Cavendish family on raft rescue Yancy, who is apparently dead. Price breaks jail. Betty and Carrington arrive at Belle Plain.

CHAPTER X.

Belle Plain. "Now, Tom," said Betty, with a little air of excitement as she rose from the breakfast table that first morning at Belle Plain, "I want you to show me everything!"

"I reckon you'll notice some changes," remarked Tom.

He went from the room and down the hall a step or two in advance of her. On the wide porch Betty paused, breathing deep. The house stood on an eminence; directly before it at the bottom of the slight descent was a small bayou, beyond this the forest stretched away in one unbroken mass to the Mississippi.

"What is it you want to see, anyhow, Betty?" Tom demanded.

"Everything—the place, Tom—Belle Plain! Oh, isn't it beautiful! I had no idea how lovely it was!" cried Betty, as with her eyes still fixed on the distant panorama of wood and water she went down the steps, him at her heels—he bet she'd get sick of it all soon enough, that was one comfort!

"Why, Tom! Why does the lawn look like this?"

"Like what?" inquired Tom.

"Why, this—all weeds and briars, and the paths overgrown?"

Mr. Ware rubbed his chin reflectively with the back of his hand.

"That sort of thing looked all right, Bet," he said, "but it kept five or six of the best hands out of the fields right at the busiest time of the year."

"Haven't I slaves enough?" she asked.

The dull color crept into Ware's cheeks. He hated her for that "I!" So she was going to come that on him, was she?

"Don't you want to see the crops, Bet?"

The girl shook her head and moved swiftly down the path that led from terrace to terrace to the margin of the bayou. At the first terrace she paused.

"It's positively squalid!" cried Betty, with a little stamp of her foot.

Ware glanced about with dull eyes.

"I'll tell you, Betty, I'm busy this morning; you poke about and see what you want done and we'll do it," he said, and made a hasty retreat to his office.

Betty returned to the porch and seating herself on the top step, with her elbows on her knees and her chin sunk in the palms of her hands, gazed about her miserably enough. She was still there when half an hour later Charley Norton galloped up the drive from the highroad. Catching sight of her on the porch, he sprang from the saddle, and, throwing his reins to a black boy, hurried to her side.

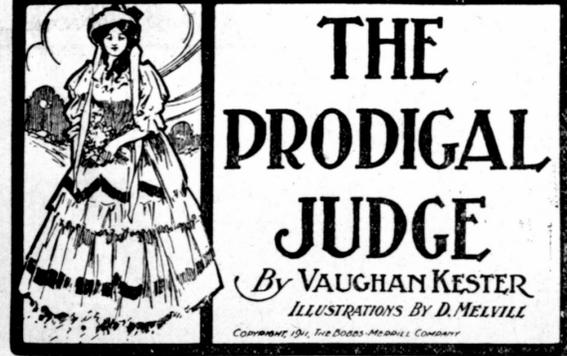
"Inspecting your domain, Betty?" he asked, as he took his place near her on the step.

"Why didn't you tell me, Charley—or at least prepare me for this?" she asked, almost tearfully.

"How was I to know, Betty? I haven't been here since you went away, dear—what was there to bring me? Old Tom would make a cow pasture out of the Garden of Eden, wouldn't he—a beautiful, practical, sordid soul he is!"

Norton spent the day at Belle Plain; and though he was there on his good behavior as the result of an agreement they had reached on board The Naiad, he proposed twice.

Tom was mistaken in his supposition that Betty would soon tire of Belle Plain. She demanded men, and teams, and began on the lawns. This interested and fascinated her. She was out at sun-up to direct her laborers. She had the advantage of Charley Norton's presence and advice for the greater part of each day in the week, and Sundays he came to look over what had been accomplished, and, as Tom firmly believed, to put that little fool up to fresh nonsense. He could have booted him!



As the grounds took shape before her delighted eyes, Betty found leisure to institute a thorough reformation indoors. A number of house servants were rescued from the quarters and she began to instruct them in their new duties.

Betty's sphere of influence extended itself. She soon began to have her doubts concerning the treatment accorded the slaves, and was not long in discovering that Hicks, the overseer, ran things with a heavy hand. Matters reached a crisis one day when, happening to ride through the quarters, she found him disciplining a refractory black. She turned sick at the sight. Here was a slave actually being whipped by another slave while Hicks stood looking on with his hands in his pockets, and with a brutal, satisfied air.

"Stop!" commanded Betty, her eyes blazing. She strove to keep her voice steady. "You shall not remain at Belle Plain another hour."

Hicks said nothing. He knew it would take more than her saying so to get him off the place. Betty turned her horse and galloped back to the house. She felt that she was in no condition to see Tom just at that moment, and dismounting at the door, ran upstairs to her room.

Meantime the overseer sought out Ware in his office. His manner of stating his grievance was singular. He began by swearing at his employer. He had been insulted before all the quarter—his rage fairly choked him; he could not speak.

Tom seized the opportunity to swear back.

"Sent you off the place, did she; well, you'll have to eat crow. I'll do all I can. I don't know what girls were ever made for anyhow, damned if I do!" he added.

Hicks consented to eat crow only after Mr. Ware had cursed and cajoled him into a better and more forgiving frame of mind.

Later, after Hicks had made his apology, the two men smoked a friendly pipe and discussed the situation. Tom pointed out that opposition was useless, a losing game; you could get your way by less direct means. She wouldn't stay long at Belle Plain, but while she did remain they must avoid any more crises of the sort through which they had just passed, and presently she'd be sick of the place.

In the midst of her activities Betty occasionally found time to think of Bruce Carrington. She was sure she did not wish to see him again! But when three weeks had passed she began to feel incensed that he had not appeared. She thought of him with hot cheeks and a quickening of the heart. It was anger.

Then one day when she had decided forever to banish all memory of him from her mind, he presented himself at Belle Plain.

She was in her room just putting the finishing touches to an especially satisfying toilet when her maid tapped on the door and told her there was a gentleman in the parlor who wished to see her.

"Is it Mr. Norton?" asked Betty.

"No, Miss—he didn't give no name, Miss."

When Betty entered the parlor a moment later she saw her caller standing with his back turned toward her as he gazed from one of the windows, but she instantly recognized those broad shoulders, and the fine poise of the shapely head that surmounted them.

"Oh, Mr. Carrington!" and Betty stopped short, while her face grew rather pale and then crimsoned. Then she advanced boldly and held out a frigid hand. "I didn't know—so you are alive—you disappeared so suddenly that night—"

"Yes, I'm alive," he said, and then with a smile, "but I fear before you get through with me we'll both wish I were not, Betty."

"Do you still hate me, Betty—Miss Malroy—is there anything I can say or do that will make you forgive me?" He looked at her penitently.

But Betty hardened her heart against him and prepared to keep him in place.

"Will you sit down?" she indicated a chair. He seated himself and Betty put a safe distance between them.

"Are you staying in the neighborhood, Mr. Carrington?" she asked, rather unkindly.

"No, I'm not staying in the neighborhood. When I left you, I made up my mind I'd wait at New Madrid until I could come on down here and say I was sorry."

"And it's taken you all this time?" Carrington regarded her seriously.

"I reckon I must have come for more time, Betty—Miss Malroy." In spite of herself, Betty glowed under the caressing humor of his tone.

"Really—you must have chosen poorly then when you selected New Madrid. It couldn't have been a good place for your purpose."

"I think if I could have made up my mind to stay there long enough, it would have answered," said Carrington. "But when a down-river boat tied up there yesterday it was more than I could stand. You see there's danger in a town like New Madrid of getting too sorry. I thought we'd better discuss this point—"

"Mayn't I show you Belle Plain?" asked Betty quickly.

But Carrington shook his head.

"I don't care anything about that," he said. "I didn't come here to see Belle Plain."

"Then you expect to remain in the neighborhood?"

"I've given up the river, and I'm going to get hold of some land."

"Land?" said Betty, with a rising inflection.

"Yes, land."

"I thought you were a river-man?"

"I'm a river-man no longer. I am going to be a planter now. But I'll tell you why, and all about it some other day." Then he held out his hand. "Good-by," he added.

"Are you going?—good-by, Mr. Carrington," and Betty's fingers tingled with his masterful clasp long after he had gone.

CHAPTER XI.

The Shooting-Match at Boggs'. The judge's faith in the reasonableness of mankind having received a staggering blow, there began a somewhat furtive existence for himself, for Solomon Mahaffy, and for the boy. They kept to little frequented byways, and usually it was the early hours of the morning, or the cool of late afternoons, when they took the road.

A certain hot afternoon brought them into the shaded main street of



She Instantly Recognized the Broad Shoulders.

a straggling village. Near the door of the principal building, a frame tavern, a man was seated, with his feet on the horse-rack. There was no other sign of human occupancy.

"How do you do, sir?" said the judge, halting before this solitary individual whom he conjectured to be the landlord. "What's the name of this bustling metropolis?" continued the judge, cocking his head on one side.

As he spoke, Bruce Carrington appeared in the tavern door; pausing there, he glanced curiously at the shabby wayfarers.

"This is Raleigh, in Shelby county, Tennessee," said the landlord.

"Are you the voice from the tomb?" inquired the judge, in a tone of playful sarcasm.

Carrington, amused, sauntered toward him.

"That's one for you, Mr. Pegloe," he said.

"I am charmed to meet a gentleman whose spirit of appreciation shows his familiarity with a literary allusion," said the judge, bowing.

"We ain't so dead as we look," said Pegloe. "Just you keep on to Boggs' here; it is yours, sir, I suppose?" said Carrington.

race-track, straight down the road, and you'll find that out—everybody's there to the boss-racing and shooting-match. I reckon you've missed the boss-racing, but you'll be in time for the shooting. Why ain't you there, Mr. Carrington?"

"I'm going now, Mr. Pegloe," answered Carrington, as he followed the judge, who, with Mahaffy and the boy, had moved off.

"Better stop at Boggs'!" Pegloe called after them.

But the judge had already formed his decision. Horse-racing and shooting-matches were suggestive of that progressive spirit, the absence of which he had so much lamented at the jail raising at Pleasantville. Memphis was their objective point, but Boggs' became a side issue of importance. They had gained the edge of the village when Carrington overtook them. He stepped to Hannibal's side.

"Here, let me carry that long rifle, son!" he said. Hannibal looked up into his face, and yielded the piece without a word. Carrington balanced it on his big palm. "I reckon it can shoot—these old guns are hard to beat!" he observed.

"She's the closest shooting rifle I ever sighted," said Hannibal promptly.

Carrington laughed.

There was a rusty name-plate on the stock of the old sporting rifle; this caught Carrington's eye.

"What's the name here? Oh, Turberville."

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