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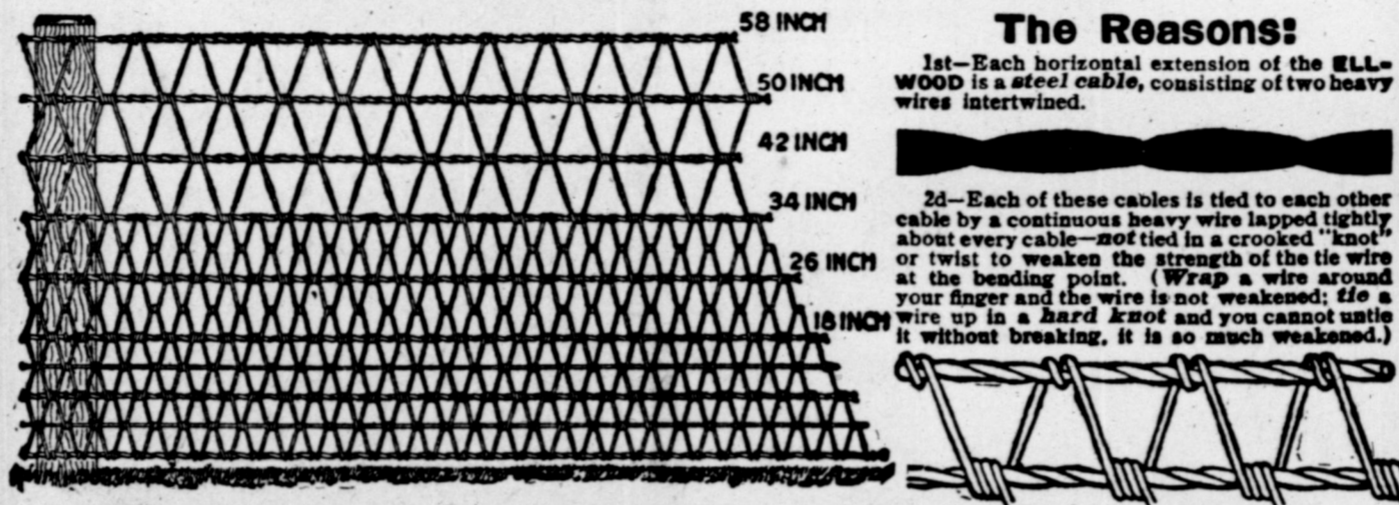
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### Proceedings of Commissioners Court.

The regular May term of Commissioners Court met in Brackett Monday morning May 10th and the following proceedings were had:—

Those present were Hon. Jos. Veltmann, county Judge; N. Castro, commissioner of precinct No. 1; Albert Schwandner, commissioner precinct No. 2; R. E. Cannon, commissioner precinct No. 3; Tom Perry, Sheriff; Chas. Kartes, Clerk.

The quarterly reports of Tom Perry, Sheriff and F. O. Long, justice of the peace of precinct No. 4 were examined and approved.

Ordered by the court that the county attorney be allowed \$5.00 per month for rent to begin May 1st

Ordered by the court that coun-

ty Judge, and his successors in office are hereby authorized to execute deeds for lots in county cemetery.

Ordered by the court that Bud Gunderlach be and is hereby placed on parol.

The jury of view to change the Brackett and Spofford road was accepted by the court and \$75.00 damage was allowed.

The following rate of taxation for the year 1909 was fixed by the court.

Advalorem 20c on \$100 valuation. Road & Bridge 10c on \$100 valuation. P. B. & Imp 15c on \$100 valuation. Special School 15c on \$100 valuation. Occupation half of state.

Purchase of \$1000 bonds of Mrs. E. M. Drew approved and Clerk ordered to issue warrant on permanent school fund for above amount and interest to May 1st 1909.

It was ordered by the court

that Frank Lane be employed to index the minutes of the commissioners court covering a period for about twenty eight years.

It was ordered by the court that warrant issue by the Clerk on general fund to Mrs. J. H. Jones on delivery of a deed by the said Mrs. Jones to land described in report of jury of view which was accepted at this term of court.

Report of W. F. Holmes, county treasurer for quarter ending May 10th 1909 examined and approved.

The affidavit of Geo. A. Giddings cashier of the First State Bank of Brackettville certifying that W. F. Holmes treasurer of Kinney county has on deposit in the Bank 24,577.71 dollars, available cash funds was accepted by the court.

The quarterly report of Chas. Kartes County Clerk was examined and approved.

It was ordered that per diem be allowed for the following officers.

N. Castro 2 days 6.00. A. Schwandner 4 days 12.00. R. E. Cannon 4 days 12.00. J. F. McCormick 3 days 6.00. Tom Perry Sheriff 2 days 4.00.

There being no further business the court adjourned.

### \$100.00 Reward

I will pay 100.00 [one hundred dollars] reward for information resulting in the conviction of any party or parties leaving open the gates or injuring the fences of my pastures on the Nueces. See articles 794 and 795 page 144 revised statutes.

DAVE ROSE

San Antonio Bread at John Rowland's Restaurant.

### Cures Sheep Disease.

Albuquerque, N. Mex., May 5. For several years past the sheepmen of the southwest have suffered serious losses from a disease known among the Mexican herdsmen as "pinque."

"Pinque" is popularly supposed to be caused by eating either the leaves or roots of a plant which has in the last few years been quite prominent in the public eye as the "rubber plant" or "rubber weed."

Whether this plant is a true rubber plant or not is a matter which does not interest the sheepmen so much as some remedy for the sickness that follows its eating by their sheep. On the Carson National Forest in New Mexico, Forest Ranger Bert Phillips, in whose district a great many sheep had recently died from pinque, after making a study of the sickness, suggested to the sheepmen whose animals were dying with it, that drenches of hot water and salt might prove efficacious.

The materials for the remedy were so quickly obtained and the remedy so easily administered, that several of the owners gave the plan a trial. The sick sheep were drenched every hour with liberal doses of the mixture with the result that animals which before drenching were unable to stand were, inside of twenty-four hours, eating and running around with the rest of the herd apparently as well as ever.

While the government experts have not yet made a study of this disease or given the suggested remedy official sanction, the remedy itself is so apparently harmless and unobjectionable, that considering the results obtained by its use, there seems to be no possible danger in giving it full publicity. The sheepmen can,

in this manner, give it more extended trials and possibly save themselves from the serious losses which the eating of the weed by stock has heretofore caused.

The disease will be carefully studied and the results of administering this remedy watched with a view to correcting any errors in its use should it not prove of as great value as is expected. Meantime, every sheepman whose sheep are sick or dying from pinque will, no doubt be only too eager to give this simple remedy of hot water and salt drenches, every hour, a good trial, because the annual losses have been serious ones for the flock masters of the Southwest where the disease or sickness appears to be most prevalent at the present time.

### Strayed or Stolen.

One grullo horse branded 4 H on left thigh. Will give \$5.00 reward for the return.

FRITTER & ROSS.

Get Photos and Postal Cards of the new school house at Holmes. He has them for sale.

### Large Force at Work.

The grading on the Crystal City & Uvalde railroad began Saturday, the first dirt being broken by Carl F. Groos, R. A. Ponder and Jas. A. Weir. Grading is now being done on the Meares, Isbell and Henderson and McCall places. Fourteen cars of ties have arrived to date and others are arriving almost daily. The clearing gang is pushing rapidly towards the Nueces. The work on the depot has stopped temporarily to give the concrete blocks time to harden and to wait the arrival of more of the material.

All the work is being rushed to the end that the road be completed and in operation before January 1.—Uvalde Leader-News.

### For Sale.

A fine cook stove cost thirty dollars wood and coal burner latest style will sell for twenty dollars call at Printing Office.

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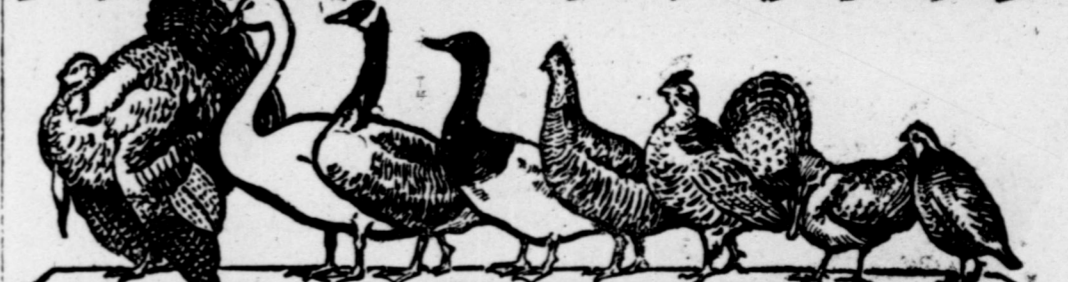
The combined banking power of the U. S. today is \$17,600,000,000. Farm value of farm products for 1908 was \$7,788,000,000. These figures indicate the rapid growth of finances in the past few years, and fore-shadow the wonderful advance probable in the near future, especially in Texas.

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# RESUME OF WORK BY LEGISLATURE

DOINGS OF REGULAR SESSION AS WELL AS OF BOTH EXTRISIES.

## OVER THOUSAND INTRODUCED

Administration and Many Other Measures Passed By Each of the Three.—The Governor Pleas.

### PASSED AT REGULAR SESSION.

Of the 1,000 measures introduced in both branches of the Thirty-First Legislature during the regular session which ended March 13, 248 were passed. One hundred and thirty-four of these were purely local measures.

There were introduced in the Senate 322 bills, ten joint resolutions and ten concurrent resolutions; in the House 417 bills, twenty-nine joint resolutions and twelve concurrent resolutions.

On the 110 general measures passed, four were proposed constitutional amendments, which are to be voted upon by the people on the second Tuesday in August. One of these is to validate bonds and another is to validate school districts that have been brought into question by the Court; another is to establish a home for Confederate women, and the fourth is to authorize the incorporation of towns of 2,500 or more inhabitants by special charter.

**Administration's Measures.**  
The most notable measures passed, which might be construed as administrative, are the bills providing for an investigation of the penitentiary system; for the codification of the laws of the State; amending the anti-nepotism law so as to exempt notaries public and persons who have been in the State service five years, and providing penalties for the sending of defamatory anonymous letters. It will be remembered that about two months ago Gov. Campbell received some such letters and endeavored to locate the authors through the ranger force.

Other measures which fall in almost the same category are those to establish a sanitarium for the tubercular patients, a cotton bagging factory in the penitentiary system, a State Normal school in West Texas, a library commission, a State juvenile training school, a bureau of labor, creating the office of mining inspector, creating three judicial districts, allowing certain district judges expense accounts, and increasing the salary of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds.

**Of Constructive Sort.**  
Important measures of the constructive sort are those providing for a topographical survey of the water sheds of the State and authorizing the formation of levee, drainage and navigation districts.

Aside from the establishment of a new normal school, the most important educational measures passed are those requiring the teaching of agriculture in the normal schools and of cotton classing at the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

The only important tax measures enacted outside of those of a regulatory nature and those pertaining to insurance is that which limits the permit fee of foreign corporations, the immediate purpose of which was to induce foreign loan companies to remain in the State.

**Insurance Laws Altered.**  
The insurance laws were important changes through the amendment of the insurance investment law, the codification of the laws relating to insurance companies other than life, and the enactment of a law requiring such insurance companies to deposit securities with the State for the protection of their policy holders.

The only important measures affecting public health are the new pure food law and the law to regulate the practice of nursing.

Quite a number of laws affecting railroads were passed. Perhaps the most important of these was the bill which subjects companies to the payment of attorney's fees in damage suits of not more than \$200, where payment has been refused and where the amounts sued for is recovered, and also the bill requiring such companies to repair their equipment in Texas.

**Moral Measures.**  
In the list of "moral measures" the anti-race betting bill stands at the head, and is followed by measures designed to prohibit the sale of froxy and the solicitation of liquor orders in local option territory; also the bill prohibiting the delivery of liquor to minors, the anti-raffling bill and the bill authorizing whole-sale druggists in dry territory to sell alcohol to retailers.

**In Political Line.**  
In the political line there are two notable measures, one which adds three counties to the Fifteenth Congressional District, so as to make it gressional Democratic, and the other which authorizes towns of 10,000 or more inhabitants to adopt the commission form of government.

The Governor's recommendation to the Legislature at the opening of the regular session included all the platform demands. Of these, three have been enacted, one by submission of constitutional amendments validating school bonds and districts; another in part, at least, by the passage of a law regulating salt water fishing, and a third by the submission of the Confederate Women's Home constitutional amendment.

Those which have not been enacted into law were the demand for the submission of the State-wide prohibition amendment and the recommendations for the enactment of a deposits guaranty law, the decrease in the number and increase in compensation of legislators, the reform of court procedure, the establishment of experimental stations, the granting of more authority and means to the health department

and the regulation of canal and pipeline companies.

**Governor's Recommendations.**  
The Governor made a number of other recommendations which were not platform demands. Of these the following have been enacted into law: Provision for investigation of penitentiary affairs, giving effect to school tax amendment, repeal of pauper's oath as to Confederate pensions, codification of insurance laws, amendment of insurance investment law, amendment of anti-nepotism law, prohibiting froxy joints and cold storage, giving effect to the school tax amendment, and providing a new road improvement law to take place of the defective one passed by the Thirtieth Legislature.

**List of Bills Passed.**  
House Joint Resolution No. 5.—Submitting proposed Constitutional amendment to validate independent school district bonds. This and all other Constitutional amendments are to be voted upon by the people on the second Tuesday in August, 1909.

H. J. R. 6.—Validating school districts and providing for formation of same. A Constitutional amendment to be voted upon as above.

H. J. R. 7.—Submitting proposed Constitutional amendments providing for establishment of Confederate Women's Home.

Senate Bill No. 1.—Making appropriation to pay mileage and per diem of members of Legislature.

S. B. No. 2.—Making appropriation to pay contingent expenses of Thirty-First Legislature.

S. B. No. 3.—Providing for taxation in towns which have surrendered incorporation.

S. B. No. 15.—Providing that the Supreme Court in transferring cases from one Court of Civil Appeals to another shall transfer them to the court nearest the counties from which appeals were taken.

S. B. No. 18.—Regulating bulk sales of merchandise.

S. B. No. 19.—Making an appropriation for a cotton bagging factory which Penitentiary Commissioners are authorized to establish.

S. B. No. 23.—Creating Sixty-Eighth Judicial District in Dallas County.

S. B. No. 29.—Locating Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin.

S. B. No. 43.—Authorizing formation of navigation districts.

S. B. No. 47.—Making appropriation to pay Presidential electors.

S. B. No. 49.—Requiring railroads to equip locomotives with ash pans.

S. B. No. 50.—To establish a tubercular sanitarium.

S. B. No. 57.—Giving effect to constitutional amendment authorizing 50c tax in common school districts.

S. B. No. 62.—Making it a crime to send defamatory anonymous letters.

S. B. No. 67.—Creating Sixty-Ninth Judicial District in Midland county.

S. B. No. 68.—Requiring railroads to use same names as postoffices for stations.

S. B. No. 89.—Providing for drainage districts.

S. B. No. 103.—Giving towns and cities the right to condemn right of way for sewers, etc.

S. B. No. 110.—Prohibiting use of vulgar or profane language over telephone lines.

S. B. No. 113.—Authorizing purchase of Lamar papers.

S. B. No. 117.—Requiring railroads to employ only men with certain experience to operate trains.

S. B. No. 121.—Providing that judgment may be taken in Justices' Courts at first term against non-residents cited by publication.

S. B. No. 129.—Extending time for railroads to construct lines.

S. B. No. 132.—Authorizing counties of more than 50,000 to issue bonds for viaducts, etc.

S. B. No. 143.—Prohibiting the wearing of badges of certain orders by non-members.

S. B. No. 137.—Providing a lien for mechanics for wages.

S. B. No. 155.—Providing for an investigation of the penitentiary system by a committee, composed of four members of the Senate and 5 members of the House; to begin their investigation after adjournment.

S. B. No. 171.—Authorizing investments of school funds in bonds of common school districts.

S. B. No. 173.—Making the law uniform as to District Attorneys' fees.

S. B. No. 183.—Amending anti-nepotism law so as to exempt notaries public and persons who have been five years or more in service of the State.

S. B. No. 187.—Ratifying Galveston causeway contract.

S. B. No. 238.—Authorizing the formation of levee districts to prevent overflows.

S. B. No. 240.—Requiring railroads to place "full crew" on trains.

House Bill No. 5.—Establishing a State normal school west of the ninety-eighth meridian.

H. B. No. 10.—Making theft from person a felony.

H. B. No. 51.—Requiring railroads to repair equipment in Texas.

H. B. No. 68.—Levying a high occupation tax on froxy joints, etc.

H. B. No. 69.—Levying a high occupation tax on the solicitation of orders for liquor in dry territory.

H. B. No. 78.—Amending county and city depository law so as to permit depositories to deposit in lieu of real estate or surety company bonds, the bonds of the United States, the State, etc.

H. B. No. 90.—Prohibiting bookmaking, pool-selling, betting and wagering on horse racing.

H. B. No. 109.—Creating a Bureau of Labor.

H. B. No. 127.—Requiring railroads to provide sheds for car repairing.

H. B. No. 142.—Establishing a Library Commission.

H. B. No. 152.—Appropriating \$350,000 to refund liquor dealers' licenses.

H. B. No. 168.—Anti-black list law.

H. B. No. 221.—Requiring railroads to equip cars with safety appliances. Same as Federal statute.

H. B. No. 246.—Making an appropriation to pay deficiencies of the State Government for past two years.

H. B. No. 251.—To validate sale of Atascosa County lands.

H. B. No. 256.—Establishing a maximum permit fee for foreign loan and other foreign corporations, the effect being to reduce the fee of large corporations which were about to withdraw from the State.

H. B. No. 263.—Creating the Sev-

enteenth Judicial District in the Panhandle.

H. B. No. 290.—Exempting Montgomery County from squirrel law.

H. B. No. 410.—Increasing pay of County Commissioners.

H. B. No. 478.—Authorizing the purchase of the papers of John H. Reagan.

H. B. No. 1.—Authorizing cities to own land for waterworks, etc.

H. B. No. 27.—Entitling claimants against railroads for \$200 or less to recover attorney's fees where railroad has refused to settle without suit and the amount sued for is recovered.

H. B. No. 28.—An amended pure food law.

H. B. No. 89.—Amendment to Robertson Insurance law, striking out provisions authorizing commissioner of insurance to waive any part of act; strikes out requirement that securities shall be deposited; gives life insurance companies ten years in which to complete investment of 75 per cent of Texas reserves in Texas securities; establishes a graduated tax proportioned to the investments, running from 3 per cent down to 1 1/2 per cent, this tax to be in lieu of all other taxes; strike out provision requiring securities to be at par; leaves to the courts the settlement of questions as to whether companies which withdrew from State shall pay taxes for period they were out of the State in the event they shall return.

H. B. No. 146.—Providing a salary for Mining Inspector.

H. B. No. 182.—Providing for revision, codification and annotation of statutes.

H. B. No. 232.—Prohibiting delivery of liquor to minors.

H. B. No. 270.—Providing for teaching agriculture in normal school.

H. B. No. 295.—Prohibiting the drying of scabby sheep over public roads or the lands of another without consent.

H. B. No. 336.—Permitting foreign corporations to pay franchise taxes by Sept. 1, 1909.

H. B. No. 448.—Placing Bee, Bandera and Terrell Counties in the Fifteenth Congressional District.

H. B. No. 452.—Authorizing wholesale druggists in dry territory to sell alcohol to retailers.

H. B. No. 472.—Providing local option as to hide and animal inspection law.

H. B. No. 490.—Exempt Bell County from Auditor law.

H. B. No. 513.—Amending election law as to procedure in contests.

H. B. No. 577.—Providing pay for County Commissioners as road superintendents.

H. B. No. 214.—Authorizing railway, express and telegraph companies to contract for exchange of service.

House Bill No. 35.—Prohibiting raffles.

H. B. No. 173.—Providing for plumbing inspection.

H. B. No. 217.—Amending Confederate pension law relating to application so as not to require the oath of indigency, etc.

H. B. No. 223.—Increasing salary superintendent public buildings and grounds from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

H. B. No. 229.—Levying high occupation tax on sale of cannon crackers.

H. B. No. 230.—Providing for teaching of cotton classing at A. & M. College.

H. B. No. 297.—Providing for taking and perpetuation of evidence relating to service of ex-Confederates so as to entitle them to pension.

H. B. No. 447.—Giving Commissioner of Agriculture additional power in the matter of preventing fruit tree diseases.

H. B. No. 486.—Prescribing penalties for abandonment after marriage in case of seduction.

H. B. No. 476.—Requiring railroads to provide sanitary facilities at stations.

H. B. No. 496.—Fixing fee for filling annual statement Printers Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association.

H. B. No. 526.—Increasing pay of jail guards.

H. B. No. 586.—Providing that private corporations may have twenty-one directors; the law has heretofore allowed only thirteen.

H. B. No. 596.—Permitting towns of 10,000 or more inhabitants to adopt commission form of government, consisting of three Commissioners, one of whom shall be the Mayor.

S. B. No. 77.—Placing lunatics and non-compos mentis as minors in court procedure.

S. B. No. 82.—Pay jury commissioners the same as jurors.

S. B. No. 84.—To amend fish and oyster law so as to extend closed season for oysters and to prohibit selling for fish in salt water at certain seasons.

S. B. No. 111.—Regulating the practice of nursing.

S. B. No. 115.—Allowing District Judges traveling expenses when visiting courts in their districts other than in the county of their residence.

S. B. No. 137.—Providing for appointment of Assistant District Attorneys in Bexar and Tarrant Counties.

S. B. No. 154.—Recognizing lines operating motor cars as "interurbans."

S. B. No. 178.—The sixteen-hour bill.

S. B. No. 191.—Providing for prospecting for minerals on State lands.

S. B. No. 198.—Authorizing merger of the Wichita Falls railroads.

S. B. No. 201.—Establishing a training school for juveniles, turning the property of the Gatesville reformatory over to same. Also Senate bills 203 and 204 conforming to the statutes to the change.

S. B. No. 208.—Providing for extension of the terms of District Courts.

S. B. No. 218.—The general vagrancy bill.

S. B. No. 223.—Requiring insurance companies other than life to deposit securities with the State for the protection of policy holders.

S. B. No. 252.—Confirming the title in the United States Government to a section of land in El Paso County—the Fort Bliss reservation.

S. B. No. 264.—Providing for the creation of road districts with superintendents.

S. B. No. 269.—Appropriating \$50,000 to pay half the expense of a topographic survey of the water sheds and coastal plain of Texas as a preliminary to the construction of levees and other works to prevent overflow and to promote drainage, said survey to be made by United States Geological Survey.

S. B. No. 291.—Codifying laws as to

fire, accident and health insurance companies.

S. B. No. 296.—Amending the law relating to hunting on inclosed lands.

S. B. No. 300.—Providing for removal of property of Court of Criminal Appeals to Austin and providing for an assistant clerk of that court.

S. J. R. No. 6.—Authorizing cities of 2,500 or more inhabitants to incorporate by special charter.

The following local bills were passed:  
Charters or charter amendments for Austin, Marshall, Palestine, Texarkana, Waco, Galveston (authorizing grade raising bonds and prescribing saloon limits), Denton, Beaumont, Gainesville, Fort Worth, Dallas (authorizing sewerage disposal bonds), Temple, Greenville, Corpus Christi.

Providing for deputy County Superintendent of Schools in Harris and Travis Counties.

Establishing County Courts at Law in Bexar and Tarrant Counties.

Placing McCulloch and San Saba Counties under the hunting on posted lands bill.

Fixing time of holding court in districts 5, 7, 26, 33, 40, 46, 51, 61, and in Fannin and Nolan Counties.

Reorganizing Twenty-Eighth Judicial District.

Exempting Val Verde, Karnes, Medina and Terrell Counties from the operation of the hide and animal inspection law.

Putting Farmer and Oldham Counties under said law.

Creating independent school districts as follows: Mertzon, Nixon, Agricultural and Mechanical College, McLean, Baird, Pate, Ballinger, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Burleson, Grandview, Martindale, Longview, Seago, San Antonio (conforming to Baird decision), Lake Victor, Palmer, Henrietta, Carlton, Deport, Sunset, Ferris, Eldorado, Wheeler, Water Valley, Hamlin, Hereford, Dorchester, Higgins, Goliad, Venus, Corpus Christi and Sunflower.

Changing jurisdiction of County Courts of Brewster, San Augustine, Shelby, Henderson and Ochiltree Counties.

Validating incorporation of town of Rule.

Providing road systems for the following named counties: Brown, Montague, Burnet, Grayson, Cook, Lamar, Val Verde, Mills, Montgomery, Newton, Jasper, Sabine, Lavaca, Fayette, Uvalde, Frio, McLennan, Lee, Shelby, Bexar, Anderson, Jack, Ellis, Tyler, Cherokee, Camp, Kaufman, Upshur, Lampasas, Jones, Titus, Polk, Williamson, Karnes, Erath, Coryell, Delta, Archer, Runnels, Kendall, Eastland, Hood, Houston, Rusk, Bastrop and Hamilton.

Including Collin County in fish protection law.

### First Called Session.

The first called session of the Thirty-First Legislature completed its work April 11, having been in session thirty days, the full limit of the Constitution. The session has not been notable for the passage of important bills. Those which might be so called are the Board of Health bill, the agricultural experiment station's bill, the amended anti-trust law, the bills authorizing the formation of a fire insurance rating board, the bill authorizing the formation of co-operative life insurance companies, the Robertson-Fitzhugh liquor traffic bill and the employers' liability bill.

The Legislature is notable rather for bills killed, among which were the nine-hour bill, the guaranty of deposits bill, the full rendition amendment bill and the 2c fare bill.

The number of bills introduced was 216, of which 127 originated in the House and eighty-nine in the Senate. Forty-five bills passed, thirty-five being general bills and ten local. Eighteen originated in the House, four of these being local bills.

Below is a statement of the work arranged under the headings of the subjects submitted by the Governor with some preliminary explanation as to platform matters at the regular session.

Four of the pledges of the Democratic platform were passed upon at the regular session, as follows:  
Submission of constitutional amendment for State-wide prohibition (the only demand in the platform) failed of the necessary two-thirds vote in both houses.

Submission of constitutional amendment for Confederate Women's Home. Passed.

Submission of constitutional amendments to validate bonds of independent school districts and providing for the formation of such districts. Passed.

Decrease of number of legislators and increase of their pay. Failed of passage.

The platform matters not passed upon at the regular session, six in number, were resubmitted by the Governor to the Legislature in special session, and they received attention as below indicated:  
1. Provisions for guaranteeing deposits in banks.  
2. Reform of the procedure in Civil and Criminal Courts, so as to expedite the administration of justice and diminish its cost.

Many bills were introduced as in response to this subject. The principal one—the nine-hour bill—was killed by the Senate. The other most important ones died upon the calendar without receiving attention from either house. The following bills were passed:  
Senate Bill 66.—Conferring civil and criminal jurisdiction upon the County Court of Concho County.

House Bill 16.—Providing that briefs of not more than fifteen pages will count as personal appearance of attorney on appeals. The limit has been eight pages.

House Bill 17.—Providing that counties need not give appeal bonds.

Senate Bill 10.—Where defendant is cited by publication trial may be had at first term of court after service is completed.

Senate Bill 12.—Regulating official court stenographers and fixing their compensation.

Senate Bill 15.—In sales of land by executors and administrators, citation shall uniformly be for twenty days.

Senate Bill 20.—Validating sales of real estate by foreign executors.

Senate Bill 22.—Fixing amount of bond on appeals to District Court in probate cases.

Senate Bill 29.—Authorizing appeal from injunctions in vacation to prevent clouding of title.

Senate Bill 50.—Fixing time of holding court in the criminal district of Galveston and Harris Counties.

Senate Bill 79.—Diminishing civil and criminal jurisdiction of County Courts of Crockett and Edwards Counties.

Senate Bill 72.—Providing that in estates of less than \$1,000 annual report need not be filed except upon order of Court.

Senate Bill 33.—Providing that Judges may in vacation exercise all the powers that they do in term time, with certain limitations as to entering final judgment.

### Experiment Stations.

3. Establishment of additional agricultural experiment stations, especially in Central West and Northwest Texas.

House Bill 11.—Appropriated \$25,000 per annum for next two years to establish experiment stations, to be located by a board composed of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of Agriculture. They must, however, locate a station in each of the following sections: Northwest Texas, West Texas, black land belt and rice belt. The board may discontinue any station heretofore established or hereafter to be established or may change the location of same.

House Bill 115.—Establishing an agricultural experiment station for tobacco in Nacogdoches County.

Many bills were introduced to locate experiment stations in various Senatorial or Representative Districts. All of such introduced in the Senate passed that body. It was understood, however, from the start that none of these stood any show.

### Public Health.

4. Granting of adequate authority and ample means to State Health Department.

Senate Bill 8.—Creates a Board of Health, consisting of seven physicians, each of whom must have had ten years' experience in Texas, provides a staff for the State Health Officer. Authorizes the promulgation of a code relating to quarantine and the disposal of sewerage and garbage, the observance of which shall be mandatory. Also authorizes the promulgation of a general code which shall become effective only as any city or county may adopt the same.

Senate Bill 64.—Authorizing the State Health Officer to send indigent consumptives back to their homes in this State.

Senate Bill 69.—Establishing a home for lepers.

Under this head there was also introduced a bill appropriating \$150,000 for wolf scalp bounty and a bill establishing a barber board, both of which failed of passage.

### Rice and Oil Industries.

5. Regulation of charges of irrigation canal and pipe line companies.

Senate Bill 74.—Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to collect data upon the subject of irrigation in Texas and deliver the same to the Governor, who shall submit it to the next Legislature.

No bill relating to pipe lines was introduced.

### Fish and Oysters.

6. Protection of the salt water fish and oyster industries along the Texas coast.

House Bill No. 3 was passed, covering the subject, and making many new regulations.

### Outside the Platform.

The Governor also submitted the following subjects, which were not mentioned in the platform:

Two Cent Fare.

1. Regulation of passenger fares on railroads.

A 2c fare bill was introduced in the House, was reported adversely, and died upon the calendar.

### Recovery of School Lands.

2. An appropriation for payment of expenses of Attorney General's Department in suing for recovery of State lands, and legislation providing for the compulsory attendance of witnesses upon such suits, to be brought in county where land is situated or in Travis County at the option of the Attorney General.

Senate Bill 18.—Appropriates \$25,000 to be used by Attorney General in any suits of the State.

Bill providing for compulsory attendance of witnesses was killed by agreement in the Senate, in order to get the appropriation bill through.

### Assessment of Property.

3. Adequate laws for the rendition, assessment and equalization of property for taxation, and to provide penalties and venue.

House Bill 102.—Requiring Tax Assessors to make up rolls one month earlier.

House Bill 103.—Re

# Coats in Fashion



**THE** first coat is in blue serge; it fastens over in a point to one side; the fronts then slope away. White faced cloth is used for the collar, cuffs and pockets, trimmed at the edge by black satin-covered buttons and button-holes, made with black silk cord. Hat of straw, trimmed with masses of small roses and a feather mount.

Materials required: 2 yards serge 46 inches wide, ¾ yard white face cloth, 3 dozen buttons, 2 yards cord.

Here is a coat for fawn face-cloth; it has a semi-fitting front and a tight back; tabs are cut on the front, back and sleeves, trimmed with buttons and cords; all the seams are wrapped and the collar is of velvet. Hat of stretched satin, trimmed with roses and a feather mount.

Materials required: 1½ yard cloth 46 inches wide, 1½ dozen buttons, ¾ yard velvet, 3 yards lining.

The third is of tweed, bound with satin. The coat fastens invisibly down center of front, and is trimmed with buttons and cords in sets of threes, the sleeve is trimmed in the same way, and is bound with satin. Hat of straw, trimmed with silk and a feather mount.

Materials required: 1½ yard 48 inches wide, 1 yard satin, 15 buttons, 3 yards lining.

## REALLY SMART LINEN DRESS.

Designed to Be Made Up in Rouge Pink and in Semi-Princess Style.

Rouge pink linen is selected for this smart semi-princess style. A plain panel continues from shoulders to hem of skirt, and has a wrapped seam at each side, giving the effect of a tuck; one tuck is made on either side to fit



on the bodice, and other tucks continue to the end of sleeve; three more tucks of different widths trim the foot of skirt, commencing on each side of panel. Tucked lawn is used for the yoke, which is edged with braid, a galloon-waist-band is taken as far as panel, and on the right side of it a ribbon is attached, finished at the end by a tassel.

Hat of chiffon, roses and a feather. Materials required: Nine yards linen 36 inches wide, four yards braid, one-half yard galloon for waist-belt, three-quarters yard ribbon, one tassel, one-half yard tucked lawn.

## Jewelry in Daylight.

Practically no jewelry is worn purely for ornamentation during the day. The small gold safety pins and long barpin for securing the stock as well as the belt buckle serve useful purposes. They should be plain and unobtrusive.

## To Save Stockings.

Girls will not be half so apt to dance holes in their delicate silk stockings if only they will have slippers powdered inside. This simple operation permits the silk and shoe to rub together with decidedly less friction, and the wear is thus not so great.

## BRAINS NEEDED IN THE HOME.

Without Intelligent Application, Housework Means Drudgery and General Unhappiness.

As a recipe for a happy home there is none better than brains and good housekeeping. The more a woman knows the more easily she achieves. Housework undirected by brains spells drudgery.

The housewife with brains knows the value of system, of disregarding traditions if they mean a waste of higher powers, of making life more simple if following the fashion means cramped nerves and strained purse.

The brain shows the utility of scrubbing, stitching and dusting as home making qualities; while the other half will never let culture run rampant while stockings are undarned and meals are helter skelter.

A woman was once asked to define her ideal housekeeping. "It is that," she said, "where the woman keeps the house and not the house the woman." Houses having a way of not only "keeping" the woman, but binding her with chains impossible to break unless brains form more than half the mixture used in that house's running.

## IN VOGUE

Almost every gown has a different colored shoulder scarf. It is now quite the fad to have lingerie embroidered in pink and blue, according to fancy.

A waist that closes in the back is always pretty with tucks extending to yolk depth in front.

Passmenterie drop trimmings are now to be found in all the modish colors, and in pearl, jet, crystal and metallic effects.

There is no more satisfactory arrangement for a yoke than the separate gumpie tied down with ribbons at the waist line.

A long chain, intended to be twisted around the neck a second and third time, is ornamented with rose coral oblongs effectively matched.

Net girdles of wide soft mesh are embroidered in ribbousine (a lustrous fabric), and fringed with it. They come in all of the fashionable colors.

New cloak gowns, which may be worn as an outdoor garment or as a princess robe, come in broadcloth, in black, navy blue, violet and smoke color.

## Mouth Wash.

An excellent mouth-wash may be made by mixing one ounce of carbonate of soda with one pint of water. Bottle for use. After cleaning the teeth as usual, rinse with a little of this liquid. It has a fine preservative effect on the teeth, and cleanses the tongue and gums.

## Return to Quaint Curls.

Among the folk fashions borrowed from Poland is that curious one of the dangling curls at the sides of the face. Some of the daring women in Paris are trying the little curls which fall over the temples and account for the stray locks about the ear.

**NEW LIFE AND STRENGTH**  
Obtained Through Proper Action of the Kidneys.

Mrs. Josiah Straw, 526 N. Broadway, Canton, So. Dak., says: "I suffered for some time with rheumatic pains in my limbs and was weak and languid. The irregularity of the kidney secretions also caused much annoyance. After using Doan's Kidney Pills I did not have these troubles. They seemed to put new life and strength into my system and helped me in every way. My husband had an experience almost the same, and it is with pleasure that we both recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

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**BRIGHT IDEA.**  
Miss Citykid—Oh, Willie, wouldn't it be lovely if we could catch one and take it home and tame it?  
It's Everywhere. The Huts of the poor, the Halls of the rich. Are neither exempt from some form of Itch; Perhaps a distinction may be made in the name. But the rich and the poor must scratch just the same. O, why should the children of Adam endure An affliction so dreadful, when Hunt's Cure does cure? All forms of itching. Price 50c. Guaranteed.

**ONE AGREEMENT.**  
Mr. Henpeck—It's no use. We can't agree on a single subject.  
Mrs. Henpeck—You're wrong, dear. I always agree with you on the weather.

**SKIN TROUBLES CURED.**  
Two Little Girls Had Eczema Very Badly—In One Case Child's Hair Came Out and Left Bare Patches.  
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"Many extensively advertised remedies are failures when put to the test. Hunt's Lightning Oil is an exception. Confidence in it is never misplaced—disappointment never follows its use. It is certainly the greatest emergency remedy now obtainable. For cuts, burns, sprains, aches and pains I know no equal."  
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**Work for the Young Man.**  
There is a place for you, young man, and there is a work for you to do. Rouse yourself up and go after it. Put your hands cheerfully and proudly to honest labor. A Spanish maxim runs: "He who loseth wealth, loseth much; he who loseth a friend, loseth more; but he who loseth his energies, loseth all."

Rough on Rats, unbeatable exterminator  
Rough on Hen Lice, Nest Powder, 25c.  
Rough on Bedbugs, Powder or Liquid, 25c.  
Rough on Fleas, Powder or Liquid, 25c.  
Rough on Roaches, Pow'd, 15c. Liq'd, 25c.  
Rough on Moth and Ants, Powder, 25c.  
Rough on Squeeters, agreeable touse, 25c.  
E. S. Wells, Chemist, Jersey City, N. J.

**For the Spelling Class.**  
"I prophesy an agreeable ecstasy in perceiving the unparalleled embarrassment of a harassed postilion while gauging the symmetry of a potato peeled by a sibyl." Dictate this sentence and find how many of your friends will be able to spell it aright!

**Important to Mothers.**  
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

**Thoughtless.**  
Husband—"You must marry again, dearest, when I am gone, and that will be very soon." Wife—"No, Edward. No one will marry an old woman like me. You ought to have died ten years ago for that."—Penny Pictorial.

**Takes Hold and Lifts Up.**  
"If you wish to grow fat, strong and healthy, get rid of the impurities in your system by using Simmons' Sarsaparilla. It lifts you up—keeps you well, and makes the old world look cheerful."

**Realism.**  
Artist—This picture I call "Pigs in Clover."  
Critic—I see the pigs, but where is the clover?  
Artist—The pigs ate it.

**Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease.**  
"I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently, and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now.—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

**Two Ways.**  
"Does Mrs. Gabby disseminate circumjacent information?"  
"No, she doesn't; she just gossips about the neighborhood."

**Try Murine Eye Remedy**  
For Red, Weak, Watery Eyes. Compounded by Experienced Physicians. Conforms to the Pure Food and Drugs Law. Murine Doesn't Smart. Soothes Eye Pain. Try Murine for Your Eyes.

Look out for dark days when the weather man predicts light rains.  
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

When the calf kicks, 'tis time to thrash the cow.

**What Kind of an "Office."**  
Once upon a time a child who was asked on an examination paper to define a mountain range, replied: "A large-sized cook stove." The same method of reasoning seems to go with older growth. A recent examination paper at the Sheffield Scientific school at Yale contained the question, "What is the office of the gastric juice?" And the answer on one paper read: "The stomach."—Everybody's Magazine.

**Saved Him.**  
"It didn't kill me, but I think it would if it had not been for Hunt's Cure. I was tired, miserable and well nigh used up when I commenced using it for an old and severe case of Eczema. One application relieved and one box cured me. I believe Hunt's Cure will cure any form of itching known to mankind."  
CLIFTON LAWRENCE, Helena, O. T.

**Hear! Hear!**  
The city beautiful movement if properly pushed will help not only the individual, but the entire community, and especially the property owner and the householder. The public health is also more or less involved. Are you contributing to the movement? If not, where is your public spirit and civic pride?—Birmingham News.

**Catarrh Cannot Be Cured**  
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. "Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation."

**The Appropriate Place.**  
"That ship carries a big cargo of eggs."  
"Do they carry eggs in a ship or in the hatches?"

**For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine.**  
Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

**The Main Thing.**  
Poeticus—What age do you think most charming in a woman?  
Cashit—A rich heritage.

**Free!** A 10c package of Garfield Tea to anyone mailing us this notice, with name and address, and names and addresses of 10 friends not now using the Ideal Laxative. Garfield Tea Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES  
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**You Look Prematurely Old**  
Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA CREOLE" HAIR RESTORER. PRICE, \$1.00, retail.

# Answer This Question

When thousands of women say that they have been cured of their ailments by a certain remedy, does this not prove the merit of that remedy?

Thousands of women have written the story of their suffering, and have told how they were freed from it by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—for thirty years these reports have been published all over America.

Without great merit this medicine could never have gained the largest sale of any remedy for woman's ills—never could have become known and prized in nearly every country in the world.

Can any woman let prejudice stand between her and that which will restore her health? If you believe those who have tried it you know this medicine *does* cure.

Read this letter from a grateful woman, then make up your mind to give Mrs. Pinkham's medicine a chance to cure you.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—"I am a firm believer in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I was a great sufferer from organic female troubles for years, and almost despaired of ever being well again. I had bearing-down pains, backache, headache and pains in my abdomen, and tried Mrs. Pinkham's Compound as a last resort. The result was astonishing, and I have used it and advocated it ever since. It is a great boon to expectant mothers. I have often said that I should like to have its merits thrown on the sky with a search-light so that women would read and be convinced that there is a remedy for their sufferings. "My husband joins me in its praise. He has used it for kidney trouble and been entirely cured."—Mrs. E. A. Bishop, 1915 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

For 30 years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been the standard remedy for female ills. No sick woman does justice to herself who will not try this famous medicine. Made exclusively from roots and herbs, and has thousands of cures to its credit.



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**Little girls, big girls, Little boys, big boys, chew and chew Wrigley's SPEARMINT. But they can't chew out the delicious crushed mint leaf flavor. It lasts, and lasts, and lasts.**

**WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT PEPSIN GUM LASTS**

**He Knew.**  
"I want to get something suitable for a wedding gift."  
"Yes, ma'am," replied the floor-walker. "Pickle dishes in the basement."—Detroit Free Press.

**For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.**  
The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

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Those who keep Hawlins Wizard Oil in the house do not have to buy any other remedy for sore throat. No other remedy will cure this trouble so quickly or so surely. Remember this.

Nearly all of the world's supply of asbestos comes from Canada.

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—NOTHING LIKE IT FOR—  
**THE TEETH** Paxtine excels any dentifrice in cleaning, whitening and removing tartar from the teeth, besides destroying all germs of decay and disease which ordinary tooth preparations cannot do.

**THE MOUTH** Paxtine used as a mouth-wash disinfects the mouth and throat, purifies the breath, and kills the germs which collect in the mouth, causing sore throat, bad teeth, bad breath, grippe, and much sickness.

**THE EYES** when inflamed, tired, aching and burning, may be instantly relieved and strengthened by Paxtine.

**CATARRH** Paxtine will destroy the germs that cause catarrh, heal the inflammation and stop the discharge. It is a sure remedy for uterine catarrh.

Paxtine is a harmless yet powerful germicide, disinfectant and deodorizer. Used in bathing it destroys odors and leaves the body antiseptically clean.

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## CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Services first and third Sunday in each month.  
 High mass at 9:30 A. M.  
 Rosary and Benediction at 7:30 P. M.  
 Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 A. M.  
 Rev. F. X. Brule, O. M. I.

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Services every Sunday.  
 Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a. m.  
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Meets every third Sunday in each month at 2 p. m. in Episcopal Church.  
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## LOCAL.

Fruits at John Rowland's Restaurant.

Jas. Murphy of Del Rio was in Brackett Sunday.

W. C. Murray of Del Rio was in our city this week.

San Antonio Bread everyday at John Rowland's Restaurant.

W. T. Swanson of Uvalde was in Brackett Tuesday on business.

J. H. Moore of Waco was registered at the Tetrell House Wednesday.

Hon. I. L. Martin of Uvalde was in Brackett Tuesday on business.

Fresh Candies at the City Bakery next door to Holmes Drug Store.

District Judge W. G. Douglas returned to his home in Eagle Pass Wednesday.

Attorney Solon Stewart of San Antonio was in Brackett this week on professional business.

O. J. Woodhull of the Woodhull ranch was transacting business in Brackett Wednesday.

Roy Coston of Cline was in Brackett Monday and Tuesday to attend District Court. Roy called at the News-Mail office while in town and gave us a nice order of printing.

Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Guardia accompanied by their son Ramon spent last Sunday in Brackett visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Jesus Mendez Agala accompanied them on their pleasure trip.

Advertise in the News

## W. F. HOLMES' DRUG STORE

Candy

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### A FULL STOCK OF

Fishing Tackle, Base Ball Goods, Diamond Dyes, Putnam Dyes, Oil Paints, Liquid Veneer, Shoe Polishes, Spectacles, Pipes, Stationery, Combs, Brushes, Soaps, Perfumery and Post Cards.

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Poultry Foods and Remedies, Stock Foods and Remedies, Blacklegoids, Stock Chloroform, Stock Calomel, Pure Chloroform, Shoo Fly Horn Paint, Pure Tar, Kreso, Kreso Dip, Moth Balls, Camphor, Carbolic Acid, Copperas, etc. etc.

Read Holmes' advertisement in this issue.

Shampoo, Toilet Soaps, Hair Tonics and Dyes at Holmes Drug Store.

Bart DeWitt of Sonora was visiting relatives in Brackett this week.

I. B. Wafford of Del Rio was in our city Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Martin, of the Martin ranch were Brackett visitors Monday.

Judge J. G. Foster of Del Rio was in Brackett Monday to attend District Court.

W. F. Boggess one of Del Rio's most prominent lawyers was in our city Tuesday on business.

H. C. Carmaciel, former editor of the Sanderson News was greeting friends in our city Tuesday.

R. E. Sellers sold this week to John Charlton Clarkson of Comstock 1800 head of muttons. The terms were private.

Hon. Jas. Cornell of Sonora was visiting relatives and friends in Brackett several days this week.

Miss Annie Dooley returned home Saturday after closing a successful term of school at Kennedy.

Miss Lucy Felthouse returned to San Antonio Sunday after a pleasant visit with friends in Brackett.

District Attorney Geo. M. Thurmond of Del Rio was in Brackett Monday and Tuesday attending District Court.

Mrs. G. C. Cox and son Joe and Miss Bessie Zuehl of Spofford were in Brackett Friday evening to attend the High School commencement.

Mr. Jesus Mendez Agala, was in town last Sunday making arrangements to give a play on Saturday night, at the High School Auditorium.

District Court was in session, Monday. Every case on the docket was continued. The grand jury was in session but a short time and found no bills. The court adjourned Tuesday morning.

The Schumann Male Quartette was the most pleasing feature of last night's entertainment. These talented folks never fail to arouse the enthusiasm of all lovers of music when they make their appearance in Del Rio. Indeed, they are favorites with us and we are always glad of an opportunity to be entertained by such high class artists.—Val Verde County Herald.

Spectacles, Pipes and Trusses at Holmes Drug Store.

The best confectionery in town at John Rowland's Restaurant.

Whit Ellis and Will Bandy of Rock Springs were in town Tuesday on business.

Geo. Rivers went to San Antonio Tuesday morning on business. He returned the same evening.

The Schumann Male Quartette, Vinnie Ludden Childs contralto singer, Miss Eula Strain Reader and accompanist will be in Brackett May 29th.

Liquid Veneer makes old Furniture new—at Holmes.

Dr. Henry Page and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hodges enjoyed an outing at Silver Lake several days this week.

Rich Walbrath, Alex Carle, Emil Carle, and W. H. Hearne, of D'Hanis were in Brackett Monday to be witnesses in a case in District Court.

A good rain fell in our vicinity Monday night. It is reported that the rain was general all over the county about a half inch fell in Brackett.

San Antonio Bread the best in town at John Rowland's Restaurant.

Vinnie Ludden Childs has a rich contralto voice of marked sympathy, with a rare gift of articulation that adds to the attractiveness of her singing.—Spokane Chronicle.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thomas, of Sonora, arrived in our city Monday. Mr. Thomas was recently elected Superintendent and Mrs. Thomas a teacher in our public school.

The telephone girls say they have noticed that the man who gets mad if he doesn't get his number in a minute, is the very fellow who keeps his wife waiting half an hour for dinner.—Jewell Republican.

Gus Black, a well known pioneer cowman of Kinney County, was here last week shaking hands with his many friends. He says that it is dry down his way, but he is predicting good rains for this month, as he claims that he stands in with the weather man.—Texas Stockman & Farmer.

Fishing Tackle and Base Ball goods at Holmes Drug Store.

A nervous looking man went in to a store the other day and sat for an hour or so, when a clerk asked him if there was anything he could do for him. He said no he didn't want anything. The clerk went away, and the stanger sat an hour or so longer, when the proprietor went to him and asked him if he did not want to be shown anything. "No," said the nervous little man; "I just wanted to sit around. My physician has recommended quiet to me and says above all things I should avoid being in a crowd. Noticing that you do not advertise in the home paper, I thought that this would be as quiet a place as I could find, so I just dropped in for a few hours."—Bourborn (Mo.) Standard.

Holmes Stock Chloroform is sold under a positive guarantee.

## Ice Cold Drinks.

The Big Onyx Fountain at Holmes Drug Store is now ready for business.

All drinks are ice cold or your money back.

There's life, snap and sparkle in every glass.

Lemonade and Orangeade a specialty.

Quality and cleanliness is our motto.

Everybody served with a clean polished glass.

Your patronage is solicited.

W. F. Holmes, Proprietor.

## The W. O. W. Entertains.

The W. O. W. boys gave a little informal reception last Monday night at their lodge room in honor of Prof. Wright. Mr. Wright has been the clerk of Rosewood Camp for the last two years and it is with the deepest regret that the Camp loses him. Everybody had a most enjoyable time.

## Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the commissioner's court of Kinney County will meet as a Board of Equalization on the second Monday in June A. D. 1909, as provided by law, Art. 5120 R. S. at the Court House in the town of Brackett at which time all parties interested may appear.

By order of the court  
 Chas. Kartes, Clerk County Court, Kinney County, Texas.

OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, Department of Texas, San Antonio, Texas, May 10, 1909: Sealed proposals, in triplicate, for furnishing Forage and Bedding, Hay for 1st quarter, fiscal year 1910, at Forts Bliss, Clark, McIntosh, and Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Logan H. Roots, Ark., and Fort Sill, Okla., will be received until 11 o'clock a. m., June 10, 1909, and then opened. Proposals will be received at the same time by Quartermasters at each post named for furnishing said supplies required for that post only. U. S. deserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids or any part thereof. Information and blank proposals furnished on application here or to Quartermasters at various posts. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked, "Proposals for Forage and Bedding Hay at ----," and addressed to respective Post Quartermasters, or to Col. Jno. L. CLEM, C. Q. M., San Antonio, Texas.

Lunch served at all hours at John Rowland's Restaurant.

## Lost.

One pair gold cuff buttons with small stone set. Ten dollars reward for return to O. W. Stadler, J. D. JENNINGS.

Fresh fruit at the City Bakery next door to Holmes Drug Store.

It is said that the average man of fifty has spent 6,000 days, or nearly twenty years, in sleep, and has consumed about 17,000 pounds of bread and 16,000 pounds of meat, washed down with 7,000 gallons of liquids.

Miss Eula Strain, the pianist is so well known to all of our people as a musician who has attained a high degree of proficiency, that we deem it unnecessary to make lengthy mention here of how pleasing here renditions were to us all.—Val Verde County Herald.

Lunch at any hour day or night at John Rowland's Restaurant.

Mrs. J. F. Dooley, Mrs. James Cornell and Miss Sadie Dooley of Brackett, chaperoned Doc. M. C. Byrne of that place to Eagle Pass and C. P. Diaz last Sunday. When the Doc. saw all the pretty colored things on the plaza in Diaz the ladies had some difficulty in getting him to go back home, but finally succeeded.—Eagle Pass News-Guide.

An Exchange has discovered that a poor girl has to be awful good looking to be pretty, and a rich girl has to be awfully homely to be ugly. It might have added that a poor man has to be awfully smart to be intelligent and a rich man almost a block-head to be ignorant.

Fine Cigars at the City Bakery next door to Holmes Drug Store.

The minister had just been giving the class a lesson on the Prodigal Son. At the finish, to test what attention had been paid to his preaching, he asked: "Who was sorry that the Prodigal had returned?" The most forward youngster in the class breathlessly answered: "The fatted calf."—Rural Home.

A young Elder minister was much elated over being called up on to perform the ceremony of the daughter of a prominent and wealthy family. Before going he told his wife to go and get her new spring hat and get a good one as he would surely get a fine "fee" for performing this marriage ceremony. After the ceremony and congratulations had been freely given the old man arose and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we all want to show our appreciation of this minister who so ably conducted this ceremony, so let's give him three cheers," and they gave the poor minister three cheers.—Ex.

The program rendered by the Boston high class entertainers, at the Mesquite Club, last night was indeed a treat to music lovers. The Contralto, Vinnie Ludden Childs, fully sustained her reputation as a singer. Miss Eula Strain, the Reader and Accompanist, made a decided hit recitations "Ma'y Jaue" and "Pro and Con." We hope this talented company will return some day in the near future. They will receive a hearty welcome.—Eagle Pass Guide.

## For Sale.

A fine cook stove cost thirty dollars wood and coal burner latest style will sell for twenty dollars call at Printing Office.

## Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing Cities and Towns with a Population in Excess of 5,000 to be Incorporated by Special Act.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6. Joint Resolution to amend Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution of the State, authorizing cities and towns within the State of Texas to be incorporated by special act where the population exceeds five thousand inhabitants.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, be amended so that the same shall hereafter read and be as follows:

Sec. 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect an annual tax to defray the current expenses of their local government, but such tax shall never exceed for any one year one-fourth of one per cent, and shall be collectible only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied and all fines, forfeitures, penalties and other dues accruing to cities and towns shall be collectible only in current money.

Sec. 5. Cities having more than five thousand inhabitants may have their charters granted or amended by special act of the Legislature and may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purposes shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed two and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city; and no debt shall ever be created by any city or town unless at the same time provision be made to assess and collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and create a sinking fund of at least two per cent thereon.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall (be) duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such newspaper may be published, and the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature.

At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5, of the Constitution," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment to Article 11, Sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution."

Sec. 3. That \$5000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

(A true copy.)  
 W. E. TOWNSEND,  
 Secretary of State.

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### SPOFFORD NEWS.

Mr. L. T. Meeds was shopping in Uvalde Friday.

Mr. J. J. Burke returned from San Antonio Monday.

Mr. E. M. Bell spent Sunday with friends in Eagle Pass.

Frost Woodhull was in from the Woodhull ranch Saturday.

Mr. Henry Veltmann of Brackett was here on business Saturday.

Mr. Frank Lane and Miss Addie Rivers were Spofford visitors Sunday.

Mr. L. E. Elledge and family spent Sunday with relatives in San Antonio.

George and Willie Hobbs returned from Marshall Training School San Antonio Wednesday.

Jno. Laird who has been at the Burr ranch the past two weeks left for his home in Uvalde Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Zuehl and Mrs. G. C. Cox attended commencement exercises at Brackett Friday evening.

Mr. Chas. F. Miller who has been with his brother Oscar since Friday night returned home Sunday.

Mr. H. F. Anderson Division Superintendent for the G. H. and S. A. Ry. Co., was here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Furnish who have been visiting Mrs. J. F. McCormick for the past ten days returned home Wednesday.

Miss Addie Williams who is teaching school at the Musgraves ranch spent Wednesday here visiting Mrs. Pat Vivian and her

tend Mulholland commencement exercises the coming week.

Mr. Jno. Gilder of Brackett and Edd Gilder of Del Rio spent the latter part of the week with their sister Mrs. C. L. Miller.

Several splendid rains fell the last few days thoroughly soaking the ground and filling all tanks and creeks, the rain was accompanied by very little wind or hail.

Mr. A. L. Albertson of San Antonio is relieving Mr. G. C. Cox telegraph operator for S. P. Co., this week. Mr. Cox is laying off on account of illness.

Immigration agent L. T. Meeds left Tuesday afternoon for Del Rio to be present at the trial of the six chinamen captured at that place Monday in a box car.

Rev. Roland wife and daughter, formerly of Ft. Worth spent part of last week at the Spofford Hotel leaving Saturday for their new home near Henze, Edwards Co.

Mrs. O. F. Miller and children left for San Antonio Saturday morning to be at the bedside of their husband and father, they were accompanied by Mrs. Miller's sister Mrs. Jno. Gilder of Brackett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Daniels who have had charge of the Brown News Co.'s interest here left Tuesday for their home in Kansas City Missouri, they were relieved by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton of Sanderson.

Miss Addie Williams who is teaching school at the Musgraves ranch spent Wednesday here visiting Mrs. Pat Vivian and her

father, Mr. Joe Williams, Sheriff of Eagle Pass who was here receiving steers for Mr. J. M. Chittim.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Martin were in town Saturday to see Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. L. L. Schofield, who left on the Southbound train for Torreon Mexico, where she will reside in the future.

Mr. Oscar F. Miller, section foreman at Anacache was seriously injured by Eastbound passenger No. 10, Friday afternoon and later taken to Santa Rosa Hospital San Antonio, where it was first thought that he was fatally injured, but later reports are to the effect that though still unconscious he is somewhat improved and the Doctors now have great hopes for his recovery. Mr. Miller's friends and relatives are very much elated over these reports and wish for him a speedy recovery.

### Post Quarantined.

On last Monday at noon Fort Clark was quarantined. The soldiers and the people living on the reservation were strictly forbidden to come to Brackett to do any trading with our merchants.

The cause of the order was on account of an enlisted man who was arrested for beating a mule in Spofford. In justice to our officials, citizens and the business men of Brackett who are not connected with the trouble we will publish a full explanation of the situation in our next issue. We regret that this article could not be prepared in time to receive publication this week.

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that no fishing, hunting, hauling wood or otherwise trespassing not allowed in our pasture known as the Borrom pasture. Anyone violating this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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### Notice to Bankers.

Brackett Texas May 12 1909. Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the

Brackett Independent School District on Thursday June 17 1909 at 2:30 p. m. and opened on said date from any banking incorporation, association or individual banker in said county or elsewhere as the depository of the funds of said Brackett Independent School District until June 17 1911.

Each bidder will state what rate interest it or he is willing to pay for such deposit per annum, and each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one half of one per cent of the county revenue for the preceding year, as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of

the bidder.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Given under my hand and official seal at my office in Brackett Texas, the 12th day of May 1909.

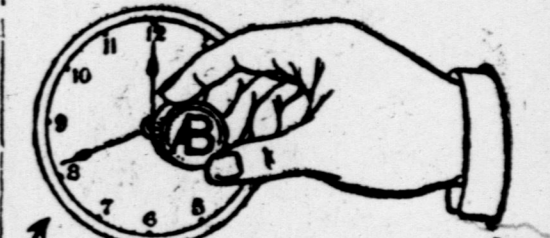
R. Stratton, President Board of Trustees Brackett Independent School District.

### NOTICE.

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.

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DOINGS OF A  
GREAT STATE

The forty-first annual meeting of the State Medical Association of Texas will meet in Galveston Tuesday.

Bids were opened Tuesday at noon upon the construction of the eight-story Sanger Bros. building in Dallas, the structure to cost \$200,000.

Samuel Eberly Gross, formerly of Chicago, was married in Battle Creek, Monday to Miss Ruby Louise Haughey. The groom is 65 years of age and the bride 18.

The Texas Cotton Seed Crushers' Association offers \$225 in prizes to the school children and schools of Texas for essays on the merits of cotton seed products.

Hundreds of men in Alpine have been fighting fires in the cedar brakes of the Pecos draws for several days. The fire swept thousands of acres of ranges bare.

Carnival week opened here Tuesday in Clarksville, and the city is in gala attire. Central Plaza is covered with merry-go-round, Ferris wheel, and various attractions of all kinds.

Severo Lopez, a ranchman living near Falfurrias, was shot and instantly killed on the street in Rio Grande City Tuesday by State Ranger Levi Davis of Capt. Johnson's command.

G. S. Brown, a brakeman on the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf, was crushed to death between two cars Monday in Muskogee. Brown was 25 years old and had relatives in Houston, Texas.

During a rain Thursday night about 9 o'clock lightning caused a fire at Pilot Grove, Grayson County, that resulted disastrously for the little town. Only one store was left.

Capt. W. T. Getzenander, a pioneer of Waxahachie, died Monday morning at his home on West Franklin street, of an acute attack of asthma. He was one of the widest known men in Texas.

Governor Campbell Monday received the letter from Assistant District Attorney Chambers of Bexar County, requesting the assistance of Rangers to effect the enforcement of gaming and saloon laws.

The Fort Worth-Glenrose Interurban surveyors have reached Crowley and are working toward Godley, in the western portion of Johnson County. The line from that point will run down the Brazos Valley.

President Taft Tuesday promised Senator Culberson of Texas to visit Galveston at the first opportunity. If he makes a trip West this fall, the President intends to return through the South.

There is now every reason to believe that the Santa Fe Road will close its current year with a substantial increase in gross earnings. Net earnings will be ahead of those of last year by from \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

Following organization of a permanent association and the declaration of principles which were the outgrowth of three days' discussion and papers read dealing with the problems of better rural conditions, the Southwestern Country Life gathering closed its first annual meeting in Guthrie, Okla., Friday. The next meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas, beginning the third week in May, 1910.

An election will be held at Arlington June 8 to determine if the board of trustees of the district shall be empowered to annually levy and collect a tax not to exceed 50c on the \$100 dollar valuation. Only 35c of the tax if authorized, it is stated, will be levied the first year, of which 10c will be used for furnishing the new building and 25c for increasing the maintenance fund.

A small tornado struck a little place called Kentuckytown in Grayson county Thursday night. The Baptist Church, built about a year ago, and the schoolhouse were totally destroyed and the general store of T. N. Parrish was damaged.

A \$50,000 hotel and office building, a two-story brick, a one-story brick and a W. O. W. building as a starter, to be followed by about fifteen other business houses, is the present prospect for building activity in Hereford the coming summer and fall.

Another stratum of gas was struck Saturday in Well No. 4, in Henrietta, about 300 feet below the first stratum, which was cased off. There are altogether six gas wells now finished, which has caused the rate in Henrietta to be reduced 9c for factory and 80c per 1,000 cubic feet for residences.

According to the records of the City Auditor, now nearing the completion of a detailed annual report to the Mayor and Board of Municipal Commissioners, there are five officials of the city of Dallas and 573 employes in the several departments.

Work on the new Baptist Church in Brownwood, which is being built by the Coggin Addition Church, is progressing nicely and will be far enough along with the masonry work that the cornerstone will be placed some time this month. It will be laid by the Masonic lodge.

Reports of high wind, causing considerable property loss and in some instances injuries, but without loss of life reported, show that the general Northern and Central Texas rains of Wednesday and Wednesday night were accompanied by storms.



ILLUSTRATED BY A. WEIL BY ROY NORTON

**SYNOPSIS.**

"Vanishing Fleets," a story of "what might have happened," opens in Washington with the United States and Japan on the verge of war. Guy Hillier, secretary of the British embassy, and Miss Norma Roberts, chief aide of inventor Norman Roberts, are introduced as lovers. At the most inopportune moment Japan declares war. Japan takes the Philippines. The entire country is in a state of turmoil because of the government's indifference. Guy Hillier starts for England with secret message and is compelled to leave. Norma Roberts, who with military officers also leaves Washington on mysterious expedition for an isolated point on the Florida coast. Hawaii is captured by the Japs. All ports are closed. Jap fleet is fast approaching western coast of America. Siego, Japanese spy, discovers secret preparations for war. He follows auto carrying presidential cabinet. He uncovers source of great mystery and flees, murmuring: "The gods save Nippon." Fleeting to Pacific coast, Siego is shot down just as journey to get awful news to Japan seems successful. Japan announces intention to attack seaports. Tokio learns of missing Japanese fleet and whole world becomes convinced that United States has some powerful war agency. England decides to send a fleet to American waters as a Canadian production against what the British suppose is a terrible submarine flotilla. Hillier is also sent to Canada to attempt to force his way through American lines with a message to the president in order that protection for the fleet may be assured. Japan appeals to Britain for aid. British fleet departs, amid misgivings of English. Fleet mysteriously disappears, a sailor picked up on a raft being the only evidence of the loss. Powers begin to fear for their safety.

**CHAPTER IX.  
Barred by Bayonets.**

Rested by his sea voyage, and glowing with a determination to win his way across the border, but with no definite idea as to what method he should pursue, Guy Hillier landed in Montreal. His first effort was to gain what details he could as to the nature of the embargo which had been placed on travelers between the two countries, after which he lost no time in personally studying the habits of the border camps. Long residence in America had lessened the broadness of his A's, and with a little practice his R's were almost those of the average New Yorker.

The meager information he succeeded in gathering was not altogether trustworthy, as he was soon to learn. He had been told that certain Americans, in Canada at the time the line of blue was drawn, were permitted to pass, and thus regain their homes, and on this he based his first sally. There was no trouble whatever in gaining the encampments in interviewing the officers in command and of that section of the defense. A smart appeal was sent, passed over to the adjutantship of a soldier off duty, who conducted him to one of the regulation tents which dotted the hillside back of the line.

On the orderly's presenting his card, a voice from within hailed: "Come in!" and he entered the little house of canvas to find three officers engaged in some game of cards which he did not understand.

"What can I do for you?" the commander inquired, rising from his camp stool and still holding the visitor's card in his hand.

"I am anxious to cross the line," Hillier replied.

The officer laughed and shook his head. "I'm sorry, sir, but we have had as high as 100 applications of this nature in one day, and my orders forbid my acceding to any such request."

"But you pass Americans, do you not?"

Again the officer smiled tolerantly, replying with good nature: "Not under conditions like these. We have no choice in the matter. If you are an American, I thoroughly appreciate your anxiety to go home; but I cannot help you."

It began to look less easy. "Is there no way at all?" asked Hillier.

"My dear sir," the officer answered, "the prophet Moses leading his band across the Red sea had an easier trip than you could make through our lines."

For a moment the courier lost patience, and then as a last resort he decided to make a clean breast of his errand. "Colonel," he said, "I am not an American; I am the secretary of the British embassy in Washington—or was up to the time of this war. I come as a special messenger from my country, bearing important dispatches, which I am to deliver only into the hands of his excellency, the president of the United States. The accomplishment of my mission may have a grave bearing on this conflict, and it possibly may prevent bloodshed."

The colonel turned to one side and threw down the playing cards which he had been holding before making any reply. His companions looked highly interested; but their faces gave no hope.

"Mr. Hillier, there have been at least 20 men before me with similar important messages, many of whom have come direct from other foreign powers. The first of these I took from them and sent forward by special couriers of my own. In each case I was given a reprimand. Come here," he said, and preceded Hillier out into the open, where a bulletin board was nailed against a tree. In the very center of a collection of orders pasted thereon was one which read:

"General Order No. 27,007: Order No. 16,004, which was delivered to all

officers, bulletined and read to all men, permits of no modification whatever. It read: 'No man shall pass through the lines, either in or out, and under no circumstances shall any communication be passed, either in or out, save on the written permit duly sealed and signed by the president of the United States.'"

"Is that emphatic enough?" he asked, turning to Hillier, who reluctantly admitted that it allowed of no misinterpretation.

"But," said the latter half jokingly, "suppose I make a run for it?"

"In that case, Mr. Hillier," the officer answered gravely, "my men would unhesitatingly drill you full of holes, and I should be sorry to see a man whom I take to be a gentleman make such an attempt. This may look like play; but underneath gloved hands along this border are the claws of war. Don't, please, make me unsheath them!"

The secretary, baffled, declined the proffer of a drink, and was promptly escorted back across the Canadian lines; but on the way he made new plans. He was only rebuffed by his first failure, and with doggedness he set his jaws and swore that by some means or other he would go to Washington. Time was becoming more and more valuable, so much of it had been



He Swam to the Point Where the Soldier Stood.

expended in his first inquiries and overtures. He would now be driven to stealth and disguise.

He returned to the city, bought a shabby suit of clothes from a second-hand dealer, checked his luggage in the hotel, put the precious dispatches in a pocket within his shirt, and called for an automobile. The machine carried him rapidly down a well-rolled road till night fell, when he paid the chauffeur, and as an additional precaution for the sake of secrecy walked ahead till satisfied that he had put many miles between himself and anyone who might have observed his coming.

He had seen enough during the day to be convinced that under ordinary circumstances it would be impossible to pass the sentries, whose beats were exceptionally short, and who formed almost a continuous line as far as he had been able to observe. His inquiries had elicited the information that somewhere in the vicinity a small river flowed between the two countries, and he purposed using this tributary of the St. Lawrence as a means to gain the other country. His plan was rendered more tenable because the moon, being in the full, favored him. The night itself seemed most propitious, as from the west a dark bank of clouds was slowly coming forward, promising to lend obscurity at a time when it should be most needed.

Cautiously he proceeded along the river bank, gaining a position in as close proximity to the moving sentries as he dared, then slipped off his clothing, secured it into a bundle, and awaited the moment of darkness.

At the very instant when the edge of the cloud began creeping across the

moon he lowered himself quietly into the water and began swimming toward the boundary line. In his days at Oxford he had been an athlete of note, and in all his later years had maintained excellent physical condition, and was thoroughly at home in the water. He swam with a low stroke, catching breath from the corner of his mouth as he turned his face sidewise, and exposing as little of himself to view as possible. The bundle of clothing lashed to his shoulders proved something of an impediment, but not sufficient to stay his progress. The current caught him now and then, throwing him out of his course, and when he discovered this to be the case he was almost against a bank. Thereafter he lifted his head at intervals, in order that he might remain in the center of the stream. He surmised that he was nearing the line of sentries, and elevated his chin for another glance, when a sudden blinding flash of light smote him in the eyes, causing him instinctively to duck his head. When he came up for air after swimming for some distance under water, the light was still on him, and a drawing voice hailed him from the shore.

"Stranger, when you get tired of swimming you might come in. I guess you'd better, because there's four or five men up beyond me might take you for a duck, and they're all pot hunters."

His chance was lost. He wondered why he had not thought of search lights, and realized that nothing but the brilliance of the night had prevented their employment at an earlier hour. Fairly gritting his teeth in anger, he swam to the point where the soldier stood, and crawled out upon the beach, seating himself until he could fully recover from his effort and regain his breath. A tall, lean man, whose color emblems showed him to be from Missouri, stood above

as it leveled its ray along the line he saw here and there field booths with double lines of wire entering and emerging from them. "One's telegraph and telephone, and the other's this freak thing that shows men's photographs. Yes," he concluded, "your picture taken in five different positions has been in there since you first tried to cross the line to-day, and anyway if you'd got past us fellows, you'd have been picked up before you got very far into the interior."

Hillier sat stupefied. "Has anybody ever really got across this line?"

"Yes, three or four of them, here and there, mostly out west where the hills is rougher; but they all got gathered in sooner or later. One of 'em who tried it was a Jap, and the boys accidentally shot him. Another fellow was an Englishman, who made it over from Canada into Detroit, so I've heard."

"What happened to him?" Hillier asked, suspecting that this was the first bearer of the message who had preceded him.

"They didn't want to turn him loose, because he knew too much; so they decided he was a vag, and run him in till the war is over."

Hillier knew now what had been his predecessor's fate, but made no reply. His informant after a pause continued: "There's been only one accident besides that which happened to the Jap, and that was a poor devil that undertook to go over in one of these newfangled airships. He certainly got his tire punctured all right, and came down mighty sudden." The soldier stopped for a moment and heaved a long sigh, and then concluded in a softer voice: "I was awfully sorry for that fellow. He wa'n't no spy nor nothing like that, but just a young newspaper chap doing the best he knew how to get the goods. He was done for when the boys picked him up. The colonel felt about as sorry as anybody else, and got special permission from the Canadian government to send a squad back with him as a guard of honor."

By this time Hillier had donned the dry garments that had been provided, and stood awaiting the further instructions of his captor. "Well, what am I to do?" he inquired, seeing that the man stood motionless.

"Oh, you can go back across the line, or if you want to one of the boys will find a place for you to bunk till morning. You see, you're kind of a distinguished guest. We all had orders to treat you nicely, and the colonel will have a machine here to take you back wherever you want to go to-morrow."

Baffled by vigilance and overcome by courtesy the secretary, after bidding his captor good-by, retired for the night to a camp cot in the quarters of a lieutenant of infantry. It was long before he succumbed to a sleep of utter exhaustion. He was awakened by a bugle call in the morning, and found his host shaving himself before a small mirror suspended from the tent pole.

"Good morning, Mr. Hillier," the officer said. "Not quite as pleasant quarters as the secretary of the British embassy is entitled to, and not many conveniences; but you're welcome to my razor if you'll wait a minute."

Hillier sat up, rubbing his eyes. Neatly stretched out on a camp stool before him were his shabby clothes, improved by washing, not only dry but pressed. He stared at them in surprise, while the officer laughingly continued:

"Yes, we did the best we could for them; but I don't think you made a friend of my orderly, as he swears he has worked on them all night long, and has requested a day's leave on the strength of it."

Thanking the officer for his hospitality, Hillier slowly garbed himself and stepped through the tent fly. Below him and stretching away as far as the eye could discern were gray-brown embankments, one line within the other, and excavated with military precision.

"Intrenchments," came a voice behind him, observing his curious inspection. "We have to keep the boys busy, and besides the government didn't want to take any chances. Those pits stretch across this continent now, and there won't be any trouble for a good many years to come for people to tell just where the border is located. Like 'em?" he concluded, whimsically.

"No, I can't say that I do," Hillier responded with equal good nature; "but they look business like."

"Oh, they're the goods sure enough," his informant continued; "but that isn't all. See that little mound over there?" and he pointed a bare brown arm over his guest's shoulder. Hillier nodded assent and looked inquiringly at his companion. "Behind that there's a brace of Gatling guns. Got them too every little ways. Never had to fire 'em yet, and hope we never will. But you never can tell. Same work's been done along the Mexican border line; but it's easier to guard. This war certainly has educated a lot of fellows; so that when it's over there'll be plenty of men can show callouses that were never decorated with 'em before. This country's bottled up now as tight as if the Lord Almighty had set a can over it," and he laughed at his own joke.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

**Polite Chinese Children.**

While very young the little Chinese is taught "manners," how to come into a room, to bow very low to parents or those older than himself—even till his head nearly touches the floor—and to "chin-chin." This is their polite greeting, which takes the form of our hand-shaking.

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**WHERE PAT DREW THE LINE.**

Pat had been at work for three days digging a well, and as the foreman wanted it finished within the week he had promised Pat another man to help him. It was getting on for 11 o'clock, and Towser, the foreman's bulldog, was looking over the edge of the pit, when Pat said to himself, "Smoke-o."

He had just filled his pipe, and was about to light it when he glanced up and beheld Towser's handsome features.

Slowly removing the pipe from his mouth, he said: "Be-e-egorra, Ol've worked wid Germans and Hengarrians, and Ol've worked wid Oitalians and nayers, but if a man wid a face like that comes down here to work besoida me, I gets up."

**ANOTHER TERROR.**

Frightened, Pup—Gee! I always heard that women were going into everything; but I never knew there were lady dog catchers;

Standing Fad.

The wandering agent who was selling cigar-bands found Remus sitting on the porch mending his fishing lines.

"Do you have any fads down here in Dixie?" asked the agent.

"What am them, mister?" inquired Remus, curiously.

"Why, take the collecting fad. Do you make any collections of anything down here?"

Remus laughed.

"Oh, yeas, sah," he chuckled, "de same collections we've always made. De collection of pickaninies en dogs, sah."

**Little Tuberculosis Among Jews.**

Dr. Maurice Fishberg is authority for the statement that the number of deaths from tuberculosis among the Jews is one-third that observed among the non-Jewish population around them and living in the same urban environment. Dr. Fishberg attributes this remarkable vitality of the Jews, and their immunity to sickness in general, to the fact that they have been for over 2,000 years dwelling in the city and are thus able to withstand more than their neighbors.

**LIGHT BOOZE  
Do You Drink It?**

A minister's wife had quite a tussle with coffee and her experience is interesting. She says:

"During the two years of my training as a nurse, while on night duty, I became addicted to coffee drinking. Between midnight and four in the morning, when the patients were asleep, there was little to do except make the rounds, and it was quite natural that I should want a good, hot cup of coffee about that time. It stimulated me and I could keep awake better."

"After three or four years of coffee drinking I became a nervous wreck and thought that I simply could not live without my coffee. All this time I was subject to frequent bilious attacks, sometimes so severe as to keep me in bed for several days."

"After being married, Husband begged me to leave off coffee for he feared that it had already hurt me almost beyond repair, so I resolved to make an effort to release myself from the hurtful habit."

"I began taking Postum, and for a few days felt the languid, tired feeling from the lack of the stimulant, but I liked the taste of Postum and that answered for the breakfast beverage all right."

"Finally I began to feel clearer headed and had steadier nerves. After a year's use of Postum I now feel like a new woman—have not had any bilious attacks since I left off coffee."

"There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

### SHORT NEWS MENTION

OF HOME AND ABROAD OF INTEREST TO EVERYBODY.

### EPITOME OF LATE DOINGS

Of the Entire Week of Most Interesting Reading of Importance of Today.

#### WASHINGTON.

It is the purpose of Gen. Jas. Allen, chief of the signal corps, to send the Wright and Herring aeroplanes, should these machines meet the requirements at the test at Fort Myer next month, to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, for the purpose of further experimenting and for drilling the members of the signal corps in the use of these flying machines.

Referring directly to the United States-Steel corporation and charging its organization with violating the anti-trust laws of the country, Senator Bailey Thursday in addressing the senate on the tariff bill declared that if the officers of the law do their duty the steel trust would be dissolved, and he expected eventually to see this done. He added that if the present administration fails in its duty in that respect the people of the country would choose other officials to represent them and he declared his firm belief that the officers of the steel corporation would be either imprisoned or made fugitives from justice.

After a day devoted to discussing the duty on iron ore, the senate, just before adjournment Thursday, adopted by a vote of 61 to 24 the recommendation of the committee on finance for a duty of 25c per ton on iron ore. The house had placed that article on the free list, while the present law levies a duty of 40c per ton. In taking this vote party lines were annihilated, as 17 Democrats voted "aye" with the Republicans and 12 Republicans voted "no" with the Democrats. During the day Senator Bailey, in announcing that he proposed to vote for the duty on iron ore as a revenue measure, declared that such action does not affect the prosperity of the United States Steel corporation.

The biggest case that ever came up from Oklahoma before the interstate commerce commission was filed Thursday, asking for an adjustment of the rates on cotton seed and the by-products. It shows practically all of the cotton seed oil mills in that state as plaintiffs and every railroad in the state, as well as those running to the principal markets for cotton oil outside of the state, are made defendants. The general allegation is that the railroads are discriminating against the cotton seed oil mills of the state in favor of points outside the state on cotton seed to ship to cotton oil mills outside of the state.

The decision of the board of pension appeals against the claims of certain Texas rangers for pensions under the Burleson act of 1908, for services on the frontier prior to the Civil War, will probably lead to the filing of another claim by the state of Texas against the national government for reimbursement in suppressing Indians and other marauders. It is said that the state has satisfactory proof of an expenditure of about \$125,000 for equipping expeditions against the turbulent elements on the frontier, which claims, for some reason, were not included in the large claims which congress allowed two years ago.

#### STATE AND DOMESTIC.

Otto Peltzer, aged 22, an employe of Fleughaupt's bakery, of San Antonio, Texas, was caught in the mixing machine in the bakery Friday and his body was drawn entirely through the mixer. Death was instantaneous and his body was crushed and broken to an unrecognizable mass.

Five suffered agony in a lifeboat in the Gulf of Mexico thirty-six hours until picked up by Ship Shoal lightship as a result of the sinking of the Lopez, Dukate & Dunbar freighter Jerry, en route to Biloxi, with 4,100 cases of oysters. The boat sank in seventy-two feet of water, seventeen miles from the lighthouse off Timbalier island.

The Texas state tax board has finally determined the intangible value of Texas railroads for purposes of ad valorem taxation for the year 1909. The total intangible values for said year aggregate \$174,125,595, which is an increase over the 1908 valuation of \$427,137. Tax Commissioner Dashiell and Secretary Walker are now engaged in apportioning said intangible values among the several counties entitled to same.

Capt. Leopold McLaughlin, the Irish giant companion jiu jitsu wrestler of the world, defeated T. Yamagata of Tokio, in straight falls of 45 and 40 minutes each in Duluth, Minn., Friday. The plucky Japanese, greatly outweighed, worried through the last bout with a sprained wrist.

Two dead and one wounded and the authorities in pursuit of another man are the results of a battle fought in the boat of a Wild West show in San Angelo, Texas, Friday.

Nine men were bound over to await the action of the grand jury in the Tyler, Texas, lynching case of a week ago, when a negro named Hodge was hanged by a mob.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will this spring plant more than a million trees the largest forestry plan ever undertaken by a private corporation.

Wheat seeding in Western Canada will be finished next week, and 5,590,000 acres seeded.

Sterling Arnold of Keno, Miss., celebrated his 102d birthday Thursday. He is a prosperous farmer, with a family of wife and five sons, the eldest of whom is 30 years and the youngest 33.

At least twenty men were killed Wednesday in Albany, N. Y., by a premature blast of dynamite in a stone quarry operated by the Callanan Road Improvement Company near South Bethlehem.

J. N. Hall of Grant parish, Louisiana, was held up and robbed of \$67 while traveling on horseback through the pine woods Thursday. He says that four men on horseback stopped him, and while two held revolvers on him two others went through his pockets.

C. E. Schaff, vice president of the New York Central railroad, is in Brownsville, being detained there on account of having his private car attached by the sheriff just as he was about to leave Wednesday morning. Mr. Schaff, it is said, had some land cleared in the valley, and when the bill for the work was presented he refused to pay it, and the parties at once attached his car.

The Nueces Valley Improvement company, capital \$1,000,000, was organized at Denton, Texas, Wednesday for the purpose of buying outright and cutting into small tracts 68,590 acres of land in McMullen and La Salle counties, all situated along the Nueces river.

Dunlap of Waxahachie was chosen for president and El Paso for the next meeting place of the Texas Bankers' association, which body adjourned in Houston, Texas, Wednesday.

The court of criminal appeals, Judge Ramsey dissenting, Wednesday overruled a motion for rehearing in the case of Alberto Cabrera, given a life sentence for the killing of District Judge Stanley Welch at Rio Grande City, Texas.

Twenty persons are missing, and all of them are believed to have been drowned when a gasoline launch sank in the middle of the Ohio river, near Schoenville, four miles below Pittsburg Tuesday night. Of the thirty occupants of the boat, only ten are known to have escaped.

The entertainment tendered the visiting members of the Texas Bankers' association in Houston Tuesday by the Houston bankers was carried out without a hitch, beginning in the morning in the crisp early sunrise with a trolley ride down the Harrisburg road to Harrisburg, where boats were taken to the San Jacinto battlefield and Seabrook, ending at night with a ride back to Houston on the Southern Pacific. The day was one of unalloyed pleasure.

Capt. Peter C. Hains, United States army, faces a prison term of from one to twenty years. Despite all the testimony submitted by the defense, intended to show insanity, he was convicted late Tuesday of manslaughter in the first degree for killing William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club last August at Flushing, L. I.

The various mills operated by the Long Bell Lumber company in the Lake Charles parish began running on a four days in the week schedule Monday evening owing to depression in the lumber market.

Cardinal Logue of Dublin has issued a strong condemnation of certain practices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He says that in some places the Hibernian society is a pest and practices cruelty, its members indulging in drinking and dancing and compelling people by force to join the organization by threats to boycott and even by personal violence. He forbids the priests from this time on to give absolution to those guilty of those practices.

Theodore Roosevelt, on the last expedition in Africa, shot a leopard and captured the animal's cubs. A buffalo and two giraffes have also been captured by the expedition.

The chamber of deputies, by a vote of 121 to 34, at a secret sitting in Constantinople Thursday, approved the Turk-Bulgarian protocol, settling all claims arising from the proclamation of Bulgaria's independence. The chamber also elected two deputies, a Moslem and a Christian, to take part in the government inquiry into the Adana massacres.

The departmental committee appointed in July of 1908, in London, England, to inquire into the alleged combinations in the meat trade in the United Kingdom, issued its report Wednesday. A large portion thereof is devoted to the American beef trust and its representatives in London, the committee concluding that while a combination exists to a certain extent between four companies in the United States engaged in business in the United Kingdom, it is not at present sufficiently powerful seriously to endanger the beef trade as a whole; but should these firms, as seems possible, acquire considerable interest in the Argentine Republic, the situation with regard to the meat supply of the United Kingdom might become serious.

The turbulent session of the chamber of deputies in Paris Thursday ended in another significant victory for Premier Clemenceau, when the government's policy with regard to the postal strike was emphatically endorsed by a vote of 454 to 59, including also the government's insistence that the postal employees and other functionaries have no right to strike.

The German imperial yacht Hohenzollern, with Emperor William on board, came into Brindisi, Italy, Wednesday and was saluted by the booming of cannon from the shore.

## PRESIDENT TAFT ATTENDS CHARLOTTE CELEBRATION

### Three Days' Carnival in the North Carolina City Marks the Anniversary of the Famous Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Charlotte, N. C.—With three days of military drills, band concerts, speeches, athletic contests and other kinds of entertainment, the one hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the Mecklenburg declaration has been celebrated, and all North Carolina is happy in the knowledge that its pet legend has been recognized by the president of the United States; for Mr. Taft gave the occasion the official sanction of his presence and was the chief feature of the celebration.

The carnival began Tuesday noon when the Charlotte fire companies gave an exhibition of their skill and speed. At three o'clock there was a drill by a body of United States cavalry and a band concert at the fair grounds, followed by a league ball game. The evening was given up to a drill by the Charlotte drum corps and a concert by three bands.

Governors' Day Program. Wednesday was designated as governors' day and the main event was the delivery of addresses by Gov. Kitchin of North Carolina and the chief executives of several other states, at the fair ground. These were preceded by a big athletic meet and followed by a cavalry drill, military maneuvers and band concerts, with another ball game thrown in for good measure.

Two events made the evening notable. The first was a May musical festival at the Auditorium which enlisted the services of a number of excellent soloists and a large and well trained chorus. The second was an illuminated parade given by the Order of Red Men.



President Taft.

Just at ten o'clock Wednesday morning the booming of a 21-gun salute by the Charlotte artillery notified the people that President Taft had arrived on his special train. Nearly all the inhabitants and the thousands of visitors were at the station, and as Mr. and Mrs. Taft alighted from their car they were greeted with a mighty roar of applause. A special reception committee took the distinguished guests in charge and conducted them to the Selwyn hotel, where they were welcomed by Gov. Kitchin, Senators Simmons and Overman and the mayor of Charlotte.

After meeting all the committeemen and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Taft, together with Mrs. Snowball Jackson, the governor and mayor and other distinguished visitors, were escorted by a guard of old soldiers to a reviewing stand and witnessed a great parade of all the military and civic organizations that could take part in the celebration.

Mr. Taft Speaks Twice. A second installment of the music festival in the Auditorium was graced by the presence of the city's guests, and then all returned to the reviewing stand, where President Taft delivered an address. His words were listened to with close attention and frequently elicited loud applause.

Later in the afternoon the president made a speech to the colored people and the students of Biddle university. From 8 to 9:30 in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Taft held a public reception in the parlors of the Selwyn hotel and shook hands with thousands of people.

Military drills, band concerts and other entertainments were provided for the crowds all Wednesday afternoon and evening, and the great celebration closed in a blaze of glory.

Old Controversy Renewed. The people of North Carolina, whose proudest boast has been that their ancestors were the first Americans to throw off the yoke of British rule, now rejoice in the feeling that President Taft has recognized the justice of their claim, but the century-old controversy has broken out afresh. Many historians refuse to accord to the pioneers of Mecklenburg county the honor that is thus accorded them. These historians allude to the story as "the Mecklenburg myth," and thereby arouse the anger of North Carolinians.

According to those unbiased investigators who have looked most deeply into the matter, the Mecklenburgers did hold a public meeting on May 31, 1775, and did adopt resolutions

quite abreast of the public sentiment of that time, but not venturing on the field of independence further than to say that these resolutions were to remain in force till Great Britain resigned its pretensions. In 1793, or earlier, some of the actors in the preceding endeavor to supply the record from memory, unconsciously intermingling some of the phraseology of the Declaration of July 4, which gave the resolution the tone of a pronounced independence. Probably through another dimness of memory, they affixed the date of May 20, 1775, to them.

Case for Mecklenburgers. The case for the Mecklenburgers is set forth as follows: In 1818 there arose a great rivalry between Massachusetts and Virginia as to which commonwealth should receive the credit for the Philadelphia document, and the controversy was brought up in congress. It was at this time that Davidson, a representative in congress from North Carolina, announced that Mecklenburg county had declared her independence 13 months before the promulgation of the document in Philadelphia.

While the statement created some surprise it resulted in an investigation into the facts as to the Mecklenburg declaration. This inquiry was made by Nathaniel Macon, who represented North Carolina in the senate, and through Gen. Joseph Graham and Representative Davidson, Senator Macon received from Dr. Joseph McKnitt Alexander, the son of John McKnitt Alexander, a full account of "the event," which Dr. Alexander said he had "copied from papers left by his father." This statement, which included the May 20th declaration, Senator Macon sent to Raleigh, N. C., and it was published in the Register on Friday, April 30, 1819.

Dr. Alexander related at length how the farmers of Mecklenburg county in the spring of 1775 had called a convention to be composed of two delegates from each settlement in the county to meet May 19 to devise means for the assistance of the "suffering people of Boston and to extricate themselves from the impending storm." "Official news, by express, arrived of the battle of Lexington," according to Dr. Alexander's report to Senator Macon, and the influence of the news from Lexington, he added, resulted in the unanimous adoption of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence.

The declaration, as written by Dr. Brevard, and approved by the convention on May 20, 1775, reads:

"1. Resolved, That whosoever directly or indirectly abetted or in any way, form or manner countenanced the unchartered and dangerous invasion of our rights, as claimed by Great Britain, is an enemy to this country—America—and to the inherent and inalienable rights of man.

"2. Resolved, That we, the citizens of Mecklenburg county, do hereby dissolve the political bands which have connected us to the mother country, and hereby absolve ourselves from all allegiance to the British crown and abjure all political connection, contract or association with that nation, who have wantonly trampled on our rights and liberties and inhumanly shed the innocent blood of American patriots at Lexington.

Declared Themselves Free. "3. Resolved, That we do hereby declare ourselves a free and independent people, are, and of right ought to be, a sovereign and self-governing association under the control of no power other than that of our God and the general government of the congress to the maintenance of which independence we solemnly pledge to each other our mutual co-operation, our lives, our fortunes and our most sacred honor.

"4. Resolved, That as we now acknowledge the existence and control of no law or legal officer, civil or military, within this county, we do hereby ordain and adopt, as a rule of life, each and every one of our former laws, wherein, nevertheless, the crown of Great Britain never can be considered as holding privileges, immunities or authority therein.

"5. Resolved, That it is also further decreed that all, each and every military officer in this county is hereby reinstated in his former command and authority, he acting conformably to these regulations. And that every member present of this delegation shall henceforth be a civil officer, viz., a justice of the peace, in the character of a 'committeeman,' to issue process, hear and determine all matters of controversy, according to said adopted laws, and to preserve peace and union and harmony in said county, and to use every exertion to spread the love of the country and fire of freedom throughout America, until a more general and organized government be established in this province."

#### Blessings of a Diet.

Nowadays it's a godsend for a man to get rheumatism. Instead of filling him up with salicylic acid, iodine, potash and other atrocities to tear out his insides, intelligent physicians put him on a diet. When they cure him of being a hog they cure him of his rheumatism and everything else from a murderous liver to the disposition of a fiend.—New York Press.

### BANDITS HOLDUP TRAIN

AND LET ENGINE LOOSE TO COLLIDE WITH MAIN TRAIN.

### THEY GOT ABOUT \$20,000

Registered Mail Was Rifled—Engine Forced to Obey Commands at the Point of a Pistol.

Spokane, Wash.—In the holdup of the Great Northern passenger train No. 3, between Colbert and Meade, shortly before midnight Sunday night, twelve persons were injured when the engine and mail car started running wild down the track by the bandits after they had rifled the mails, collided with the remaining cars of the train. The bandits detached the engine and mail car from the train, ran them down the track a short distance, and then, after the registered mail had been opened, they sent the engine back to collide with the cars standing on the track.

The conductor saw the wild cars coming down the track at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour when they were a short distance away, and he and one of the trainmen placed a tie on the track in an effort to stop their mad flight. The engine and car were partially stopped by this means, but plunged into the coaches. There was a loud crash and the passengers were thrown from their seats, most of the injured being hurt by glass from the broken windows. When the train reached Colbert some switching had to be done. While the engine crew was busy at this work two men suddenly appeared in the engine cab, thrusting a revolver against the body of Engineer William Miller, ordered him to do as commanded. The engineer and the fireman, John Hall, obeyed. The mail car was coupled onto the train and pulled out. After the train had proceeded a few miles the engineer was ordered to stop, and he and his fireman were forced to leave the cab. Two of the robbers then went to the door of the mail car and ordered it opened. Their command was obeyed by Benjamin Stumpf, the mail clerk. Meanwhile two other bandits were with the engineer and fireman, who were uncoupling the mail car and the locomotive. Soon after the train stopped Conductor C. T. Robertson jumped from a car but was driven back by a score of revolver shots. Hastily climbing into the cab, the outlaws sent the engine hurling down the track.

It is believed the bandits obtained a large sum of money from the registered mail, the amount being placed at \$20,000.

#### Bull Weevils in Flax.

Victoria, Tex.—Hon. J. D. Mitchell of Victoria, an entomologist for the United States Department of Agriculture, states that the bull weevils are developing in full force in Victoria and adjoining counties, and that the dry weather does not seem to have any effect on them. Mr. Mitchell states that much good work has been accomplished in the way of abating the tick nuisance; that some eighteen or twenty dipping vats have been established in that section, and the establishment of many more is in contemplation.

#### Cucumbers Wasted.

League City, Tex.—It is seldom in this section of the coast that there is a lack of rain to make all crops. Just now the cucumber crop requires more rain. A cucumber is 90 per cent water and therefore requires more rain in the maturing season. This is an important crop here, as it is a big money maker for our growers. Quite a few shipments have been made from here this year, but it will be late before carload shipments begin. Almost all the entire crop has been contracted for.

#### Splendid Alfalfa in De Witt.

Cuero, Tex.—George Thomas, one of our thrifty river farmers, has a fine field of alfalfa nearly ready to cut. Mr. Thomas says the seeding and proper preparation of the ground is quite an item in the culture of the crop, but with this properly done he considers the crop entirely practical and highly profitable here. Mr. Thomas thoroughly understands farming conditions here, being a native of a De Witt county farm. The opinion is very general that there is no better alfalfa land in the entire country than Guadalupe valley land, and it is freely predicted that in a very few years this splendid variety of clover will adorn every field along its banks in De Witt county.

#### Marketed 70 Bales at 10c.

Reagan, Tex.—About seventy bales of cotton were sold here Friday by Marlin buyers. The price paid was 10c. This is cotton that was held over from last fall by farmers who wanted better prices than prevailed at that time. There are still a little over 100 bales in the warehouse, besides some small lots held in the country.

#### Hondo Shipments.

Hondo, Tex.—H. W. Butts shipped two cars of cattle to St. Louis last week. John Muemnick shipped one car to Fort Worth and Claud Gilliam shipped two cars to Oklahoma. Henry Rothe shipped twenty cars to Spofford Saturday.

#### Car of Onions to Chicago.

Beaville, Tex.—The first car of onions to be shipped from Beaville for several years went to Chicago Saturday.



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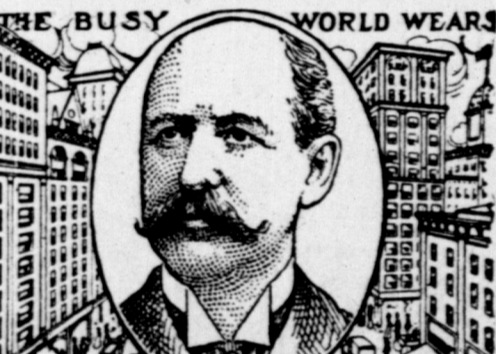
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## Treasurer's Quarterly Report.

In the matter of county finances in the hands of W. F. Holmes Treasurer of Kinney county, Texas and the First State Bank of Brackettville, Texas, Depository for Kinney county. Commissioner's Court Kinney county Texas. In regular quarterly session, May term, 1909.

We the undersigned, as county commissioners within and for said Kinney county, and the Hon. Jos. Veltmann county judge of said Kinney county, constituting the entire commissioners' court of said county, and each of us, do hereby certify that on this the 11th day of May, A. D. 1909, at a regular quarterly term of our said court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of W. F. Holmes Treasurer of Kinney county, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 8th day of Feb., A. D. 1909, and ending on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1909 and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the commissioners' court of Kinney county, stating the approval of said Treasurer's report by our said court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said county treasurer since his last report to this court and for doing the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 11th day of May, A. D. 1909, and have ordered proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at the regular session approved March 20, 1897.

And we, each of us, further certify that we have not actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Kinney County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's report, on this the 11th day of May, A. D. 1909, but have read and ordered recorded the certificate of Geo. A. Giddings, Cashier of First State Bank of Brackettville Texas, in which certificate is certified that the true and actual amount as reported by said County Treasurer is now on deposit in said bank (this done in conformity to a letter of instructions issuing from the Attorney General's office of the state of Texas dated May 29, 1907, which said letter is recorded in the minutes of the Commissioners' Court Vol. 4 page 254,) and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

### JURY FUND

Balance on hand as shown by treasurer report on the 8th day of Feb, 1909	1697 29	
Amount received since said date	70 85	
Amount disbursed since said date		63 27
By amount to balance		1704 87
<b>Total</b>	<b>1768 14</b>	<b>1768 14</b>

Balance to credit of said Jury Fund as actually counted by us on the 11th day of May, 1909, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1909, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that date, making a total balance of

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### ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Balance on hand as shown by treasurer report on the 8th day of Feb. 1909	6559 40	
To amount received since said date	86 41	
By amount disbursed since said date		619 53
By amount to balance		6026 28
<b>Total</b>	<b>6645 81</b>	<b>6645 81</b>

Balance to credit of said Road and Bridge Fund as actually counted by us on the 11th day of May A. D. 1909, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 10th day of May A. D. 1909, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of

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### GENERAL FUND

Balances on hand as shown by treasurer's report on the 8th day of Feb 1909	16064 48	
To amount received since said date	452 29	
By amount disbursed since said date		4154 71
By amount to balance		12262 06
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16516 77</b>	<b>16516 77</b>

Balance to credit of said General Fund as actually counted by us on the 11th day of May A. D. 1909, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 10th day of May A. D. 1909, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of

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### SCHOOL FUND

Balance on hand as shown by treasurer's report on the 8th day of Feb 1909	3659 57	
To amount received since said date	1693 93	
By amount disbursed since said date		869 00
By amount to balance		4484 50
<b>Total</b>	<b>5353 50</b>	<b>5353 50</b>

Balance to credit of said School Fund as actually counted by us on the 11th day of May A. D. 1909, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 10th day of May A. D. 1909, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a balance of

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### PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 8th day of Feb 1909	21475 80	
To amount received since said date		
By amount to balance		21475 80
<b>Total</b>	<b>21475 80</b>	<b>21475 80</b>

### RECAPITULATION

May 11 balance to credit jury fund	1704 87
May 11 balance to credit R. & B. fund	6026 28
May 11 balance to credit general fund	12362 06
May 11 balance to credit school fund	4484 50
May 11 balance to credit per. school fund	21475 80
Total cash on hand belonging to Kinney Co.	46063 51
Witness our hands, officially, this 11th day of May A. D. 1909.	
Jos. Veltmann, County Judge; N. Castro, Commissioner Precinct No 1; Albert Schwandner, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; R. E. Cannon, commissioner Precinct No 3.	
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by Jos. Veltmann County Judge, and N. Castro and Albert Schwandner and R. E. Cannon County Commissioners of said Kinney County, each respectively, on this, the 11th day of May A. D. 1909.	
CHAS. KARTES Clerk Kinney County Texas.	

## SOCIETIES

Las Moas Lodge No. 444 A. F. & A. M. meets 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month in Masonic Hall, over the Post Office.

A cordial invitation extended to all visiting Brethern. E. A. Jones, W. M. J. F. Ray, Sec'y.

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### Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution in regard to Formation and Taxing Power of School Districts.

House Joint Resolution No. 6. House Joint Resolution to amend Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free school, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts, heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein, provided that a majority of the qualified property taxing voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed in any one year 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax here authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three (3) months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas, in which such newspaper may be published. And the Governor shall, he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Section 3, of Article 7, of the Constitution in regard to the formation and taxing power of school districts."

Sec. 3. That \$5000 or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

(A true copy.) W. B. TOWNSEND, Secretary of State.

### Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Validating School Districts and Their Bonded Indebtedness and Authorizing Levy and Collection of Taxes to Pay Such Indebtedness.

House Joint Resolution No. 5. House Joint Resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto Section 3a, validating school districts and the bonded indebtedness of such districts and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes to pay such indebtedness.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section, to be known as Section 3a, which shall read and be as follows:

Sec. 3a. Every school district heretofore formed, whether formed under the general law or by special act, and whether the territory embraced within its boundaries lies wholly within a single county or partly in two or more counties, is hereby declared to be, and from its formation to have been a valid and lawful district.

All bonds heretofore issued by any such districts which have been approved by the Attorney General and registered by the Comptroller are hereby declared to be, and at the time of their issuance to have been, issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of this State, and any and all such bonds are hereby in all things validated and declared to be valid and binding obligations upon the district or districts issuing the same.

Each such district is hereby authorized, and shall, annually levy and collect an ad valorem tax sufficient to pay the interest on all such bonds and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to redeem the same at maturity, not to exceed such a rate as may be provided by law under other provisions of this Constitution. And all trustees heretofore elected in districts made up from more than one county are hereby declared to have been duly elected; and shall be and are hereby named as trustees of their respective districts, with power to levy the taxes herein authorized until their successor shall be duly elected and qualified as is or may be provided by law.

Sec. 2. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks commencing at least three months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment on the first Tuesday in August, 1909, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas in which such a newspaper may be published. And the Governor be, and he is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution validating school districts and school district bonds."

Sec. 3. That \$5000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

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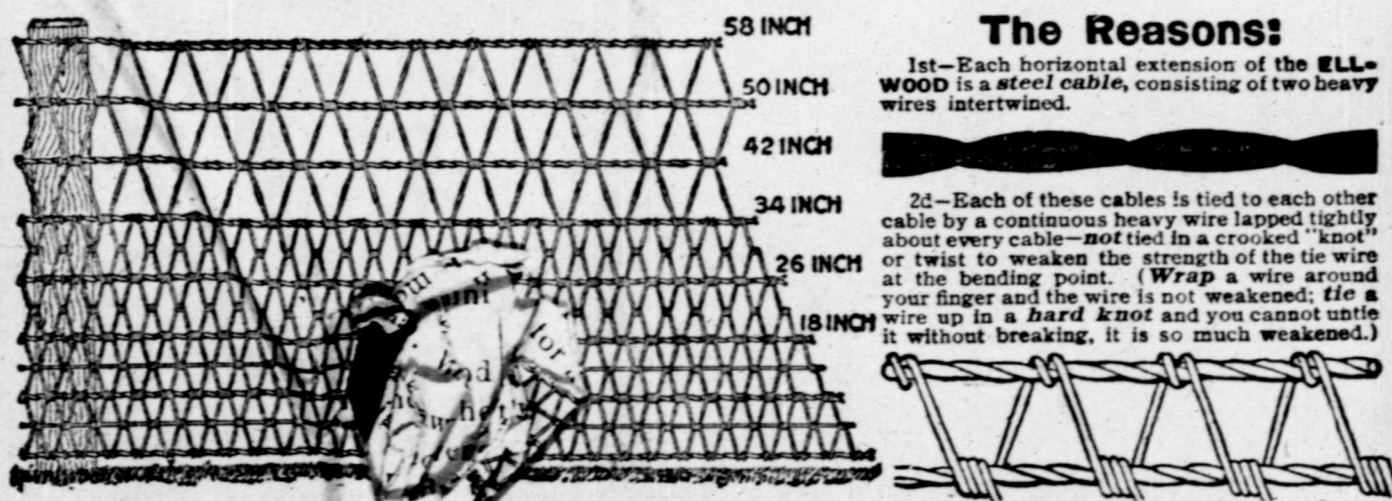
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### The Knocker Knocked,

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"When the editor of the News located in Bridgeport he had no idea whatever of attempting to publish a paper which would at all compare with the city papers.

We intended only to publish a country weekly paper as good as the facilities and enterprises of the town would afford and support. In this we have been successful. The editor understands some chronics are dissatisfied with the News and are knocking it, stating in substance that it 'ain't worth a cent no way.' It is mighty disloyal to your town to knock the home paper or any other home industry. It is mighty

disloyal to your town to not subscribe for the home paper. It is mighty disloyal to the paper to not pay for it after you have subscribed, and it is downright meanness to knock the paper while still owing one or two years' subscription, and if these knockers were traced up it would be found that most of them belong to the latter class. If you want to knock, please call and pay up what you owe and you have our consent to get your little hatchet and go to work as persistently as you please. We believe the News will compare favorably with other weekly papers of this section, and while we would, of course, like the favorable comment of every citizen of Bridgeport and vicinity, we don't care a continental about the brayings of the knockers. We consider the

source from which it comes and others do also.

The grand old Democratic party seems to have a severe case of growing toenails. It is as if no two of the leaders can get together on a proposition, unless it be to pull hair and punch each other in the ribs. Bryan stands for this. Johnson stands for that and Bailey for something else. There are nineteen kinds of Democrats, including high tariff Democrats, no tariff Democrats and give-us-what-we-can-get Democrats. They are split on everything from the manner of raising revenue for the government's support to the rules and regulations of a poker game. Just how to bring about a union seems to be a puzzle that no one is able to solve. There is a much fighting blood among generals and not enough interest in the ranks. We are going to have a new leader; one who can face as many ways at the same time as a cat has lives; a free trade protectionist, imperial commoner and gold standard free silverite. We are down in the back and dizzy; our mighty ranks are fast asleep and our principles seem to be misunderstood. Let somebody with a steady arm guide the old boat once again and keep her from going upon the sands. Upon the great and splendid rock of Democracy our republic was built; upon that rock it flourished for many years, and we cannot now well afford to abandon the glorious work.—Del Rio Herald.

Isn't this true? "Running a newspaper is just like running a hotel, only different. When a man gets into a hotel and finds things on the table which do not suit him, he does not raise his

with the landlord and tell him to stop his old hotel. Well, hardly. He sets that aside and wades in to the dishes that suit him. It is different with some newspaper readers. They find an article occasionally that does not suit them exactly and, without stopping to think that it may please other readers, make a grand stand play and tell the editor how a paper should be run and what should be put into it but such people are becoming fewer every year."

### A Happy Birthday.

Mrs. James Murphy was 61 years old Monday, May 24, and in celebration of the important day her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Miller, asked all relatives to their home to spend the day. All responded to the invitation, and with flowers, handsome presents and good wishes gave them to the honoree. A sumptuous dinner was served at 3 p. m. Red lilies adorned the table. A beautiful large decorated birthday cake, a gift of Mr. Willie Murphy, was a pound cake iced in white with pink iced tracings, and on top of this was a large white rose.

It was a happy and jolly family that gathered around the festive board so heavily laden with good things. Amusements of various kinds filled in a joyous day.

Those who enjoyed the day were Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Veltmann, Mrs. Jos. Veltmann, Glenn and Ed. Veltmann, of Brackett; Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy, Mr. Willie Murphy, Miss Francis Murphy, Messrs. Arthur and Clyde Miller and the host and hostess.—Del Rio Herald.

### A Reinvestment.

A Missouri man tells of an Irishman named Coughlin, who lived in a shanty standing in a field near the main highway from Kansas City. The foundations of the shanty were lower than the road through which ran a big water-main. As the living floor of the place was raised on posts to make it level with the highway it left a large cellar underneath, where Coughlin kept a dozen hens.

One day the water-main burst, flooding the cellar and drowning the hens. Whereupon Coughlin took steps to enter a claim for damages against the city. After much delay, influential friends succeeded in securing the sum of \$25 in settlement of Coughlin's claim.

"I've got me money," shouted the Irishman to a neighbor sitting on the steps of the next shanty.

"It's glad I am to hear that," was the reply. "And how much was it, Coughlin?"

"Twenty-foive dollars."

"And phwat are ye goin' to do with the twenty-foive, Coughlin?" "I'm going to buy twenty-

foive dollars' worth o' ducks," said Coughlin.—Harper's Weekly

### THE RAIN.

On Friday night of last week this part of the country was visited by an inch rainfall and on the following Sunday night another splendid rain, measuring three quarters of an inch fell, which was followed by still another as heavy as the first, on last Monday, making a total of almost three inches of rainfall in less than a week. This rain will be worth thousands of dollars to the stockmen of this section.—Rock Springs Rustler.

### Who Gets Them?

Teacher—"Who gets the wicked little boys that stay away from Sunday School?"

No answer.

Teacher—"Come, you can tell us, Casey."

Casey—"De White Sox gits some, an' de Cubs de rest."—From the May Bohemian.

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# "LES APACHES" OF PARIS

BY EDWARD W. FICKARD



the recently restored guillotine, and whenever there is to be an execution the Apaches flock from all districts of the city to witness the ghastly sight. Silently they stand, gazing at the grim instrument of death, until the condemned individual is brought forth. Then jeers and howls break forth from the crowd, and as the knife falls the Apaches rush forward to dip their handkerchiefs in the blood. These they preserve as souvenirs, or sell them to the degenerates of the upper classes.

Strangely enough, the male Apaches nearly all look alike. They are hollow-cheeked, dark-haired, furtive-eyed, shambling of gait and sallow of complexion—always easily recognized among the throngs on the streets. The women on the other hand, as a rule, are handsome, spirited and intelligent. They dress well and give especial attention to the care of their hair, which they never cover with a hat. All of them, men and women, profess to follow some trade as a safeguard against the occasional raids of the police on their haunts.

Official Paris is somewhat dismayed by the rapidly growing menace of these Apaches bands. The number of robberies and murders attributable to them is increasing monthly, and as the victims very often are travelers from foreign lands, the crimes are having an appreciable effect on tourist business.

### "FLAG DAY"

Mrs. Edward Dunroy-Reed. The observance of June 14 suggests the thought



### TENDER, BUT NOT LOVING.



Walter (to customer, who had complained that his steak is not tender enough)—Not tender enough! D'you expect it to kiss you!

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### Logical Reasoning.

A certain young man's friends thought he was dead, but he was only in a state of coma. When, in ample time to avoid being buried, he showed signs of life, he was asked how it seemed to be dead.

"Dead?" he exclaimed. "I wasn't dead. I knew all that was going on. And I knew I wasn't dead, too, because my feet were cold and I was hungry."

"But how did that fact make you think you were still alive?" asked one of the curious.

"Well, this way: I knew that if I were in heaven I wouldn't be hungry. And if I was in the other place my feet wouldn't be cold."

### Beyond Expression

G. W. Farlowe, East Florence, Ala., writes: "For nearly seven years I was afflicted with a form of skin disease which caused an almost unbearable itching. I could neither work nor rest nor sleep in peace. Nothing gave me permanent relief until I tried Hunt's Cure. One application relieved me; one box cured me, and though a year has passed, I have stayed cured. I am grateful beyond expression."

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### The Young Dream.

The light was soft in the conservatory.

"But," said the young girl nervously, "there are microbes in kisses."

"The plashing of the fountain mingled with the low, deep voice of the youth.

"My microbes," he murmured, passionately, "are so lonely!"

### Home-Made Names.

"That little girl," remarked the druggist to the doctor, "was just in for ten cents worth of tincture of benzine. But I've had it before and gave her benzoin."

"That was easy," answered the doctor. "This morning on a diphtheria case the woman wanted to know if I administered antitoxin with an epidemic syringe."

### Her Blue Kitchen.

"You are always talking about your lovely little blue kitchen," they said, "but we see you dining out every night. Do you never cook in it?"

"Not enough to get tired of it," she said, "and that's the reason I like it so."

### His Kick.

"My wife has no idea of proportion."

"What's wrong?"

"She had a \$200 gown made to match a \$10 dog."—Milwaukee Journal.

A man ought to know a great deal to acquire a knowledge of the immensity of his ignorance.—Lord Palmerston.

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### A JUSTIFIABLE EXPRESSION.



Inexperienced Caddie (after Mr. Foster's fifteenth miss)—Shall I make the 'ole a big bigger, sir?

### Mutual Surprise.

A mission worker in New Orleans was visiting a reformatory near that city not long ago when she observed among the inmates an old acquaintance, a negro lad long thought to be a model of integrity. "Jim!" exclaimed the mission worker. "Is it possible I find you here?" "Yassum," blithely responded the backslider. "I's charged with stealin' a barrel o' sweet pertaters." The visitor sighed. "You, Jim!" she repeated. "I am surprised!" "Yassum," said Jim. "Eo was I or I wouldn't be here!"

### A Plea for Bachelors.

There are few people in the community more generous, according to their means, more unselfish, and more self-denying than the much-maligned bachelor class. Why, then, should it be taxed? If a tax is required, let it be levied on the pampered, petted, over-indulged, usually ungrateful married man.—London Daily Graphic.

### Exclusive.

"Where do the Hottentots live, Mary?" a public-school teacher asked one of her pupils. "I don't know, 'm," said Mary, primly. "Ma won't let me visit any of the people in this neighborhood."—Youth's Companion.

A girl always likes to say "no" the first time a man proposes, just to find out what he will do next.

The bid to re-mitt



ONE morning not long ago a well-dressed foreigner, evidently an American tourist, was found dead on the pavement in a side street of Paris. Twisted about his neck was a dirty handkerchief with which he had been strangled; he had been brutally kicked and beaten, and in his chest were several knife wounds, any one of which would have killed him. The unfortunate man had been stripped of all money, jewelry and other valuables.

"Les Apaches," said the police, stolidly. "He should have known better than to go prowling about alone at night." And in the police records another murder was put on the score of the thugs of the "gay capital."

Paris is not proud of her Apaches, and the rest of the world has known little of these criminal bands, though theater-goers in many American cities during the last season were given a glimpse of one phase of their life in the skillful but revolting "Apache dance" imported from the French music halls. Yet the story of the origin, development and deeds of these outlaw gangs is fascinating, if not edifying.

Nearly ten years ago there appeared suddenly in the underworld of Paris a young woman so beautiful and animated that she at once attracted general attention and admiration among its other denizens. Her head was crowned with a great mass of lovely reddish-gold hair, on account of which she was promptly nicknamed "Casque d'Or," or "Golden Helmet." Suitors quickly flocked about the girl and in time she selected from among them as her protector one Lecat, known among his comrades as a clever thief and a bold fighter whom the police would be glad to have behind the bars.

All went well for a time, until there came on the scene a more attractive scoundrel, named Manda. Pretty, fickle Golden Helmet promptly transferred her affections to the newcomer, and then the trouble began. Lecat, the forsaken, vowed vengeance on his successful rival and summoned his followers to his aid. Manda also had no lack of friends, and soon all the thugs in the district of the Halles or markets had ranged themselves on one side or the other. Many a bloody battle was fought in the streets between the two bands, cheered on by their female friends, and not a few men were slain in these conflicts. Finally in one of the fiercest of the encounters Lecat himself was killed, and Golden Helmet shouted aloud in joy. But her triumph was short-lived. Another leader for Lecat's band, known as "Le Manchot," sprang up and the feud was continued with increased fury. One night Le Manchot caught Manda off his guard and plunged a knife deep into his back, and for weeks the stricken leader lay in hospital near to death. He recovered at last and was being taken in an ambulance to a cell when the blood-thirsty Le Manchot, seeing his victim escaping from his vengeance, broke through the police guard, leaped into the vehicle and stabbed Manda to death. For this murder Le Manchot is now serving a life sentence.

Golden Helmet, made notorious by the succession of battles and crimes which her attractions had instigated, now sought other conquests, and decided that the drama was her forte. Only the intervention of the police prevented her exploitation by an unscrupulous variety hall manager.

Golden Helmet then speedily sank out of sight, but the rivalry for her favor had lasting results.

Always the Apaches have one "queen" whose rule over them is absolute if temporary. One of the most notorious of these was "Chiffonnette," who reigned last year. She was 23 years old, tall and graceful, and would have been a beauty

save for the loss of one eye and the presence of many scars, the result of her numerous bottle and battles. She was elaborately tattooed and was mighty proud of that adornment. Chiffonnette's career came to an untimely end last New Year's day, when she engaged in a desperate fight with another woman whom she hated. Cheered on by a crowd of her male and female subjects, the queen, finally stabbed her antagonist to death with a stiletto, and now she is a prisoner in St. Lazare.

This year's queen of the Apaches is Pepe. She is only 18 years old and as pretty as a picture, but as fierce as a tigress and a fit leader for the wretches by whom she is adored.

The comparative immunity from arrest and punishment enjoyed by the Apaches is due to their really wonderful organization. They form a community by themselves, apart from all the rest of Paris, with their own laws, courts and executioners; their secret passwords, and almost their own language, for the argot they use is practically unintelligible to others. Merciless toward their victims, they are no less merciless in punishing those of their own number who are convicted of treachery.

A few years ago one Painblanc was accused of being in league with the police. He was formally brought to trial, the judge being a leader known as "l'Espanol." The charge against Painblanc was not fully proved, but his loyalty was so doubtful that he was sentenced to exile. Rising from his chair in the obscure dive where the trial was being held, he hurled his knife at l'Espanol with unerring accuracy, and the judge fell dead with the blade in his heart. The police rushed in and carried Painblanc to prison, the Apaches making no effort to save him.

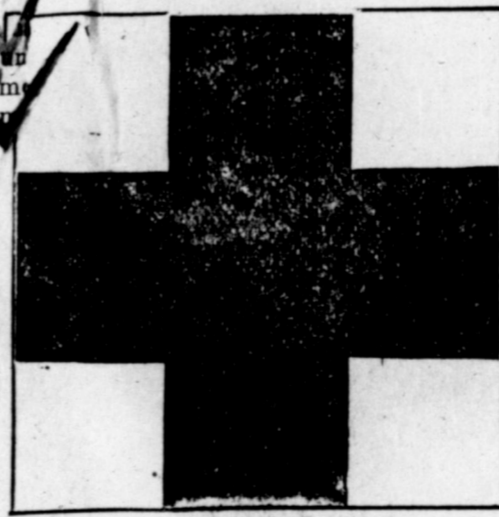
Another alleged traitor was Albert Durin. He was condemned to death and two Apaches tied him to the rails of a tunnel of the Belt Line railway of Paris. He was found before a train passed and rescued. How many traitors have been executed by their comrades it is impossible to know, for only in such cases as the foregoing do the police learn about the operations of the "tribunals."

The Apache highwayman operates swiftly and skillfully, and lone strangers in the streets of Paris are never safe from his attacks. His favorite method, known as "le coup du Pere Francois," is to strangle his victim by twisting a handkerchief about his neck. After robbing the senseless man, the thug frequently will kill him with the knife, for the Apaches seem to delight in wanton murder done in what they choose to consider an "artistic" way. If the criminal is arrested, a score of his companions spring up apparently from the very pavement, and unless the police are in force they are speedily set free and the prisoner is rescued.

An observant visitor in Paris may see a male and female, on almost any street, set up in the Place de la Roquette that they met up and found in crowds on occasion.

that "Old Glory" was mature at its birth. But its infancy dates back to the earliest recorded American history.

At the time of the birth of "The Star Spangled Banner" tradition and verified history had marked some 800 years since the advent of the first European upon American soil. The Norseman and the Dane landed upon the northeastern shores of this continent several times between the years 886 and 1498, as is proven by their own records. In 1492 Columbus planted the flag of Spain on



First Flag to Float Over North American Soil. "Red Cross of St. George," planted at Labrador by Sebastian Cabot in 1497 as the royal ensign of Henry VII.

the Island of San Salvador, one of the Bahamas, and again in 1498 at the mouth of the Orinoco in South America; but the first flag to float over the soil of the North American continent of which history tells was planted on the shore of Labrador in 1497 by Sebastian Cabot.

The first stage of evolution was marked two years before the settlement of Jamestown, when James I. of England, in honor of the union, placed the diagonal white cross of St. Andrew with the red cross of St. George, both upon a blue field. This is the first blending of the American national colors known to history. The red, white and blue therefore as old as the country, as it appeared in the flags which floated over the Virginia settlement and was the flag of the Mayflower and of

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### WILD YARN FROM KENTUCKY

**Reptile Crawles Into Lap Robe in Machine, Then Waps Itself Around Leg of Driver and Brake Rod.**

Richmond, Ky.—Allen Zarring, a miller, dedicated his new automobile in a remarkable ceremony. Incidentally Zarring was in great danger for some time, and, strangely, it was speeding that saved his life, instead of threatening it.

Zarring went out into the country on business and while he was talking over the deal a big copperhead snake crawled up and snuggled itself in the lap robe on the floor of the machine. When Zarring started home the snake raised its head and showed its fangs to Zarring. Too astonished at first to jump or do anything else, the miller sat inert while the reptile wound itself around his leg and the brake of the auto. Then Zarring was not scared. Not realizing what he was doing, he jerked the lever open and let the machine go at its best.

The snake moved around a little when the motor car had attained about its full speed and its head was within an inch or two of the brake handle. In this position it swayed its head back and forth, and thrust out its fangs whenever the man looked as if he were about to make a move.

Zarring had more than ordinary nerve, and after the first shock the snake had given him—which had caused him inadvertently to start the machine in its wild ride—he regained as much composure as the critical situation would admit. Several times he essayed to put the brakes on the car and attempt to leap for his life, but every time he started his hand toward the lever the snake anticipated the action and showed those deadly fangs. So Zarring could do nothing but "sit tight" and trust to luck. He came



In This Position It Swayed Its Head Back and Forth.

through Richmond at full tilt, keeping the middle of the road and his eye on the snake, which any second might strike him. He was afraid to turn his head to beckon help as he shot through the town, but another auto-ist, in passing, noticed his set face, and reversing his machine, started in pursuit to learn what was the matter.

After a two mile chase the runaway was overtaken. When the pursuing automobile got beside Zarring's machine he saw the miller's predicament. The rescuer acted quickly and effectively. At his side was his cane, a heavy walking stick. This he wielded once, twice, thrice. Each time he hit the snake, and at the third blow the reptile unwound itself and toppled over on the ground, where it was smashed under the wheels of the Zarring car.

After Zarring had recovered from his fright he picked up the dead snake, thanked his rescuer and returned to town. He says he will have the reptile mounted by a taxidermist.

**Shell Fish Captures a Man.**  
Long Beach, Cal.—Roy Spratley, from Wyoming, is confined to his bed with nervous collapse, the result of being caught by a big abalone. He went to White's Point to gather shells and reaching under a rock to gather what he thought was a turtle shell, found his fingers caught in a vise by the abalone. For two hours he was held prisoner, until his cries were heard by a Japanese fisherman, who succeeded in releasing him, while the tide was rising and he was knee deep in water.

**Rattler in a Mail Bag.**  
South Norwalk, Conn.—When John C. Greenwood, postman, put his hand in his mail bag the other morning he drew it out again in a hurry, for coiled up in the bottom, was a three-foot rattlesnake, alive and in good working order. Greenwood killed the reptile, which was found to have ten rat

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**As the Boy Saw the Lesson.**  
Prof. Charles Zeublin of the University of Chicago was discussing, at a dinner the greatest paintings of the world.

"The legends that are beautiful and immortal," he said, "have in them turth that we all, according to our kind, take home. This is true in likeness of immortal works of art—pictures, poems, songs. For different people they have different messages. For instance, in my native Pendleton some of the mothers used to cut the children's hair. They did it with shears and a bowl. The operation was often painful, and the result was never elegant.

"In Sunday school a Pentecost teacher once told her pupils the tragic story of Samson and Delilah. Then she turned to a little boy:

"What do you learn, Joe," she said, "from the Samson story?"

"It don't never pay," piped Joe, "to have a woman cut a feller's hair."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### Women to Fight Tuberculosis.

One million women, representing cities, towns, villages and isolated rural settlements in every section of the country, are to-day enlisted in a campaign against tuberculosis, according to a statement issued by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. In legislatures, in congress at Washington, in societies, gatherings, in churches and clubs, through speaking and writing in every possible way, the women of the country are persistently fighting consumption.

With an organization established in every state of the country, under the direction of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and with associated clubs in Alaska, the Hawaiian islands, Porto Rico and the canal zone, the women of the country have entered a systematic crusade to carry the message of the prevention and cure of tuberculosis into every American home.

### Is Tired of Praying.

A little girl in St. Louis the other evening was going through the usual form of prayer: "God bless mamma, and papa and make me a good girl," and so on, when all at once she seemed to come to a decision. "Now that is the last time I am going to say that prayer," she said, very gravely, looking at her mother. "You are older than I am and it is your place to ask for all those things and I don't see any use in two people's asking the same thing." Since then she has firmly refused to pray, insisting that it is her mother's place to ask God for blessings.

### OVER THE FENCE Neighbor Says Something.

The front yard fence is a famous council place on pleasant days. Maybe to chat with some one along the street, or for friendly gossip with next door neighbor. Sometimes it is only small talk but other times neighbor has something really good to offer.

An old resident of Baird, Texas, got some mighty good advice this way once.

He says: "Drinking coffee left me nearly dead with dyspepsia, kidney disease and bowel trouble, with constant pains in my stomach, back and side, and so weak I could scarcely walk.

"One day I was chatting with one of my neighbors about my trouble and told her I believed coffee hurt me. Neighbor said she knew lots of people to whom coffee was poison and she pleaded with me to quit it and give Postum a trial. I did not take her advice right away but tried a change of climate, which did not do me any good. Then I dropped coffee and took up Postum.

"My improvement began immediately and I got better every day I used Postum.

"My bowels became regular in two weeks, all my pains were gone. Now I am well and strong and can eat anything I want to without distress. All of this is due to my having quit coffee, and to the use of Postum regularly.

"My son who was troubled with indigestion thought that if Postum helped me so, it might help him. It did, too, and he is now well and strong again.

"We like Postum as well as we ever liked the coffee and use it altogether in my family in place of coffee and all keep well." "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in Pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

## CRIPPLED WITH SCIATICA

Caused by Disordered Action of the Kidneys.

Samuel D. Ingraham, 2402 E. Main St., Lewiston, Idaho, says: "For two



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He—There was nearly a bad fire at the theater.  
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Potter & Chem. Co., Prop., Boston.

### Iron Ore Fields in Finland.

Though Finland has been regarded up to the present time as being extremely poor in iron ore, recent research has proved the existence of ore fields in South Finland (Nyland), and above all in the Ladoga lake district, which seem to be worth the expense of mining. For research purposes a company has been formed.

**Rough on Rats,** unexcelled exterminator. Rough on Hen Lice, 25c. Powder, 25c. Rough on Bedbugs, Powder or Liquid, 25c. Rough on Fleas, Powder or Liquid, 25c. Rough on Roaches, Powder, 15c. Liquid, 25c. Rough on Moths and Ants, Powder, 25c. Rough on Squeakers, agreeable, 25c. E. S. Wells, Chemist, Jersey City, N. J.

### Good to Remember.

Physical defects can be turned into incentives to success instead of drawbacks, what we look upon as handicaps in the end may prove spurs to enable us to reach the goal of desire, if we know but how to use them. We make our own happiness, we carve our own success.—Exchange.

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### For a Round Sum.

"How did Smith get on with that new apartment house he built?" "It is a flat failure."

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Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid, pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 25c. and 50c at Drug Stores.

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Justice O'Halloran—Have you any children, Mrs. Kelly?  
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### Advertisements in the News

F. Igrig was in from the ranch the first of the week.

Lunch served at all hours at John Rowland's Restaurant.

Walter Jones of Del Rio was in town visiting relatives Saturday.

The Misses Zuehl were in town Monday night to attend the dance.

Fresh fruit at the City Bakery next door to Holmes Drug Store.

W. G. Miller was in town Tuesday for supplies.

San Antonio Bread at John Rowland's Restaurant.

K. V. Rowland was in town the first of the week after a load of supplies.

Fruits at John Rowland's Restaurant.

Mrs. J. H. Stadler and children and Mrs. Korum returned Friday from Del Rio.

The best confectionery in town at John Rowland's Restaurant.

Miss Leila Slaton and brother Mo-s, were in town the first of the week.

For galvanized tanks see Wm. Haines of Brackettville, Texas.

J. F. McCormick and Wray Zuehl of Spofford was in our little city on business Saturday.

Fine cigars and tobacco's at John Rowland's Restaurant.

Moss Slaton was in town Monday to take in the dance. Moss reports stock in fine condition.

San Antonio Bread everyday at John Rowland's Restaurant.

W. S. Hutchison, of Tularosa, was in the city trading the first of the week.

Lunch at any hour day or night at John Rowland's Restaurant.

John McClain, of Dryden, is visiting in Del Rio this week.—Del Rio Herald.

San Antonio Bread the best in town at John Rowland's Restaurant.

R. E. Cannon, commissioner precinct No. 3, was in town the first of the week after supplies. Mr. Cannon reports everything in good condition.

Fresh Candies at the City Bakery next door to Holmes Drug Store.

Mrs. Theresa Herzing, of Brackett, is here this week visiting her son, Gus, the water man.—Del Rio Herald.

Chas. Kartes and family, spent Saturday under the shady pecan trees on banks of the Pinto, the home of the bass.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. F. Dooley after a week's pleasant outing at Silver Lake, returned home Sunday night.

Judge Jos. Veltmann and family returned Sunday from Del Rio. They enjoyed a pleasant outing on Devils River.

Albert Postell of the Pinto was in town Saturday for supplies. Albert reported everything in a flourishing condition.

Jno. Draper, a prominent ranchman of Edwards county was in Brackett Saturday on business. He left the same day for Del Rio.

Jim Clamp, Henry Veltmann J. T. Nolan and Will W. Price were in Del Rio Saturday and Sunday to see the ball game.

Attorney Joseph Jones has been confined to his home with sickness the past two weeks.—Del Rio Herald.

Judge Foster and Judge Boggess attended District Court in Brackett last week.—West Texas News.

Mrs. Jno. F. McCormick and daughter Miss Nellie were in Brackett Monday night to take in the dance.

W. O. Vincent was in town the first of the week from his ranch on Tequesquite. Mr. Vincent was found dead Sunday morning in a fine boat on the bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Green Davidson of San Antonio are spending a few days at their Mariposa ranch the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Carlise.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weaver and son, F. S. Weaver, came in Monday from Los Creek, Kinney county, and spent several days here.—Uvalde Leader-News.

W. A. Allen, wife and children, are in from their Kinney Co. ranch, on Mud Creek for a few days visit to B. A. Borroum's family.—West Texas News.

J. W. Nolan, one of the most prominent stockmen in Kinney County, was in town the first of the week tending to business affairs. Mr. Nolan reports everything doing fine.

Jas. Murphy of Del Rio, came in Sunday night with a large load of flowers to be used in decorating the last resting places of those who have passed to the world beyond.

J. H. Stadler the popular County Assessor spent Saturday and Sunday in Del Rio, Johnny caught two splendid games of ball for Del Rio without a single error.

The Masons of this city are figuring on having a grand rally, picnic and barbecue on St. John's day June 24, in connection with the Eagle Pass and Brackettville lodges.—West Texas News.

Hans Petersen, let the contract for a nice eight room house, to be built on lots owned by him in the eastern part of town. W. O. Vincent has the contract. We hope that some more of Brackett's citizens will follow Hans' example and build houses.

Miss Cora Windus returned home Saturday from El Paso where she has just completed a successful term of school. Miss Cora is one of Brackett's most attractive young ladies and is warmly welcomed in our midst.

Judge George M. Thurmond returned from Brackett last Wednesday when court was adjourned on account of the protracted illness of Judge Joe Jones, who was interested in many cases on the docket.—West Texas News.

## Ice Cold Drinks.

The Big Onyx Fountain at Holmes Drug Store is now ready for business.

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W. F. Holmes, Proprietor.

Don't hold poor "Billey" responsible for the faults and shortcomings of this Rag of Freedom this week as it would do him a great injustice, because he has turned the office over, "lock stock and barrel" to the two little Devils. Although we hate for it to be known, but as we intend to blow up the office and town when we get this issue, we thought we would remove the blame from the rightful director.

The special edition, Uvalde Country, gotten out by the Uvalde Leader-News, certainly does do credit to that section of the state. The Leader-News is surely a live paper and wide awake to opportunities that benefit its town and neighboring country.

Eagle Pass crossed bats with Del Rio Saturday and Sunday on the Del Rio grounds. Del Rio won the first game by a score of 3 to 5. Eagle Pass won the second game by a score of 13 to 3. All the Brackett fans went over to see the game and report a fine time.

Chas. Kieffer, the hosting proprietor of the City Bakery, reports business in fine condition. Charlie sure is a hostler and has most everything that a person could wish for in the line of Bread, Candy, Fruits, and Cold Drinks.

Mr. Wray Zuehl was in town to attend the ball on Monday. Wray has just returned from Austin where he has been preparing to enter the University. He intends to return about the 6th and start on the summer course.

H. E. Veltmann, certainly is a baseball fan in every sense of the word, he came home from Austin Friday night and went to Del Rio Saturday morning to participate in a game between Eagle Pass and Del Rio. Hiney handed the Del Rio team the lemon Sunday morning with a score of 13 to 6.

"What is home without a newspaper?" asks the Troy (Kan.) Chief. And it proceeds to answer its own question as follows: "A home without a newspaper is no home at all. It is a kind of dreary den where the inhabitants live in blissful ignorance of what the world is doing. It is inhabited by a class who do not know who is president or find it is president of—what happened out that a thing had else has a long after every while the generally finds consolation in darnin' socks and luggin' a boys."

loaded with long green tobacco, and the man generally lives because he can't die, and he is too lazy to kill himself. He goes out on election day and does not know whom he is voting for, but just takes the ticket and a drink and spoils the ballot."

The prosperous firm of Witt Bros. received this week, through Petersen & Co. one large wagon load of 60 lb honey cans. This shows that old Kinney County is doing some thing for it self along the honey line. The above named firm is one of the most successful growers and breeders of fine blooded Angora goats in Kinney county.

Mrs. Jos. Veltmann and little son, Joseph, and the Misses Glenn and Ethel Veltmann are in Del Rio since Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Veltmann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy. They will remain until Mr. Veltmann can come down and accompany them home to Brackett.—Del Rio Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. El Petty, after a few days spent in town with relatives, returned to their ranch near Laguna last Sunday. Miss Pearl Steel, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Petty, accompanied them to town, where she will remain the summer.—Del Rio Herald.

Petersen installed their two new, one hundred dollar cash registers this week. This is certainly a neat as well as useful addition to their store. Mr. Petersen, the senior member of the firm is a progressive merchant and believes in keeping up with the times.

Twenty Burroennetts at once. W. LANE, Laguna, Texas.

### W. O. W. Notice.

All members of Rosewood Camp No. 127 are earnestly requested to be present Sunday afternoon, July 1, 1909 to take part in the anniversary and memorial exercises of said Camp. A. A. BITTER, Secretary.

A bay horse with white face branded with an H. V. connected on the right thigh. Shod all around, about ten years old and 14 hands high. Owner can have same by paying for this notice and call on Tom Perry, Sheriff.

### S. P. Improvements.

We learned yesterday morning from a reliable source that the Southern Pacific would expend \$75,000, shortly after the first of June, putting in block signals between here and Langtry; also that they would erect a plant in Del Rio for charging the storage batteries.—Del Rio Herald.

### A New Addition.

J. D. Rowland, the enterprising proprietor of the Corner Restaurant, has put in a new addition to his business in the form of a ladies ice cream parlor. John has everything fixed up to suit the convenience of the public all you have to do is to press the button and you will have the best of sundaes, sodas or anything you order served in the parlor in the latest style. Such improvements are a benefit to a man's business.

### A Good Record.

Mr. R. V. Sauer informed us that Geo. his son, has just returned from the State Normal at San Marcos, where he has just completed the course and has received a life certificate. Julius will finish on the 24th day of July and receive a life certificate. Mr. Sauer is to be congratulated upon the good luck his boys.

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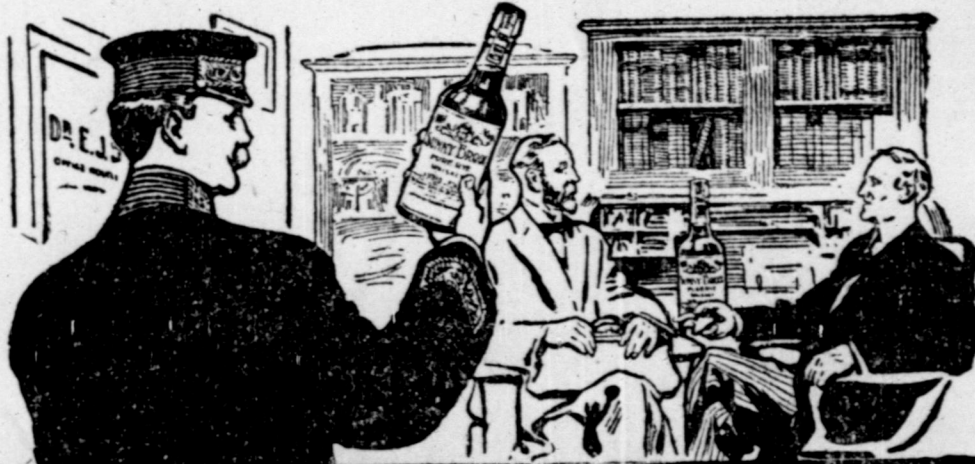
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**SPOFFORD NEWS.**

Mr. L. T. Meeds was in Uvalde between trains Tuesday.

J. J. Burke returned from San Antonio Tuesday.

Mrs. G. C. Cox and son Joe, returned from Uvalde Friday.

Mr. G. W. Hobbs left for San Antonio Sunday morning.

Mr. L. T. Meeds returned from Boquillas last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gay were shopping in Brackettville Tuesday.

Wray Zuehl returned home from Fords Preparatory School, Austin Thursday.

Wray Zuehl and J. F. McCormick visited Brackett Saturday morning.

L. N. Lewis and J. J. Burke were in Uvalde on business Thursday.

Mr. Pat Vivian was in Eagle Pass the first of the week on Tuesday.

S. B. Rainey shipped three cars of muttons to Kansas City market Sunday.

A. Lehmann shipped two cars of fat cattle to Ft. Worth market Friday.

Luke Hearne shipped four cars of muttons to Kansas City market Thursday.

Mr. Jack McKean of Prairie Lea looking after his stock interests here the first of the week.

Mr. E. M. Bell returned from a several days stay in San Antonio Sunday.

**J. F. NANCE.**

**Jeweler**  
**and**  
**Watchmaker,**

Mrs. C. L. Miller spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Stevenson of Uvalde.

Mr. L. E. Elledge and family spent Sunday afternoon at Anacache visiting Mrs. O. F. Miller.

Miss Ruby Curtis spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Bob Ballantyne, of Brackett, the past week.

Misses Kathleen and Gertrude Zuehl returned home Sunday after a delightful visit friends in Uvalde.

Mrs. O. W. Zuehl and Miss Kathleen Zuehl were passengers to San Antonio Wednesday morning.

L. N. Lewis, proprietor of the Spofford Hotel is having an addition built to the same—and overhauling and repairing the original building—when addition and improvements are finished splendid hotel accommodations will be furnished the public. Messrs. Dunn and Hoffman have charge of the work.

**The Grand Ball.**

The young men of Brackett gave a dance Monday night at the school house. They had a large crowd, good music and everything seemed to be in harmony for everybody to have a good time.

The young people tripped the light fantastic to the early hour of one, when everybody bade each other good bye and they expressed themselves as to have been greatly pleased with the dance.

**A Thorough Course.**

H. E. Veltmann returned Friday from St. Edwards College, at Austin, where he graduated with the highest honors in baseballology. Hiney has been pitching, as the fan would say "Some Ball" since he has been at Austin.

The Lockhart team, one of the strongest amateur teams in Texas, met their Waterloo when they went up against this Southpaw.

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Hiney has a birth, if he wants it, with one of the hottest amateur teams in Texas.

The News-Mail wishes that he make good in professional as well as amateur ball.

**BUY SAM HOUSTON HOME.**

**It Is Purchased for the Alumni of San Houston Normal Institute.**

Huntsville, Tex., May 31.—A feature of the alumni day exercises at the commencement at the Sam Houston Normal Institute was the announcement by Mrs. C. G. Barrett, chairman of the committee, that three and one-third acres, the old Sam Houston home, had been purchased for the alumni.

She also reported that a number of Sam Houston had been presented to the Alumni Association.

The memorial window and memorial tablet in honor of the late Henry Carl Hiney were dedicated. The tablet address was delivered by Edward E. Harris of Galveston; Hiney's exercises closed with a banquet.

**Decoration Day.**

Decoration Day was observed by the garrison at Fort Clark and the citizens of Brackett in a very solemn manner.

The eight troops of cavalry, the G. A. R. and the people of Brackett, headed by the band, formed a very pretty procession which moved out to the Post Cemetery and placed flowers upon the graves of their departed comrades.

**CHEAT A BANK AND GET \$12,000 IN CLEVER WAY.**

**Large Centavos Are Placed in Sacks Supposed to Contain Fifty-Cent Pieces.**

City of Mexico, May 31.—Through the ingenious process of substituting large centavos for 50-cent pieces in bags containing \$1000 each, shipped to the National Bank of Mexico, clever operators succeeded in stealing \$12,000 of the bank's money.

The theft was discovered when cashiers went to count the amounts when had been received in bags from one of the minor branch banks in the republic. Over a dozen of them were found to contain only centavo pieces when they should have held half dollars.

Much secrecy has been placed around the theft, but it is admitted that a sum approximating \$12,000 has been taken. The secret police and expert detectives employed by the bank are now working in the town from which the money was shipped to Mexico. The name of this town is withheld.

Yesterday afternoon the National Bank received a remittance of \$100,000 from a branch. At the time it came in the accountants were too busy to count it and it was held until after the close of banking hours. Then a force was placed at work and some of the bags opened.

Each bag was supposed to contain \$1000 in 50-cent pieces. The astonishment of the accountants may be imagined when the bag gaped and copper cents rolled out instead of silver half dollars.

Immediately the officers of the bank were notified and a hasty of all the bags was made. Out of the 100 bags containing the money it was found that over a dozen had been tampered with.

As soon as it was definitely determined that a large sum was missing the police and detective

**FRANK LANE**  
**Attorney At Law**  
**Office in Courthouse**  
**Brackettville Texas,**

offices were notified. They made a cursory investigation at the bank, but inasmuch as the bags had arrived during the afternoon there was no one there on whom suspicion could rest. All the available data were taken and the sleuths of the law placed on track of the thieves.

Last night an official of the bank left for the small town from which the shipment had come.—San Antonio Express.

**Notice to Bankers.**

Brackett Texas May 12 1909. Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Brackett Independent School District on Thursday June 17 1909 at 2:30 p. m. and opened on said date from any banking incorporation, association or individual banker in said county or elsewhere as the depository of the funds of said Brackett Independent School District until June 17 1911.

Each bidder will state what rate interest it or he is willing to pay for such deposit per annum, and each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one half of one per cent of the county revenue for the preceding year, as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Given under my hand and official seal at my office in Brackett Texas, the 12th day of May 1909.

R. Stratton, President Board of Trustees Brackett Independent School District.

**Lost.**

One pair gold cuff buttons with small stone set. Ten dollars reward for return to O. W. Stadler, J. D. JENNINGS.

**Ball Game.**

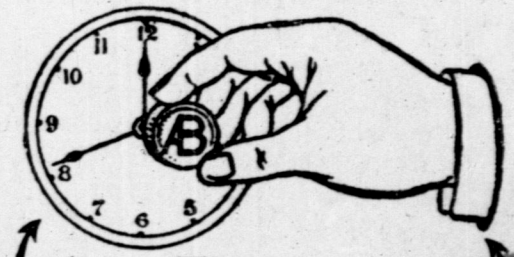
The Brackett Base Ball nine will play the pick of Fort Clark on the Post diamond next Sunday at 2 o'clock. Everybody come out and give the boys encouragement as it will be the last game between Brackett and the soldier boys.

**Business Good.**

W. F. Holmes, the genial proprietor of the City Drug Store, reports business in good condition. Mr. Holmes has just started his big Onyx Fountain and he says that he is kept busy dispensing the large variety of sodas he keeps in stock. Mr. Holmes does not handle cream this year much, to the regret of the public.

**For Sale.**

A fine cook stove cost thirty dollars wood and coal burner latest style will sell for twenty dollars call at Printing Office.



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Keep a box of Bliss Native Herbs on hand for all emergencies—for headache—distress after eating—biliousness—constipation—rheumatism—blood disorders. Take a tablet once in a while just for "health's sake."

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**SERIAL  
STORY**

**THE  
VANISHING  
FLEETS**

By  
**ROY NORTON**

ILLUSTRATED BY A. WEIL

**SYNOPSIS.**

"Vanishing Fleets," a story of "what might have happened," opens in Washington with the United States and Japan on the verge of war. Guy Hillier, secretary of the British embassy, and Miss Norma Roberts, chief aide of inventor Roberts, are introduced as lovers. At the most inopportune moment Japan declares war. Japan takes the Philippines. The entire country is in a state of turmoil, because of the government's indifference; Guy Hillier starts for England with secret message and is compelled to leave Norma Roberts, who with military officers also leaves Washington on a special expedition for an island captured by the Japs. All ports are closed. Japs fleet is fast approaching western coast of America. Siego, Japanese spy, discovers secret preparations for war. He follows auto carrying presidential cabinet. He uncovers source of great mystery and flees, murmuring: "The gods save Nippon." Fleeing to Pacific coast, Siego is shot down just as journey to get awful news to Japan seems successful. Japan announces intention to attack seaports. Tokio learns of missing Japanese fleet and whole world becomes convinced that United States has some powerful war agency. England decides to send a fleet to American waters as a Canadian suppose is a terrible submarine flotilla. Hillier is also sent to Canada to attempt to force his way through American lines with a message to the president in order that protection for the fleet may be assured. Japan appears to Britain for aid. British fleet departs, amid misgivings of English. Fleet mysteriously disappears. A sailor picked upon on a raft being the only evidence of the loss. Powers begin to fear for their safety. Hillier makes a failure of effort to deliver message to the president. War between Great Britain and Germany is threatened. The kaiser disappears.

**CHAPTER X.—Continued.**

The secret service men had already become convinced that the team belonged within the city, and so, as a forlorn hope rather than in the belief that any clue would be gained, they employed the gypsy, giving him license to adopt whatever name seemed the most likely to discover and identify the horse. With Romany cunning, he immediately secured a seat facing one of the most fashionable parkway drives, where he remained for hour after hour, apparently occupied in smoking a short black pipe, and presenting no marked difference in appearance from that of a hundred other loungers.

It was on the second day of the trader's watch that he jumped to his feet and excitedly ran after a passing turnout, until he could attract the attention of a mounted officer, who had been posted on the driveway for the purpose of assisting him in case his quest should develop anything worth following. The man pointed to the carriage ahead, and in broken German asserted his conviction that it was the one which had been used in the abduction. The officer, after giving him hasty instructions to report to headquarters, galloped down the boulevard in pursuit.

Much excitement was caused by the gypsy's story, and a group of the most prominent officials awaited the return of the mounted officer. One hour passed, and still another, before he appeared, and surprise by this time was at high pitch. They began to look at the horse trader with considerable suspicion, fearing a canard, and were, almost on the point of sending orders to search for the missing officer, when the latter appeared, clanking his spurs across the tiled floor of the entryway. He looked sheepishly about him before saying anything, and then addressing the captain, said: "This man is either mistaken or else the affair promises to be more serious than we at first believed."

"Well," said his superior questioning, "what about the carriage?"

The officer leaned over and spoke in a confidential tone. "The carriage was that of the American ambassador!"

The captain started back as if paralyzed. He imparted the news in an undertone to his comrades in the room and the excitement grew. They dared go no further in this quest without consulting those of higher authority, and gathered into a private chamber, taking the Romany with them, where they waited till they were joined by the supreme head of the secret service department. This latter, in person, questioned both the gypsy and the officer who had followed the carriage. All that could be elicited from the horse trader was that he had been accus-

tomed to observe animals closely all his life, was positive that he could not be mistaken, and finally, in a fit of sudden wrath, he swore that he would stake his life on this having been the animal which passed him on the night of the kaiser's disappearance. He even went further and asserted that the harness of the horses was the same which he had seen on that occasion.

The mounted officer was equally certain that the turnout was that belonging to the embassy, because he had observed it before, and knew the ambassador by sight, and this was the reason why he had made no arrest. He said that he had been prepared to do so when he overtook the team, but, identifying the occupant, decided to run no risk of detaining so important a personage, and contented himself with following the carriage throughout its journey and till it was housed. He then dismounted, and by a pretext engaged one of the stablemen in conversation, learning thereby that the ambassador had no horses other than these two. He had not deemed it advisable to make any further inquiries for fear of arousing suspicion.

The head of the secret service department saw that he was facing a very grave responsibility. He sent messages calling together the most important men in the government, and within an hour the findings were laid before them. They found themselves in a singularly embarrassing predicament. To take any action which might offend the representative of a nation which was already engaged in triumphant war, and of which the whole world stood in terror and apprehension, was something to be avoided. Even to suggest to the ambassador of the United States that he was suspected of having abducted the kaiser, an act of lese majesty in itself, was something which might arouse that man to appeal to his home government and topple Germany itself into an imbroglio which could end only in defeat. The attitude of America, up to the moment when communication ceased, had been friendly. Therefore, there seemed no logical reason for her taking any such unheard of action as that of interference with the person of his majesty. The consensus of opinion was that the situation was too delicate to admit of any ordinary methods, and that there was only one thing to do—keep the embassy under constant surveillance until by secret service methods they might learn what if any connection the ambassador or those about him had with the disappearance.

The gypsy received the promised reward, and from that hour on the American embassy was unceasingly watched by a detachment of men without

**CHAPTER XI.  
A King Is Lost.**

Wearied by hours of suspense, days of anxiety and nights of alarm, the king of England sought relaxation. A period of disaster had reached its culmination where nothing much worse might be predicted. Germany had other occupations than those of aggression, and was now distraught in its effort to find the missing ruler, from whom no word had been received and of whom no information had been obtained. The American dread had been somewhat for days, and the first grief for the loss of the great British fleet had lost its poignancy and was becoming only a bitter recollection to be calmly discussed and speculated upon. After weeks of storm and stress there had come a lull in which England waited for winds more kind.

London had lived so long in misery that it had become callous, hardened, and enveloped in an air of gloom, conditions resembling those of that period of terror which overspread it in the great plague, but which led men by work and pretense of gaiety to seek forgetfulness. Once more the music halls opened, the theaters made their announcements, signs appeared on the boardings and old habits began in a sort of half-hearted way to resume their sway.

In this epoch of abnormality the atmosphere joined and sent upon the huge city a June fog, which settled down in the night, adding its blackness to that of the hour. And through it in quest of relaxation rode England's king. On leaving the palace he had no definite plan or destination; but the glare of the theaters lured and beckoned insistently to their wealth of light and entertainment, and he yielded.

His coming was unheralded, and attention was attracted to the presence only when the manager, following time-established custom, which forbade the turning of one's back upon a king, preceded him with steady bows to the royal box and took his place beside the equerry while the visitor entered. The hippodrome was to be honored. Within the box the royal guest seated himself behind the partially drawn curtains, where he could look out upon the bizarre performance and feel himself near a throng of persons. There was some satisfaction at least in mere proximity to companionship



With a Salute, His Equerry Handed Him the Message.

struggling little congregation of the synagogue hadn't been able to pay the rent. Their few pennies were needed to keep their own roof trees and give their little ones a meager fare. The old teacher stood silent, with bowed head, as the poor furnishings were ripped from the place and stacked in the street below. Tears trickled down his beard. The children carried the tidings through the squalid neighborhood and in a moment the street was choked with shrieking, gesticulating, weeping men and women.

With languid interest and half absorption he glanced over the program, paying but small attention to what it contained. A herd of performing elephants galloped clumsily round in the ring below, obeying the shrill, nervous shouts of a woman clad in red tights, and then sedately marched out through an aperture by the side of the stage when the act was ended. A man clad in an ill-fitting dress suit, evidently the heritage from some predecessor, came to the front of the stage and began an ornate, rambling, and ungrammatical speech, announcing some wonderful exhibition which was about to take place. The monarch, suddenly aware of the voice, caught only the last words declaring it to be the "great event of the evening," and leaned back in his cushioned chair, his mind again reverting to the vicissitudes of government.

His reverie was disturbed by a conversation taking place at the door of his box. "The gentleman was very insistent that it should be delivered at once, otherwise I should not have brought it," he heard the manager of the theater say apologetically.

"Is there no place in the world where I can remain undisturbed?" the king muttered wearily, and then called aloud: "Send that note in, whatever it may be."

With a salute his equerry handed him the message, which he idly held in his hand for a few moments before opening it, looking half abstractedly out of his box to where a man was being hoisted aloft and through an opening in the arched roof above. More or less indifferently he tore open the envelope and withdrew a card, at which he stared with a puzzled frown, as if doubting his senses. Surely this could be no jest. Upon it was scrawled:

"Admiral Robert Bevins of the United States navy desires a brief audience with his majesty upon matters which can be discussed in per-

steadily into the gray eyes, which persistently scrutinized him as if seeking to read the cause of his visit.

There came another instant's pause, and the king with a gesture invited him to be seated. The guard discreetly withdrew and closed the door of the cabinet.

Bevins continued: "I must apologize for intruding upon you; but I have journeyed a long way to deliver a message which permits of no delay."

"In an official capacity then?" queried the monarch dryly.

"Yes, official and friendly. I was chosen for this mission not only because of our known friendship, but for the reason that I could explain certain events to you better than any man living."

The king nearly forgot the distrust which he had felt first, and almost yielded to the impulse to drop all ceremony and ask his guest for an explanation then and there. He half rose and grasped the arms of his chair. His lips opened to interrogate, and then, his life's training and restraint resuming their hold, his tongue gave a dry click, and he again assumed a posture of repose. It was difficult to assume an air of complacency when every instinct of king and man called out to him to ask imperiously the one before him for the unraveling of the skein of events and the story of the fate of the British fleet. He veiled his curiosity, his emotion and his excitement behind a mask of polite reserve.

But what was coming next? His visitor, who had hesitated, now went on: "This is no time nor place for me to say what I have to; but as an emissary of my government I am asked to induce you, your prime minister and the first lord of the admiralty to grant me a private audience."

The king, impatient, curious and anxious, was yet relieved by what he heard. There was nothing very unusual in a request for a private audience under such circumstances, and he had hope that from it would come elucidation of all which he most wished to know. The morrow then would at least bring some ease of mind and some relief from uncertainty. Before he could reply the voice resumed:

"The audience must be granted to-night."

"To-night, to-night!" The sovereign forgot his aplomb, leaned his body toward his companion, and thrust his chin forward. There had been something in the use of the word "must" and the astonishing declaration that the interview should be conceded at once that aroused a little spark of resentment. And yet he was filled with a curiosity akin to anger.

The admiral was quick to read his royal host's annoyance, and hastened to say: "Your majesty, as your anything I may say. I am asking as a favor that I be allowed my own time and way—yes, that I even may be permitted to suggest the conditions of the meeting. Believe me, it is for the best."

The king was motionless and speechless for what seemed a long time. From his viewpoint of head of a nation and bound to maintain its dignity, and a man with a man's anxieties and anxious to learn from a friend's lips the story of the last month's secrets and disasters, he was considering what was best to do.

In an oddly repressed tone he answered with another tentative question. "As a friend I received you in my box, and now on this same basis I ask you if this communication of yours is so important and urgent that it cannot take its due course according to official custom?"

"Beyond official ways, your majesty, imperative and urgent," was the response; "otherwise I should not have chosen this unusual method of approaching you, nor asked for such an unusual audience in such haste and at such an unseemly hour."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

**Nervousness.**

Nervousness is often due to some poison formed in the blood by the decomposition of indigestible food—in other words, often arises primarily from indigestion.

Nervousness when due to this cause may sometimes continue through many years without causing dangerous conditions. On the other hand, nervous disturbances due to this auto-intoxication or self-poisoning may be immediately fatal.

Many people, however, suffer from nervous indigestion," as they call it, for 20 years or more without fatal termination. In these cases there is of course a gradual weakening of the general system which predisposes to many diseases, and death is always premature, usually being traceable to what is called "heart failure."—Health Culture.

**Heredity and Crime.**

"We are all potential criminals," was the startling statement made by Dr. Albert Wilson to a deeply interested audience at the Sociological society in London. "If we had had the heredity of some of these poor people (prisoners), or if we had had the environment we should have done the same as they."

**Indoor Dresses**



The first is an elegant dress in dragon-fly blue cashmere. The long, slightly trained skirt is trimmed near the foot by two deep tucks and a deep hem, which give the appearance of an additional tuck. The bodice has two wide folds on each shoulder; the inner one is trimmed at the edge by buttons, the outer one rests slightly over the sleeve, which is composed, as far as the elbow, of narrow material folds, piped with velvet; a strip of embroidered galloon is sewn down the middle, finished by a silk ornament; the remainder of the sleeve is of tuck material. Piece lace is used for the yoke, with a waistcoat of blue velvet below it; a bow of velvet is worn at the neck.

Material required: Eight yards cashmere 48 inches wide, one yard velvet, three-eighths yard galloon, two ornaments, one-half yard piece lace, 1 1/2 dozen buttons.

The second is an equally pretty style in oak-apple brown chiffon-faced cloth. The long skirt has wrapped seams, which are trimmed with buttons at the foot. One fold is made over the shoulder, resting slightly over the sleeve; the openings are just stitched round and trimmed in parts by buttons; the over-sleeve is trimmed in the same way. Spotted net to match is used for the under-slip; it is tucked across the front as far as the bust, and all the way down the back, also for the under-sleeves.

Materials required: Seven yards cloth 48 inches wide, two yards net, about one gross of buttons.

**THE CANDLE BACK IN FAVOR. HANDSOME FROCKS FOR BABY.**

Artistic designers of Talent Have Put Forth Their Best Efforts for Little One's

A touch of the fashion of the present is the thinnest, shortest yoke, cut square and outlined with a band of beading run with blue ribbon.

The full little skirt is gathered to the yoke and finished with a deep hem, feather stitched. Above the hem is a band of valenciennes insertion with three tiny tucks above and below it.

The sleeves are merely little puffs gathered into beading run with ribbon tied in a rakish bow and finished with a lace frill. Tiny pearl buttons fasten the frock at the back.

Another equally attractive little frock is cut with a front and back panel and sleeves in one piece. The panels run from the neck to the hem of frock and are outlined with fine feather-stitching, and have scattered tiny blossoms and French knots worked in white mercerized embroidery thread over the entire surface.

The neck and sleeves are finished with lace insertion and frills of edging and the skirt is gathered at the sides.

Smart Touch for a Handbag.

A New York woman recently discovered a use for a heavy gold link watch-chain (of the style long ago discarded) belonging to her husband. She had a small, gold-mounted handbag, with a leather strap. The latter having become rusty from constant friction with the hand, she removed the strap, riveted the gold chain on with gaw pliers and, behold! an added smart touch without expense or recourse to a jeweler. Since the passing of this style of chain those who own ornaments of the kind find them something of a problem. The splendid workmanship often makes the smelter's office a sacrifice, and to convert them into bracelets at a jeweler's is costly. Here for more than one of us is a really practical suggestion requiring no outside assistance.

Variety in Sleeves.

Sleeves are fuller, especially from the elbow to the wrist, and with the lighter dresses a long three-quarter sleeve is much in vogue, though the long sleeve over the hand is as much seen as ever. The wise woman makes it a question of individual judgment. For instance, a frou froeing muslin garden party frock seems to always look smarter with the shorter type of sleeve, whereas nothing looks worse than the sleeve of a tailor-made that displays an expanse of bare arm.

Brushing Hair Is Essential.

A woman who wears her hat constantly, as one must during days of many social engagements, must brush her hair carefully at night unless she wishes it to be seriously affected. Combing will not bring back the turn of the hair near the scalp, to the angle at which it should grow, but brushing will overcome the difficulty. The brush must be held to make the hair go up, and when the latter is released there will be a fluffiness and lightness not to be secured otherwise.

**EASILY MADE PINAFORE.**



This is an easily made pinafore, suitable to be copied in washing silk or nainsook. The square band or yoke at the neck is of embroidery; insertion might be used and sharply mitted at the corners to bring it to shape; the material is gathered to this and is hemmed at the foot; a frill of material edged with embroidery finishes the armholes.

Materials required: One yard 36 inches wide, three-quarters yard insertion, three-quarters yard embroidery.

Keeping the Mouth Sweet.

The mouth should be rinsed at least once a day with an antiseptic wash. The habit is a germ preventive and helps keep the breath sweet.

**Touched Heart of Marshal**

New York Server of Eviction Papers Moved by Tragedy of Which He Was Chief.

Thirty little children sat on cheap wooden benches in the second-story room at 11 Suffolk street the other day. Every one of them was ragged. Most looked as though they had not had enough to eat. But they were bright-eyed and alert and not for a moment did their attention stray from the white-bearded old rabbi who was teaching them Jewish prayers, although the smelly little pictures on the walls and the myriad of noises of the roaring East side street must have been a constant temptation. And then the door opened and City Marshal Lazarus stepped in, dispossessing warrant in hand, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star. The

struggling little congregation of the synagogue hadn't been able to pay the rent. Their few pennies were needed to keep their own roof trees and give their little ones a meager fare. The old teacher stood silent, with bowed head, as the poor furnishings were ripped from the place and stacked in the street below. Tears trickled down his beard. The children carried the tidings through the squalid neighborhood and in a moment the street was choked with shrieking, gesticulating, weeping men and women.

Del Rio Herald.

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Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Brackett Independent School District on Thursday June 17 1909 at 2:30 p. m. and opened on said date from any banking incorporation, association or individual banker in said county or elsewhere as the depository of the funds of said Brackett Independent School District until June 17 1911.

Each bidder will state what rate interest it or he is willing to pay for such deposit per annum, and each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one half of one per cent of the county revenue for the preceding year, as a guarantee of the good faith of the bidder.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Given under my hand and official seal at my office in Brackett Texas, the 12th day of May 1909.

R. Stratton, President Board of Trustees Brackett Independent School District.

**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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**Lost.**  
One pair gold cuff buttons with small stone set, Ten dollars reward for return to O. W. Stadler, J. D. JENNINGS,

**Notice.**  
Notice is hereby given that the commissioner's court of Kinney County will meet as a Board of Equalization on the second Monday in June A. D. 1909, as provided by law, Art. 5120 R. S. at the Court House in the town of Brackett at which time the parties interested may appear and be heard.

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I will pay 100.00 [one hundred dollars] reward for information resulting in the conviction of any party or parties leaving open the gates or injuring the fences of my pastures on the Nueces. See articles 794 and 795 page 144 revised statutes.

DAVE Woolsum, who was for twenty-five years her husband and in straightened circumstances.

## DRIVES THEM TO SLAUGHTER

**Peculiar Form of Mania That Impels African Natives to Attack All in Their Path.**

Another source of excitement at Wamira was a kind of madness which attacked a man now and again, a state of exaltation somewhat resembling the Malay "amok." At first the victim only sat in the house, suffering from "heat in the heart." Then, after muttering unintelligently, he would seize a handful of spears, rush out of the house, and career wildly through the villages, flinging the spears to right and left as he ran. Once one of these half-crazed men, exhausted after an attack, came up the path and demanded water. I gave him some particularly nauseous medicine, which he drank greedily, afterward asking for more. On another occasion one of them, who had already aimed a spear at a villager, came on to the school, where the pupil teacher and I had our flock of fifty or sixty children. Seeing him approaching, however, we hastily closed and barricaded the doors, standing the siege until the old chief influenced our would-be assailant to withdraw.—Wide World Magazine.

## PLAN FUND OF GREAT WORTH

**Ministers to Co-Operate with Idea of Providing Annuities for Their Aged Brethren.**

The Presbyterian ministers of Philadelphia are about to apply for a charter for an organization that will be known as the Ministerial Sustentation Fund. It purposes to provide an annuity of \$500, beginning at the age of 70, for ministers who have served at least 30 years in the church, and an annuity of \$100, beginning at the same age, for those who have served less than 30 years, with \$10 additional for each year of service. An annuity of three-fifths of what would be paid to the minister will be paid to the widow in case of death, and in case of the death of the widow the annuity will be divided among the minor children. Ministers will pay 20 per cent. of the amount of the annuity and 80 per cent. is expected to be realized by general subscriptions and income of the fund.

**"KID" SAW DIFFERENCE TOO**  
Admission of Class President in Line with Views of Youthful Genefactress.

A young society woman, given to sociological experiments, recently organized a class of youthful vegetarians, ranging from ten to fifteen years of age, for the study of scientific subjects, dear to every boy's heart.

She secured a very immaculately attired young man to act as leader and teacher. At the first meeting the vast difference between cleanliness and grime struck her forcibly as she compared the appearance of teacher and pupils.

She was thinking of how she might broach the subject to the boys in a way that would not offend, when the newly elected president of the class arose and said:

"I want every one of youse guys to come here de nex' time wearin' collars an' ties. An' I want to see your faces clean and your hair combed."

## FORMATION OF ICE CAVERNS

**Greenland's Immense Caves Had Their Origin in the Melting of Immense Glaciers.**

In Greenland have been found ice caves more than a mile long and 60 feet or more in height from floor to roof. These have been made by precisely the same agency that hollowed out the Mammoth Cave and the caverns of Luray, namely, running water. When the glaciers begin to melt in summer the water sinks through crevasses to the bottom of the valley in which the ice lies and forms a river under it, melting away the mass on every side and thus forming a long cavern. Such streams, whose sources are beneath the icy mass and which issue from it at its foot in considerable volume, are, of course, familiar in Alpine glaciers, but the phenomenon in Greenland is much larger in all its aspects. The glacier is vaster, the stream more respectable, river and chauset for the ice is huge, and gress deferred.

The trial of the National Geographic Society's expedition under the leadership of Dr. William J. Goode, has ended in a significant manner. The expedition, which departed from Cuba, and three of the men were killed and condemned to death.

## SOCIETIES

**Las Moas Lodge No. 444 A. F. & A. M.** meets 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month in Masonic Hall, over the Post Office. A cordial invitation extended to all visiting Brethern. E. A. Jones, W. M. J. F. Ray, Sec'y.

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