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## BRACKETTVILLE AND KINNEY COUNTY

A Brief Summary of their Resources Compiled Last November by Prof. A. H. Horn in Answer to Numerous Requests for Information Regarding this Section.

Brackettville, is a town about 1200 population and is the County Seat of Kinney Co. The town is 1133 feet elevation is above sea level and is one of the most healthful places in West Texas. The Las Moras Creek rises in the edge of the town in a large beautiful spring pouring out about 12000 gallons per minute. The water is regarded as the best in West Texas.

### CHURCHES.

The town supports Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Christian and Catholic churches.

### SCHOOL FACILITIES.

Brackett School has long been regarded as one of the best in West Texas, being affiliated with the State University and maintaining ten grades with an efficient corps of teachers. The term is nine calendar months all free. Arrangements have been completed to put up a new school building with new furniture and we hope to be in it by beginning of next session. The present corps of teachers is Supt. A. H. Horn, graduate of the State Normal and the State University of Ala. Miss Martha Petersen, graduate of Allegheny College, Penn. and of the Uni-

versity of Texas, Miss Beulah Wilson, graduate of the Sam Houston Normal, Miss Luey Windus and Miss Mittie Jones High School Graduates.

### CLIMATE.

The thermometer rarely goes over 95 degrees in the summer or below 30 degrees in the winter. The lowest record here is about 14 degrees above zero. The atmosphere is usually clear and braoding.

### RAINFALL.

The rainfall is ample for making the usual crops being 23 1-2 inches by average of the last eighteen years. The following table of comparison may be of service in showing our rainfall. We are not in the dry belt as the impression is with so many and as the table will prove. The record of Brackett is kept at Fort Clark and furnished by the Government. It will be observed from this that we get more rain than at Amarillo where there is now such a boom and farmers are rapidly settling. San Antonio beats us in winter rains but we get more in spring and summer but in winter get less than that place. We are distinctly ahead of the Corpus Christi section in spring and summer but in winter get less than that place. We are at least equal to Uvalde and Medina Counties, in rainfall and those counties are settling up rapidly with farmers the prices of lands ranging from ten to twenty

dollars for good agricultural lands.

	Brackett	San Antonio	Amarillo	Abilene	Corpus Christi	El Paso
JAN.	.84	1.89	.59	.38	2.22	.49
FEB.	.68	1.74	.42	1.23	2.11	.22
MAR.	.81	1.42	.42	1.34	1.80	.26
APR.	1.83	2.60	1.66	2.31	1.52	1.19
MAY	3.54	3.08	3.56	3.76	2.70	.13
JUNE	3.51	2.40	2.95	2.99	2.60	.32
JULY	2.16	2.40	3.19	1.97	1.75	1.85
AUG.	2.01	2.25	2.56	2.04	2.44	1.38
SEP.	3.68	3.26	2.29	3.25	3.88	1.35
OCT.	1.49	1.58	1.75	2.19	1.67	1.21
NOV.	.85	1.07	.80	1.22	2.31	.37
DEC.	1.15	1.64	.87	1.28	1.33	.34
TOT'L	23.5	20.2	21.5	24.5	26.6	9.1

Kinney County though one of the best waters and one of the best agricultural counties in Texas, has therefore been used principally for pasturing cattle, horses and sheep. The County has assessed for 1905, 2,347 horses; 28,443 cattle, 15,670 sheep, 15,888 goats; 1156 hogs.

The pastures are perhaps the best in West Texas furnishing ample grass, weeds, and brush during all seasons, no feeding having to be done in winter except occasionally. In the valleys green grass can be found in the coldest winter. Guahilla, pear, sotol etc. aid in carrying cattle over. The Angoria goat business is on the rapid increase and some of the best grades of both sheep and goats have lately been introduced by our progressive ranchmen, some attention has been paid to raising fine stock, as on the Woodhull pasture, where some of the best horses in Texas are raised. Mules have been raised at very little expense on the Maraposa Ranch and other places. There is a fine opening in this line. There are also fine openings for raising hogs, especially as alfalfa grows well here both by irrigation and without it.

Kinney County cannot be excelled for bee culture as we have ideal weather and so much brush suitable for the business. The average output per colony is estimated at 125 to 150 lbs. The extracted honey bring easily six to ten cents. It is suggested here that bees and alfalfa be put together as at Denver Colorado. The alfalfa can be allowed to bloom if the brush be without blossoms. Kinney County ships out every year about 200,000 lbs. of honey and the demand is rapidly increasing as the reputation of this section spreads.

### CROPS.

Kinney county has been mostly a stock county and very little attention has been paid to agriculture. We have many thousands of acres of rich level lands which will easily bring 50 bushel of corn or a bale of cotton per acre a good season. The land is fine for fruits or vegetables generally. Alfalfa produces six or seven cuttings per year and is

a decided success; sugar cane grows to perfection; sugar beets do well. Milo Maize, Cassava etc., will no doubt be productive crops in the future. Fine well water can be gotten in level parts of the county at from 25 to 60 feet. In the hills in the northern part fine wells may be gotten any where at 250 to 500 feet. The water is almost entirely from alkalies in all streams and wells. It is in sufficient quantities in wells to irrigate with.

### FORT CLARK.

Fort Clark is in sight of Brackett and is a fine military post of eight troops of cavalry with officers and military band stationed here. Money has been appropriated by congress to rebuild the Post. The freight shipped in to this Post is enormous among the items being 45,000 lbs. daily from Spofford in wagons at present. The Fort consumes annually about 2000 tons of hay for the cavalry and work horses. The yearly contract for wood is three thousand cords contract price ranging from \$4.50 to \$5.50 per cord. Other items such as brand, oats, pork etc., are in like proportion. We suggest as splendid openings a poultry farm to supply the town and Fort with eggs, chickens and turkeys. Also a hog farm to furnish pork and lard. An alfalfa farm in connection would work well.

The land will produce wheat and oats as well as they do across the Rio Grande in Mexico within a few miles of us. About fifteen or twenty new farms are opening now for next years crop and many people are drifting in to buy lands. Good rich level lands can be gotten farm \$3-50 to \$10.00 per acre.

### WATER.

In this respect our County is well favored, having the West Nueces River, Las Moras Creek, Pinto Creek, Mud Creek and

Sycamore, and running streams soaked with water so that one can get good well water.

Since the above was written an impetus has been given to the Angora goat business by the importation into Kinney Co. by E. L. Witte & Son of about 4500 angoras of high grade the nannies worth on an average about \$5.00. But the most important fact is the importation from Africa of a very fine Angora Billie costing about \$1700 which will be used in grading up the already fine flock.

### ONIONS.

Some successful experiments have also been made in onion culture and this year we have about 35 acres in cultivation, 22 by Judge R. Stratton, 12 by Martin Bros. and one by G. Ditzel. We can raise onions as well here as in any part of Texas.

### INCREASED RAINFALL.

It is the general impression that the rainfall in West Texas is on the increase, some thinking it due to the rapid increase of trees and shrubbery over the country and other attribute it to the increased smoke from chimneys of a great population. No doubt both causes operate to increase the rainfall.

Government statistics shows that the general average for the last seven years is 27.5 inches an increase above the general average of Abilene by several inches.

### COTTON.

We read in the late papers of the shipment of 20,000 bales of cotton from Abilene which shows an annual average rainfall of 24 inches, five thousand bales from Hondo which certainly has no more rain than our county. What's the reason Kinney county with its immense area of black mesquite land and with rainfall

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# The Brackett News.

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## EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Controller J. W. Stephens has made formal announcement for renomination and re-election for controller.

The Bank of San Luis Obispo, the oldest institution of the kind in that city, has closed its doors by order of the bank commissioner.

According to advices a mutiny has again broken out at Vladivostok. No details are available, the censorship being operative over press and private telegrams.

Three hundred and eighty-two patents were issued to Texans during the year. Ninety-seven were obtained by residents of Oklahoma and thirty-six by those of Indian Territory.

It seems that the rumor that France had sent warships to Venezuela was premature, inasmuch as the cruisers alleged to have gone to Venezuela waters really went to Martinique.

Nathan Wesley Hale, a republican congressman from Tennessee, can claim descentance from Oliver Cromwell, and one of his ancestors, General Nathan Towson, was a quarter master general under George Washington.

Francis Murphy, who for thirty-four years has pleaded throughout the English speaking world for the cause of temperance, is dying in Southern California. He is 69 years of age, was born in Ireland and came to America when he was 16 years old.

Captain Berlin, a French army officer, who was attached to the Russian army during the late war, arrived in San Francisco last week, on his way home. He said the damage done to the city of Mukden had been exaggerated, and that there had been no serious destruction of property there.

Announcement has been made by Alvan F. Barrett of Chicago, that Innes' Orchestra Band will come to Dallas in the latter part of April for the purpose of giving a grand spring musical festival. Mr. Barrett has been in the city several days making preliminary arrangements.

The board of directors of the Waxahachie Chautauqua met in called session Friday and arranged attractions for the Chautauqua, which is to be held July 24 to Aug. 8. There were present Rev. J. C. McConnell of Ferris, Rev. J. C. Smith and O. H. Chapman of Waxahachie and Rev. W. B. Preston of Mesquite.

In a home two miles south of Thorsdale, Pa., were born three sisters, who are still living and whose combined ages surpass those of all trios recently published. They are Mrs. Hannah Witnre, now of Philadelphia, aged 97; Miss Esther Steel, aged 88, and Miss Dorothy Steel, 86, a total of 271 years for the three sisters. The last two named reside in the house where they were born.

Thomas A. Edison is somewhat of a joker. A correspondent was looking over the inventor's laboratory when his eye was caught by a curious model. It looked like a cradle with some kind of telephone attachment. "What on earth is that?" inquired the visitor. "I hope to make my fortune out of that invention," said Edison, gravely. "It is a motor to run by sound. You attach it to a cradle and the louder the baby cries the faster the cradle rocks."

District Attorney Jerome in the near future will move against officers of various insurance companies which were under investigation by the legislative committee. A special grand jury is to be called to consider the cases.

Since the snows have fallen wolves have become very troublesome in the Territory.

It is generally thought that the extra session will be called to meet about March 19.

Permanent organization has now been effected by the International Jewish League formed in San Francisco last month for the purpose of aiding Jewish communities in any part of the world in the attainment of civil and religious liberty.

Asked about the report that he would resign as insurance arbitrator, former President Cleveland said: "There is not a particle of truth in the report, nor any excuse for its circulation."

An agreement was reached at Muskogee between the Muskogee Commercial Club and the Midland Valley Railroad for the shops of the road to be located in Muskogee, and to remain there for a period of twenty-five years.

Two young men, Edward Rathburn and Edward Len of Verden, O. T., were fatally injured as the result of a duel fought in that town. Lane is severely cut about the head and face and Rathburn has stabs in his body.

## ALL OVER TEXAS.

The State Committee of Y. M. C. A. met at Waco Thursday and Friday.

Texarkana authorities are making war on usurers and money sharks.

A. W. Grove, a M. K. & T. brakeman, had a foot severely mashed in the yards at Denison Thursday and may lose the member.

An oil excitement is brewing in Lamar County, near Chicota, where gas is abundant and traces of oil have been found in some wells.

J. V. Watkins is now closing up the details preliminary to the construction of the Corsicana-Palestine Interurban electric railway.

J. J. Hale, a prominent resident of Hunt County, was found dead Thursday night with his head blown off. The shotgun was fired by a string tied to the deceased's toe.

Dr. E. B. Blalock, of Woodlawn, Harrison County, who was a member of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, is a candidate for lieutenant-governor.

One of the truck growers of Laredo, who had about thirty acres planted to cabbage and cauliflower, reports that the freezing weather of the last week has ruined these plants.

A negro crap game in a box car at Falls Switch, near Tyler, resulted in the fatal stabbing of one of the players. The man who did the stabbing escaped.

Over 25,000 bales of cotton were marketed from wagons at Abilene this season—a remarkable showing for a country that is not in the cotton raising business.

The first shipment of rails for the extension of the Beaumont, Sour Lake and Western was made from the steel mills Jan. 28, and will be received at Beaumont about Feb. 10.

The new gas plant for the chemical laboratory of Georgetown University is being installed and the physical laboratory also has received a shipment of new apparatus.

James Haynes has received notice that he has been re-appointed as collector of customs at Laredo.

On Wednesday the three-year-old child of W. J. Mockery, living near Granger, was so badly burned from catching fire from a burning trash pile that it died Friday.

Col. Uriah Lott, promoter of the proposed Brownsville, Hidalgo and Northern road, states that preliminary survey will begin about Feb. 10, when two corps of engineers will be placed in the field.

The Big Sandy depot was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The Texas and Pacific and Cotton Belt lost all their freight and baggage and records. The Pacific Express company lost everything on hand.

The surveying corps locating the proposed Texas, New Mexico and Pacific Railway, a line from McKinney to Denton, reached Prosper Friday, thus completing the survey between Denton and McKinney.

Chickasha has raised a subscription for the Washita Valley Interurban Electric Railway. About \$25,000 was subscribed and assurances given that \$25,000 more would be received. This subscription secures for Chickasha the division point of the proposed road.

F. P. Sargent, chief of the Bureau of Immigration, will probably visit Galveston next month to look into the matter of providing better accommodations for the immigrants that are brought to that port.

James Fetters, who came to Orange from Beaumont three months ago, and has since been in the employ of Geo. McDonald, the contractor and builder, as timekeeper and in other capacities, was arrested on two charges of forgery.

Hon. John M. Henderson, a lawyer of Daingerfield, has announced as a candidate for Representative from the Flotlorial district, composed of Morris, Titus and Red River Counties.

The 5-week-old infant of J. W. Shannon and wife, of Paris, died Friday from injuries received Tuesday. While the mother was out of the room, the infant's 27-month-old brother tried to pick it up from the bed and dropped it on the floor.

The State Treasurer has commenced to clip coupons from bonds held by the permanent school fund, which interest is due payable April 10. Inasmuch as something over \$75,000 in interest is due April 10.

Vice-President L. S. Thorne of the Texas and Pacific stated in the course of a conversation that the Texas and Pacific, in connection with the other Gould lines north, will inaugurate a fast mail train out of St. Louis Thursday.

## INSECTS SCARGE.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENTIST SAYS TEXAS IS LEAST AFFECTED.

## ALL HAVE HAD THEIR TRIALS.

But the Arguments Made Against This State Are Refuted by a Northern Man.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 3.—T. A. Bagrel, traveling immigration agent of the Southern Pacific, will leave next Monday for another trip in the North. "I found the people in Illinois where I traveled last week, fully aroused to the importance of seeking a more genial climate. There is no use of taking and it is no exaggeration state, that Texas is the best advertised state of the Union.

"No matter where you go, or with what class of people you mingle, it is the same. Just begin talking about the Lone Star State and you at once command attention. They will all listen to you, and even when your vocal organs are becoming weary and you have fairly talked yourself to a standstill, the Northerner will demand more. Why, I have found a set of statistics showing the average yield of different kinds of grain and vegetables in the different states. Well, when I can not think of anything more to say in praise of our state and my hearers call for more data, I pull out my little leaflet and read dry figures to them. You know a man who will stand for that, or would read a volume of the Congressional Record, is either thirsting for knowledge or is threatened with paralysis—as there is no middle ground in such a dilemma. I find the Northerners are free to admit that we can raise more corn to the acre and of a better quality than they do. But they at once ask, 'Have not you a weevil down there that raises havoc with the corn as soon as the crop is gathered?' They make the same inquiry about boll weevils and other pests. I met a professor in the Agricultural College at Champaign, Ill., a few days ago, and he helped me answer inquiries about insect pests in Texas. Said he: 'All newly cultivated lands, or new countries, are more frequently troubled by these pests than older countries, for instance, the army worm that devastated the North and East in an early time. The grasshopper that threatened to depopulate Kansas and Nebraska, the Colorado beetle that once threatened to ruin the potato industry. Now for a comparatively new country, and one in which there are millions of acres that have never been broken by the plow, Texas is the least affected by insect pests of any.' I thought this was a very fair and frank statement coming from a Northerner, and as I have his words in black and white—on a piece of note paper and over his own signature—I am now prepared to answer one of the chief objections that I hear raised against Texas."

Gored by Angry Steer.  
Pawnee, Ok.: Rev. Fuson, a local preacher of prominence, was trampled and gored by an angry steer which escaped from the stock yards here and charged into a crowd on the depot platform awaiting the arrival of a train. Numerous persons were struck by the animal and knocked down, but Rev. Fuson was the only person critically injured.

Sweet's Life Soured.  
Fort Worth, Texas: August Sweet, a Bohemian, 33 years old, swallowed carbolic acid last evening and died in great agony a short time later at his residence in North Fort Worth. The inquest was held in the evening by Justice Charles T. Rowland, who decided that it was a case of self-destruction and deceased had destroyed his own life because of despondency resulting from bad health.

Rural Mail Route from Runge.  
Runge, Texas: Service on rural delivery route No. 1 began yesterday. Very little mail was carried out on the initial trip, as many of the patrons have not yet provided themselves with mail boxes. An effort is being made to establish another route out of Runge.

State Brief in Oil Case.  
Austin, Texas: State's argument upholding the oil tax in the Court of Civil Appeals of the Third Supreme Judicial District in the case has been filed.

Canal Right of Way Deeds.  
Beaumont, Texas: Mr. E. L. Nail has gone to Port Arthur to secure the signatures of several property owners to the right of way deeds to the Sabine Lake Canal.

Oyster Shipments Lighter.  
Matagorda, Texas: Owing to the warm weather the oyster shipments lately have been very light. However, with the return of lower temperatures the dealers expect to be again overrun with orders.

## AMERICANS JAILED.

Were Seized Purely to Get Their Testimony About a Hotel Fire.

Panama, Feb. 3.—After the fire yesterday morning about twenty Americans who had been living in the hotel where the fire started were arrested and jailed. This was done in order that their testimony could be secured regarding the origin of the fire. Much indignation is felt by the Americans, but the explanation was offered that no bail privileges or subpena law exist here. The law now in force is a relic of revolutionary days. Acting Governor Reed had personally requested the release of twelve clerks in the timekeeping office so that the payrolls could be made up.

All cable communication with Buena Ventura is still interrupted and the tidal disturbance noticed here Wednesday occasioned by earthquake, is rumored to have destroyed that city. The cable was broken in two places north and south of Buena Ventura.

## FRENCH PRESIDENT.



JEROME VS. PATRICK.

Preparations Making to Oppose Motion for New Trial.

New York, Feb. 3.—Preparations are being made by the District Attorney's office to oppose the motion of Albert T. Patrick for a new trial. Assistant District Attorney Garvan had a conference with Dr. Otto H. Schultz yesterday to give the affidavits of physicians who swear that the evidence does not show that William Marsh Rice was chloroformed and that the embalming fluid could have reached the lungs in Rice's body.

The District Attorney's office is also looking into the history of Alexander B. Stanbury, who makes the principal affidavit concerning statements made by Charles F. Jones in Texas.

Attorney Frederick B. House was asked yesterday about the statement of Jones on the stand that Patrick made a confession before him. Mr. House said that there was a statute in regard to lawyers divulging privileged communications from clients, and that he had no desire to violate the statute.

## Joined Church at 102.

New York: After living more than a century without being affiliated with any church, Mrs. Drusilla Morrell, 122 Adelphi street, Brooklyn, now in her 102d year, was received into full membership in the Simpson Methodist church, Clermont and Willoughby avenues, last Sunday morning. With her there were received into membership her daughter, a granddaughter and great granddaughter, four generations in all.

## Two at Runge Burned.

Runge, Texas: The 4-year-old son of Julian Garza of this place was horribly burned last Monday by overturning a kettle of boiling water upon himself. His legs are almost cooked.

Last Friday, while starting a fire with kerosene oil, Miss Hettie Mayfield was painfully burned about the arms and hands as the result of an explosion.

## Assassination of Williams.

Corpus Christi, Texas: E. M. L. Williams, father of Charles Williams of this city, was killed near Harlingen while out in search of his cows. A Mexican is suspected. A search is being made for the suspect. The deceased was formerly a truck grower in this county.

## Land Patents Signed.

Austin, Texas: The Governor yesterday signed patents to school land in the following counties: Jones, 160 acres; Jeff Davis, 640; Harris, 308; Hopkins, 101; Atascosa, 320; Carson, 640; Hunt, 150.

## A Hazing Middy Pardoned.

Washington: The president has pardoned Midshipman John Paul Miller of Kentucky, recently convicted of hazing at Annapolis Naval Academy.

## Thirteen Convicts at Cuero.

Cuero, Texas: Thirteen convicts is the result of this term of the District Court here. They have been taken to the penitentiary at Huntsville. One woman (colored) and twelve men; three whites and five negroes and four Mexicans.

## Lee's Nomination Confirmed.

Washington: The senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of Francis E. Lee, collector of customs at Galveston.

## FIREMEN KILLED

IN FIGHTING FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO HARBOR.

## A NUMBER ARE BADLY INJURED

Number Badly Injured, But the Brave Fight Put Up Saved Vessel From Any Serious Loss.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Three men were killed and fifty-eight injured, mostly by suffocation, in a fire that raged on the United States transport Meade as she lay at the Folsom street dock early yesterday morning.

For three hours after midnight the forward hold of the big troopship was a roaring furnace, from which firemen were borne in an almost continuous stream. Relays of men promptly stepped forward to take the places of those who were carried out unconscious.

Tons of high explosives were loaded in the afterpart of the vessel and the firemen worked with the possibility ever before them that the flames would reach this compartment. Had this occurred the whole city would probably have been shaken by a terrific explosion and no man aboard the ship would have escaped.

Owing probably to the fact that an infernal machine was found in the bunkers of the transport Thomas on her last voyage, the rumor was circulated that a plot had been laid to fire the Meade at sea as the ship was to have departed for Manila yesterday. Major C. A. Devoil, chief of the transport service, is investigating the matter with great care. He is taking the cargo from compartment No. 2, where the fire started, with a view of discovering the real cause of the disaster. The flames did not spread from compartment No. 2. Dock Captain Dun gave it as his opinion that some of the officers had packed matches in their trunks and that these were ignited in loading.

The surprising fact developed late yesterday that the property loss amounted to only \$25. This was the estimate made by Major Devoil. When the water had been pumped out of the hold and the debris removed, it was ascertained that the fire had been confined to a space about six feet square. There was very little flame, the fire being of a smoldering variety that emitted great volumes of smoke.

It is believed by some of the officials that the fire was due to spontaneous combustion of gun oil and cotton. Rifles were in the vicinity of the fire, and it is thought that after cleaning the weapons the men had carelessly put the oil-soaked waste into a heap. A board of inquiry has been appointed to make an investigation. The damage to the vessel is not vital.

## Bankers to Meet at San Antonio.

San Antonio, Texas: At a meeting of prominent bankers of San Antonio, held Thursday afternoon at the office of Edward Chamberlain, the date of the next meeting of district No. 3 of the Texas Bankers' Association was fixed as Feb. 15.

## Case of Leprosy Cured.

New Orleans, La.: The authorities of the Louisiana Lepers' Home have announced that another case of leprosy, that of a woman, had been cured at that institution. This is the third authentic cure of leprosy on record.

## Rabbit Hunter Killed.

Alva, O. T.: Harrison Brandon was instantly killed Thursday while plowing by the accidental discharge of his rifle, which he was carrying on the plow to kill rabbits. His dead body was found lying in the furrow.

## Lavaca County Statistics.

Hallettsville, Texas: During the month of January the county clerk issued thirteen marriage licenses and there were reported to him 117 births and 21 deaths.

## Young Man Shot to Death.

Paris, Texas: Herbert Hopkins, about 22 years old, was shot twice and killed in a difficulty Thursday. Young Hopkins and his brother were loading some hay at Forney, a station west of Hugo, and became engaged in trouble with a man and his son, whose name was not learned.

## A Negro Threatened.

Lufkin, Texas: Ed Lewis, a negro, living three miles north of Lufkin, was in town Wednesday and reported to Sheriff Watts that on the previous night some one had fired a load of birdshot into his house and left the following notice: "Babe, don't let me find you here again. If I catch you, you know what."

## The National Debt.

Washington: The monthly statement of the public debt issued Thursday, shows that the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounts to \$991,521,646, which is a decrease for the month of \$3,345,072.

## OPERATORS' PROPOSITION.

Offered to Arbitrate Wage Scale with the Miners.

Indianapolis, Ind.: The joint scale committee of the coal operators and miners of the Southwestern district went into session at 9:30 o'clock on Thursday. Burnett Brown, commissioner for the operators, appeared a few minutes after the committee met and asked for a recess, in order to allow the operators to hold a caucus. This was taken.

The operators, later in their caucus, agreed to submit the matter of a new wage agreement to arbitration, the arbitrators to consist of one member of the Supreme Court of each of the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and Indian Territory. This proposition was submitted to by the conference of the miners and operators of the district at noon, and an adjournment was taken till Friday morning, in order to give the miners an opportunity to consider it.

## REPORTS DENIED.

Lyon Objects to Story Said to Have Come From Him.

Washington: Judson W. Lyons, register of the treasury, in a formal statement declares that an article published in a weekly newspaper in New York, written from Washington under date of January 28, which says he gave out or inspired the statement published some two weeks ago that the president would replace all colored men holding offices in the South by white men, "is untrue and without one iota of foundation, so far as it makes me the author or inspirer of that statement." No such policy as this was ever made known to me by the president or any one authorized to speak for him.

## Girls' Arm Shattered.

Wallsville, Texas: Wednesday afternoon while Willie Cooper was going down the steps of his father's house with his gun on his shoulder, he slipped and fell. The gun was discharged and the load of shot took effect in the muscles of the left forearm of his sister, Leah Cooper, completely tearing away the muscles and inflicting a painful wound. She was attended by Mrs. Dr. T. W. Shearer.

## A Further Test.

San Antonio, Texas: Inasmuch as the Third Infantry will be relieved by the Twenty-sixth in Alaska, according to the present program, and the Third will return to the United States the belief is entertained that the Third will succeed the Twenty-sixth at this place.

## Cigar Girls' Strike.

San Antonio, Texas: Sixty girls in Finck's cigar factory went on strike yesterday morning. The girls were getting as high as \$8 per week, and claimed that Mexican girls were being sandwiched in to take their places at \$1.50 a week. Eighty-five girls had been employed in the factory.

## Crushed by Car.

Lake Charles, La.: David Goode, a lumber inspector for W. H. Gilliland of Port Arthur, was possibly fatally injured at Oakdale Wednesday night. While he was watching some switching a cut of cars struck him, crushing his arm and inflicting internal injuries.

## Burglaries at Richmond.

Richmond, Texas: The dry goods store of B. & B. H. Daily, the grocery store of Bertrand & Ransom and the store of Stewart & Spencer, druggists, all brick, in the same block, were burglarized here last night. Very little was taken. No clues.

## President's Nominations.

Washington: The president has sent the following nominations to the senate: Governor general of the Philippines, James F. Smith, California, vice Henry Clay Ide, resigned, to take effect June 1, 1906.

## Investigation Ordered.

Washington: Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor has ordered a thorough and searching investigation of all ramifications of the Valencia wreck.

## Killed by Carbolic Acid.

Fort Worth, Texas: Gus Sweet, aged 35 or 40 years, died at his home, a half mile beyond the end of Rosen Heights car line, Thursday night of carbolic acid poisoning. No inquest was held, as the man died in the presence of his family, and details of the affair are lacking.

## Lowdown Renewed Bond.

Daillas, Texas: Thursday morning J. W. Lowdown, the Abilene banker who is charged by a Federal Court indictment with violation of the National banking laws, appeared before Judge Edward R. Meek and made bond in the sum of \$7,500. The new bond was made necessary because the first indictment was found defective.

Richmond, Va.: The inauguration of Governor Claude A. Swanson took place in the hall of the house of delegates Thursday. Governor Swanson's first official act was to reprieve a man named Goodwin Owens, sentenced to be hanged for murder at Lawrenceville, Friday.



# Farmers' Co-Operative Union of America.

## SHAMS.

I believe in true worth,  
And I despise sham,  
For it shrivels the soul,  
And makes the heart base;  
It stifles the conscience,  
Is an unuttered lie,  
And deceit written  
On its sin-scar'd face.  
Satan first used it,  
On poor Mother Eve,  
When she, at the apple,  
And now—  
Her daughters all use it,  
And he who derides it,  
Is sure to get into  
A row!  
But I don't care a rap,  
For I do hate sham,  
And hollow pretenses,  
Wherever they be,  
And those who don't like  
My expression of thought,  
May go to—just where they  
May want to—for me!  
People call me a "crank,"  
Perhaps they are right;  
I do my own thinking,  
And this is the case:  
I would rather drink cream,  
From an old earthen crock,  
Than to sip skimmed milk,  
From a Sevres vase.

—Jake Harrison in Farm and Ranch.

## SETTLED TO STAY SETTLED.

The referendum method is to be employed in settling the dispute in the Farmers' Union.

Discussions of this and other matters of business connected with the union and its work brought President H. A. Calvin of the Texas, or older, organization, and President O. P. Pyle of Mineola, elected by the newer organization at Texarkana, together in conference at headquarters here.

Among the matters discussed were the affairs of the Farmers' Union Publishing Company of Dallas, an enterprise lately begun in this city and declared to have the best of prospects.

Meanwhile, Dallas is to remain as headquarters of the original organization and Mineola the headquarters of the National Organization formed at Texarkana. Both will continue to work and the effort of the leaders will be to make the work entirely harmonious and co-operative.

"This will mean the greater growth of our organization," declared President Calvin. "If we work together we can accomplish more than we have been able to do as yet. Our general organizer, for instance, has almost as much as he can attend to in Texas and the demands from the other states have to be met in the best way we can."

"Our boys made a mistake in ever coming to treat with the Texas committee," said President Pyle. "As a state committee, it had no power to grant the very things we asked. We ought to have gone right to work in the discharge of the duties to which we were elected. That is what we propose to do now."

"The National constitution is to be submitted to the locals and it may be that the two organizations will work together in this. It will likely be let to the August meeting to determine between the two organizations claiming to be National. It is agreed that after that time there must be but one."  
—Dallas Morning News.

## BITTER MEDICINE BUT GOOD.

Some claim that the Union is only a business organization. It is an important consideration to attempt the evolution of an intelligent business system rather than indorse the pet theories of any one or more members or outsiders, or go ahead without any plans at all as has been the case so far? And the plans (?) so far are more amusing than practical. But for their actual damage to the Union cause count. Abnormally enthusiastic views and drafts upon the fees an dues of the future business greatness of the Union have led visionary theorists to a desire for elaborate European connections to sell cotton direct to spinners before organization was equal to bulking and moving cotton even out of a county; they have felicitated themselves upon the immediate purchase of a great compress and warehouse at our leading port, and examined the property with this in view, before they found a Union man who

Since the opening of the present session, the students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas have taken two very important steps toward the regulation and control of their own affairs. During the opening days in September the members of the upper classes held meetings and bound themselves together for the purpose of ridding the school once for all of the evil practice of hazing new students—a practice that has resulted in the serious injury and sometimes the death of students of other institutions.

## THAT'S THE TRUTH!

It is absolutely impossible for the Farmers' Union or any other union to control politics. Say, for instance, they had a majority in this county of several thousand, how long would it be before every politician in the county would be a member of the Union, and if from some cause he were disqualified from becoming a member, he would join in the chorus and sing its praise so loudly and advocate its claims so strongly that the boys could not fail to vote for him. As a result, the Union would no longer gain the majority that it would lose it, and then its usefulness as an institution for the betterment of the social and economic purposes for which it was created would, if not destroyed, be so seriously impaired as to cause it to lose its usefulness. Let us hope that the test of democracy and the qualification to hold office will not be, Does the candidate belong to any particular organization, church or creed? but rather, is he a Democrat, and if so, has he the necessary qualification requisite to fill the office for which he seeks with dignity and honor to himself and justice to the State or county? Sherman Courier.

## WHERE CREDIT BELONGS.

A late Dallas special says: "Not a little of the credit in the peaceful settlement of the contest between the old and the new executive committees and official board of the Farmers' Co-operative Union is ascribed by both sides to J. R. Luce of Grapeland, Texas, a member of the older executive committee. He was admitted into the sessions of both sides and sought to bring about the settlement as it finally came out. He was assisted heartily by the members of his committee, his officers and by the visitors. The agreement has been signed by all parties concerned to leave the whole thing to the regular annual meeting in August and it is admitted that the meeting will be in Dallas. Then the present organization will be nationalized by the forming of a Texas Union in every respect like that in the other states. The present organization will then, be generally recognized, as what it now claims to be, the national organization, and not a state affair.

E. A. Calvin, as president, and J. D. Jameson of Whitney, secretary of the executive committee, signed for the older organization. O. P. Pyle, the president, and Campbell Russell, secretary of the executive committee, acted for the newer body. And there is no more a division or any trouble.

## David B. Hill Failing.

Friends of David B. Hill in Albany were shocked at his appearance when he visited that city to attend the Patrick hearing. He is still suffering from the cold which he contracted some time ago, coughs frequently and is quite short of breath. The ex-senator's face shows deep lines and his mustache is almost white. Wrapped carefully in heavy fur robes, he hurried from and to his carriage, his attendant watching him closely as a nurse. Mr. Hill is experiencing trouble with his eyes, and he intends to stop all work until his present condition has been improved greatly.

It's a wise father who knows as much as his own daughter.

## Young New York Speaker.

Speaker Wadsworth, of the New York assembly, is but 28 years old, and has had only one year's experience in the legislature. This is regarded as an advantage by his friends, who declare that "his inexperience is better than some kinds of experience." He has started out by making some of the older members very hostile to him by dropping a number of the "best connected" members in the house from their old positions on important committees.

Since this action was taken no cases of hazing have been heard of. A little later the entire corps of cadets met and voted unanimously to organize themselves into a students' council for the purpose of enforcing the honor system and putting a stop to all cheating on examinations. A constitution was drawn up and adopted. It provides for an executive committee of twenty students, five from each of the four classes, which has to investigate all cases of cheating and fix the punishment therefor.

## No Spelling For Him.

"No, I shan't be looking for any spelling schools this winter," replied the drummer with a shake of the head. "Last winter, as I was loafing around a country town on my route, an acquaintance informed me that an old-fashioned spelling school was to be held that night at a country school-house, and I was invited to go with a crowd. Boys and girls piled into a big sleigh filled with straw, and I naturally tried to make myself agreeable. Before we had gone a mile one young fellow said that if I didn't quit grinning at his girl he'd punch my head, and when we got to the schoolhouse another put his fist under my nose and called me too fresh.

"On top of that I was ass enough to go in and spell the whole crowd down, and I had to make my escape from the building by a window and walk four miles through the snow by my lonesome.

"I used to be fond of old-fashioned things and the spelling school headed the list, but I guess I shall have to cut it out and be satisfied with mince pie and popcorn."—Chicago News.

## "Or" Not "And."

People who have had a wide experience with the ordinary summer boarding-house in a place where the season is short and hay must be made while the sun shines have learned not to expect too much. There are, however, certain limits beyond which economy seldom goes.

These limits are evidently unknown or disregarded in a mountain resort to which a meek Bostonian lately strayed.

On the morning after her arrival she seated herself at the breakfast table with the hope stirring in her heart of a meal more generous than the last night's supper. The neat, stern-featured waitress brought her a small saucer of breakfast food, and bent over her.

"We have Graham muffins or white biscuit, ham or eggs," she said, with a distinctness of articulation which left no doubt of her meaning.—Youth's Companion.

## To Make Florida an Island.

"A canal of great importance which requires construction," writes Austin Bierbower in his article, "Canals We Must Dig," in the Technical World Magazine, "is across the northern part of the peninsula of Florida. Such a canal would save 700 miles between New Orleans and New York, and about the same distance between our other Gulf and Atlantic cities. Most vessels between these ports must go two days out of their way, and when time is so important and the cost of sea transportation so great, this cannot be forever endured. Florida is level, and so can be cut without much difficulty or expense; and there are some streams which could be utilized for part of the route."

## "We Have Many Similar."

The following is an extract from a letter received from Mr. H. H. Meyers of Stuttgart, Ark.: "You would greatly oblige me if you would introduce Hunt's Lightning Oil at Millidgeville, Ill., as I have many friends and relatives there, in whom I am much concerned, and I understand the Oil is not kept there. I can recommend it as the best medicine I ever had in my house." It cured me of a bad case of the bloody flux in less than one-half an hour, and it cured my granddaughter of a bad case of cholera morbus in a very short time.

Chicago shipped the largest single cargo of grain, consisting of 235,000 bushels of corn and 58,000 bushels of barley, aggregating 7,372 tons.

## TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take EXALTYE Bromo Quinine Tablets. Drug stores refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

I do love my country's good with a bespect more tender, more holy and profound than mine own life.—Shakespeare.

Workmen who watch the clock are not at all likely to ever have anything else worth watching.

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Men who rise from nothing often do so by divesting themselves of every thing worth having in their ascent.

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The telephone system of the Illinois Central Railroad is to be extended.

## Worth Knowing

—that Alcock's are the original and only genuine porous plasters; all other so-called porous plasters are imitations.

Intolerance has been the curse of every age and state.—S. Davies.

Sensible Housekeepers will have Deafness Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

Life may be a burden to most men, but few of us stand ready to cast it off at the call of despair.

Deafness Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

The latest alleged prevention of sea-sickness is to inhale deeply when the ship rises and exhale when it sinks.

## GLADNESS.

If living is a joy to you,  
Because your soul is sound,  
And life seems good and sweet and true,  
That you have happily found,  
Then sing no false and hopeless strain,  
Of doubting and despair,  
But lift your voice all clear and plain,  
And sing that life is fair!

Sing of its beauty and its worth,  
Its bright and sunny skies,  
Sing all the loveliness of earth,  
As seen by happy eyes;  
For then the souls despondent born  
Shall find them brave and strong,  
Their way less gloomy and forlorn,  
Because of your glad song!  
—Ripley D. Saunders, in St. Louis Republic.

## THE STRONGHOLD OF THE BEES

By FRANK LILLIE POLLOCK.

It was discovered by Lee Stevens one July afternoon, when he was fishing in Nelson's Creek, which flows through the mountains of West Virginia into the Potomac. From the western side of the creek the mountain rose in a gray fissured bluff, fully sixty feet in height. A dead black-gum tree growing at the margin of the water reached half-way up the face of the bluff, and round the top of this tree Lee observed a great flight of bees. The tree, it appeared, was a "bee-tree."

Lee watched the insects with interest, for he was himself a bee-keeper. In partnership with Fred Armstrong, who lived on the adjoining farm, he was operating an apiary, which had grown from six to twenty colonies, and had already produced a pleasant little bank account.

Lee saw that the nest of bees was not in the tree. It was in the bluff itself, which was brushed by the dead branches. But as he could not see the actual entering place, he took off his coat and began to climb the tree.

He had to go to the very top, but he saw what he wanted. The stronghold of the bees was in a fissure of the rock, with an entrance not four inches in diameter. Below it a projecting ledge made, as it were, a door-step about a foot wide, and this shelf was covered with bees, alighting or crawling about.

It was evidently a very active and populous colony; it might well contain hundreds of pounds of honey and wax. But before Lee could make further observations he was stung on the wrist, and slid hurriedly to the ground.

The next day he brought Armstrong to look at the place. The smallness of the entrance was awkward, for they could neither get at the bees nor take out the combs without breaking them. But the rock was so cracked that it looked as if a piece might be pried off to enlarge the opening, which, Lee thought, could easily be reached from the top of the tree.

Three days later the boys returned to the bluff, equipped with a small, sharp iron bar, an ax, and defensive armor of gauze veils and cotton gloves reaching to the elbow, as well as a bee-smoker loaded with a potent mixture of green tobacco leaves and hickory bark. They did not intend to get the honey on this visit. After enlarging the entrance, it would be better to allow the insects a day or two to grow quiet.

Fred agreed to undertake the work, aloft, and he put on his gloves and veil, put the bar in his pocket, and lighted the smoker, which he swung around his neck. Then he went up the tree, while Lee watched from below.

The ledge swarmed with bees. A deep hum came from the dark hole, and the warm fragrance of honey and wax. But he found that Lee had miscalculated the distance between the treetop and the ledge. The branches would not bear him, and he could not reach the opening. He could not come within three feet of it, and he threw his weight on that side of the tree and tried to sway the trunk a little.

"Be careful! That tree's rotten!" called Lee, from below.

But the trunk had bent forward far enough for Fred to grasp the jagged edge of the granite, and to get one knee upon the ledge.

He clung there against the spring of the tree, holding to the rock with his left hand, while with his right hand he drew the iron bar and began to pry at a crevice beside the aperture.

At the first click of the iron the bees were upon him, coming like tiny arrows against his veil. He using the smoker and poured smoke into the hole, checking the attack temporarily.

It was ticklish work, clinging at once to the tree and the ledge, but the fragment of rock gave way under the crowbar. It moved. With a strong effort he dislodged it, and it fell.

It left the opening a trifle larger. A cloud of bees rose like a puff of dense smoke, and almost at the same moment there was a crack! from the dead tree trunk, a yell of dismay from Lee, and the tree snapped off about six feet below the ledge, and went crashing down.

Fred never knew why he did not go with it. He caught instinctively at the granite, dropping smoker and bar, and threw himself forward upon his knee. He found himself sitting on the narrow shelf, with his legs dangling over forty feet of space, and a cloud of desperately infuriated bees round his head.

He glanced at the stump of the tree, measuring the distance. It was too far to reach, too far to jump. The dead branches would snap if he fell

among them. Yet the cliff was too precipitous to be scaled, either above or below him, and the few bushes growing in the crannies were too weak to offer hope.

The air about his face was darkened with the flying insects, and Fred involuntarily quailed before their fury, although he did not think that they could get at him. They settled on the gauze of his veil in scores, in hundreds, till the stuff sagged heavily with their weight and became as opaque as leather, and half a dozen burning stabs on his legs and body showed that they had managed to get under his clothing. Suddenly he felt a sharp thrust on his cheek, then another. He thought the veil must have sagged against the skin, but to his horror he felt bees crawling on his cheek. The thin gauze had ripped, probably in a weak spot, under the weight of the quart or two of bees.

Fred had the misfortune—for a bee-keeper—to be quickly and severely affected by stings, and he could feel his face putting up already. He closed his eyes tight to protect them as far as possible. The bees were back upon him in myriads, and when they were once under the veil it was impossible to brush them out.

The smell of the bees nauseated the boy, and he grew dizzy and faint. He rallied from this in a moment, but a numb listlessness overcame him. He thought he heard, far away, a noise as of some one chopping wood, and tried to open his eyes. The lids would not close but a crack.

He realized vaguely that he was in danger of fainting and toppling from his narrow perch, but he felt as if he did not much care. There might be worse things than to fall gently, softly through the cool air, and be free from his buzzing tormentors. He was seized by a strong temptation to let himself slip over. It would be so easy! He seemed to hear a voice above the whirl and roar of the wings.

"Jump!" it repeated. "Jump! Jump!"

He resisted the prompting as long as he was able; he did not know how long. Then, suddenly yielding, he put his hands on the rock beside him and swung off.

"Snash!" He went almost immediately into crackling branches. The shock brought him to himself. The branches broke as he grasped them, but there was something more solid under him. It was a tree trunk. He grasped it, and slid down blindly, losing most of the clinging bees in the descent, till his feet touched solid ground, and he felt an arm thrown round his shoulder. "I was calling to you for ten minutes to jump!" exclaimed Lee. "I thought you'd be stung to death."

With admirable resource Lee had felled the tree so that it leaned against the bluff directly beneath Fred's perch. He could not have missed it in jumping.

Fred lay on the grass for the rest of the afternoon, with his face painted with wet mud. At sunset he was able to walk the three miles to his home, although weakly, and with a countenance swollen out of human semblance. The swelling abated in a day or two, however, and did no permanent harm; but for more than a month the odor of bees or wax produced such a violent nausea that he was unable to do his share of the work of the joint apiary. The wild bees still dwell and prosper in the rocks. As the tree is broken off, their stronghold is more inaccessible than ever.—Youth's Companion.

## His Niggardiness.

"I shilly-shally, brudder and sistahs, to publicly stigmatize any member of dis congregation by name," grimly remarked good old Parson Woolfmon, during a recent sermon, fixing a basilisk glare on a certain miserly and unproductive person before him. "Tim after a time, when de contribution box hab circumambulated around, de brudder under specification ain't flung in nary cent, but dess sot and sot and soaked up de sermint, and neber said 'boo' about payin' his predestined pro-rata." Dar comes a time, muh friends, when procrastination done ceases to be virtuous, and I is now gwine to ax dat disliberal and reluctant pusson why'n't he reorganize his 'sponsibilities and retaliate wid a 'casional nickel or a little so'thin' dat-a-way. Don't you know, Brudder Slewfoot—T's gwine to predicate to him—don't yo' know dat yo' and due and elected to lend to de Lawd? Don't you—"

"I knows all dat, and mo', too," doggedly replied the economical Mr. Slewfoot. "I knows dat, all right enough, and I stands ready and willin' to lend de Lawd. When de Lawd comes after de money T's er-gwine to fork ober; but I sho' proclaims in a high, clar voice dat I ain't gwine to hand it out to nobody else!"—Tom Watson's Magazine.

## Knew Her Well.

It was the sweet scent of the lilies in the conservatory, or the beauty of the young girl's gilt hair, at any rate, after the two-step, as they rested in the shadow beneath a palm, he proposed to the debutante in white.

"It cannot be," she said. "I am unworthy of you."

"Oh, rubbish!" said he. "It is true, it is too true." And she sighed.

"You are an angel," he said, ardently. "No, no; you are wrong," said the young girl. "I am vain, idle, silly, utterly unfit to be your helpmate through life."

He laughed lightly. He said in a soothing voice: "Why, this is sheer madness. What sort of a wife do you think I ought to have?"


"A very wise, deliberate, practical woman," she replied; "one able to live on your small salary."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

## A Few Bluffs, But No Trouble.

A very pleasant surprise party was given at the T ranch about a week ago, at which every one had a very enjoyable time. Jeff Parish took all honors for the best dancer. Another party was given at Plush last Friday night, a large crowd attended and had a good time; without any fights, but one or two bluffs were stirred about, but no hard blows were cast. Lakeview (Ore.) Examiner.

## Important to Mothers.

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Genius can not escape the taint of its time more than a child the influence of its begetting.—Ouida (Louise de la Ramee).

## DOCTOR CURED OF ECZEMA.

Maryland Physician Cures Himself—Dr. Fisher Says: "Cuticura Remedies Positively True Merit."

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## Spiritual Life.

The Hawaiian Star tells of a remarkable stone brought to Honolulu from Kau by the steamer Mauna Loa. It is what is known as the Illi, the stone that breeds. The stone was found in Koloa, Kau. According to the statements of the natives living in that section, if the stone is placed in a glass jar and water poured over it and the jar be covered for a couple of days the stone will multiply.

## To Promote Liberty.

A British Constitutional Association has been formed for the purpose of "promoting personal liberty and limiting the functions of governing bodies accordingly."

Every man must bear his own burden, and it is a fine thing to see any one trying to do it manfully.

## Rich, Juicy Radishes Free.

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## LOCAL.

### Woodman Mask Ball.

The best lunch counter at Harry Longcor's.

Mrs. E. A. Jones has been quite ill the past week.

Ike Cox has purchased the Converse homestead.

Don't forget the Woodman Mask Ball February.

Bert Arnett, of Rock Springs, is visiting in Brackett this week.

E. J. Buckingham, of San Antonio was in Brackett Saturday.

When you are hungry call on Harry Longcor at Sharp & Rivers.

Miss Mattie Cook, of Eagle Pass, is visiting relatives in Brackett.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Seargeant were visiting friends in Spofford Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Gilson were visiting friends in Del Rio Tuesday.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Gilder, has been quite ill the past week.

Sam Witt, the Montell goat man was transacting business in our city.

Miss Annie Dooley has accepted the position as bookkeeper for Peterson & Co. Miss Annie has had considerable experience in this line and the company is to be congratulated in securing her services.

Sibe Brooks, of Nueces was in Brackett Monday for supplies. Sibe was caught in the cold wave Sunday evening and looked very cheerful when he arrived in town and found a warm stove.

O. J. Woodhull, of San Antonio, who owns considerable real estate in our county was in Brackett Saturday evening. He made us a pleasant call and reported everything looking well and prosperous on his ranches.

Ira Wheat, of Rock Springs, was in Brackett several days this week on business. Mr. Wheat made us a pleasant call and says that Kinney County is far ahead of Edwards in regard to range and cattle. He said that cattle were poor and they were needing rain in his county.

The Brackett News still continues to prosper. This week we printed 250 extra copies of which 200 copies are already sold. We have fifty copies remaining and it will pay you to come in and buy a few extra copies and send them to your friends. Advertise Kinney Co. and watch our county grow.

Woodman Mask Ball February 22.

Meals 25 cents at the Brackett Hotel.

Hans Petersen was in Spofford Sunday.

Lunch served at all hours at the Brackett Hotel.

Buy an extra copy of The News this week.

Miss Lucy Windus was on the sick list Monday.

Commissioners Court will convene Monday morning.

Mrs. Wiley Howell was on the sick list a few days this week.

N. Petersen, went to San Antonio Sunday to have his eyes treated.

Don't forget that you can get lunch at all hours at the Brackett Hotel.

Jno. Dooley and Jim Gidea left Saturday for their ranches on the Nueces.

The Best made is the Reserved D. Whiskey. Sold by F. S. Fritter.

Leo and Frank Clamp came in Tuesday from he ranch to spend a few days in town.

J. W. Nolan was in town several days this week. He left yesterday for the ranch.

A good time is assured at the Woodman Mask Ball February 22. Come one, come all.

Jimmie and Pauline Matthews returned Sunday from a few days visit to relatives in Barksdale.

Hon. Joseph Jones is somewhat better after a tedious, but not serious, illness.—Del Rio News.

Satisfaction guaranteed money refunded for anything in the line of eatables at the Brackett Hotel.

Sheriff Robinson hired a man Sunday and gave his bloodhounds a long race in which they acquitted themselves well.—Del Rio Mirror.

Miss Maude Sadline who has been in Brackett for the past month for her health left Tuesday for the Wheat ranch near Rock Springs on an extended visit.

The jail is undergoing some extensive improvements this week by receiving a new fresh coat of paint. It adds much to the general appearance of the jail.

We have been busy this week doing considerable job work. We are prepared to do satisfactory work and if you have any work to be done let us have your order.

James Cornell, of the law firm of Cornell & Wardlaw, made a professional visit to Ozona this week to look after the interest of some of his clients in the J. P. and County court over there.—Sonora Sun.

The plan of the West Nueces ranchman to store storm water for irrigation purposes in case of need seems entirely feasible and reasonable. A great deal of water goes to waste in West Texas that could be held by the building of an earthen dam at comparatively small cost where the topography of the land is particularly favoring, and the water thus stored would be of great service when needed.—S. A. Express.

\$1700 is the price paid for the "Billie" which was imported from far away Southern Africa a few days ago. The purchasers are Messrs. Witt & Sons of Kinney county. The duty was \$500. This seems to be a large sum to pay for one goat but these gentlemen know what they are about and of course will be amply rewarded for the outlay. It pays any breeders to get the very best breeding animals and the price received for the good grade of animal is always in advance of the scrub.—Eagle Pass Guide.

Good meals at the Brackett Hotel.

Don't forget the Woodman Mask Ball.

Chas. Flanders moved into the Bake Cox property this week.

First class meals at the Brackett Hotel for 25 cents.

Wednesday was pay day in the Quartermaster Department.

If you are hungry and want a good meal for 25 cents, go to the Brackett Hotel.

G. Dietzel, the prosperous Maraposa farmer was in town yesterday on business.

For carpenter work, windmill building and repairing see C. M. SLATER Brackettville, Texas.

The Woodman of the World will give another entertainment at their Hall to-morrow evening.

J. P. Jones, the local manager of the telephone Co. was repairing the Luguna line Monday.

Send a copy of The News to your friend this week, you will advertise Kinney county by doing so.

Married at Brackett Wednesday evening, James Clamp and Miss Mamie Dooley.—Del Rio Mirror.

Buy a few copies of The News this week and send it to your friends and help advertise Kinney County.

Rev. Father Whelan, of Del Rio, was in Brackett Sunday and conducted services at the Catholic church.

The Woodman Mask Ball promises to be one of the most enjoyable features of the season. Don't fail to attend.

If you are up late and feel hungry Harry Longcor can supply you with anything you desire to eat at Sharp & Rivers.

L. V. Lane, a big sheepman near Sycamore, was in town Monday looking for range to put his sheep on this summer.

E. L. Witt was in from Montell, Wednesday. Says the fine \$1700 billie is doing fine as can be.—Uvalde Leader-News.

L. D. Williamson returned yesterday from Brackett where he sold five hundred tons of hay to the government.—Del Rio News.

The Woodman of the World are making arrangements to give a Masquerade Ball February 22 at Ross Hall. Everybody is invited. Admission, gentlemen \$1.00 Ladies 50 cents.

Sheriff Jno. F. Robinson left Thursday for San Antonio on a visit of several days. He has been one of the hardest worked men in Del Rio for the last few weeks, and needs a rest.—Del Rio Mirror.

Barksdale Makes A Claim.

Editor Hornby, of the Leader-News, and Editor Price, of The Brackett News, are having quite heated discussion over which county (Uvalde or Kinney) should have the honor of possessing that \$1700 Angora Billie of E. L. Witt & Sons. The billie is now in Witt & Sons pastures in Kinney Co. so Bro. Price has a pretty good argument in his favor. We wish however to present a claim for Edwards Co. on this fine South African Buck, and we believe our claim is a just one; as it is an established fact that Mr. E. L. Witt & Sons accumulated all their money which to purchase this fine buck and many other prize winners; on their Maverick, Creek Ranch in Edwards County. So it is a plainly demonstrated fact that Edwards Co. is due some honor of this fine goat being in America, as Mr. Witt & Sons built up their Angoras in this county and are now sending them out to other counties to breed up their flocks.—Barksdale News.

W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle Will Entertain.

Woodmen of the World and Woodmen Circle will give their 3rd entertainment in their Hall next Saturday night February 10 all members are requested to be present.

F. J. GILSON,  
Chairman Com.

A Straw Ride.

Quite a number of our young folks enjoyed a straw ride Friday evening. Those that composed the merry crowd were: Miss Lucy Windus and Miss Jennie Nolan chaperones. Misses Alyce Veltmann, Thersa Nolan, Kathryn Nolan, Beulah Jones, Edith Dudley, Jessie France, Hope Anderson, and Mattie Perry. Messrs Homer Jones, Walter and Arthur Lang, Joe and Frank Rose, Ben Nolan, Alie Wickham, Sam Fritter, Thanks Anderson and Geo. Mason.

MR. BLAINE APPOINTED POSTMASTER AT DEL RIO.

F. C. Blaine, of Del Rio, has been appointed Postmaster at that place. This appointment receives the endorsement of all the business men of Del Rio. Mr. Blaine is well known throughout Southwest Texas and has many friends. We feel assured that the people of Del Rio will be given the very best service by Mr. Blaine.

He has received congratulations from his many friends from different parts of the state. The first one sent was by Mr. T. J. Martin of Spofford.

Mr. Dowe's Appointment.

Hon. R. W. Dowe has just received his appointment as Collector of Customs at Port Eagle Pass. Mr. Dowe having served the people of Maverick county for many years as sheriff when the lawless element ran at large. By his efficiency as a good officer he soon had control of the situation. During his reign as sheriff he was appointed as Collector of Customs having met the approval of the Treasury Department and the President of U. S. A. He has again been re-appointed as collector. We believe said appointment meets the approval of the major part of the people Southwest Texas.

The Ball.

The dance given Saturday evening at the Olympia Hall was a most brilliant affair. Excellent dancing music was furnished by the Jiminez string band.

The dance was given by Liandro Castro and Johnny Vallareal and great credit is due these two gentlemen for they exercised great interest in all present having a good time. The Hall was filled to its utmost capacity and at 8:30 p. m. all the boys got busy.

At 1 o'clock Home Sweet Home was played and all retired to their respective homes reporting the occasion a very pleasant one.

Where Was Bill?

Bill Jones is a country storekeeper down in Louisiana, and last spring he went to New Orleans to purchase a stock of goods. The goods were shipped immediately and reached home before he did. When the boxes of goods were delivered at his store by the drayman, his wife happened to look at the largest; she uttered a loud cry and called for a hammer. A neighbor, hearing the screams rushed to her assistance and asked her what was the matter. The wife pale and fainted pointed to an inscription on the box, which read as follows:

"Bill inside"—Ladies' Home Journal.

Adam Kober, the prosperous ranchman was in our city Monday for supplies.

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### FROM THE POST

Don't forget the Mask Ball on February 14.

Lt. Rush left the other day for San Antonio.

Lt. Schroter is spending a few days in San Antonio this week.

Pvt. Kendall, of troop B, has been appointed Lance Corporal.

Sgt. Wendolsky, of troop F, has succeeded Lt. Rush as Sgt. Maj.

Corpl. Schmidt, of troop H has been promoted to the grade of Sgt.

Over coats were worn at guard mount on Monday and Tuesday.

Sgt. Lendenstruth, of troop B, returned from San Antonio on Friday.

All the troops had inspection in heavy marching order last Saturday.

Another man deserted from the detachment stationed at Eagle Pass.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend the Band concerts in the Post.

Lt. P. Wayland has been assigned to troop F stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

Sgt. Major Windolsky is now installed in his new quarters in the non com staff building.

The men attending signal school will be given an examina-

tion soon to see whether they are proficient.

Troops C and I returned to the Post Sunday from a three days practice march.

Invitations for the Mask Ball on the 14 have been sent out to both town and post.

There has been no drill for the past few days on account of the inclement weather.

Sgt. Asmus, of troop C, left for Eagle Pass on Monday to bring back a deserter.

Regimental Parade was postponed on Monday afternoon on account of the severe cold.

The Band concerts given last week were well attended and as usual the program were fine.

Capt. Brees returned to the Post Sunday after an absence of five days spent in San Antonio.

Monkey drill has been done away with and now the men have the smile that wont come on their faces.

The service held in the Post Hall on Sunday by Chaplain Gavett were well attended and as usual a fine talk was heard.

First class meals at the Brackett Hotel.

#### NOTICE.

I have posted my pasture on Live Oak Creek.

CARL S. KENNEDY.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

Joe Gomez stood head spelling a week.

Bonnie Salmon was absent Tuesday.

Myrtle Nolan stood head in spelling and history a week.

Miss Lucy Windus was not at school Monday being sick.

Gladys Nolan stood head of Texas history class one week.

Joe Slater has returned to school after several weeks absence.

Quite a number of students was absent Monday on account of the rain.

Lillie Cox of Grade I is in school after and an absence of several days.

In the A class Grade I Helen Hughes stood up the longest in a spelling match.

Bessie Sweeney and Adela Saur stood up the longest in a spelling match.

Miss Stephens, of Ft. Clark were welcome visitors in Room I Friday afternoon.

Helen Lindsley with an average of 93 3-4 led the seventh grade last month.

Emma Sauer of the eight grade with an average of 86 7-8 led her class last month.

Charlotte Dudley and George McKnight stood up longest in Geography match Friday.

The B class Grade I had a spelling match Friday and Williams Hughes stood up the longest.

Grover Cox has withdrawn from school, as he will go with his parents to their new home at Live Oak.

Maggie Filippone, Theresa Nolan, Kathleen Nolan and Sam Fritter made 100 in attendance last month.

Hope Anderson, Beulah Jones, Mary Veltmann, Kathleen Nolan and Ben Nolan did not miss a

question in the geography match last Friday. The questions were on the Geography of Europe.

Hope Anderson of the sixth grade received an average of 92 which was the highest average made in that grade.

The Tenth Grade Geometry class reached the problem last Wednesday to inscribe a regular pentagon in a circle and from to construct the Texas Star. This is a difficult problem.

Ada Vincent of Grade 9 has been in school this session over five months and has not during this time been either absent nor tardy. Thanks Anderson has been next in regularity, not having been tardy, but has been absent two half days, preparing his lessons however for time lost.

#### Alfalfa Pays in Texas.

Where the conditions suit, alfalfa is unquestionably one of the most profitable crops that can be grown.

Although the excessive wet in Texas was bad for the alfalfa, nevertheless a farmer of Fannin County makes this report on his crop:

"In preparing the lands sowing it and providing for cutting and saving the hay, I had been at a total expense of \$458.25. That included \$75 for a mower and rake and \$130 for a barn in which to store the hay. So subtracting that \$205 from the \$458.25. I have really been out only \$263.25.

"During the short time that I have had this fifteen acres I have sold \$200 worth of hay, and at the same time had plenty with which to feed my stock. I am certainly well pleased with my experiment with alfalfa, so far. I think it is the best I have ever fed and I intend to sow some more next spring and try to arrange to pasture it as well as cut it for hay."--Texas Farm Journal.

Meals served at all hours at the Brackett Hotel.

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#### The Bad Boy And The Teacher.

A teacher in one of our country schools had a class of young scholars before her in mathematics. The examples were in addition and the following illustration was offered by the teacher: "Now, children, if I lay four eggs on the desk and Sammy (she pointed to a freckled faced lad at the head of the class) should lay three eggs on the desk, how many eggs would be there?" The bad boy of the class who was at the foot, and had been listened intently, shouted: "Go on Sam. Take her up! I don't think she can do it!"--Temple Tribune.

#### Well Paid for Sermon.

Perhaps the highest sum ever paid for a sermon goes each year to a lucky German preacher, who receives \$4,000 for his effort. In 1690 a wealthy French baron named Fayart, who lived in Elberfeld, died and bequeathed his money to the Protestant church there on the condition that it should be invested and the interest given annually to some clergyman, chosen haphazard from those holding the poorest livings in the see, on condition that he preach a short sermon extolling the good deeds of the dead baron.

#### Two Men and a Moral.

Two men down in the State of Texas decided to go into business of merchandising.

Each had about \$2000 cash and they went east together and each bought a stock of goods.

The first one stuck his card in his home papers before he bought his goods; and when he came back he continued to tell the people about it.

He got acquainted and from the first there was something doing in that shop. He soon had to telegraph to fill orders where goods ran short.

He never haggled over the money he spent to let the people know where to find him. After two years he is worth \$12,000 and is the biggest advertiser in that section, and the best known man.

The second man came home with his stock, and the local paper mentioned that he had been to New York.

The publisher came around and asked about an ad. but he said he would have to hire a clerk and pay rent and fire insurance and pay taxes and that he could not afford it yet, but would favor the paper with an ad as soon as he felt able to do it. He said, however, he did not think that newspaper advertising paid, but he supposed he would have to do it sometime.

Well, he is living in the same town yet, but conditions have changed. He sat around the store until clerk hire, rent and insurance ate up the stock and after a little scene with the sheriff, he retired from business, and now has a job as stenographer. --Ex.

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There can be no truth without liberty.

Some folks ought to take their conscience out once in a while for exercise.

### Whose Say-so is Best?

With nearly all medicines put up for sale through druggists, one has to take the maker's say-so alone as to their curative value. In medicine, such testimony is not that of a disinterested party and accordingly is not to be given the same credit as if written from disinterested motives. Dr. Pierce's medicines, however, form a single and therefore striking exception to this rule. Their efficacy to the confidence of invalids does not rest solely upon their makers' say-so or praise. Their ingredients are matters of public knowledge, being printed on each separate bottle wrapper. Thus invalid sufferers are enabled to judge for themselves. Dr. Pierce's full confidence. Scores of leading medical men have written enough to fill volumes in praise of the curative value of these several ingredients entering into these well-known medicines.

Amongst these writers we find such medical lights as Prof. Finley Ellis Wood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago; Prof. Hale, of the same city; Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., late of Cincinnati, Ohio; Prof. John King, M. D., late of Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. Grover Cox, of New York; Dr. Bartholow, of Jefferson Medical College, of Pa., and scores of others equally eminent.

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## WILLING TO SHARE WITH GOD

Simple Faith and Gratitude of a Little Child.

The simple faith of a little child, whether applied to parents, friend or to God, found an illustration in a story recently told by Dr. Levi G. Broughton of Atlanta, Ga., when he was in Boston. It was related to him by a friend in the railroad service as follows:

"My little girl came to me a little while before Christmas and said: 'Papa, I want you to pray to God and ask him to have Santa Claus bring me a dolly for Christmas.' I promised, and on Christmas morning she found her dolly, and called me to see it. As she looked it over, examining the face, the eyes, the hair, and the clothes, she said, 'Papa, hain't God good? He's gooder than I thought he was. Do you think he sent little brother anything?'"

"I told her she might go over to her grandma's, where brother was visiting, and find out. Presently she returned, with her face all covered with happy smiles, and exclaimed, 'O, papa! God sent brother a beautiful great big hobby-horse.'"

"Breakfast came soon after and as we sat down at the table she climbed upon my knee, and putting her arms around my neck she said again, 'Hain't God good? and he was gooder to brother than he was to me, wasn't he?'"

"I replied, 'Yes, he is good, and now what are you going to do for God, dear?'"

"O, I'm going to let God play with my dolly all he wants to; and I'm going to ask brother to let God ride his hobby-horse, too.'"—Boston Post.

### Put His Foot in It.

J. Nota McGill, ex-register of wills for the District of Columbia, and now professor of patent law at Georgetown university, lost a hat, a point to a joke, and a goodly amount of temper yesterday. This is how it came to pass:

Mr. McGill was walking from the patent office up G. Street to his own office, when he came face to face with a nor'wester.

Mr. McGill is not of the excitable kind, but when that nor'wester struck him he lost his head—or rather his hat.

"Hey, there," cried the ex-register, "stop that brand new hat of mine! Won't some one stop it?"

There was something in the professor's voice that appealed to a dapper looking stranger, who made a lunge at the head gear, but could do no better than put his feet through it. Consequently the brim was the only part recognizable after the fatality.

"Well, you certainly have put your foot in it," shouted Mr. McGill.

"Beg pardon, what did you say?" asked the dude.

"I say you've put your foot in it."

"By Jove, say not so, old chap."

"Say not so yourself," growled the professor, "you surely have fixed my hat up all right."

"I am awfully sorry—awfully," confessed the dude. "Let me 'ave it mended."

"Oh, no," said the ex-register with sarcasm, "the brim is not worth a crown now."

"A crown? I should say it is! Why the 'Moonin' thing is worth a sovereign at least!"—Washington Post.

### Busy American Women.

The American woman is going ahead. The census returns show that 5,000,000 and more women are employed in the nation's industrial life. There are now three times as many women stenographers as there were ten years ago, while the number of women bookkeepers and accountants has doubled. The percentage of saleswomen also shows a corresponding increase. Women have risen to be treasurers of street railways, presidents of national and savings banks, secretaries of financiers on salaries of \$10,000 and \$12,500, executive heads of building and contracting firms, buyers for large stores, etc. They are to be met with in a hundred responsible capacities, all of them outside the once prescribed field of female occupations, and in all of which a talent for figures is a prime requisite of success.

### Cytherea to the Years.

I am grown older.  
My eyes are dim.  
My heart is faint, my hair is white;  
No new moon glides the cyprus limb  
As on that summer night!

But a disk was  
And sore and old.  
Scroll of gold lines that had their  
fashion—  
As ancient palm-leaves unrolled,  
Hold faded hints of passion.

I am grown old.  
But not with days.  
Not age's frost has touched my hair;  
For she hath aged whose feet the ways  
Have trod of hope's despair!

Of love's decay,  
Of heart's despoil,  
Of laughter lost in some lost even—  
Who chase her husks for soul's delight  
And counted hell for heaven!  
—Post Wheeler, in New York Press.

### For Believers in a "Hoodoo."

Opie Read is very superstitious. While on a reading tour with Ben King, the poet suddenly died at Bowling Green on the night he recited "If I Should Die To-night." Commenting on the incident Read said: "There was a curious chain of circumstances that night. It was the 12th of the month, it was the thirteenth town of our tour, thirteen sat down to the table with us at supper, and thirteen darkies, thinking that Ben and I were going to give a minstrel show, sat in the front row of the balcony."

### Proclaim New Anesthetic.

Two German scientists announce the discovery of a new anesthetic having all the virtues of cocaine without the latter's secondary ill effects. The new substance is called "allylamine." It deadens pain by local application, and does not contain poison.

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So-called "wandering pains" may come from its early stages, or the presence of danger may be made manifest by excessive monthly periods accompanied by unusual pain extending from the abdomen through the groin and thighs.

If you have mysterious pains, if there are indications of inflammation, ulceration or displacement, don't wait for time to confirm your fears and go through the horrors of a hospital operation; secure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once and begin its use and write Mrs. Pinkham of Lynn, Mass., for advice.

Read these strong letters from grateful women who have been cured:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— (First Letter.)  
"In looking over your book I see that your medicine cures Tumors. I have been to a doctor and he tells me I have a tumor. I will be more than grateful if you can help me, as I do so dread an operation."—Fannie D. Fox, Bradford, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— (Second Letter.)  
"I take the liberty to congratulate you on the success I have had with your wonderful medicine."  
"Eighteen months ago my periods stopped. Shortly after I felt so badly I submitted to a thorough examination by a physician, and was told that I had a tumor and would have to undergo an operation."  
"I soon after read one of your advertisements and decided to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. After taking five bottles as directed, the tumor entirely gone. I have again been examined by the physician and he says I have no signs of a tumor now. It has also brought my periods around once more, and I am entirely well. I shall never be without a bottle of Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the house."—Fannie D. Fox, Bradford, Pa.

Another Case of Tumor Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—  
"About three years ago I had intense pain in my stomach, with cramps and raging headaches. The doctor prescribed for me, but finding that I did not get any better he examined me and, to my surprise, declared I had a tumor."  
"I felt sure that it meant my death warrant, and was very disheartened. I spent hundreds of dollars in doctoring, but the tumor kept growing, till the doctor said that nothing but an operation would save me. Fortunately I corresponded with my aunt in one of the New England States, who advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound before submitting to an operation, and I at once started taking a regular treatment, finding to my great relief that my general health began to improve, and after three months I noticed that the tumor had reduced in size. I kept on taking the Compound, and in ten months it had entirely disappeared without an operation, and using no medicine but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and words fail to express how grateful I am for the good it has done me."—Miss Luella Adams, Colorado Hotel, Seattle, Wash.

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The average man's religion unfortunately fits so loosely that it seldom interferes with business.

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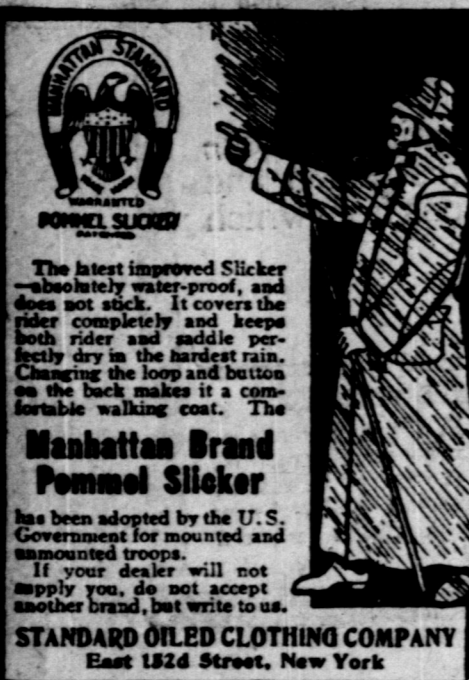
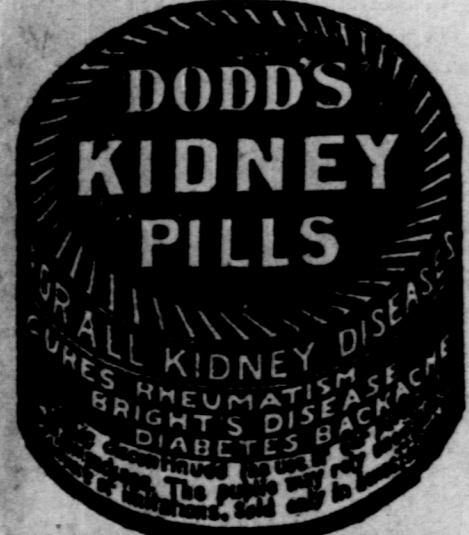
**61 Years in One Place.** Bridget O'Donnell, a servant, who for sixty-one years was in the employ of the family of the late John J. Crane at 35 West Forty-seventh street, New York City, died suddenly of heart disease in the rectory of St. Patrick's Cathedral. She had gone there to witness the wedding of a friend.

**Faith's Noblest Fruits.** We shall find some of the subtlest fruits of faith among what are commonly called "passive virtues." In the unostentatious heroism of the household, amid the daily driftings of small cares; in the noiseless conquests of a love too reverential to complain; in resting in the Lord and waiting patiently for Him.—Bishop Huntington.

**Italy's Debt Reduced.** Italy's national debt is being reduced at the rate of \$50,000,000 a year.

**Oil and Lime Water for a Scald.** Heads of other families may like to know what one mother did in an emergency. Her five-year-old boy upset a pitcher of boiling water over one shoulder, and, while she sent post haste for the doctor, she also ran to the storeroom for salad oil, and to her washstand for a bottle of lime-water. A dentist had recommended for the teeth. Mixing equal parts of the oil and lime-water, she soaked a cloth in the resultant and bound up the wound. When the physician arrived he said she had done really all that was necessary, and her prompt action had saved the little patient much suffering which his later arrival could not have averted wholly.—Presbyterian.

**An Auto-Lighted Tree.** The family were afraid to have candles on the Christmas tree because of all the little children, so they used colored electric lights. The tiny little batteries that can be bought in a store did not make a sufficiently powerful light, so they hired a 40-horse-power gasoline automobile to come and stand outside the door, attached the electric bulbs to the batteries and got all the light they wanted.—Country Life in America.



**TEMPLE OF THE SOCIAL INANITIES.** What makes life such a silly jell And such a grind eternal? Most people crack shell after shell And quite forget the kernel.—Life.

### EASY.

"What are the Irish coming to?" demanded the eminent lecturer. "Coming to Ameriky, mosht of 'em," answered a voice from the rear of the hall. "Ashk us a hard wan."—Life.

### THE COY THING.

"Why is a press humorist never seen on the street without a bundle of newspapers?" "Oh, it's a part of his costume. He'd feel very immodest without 'em."

### THAT ARCTIC NIGHT.

"They say the Eskimos are a very abstemious people." "Never make a night of it, eh?" "Most assuredly not. A man couldn't very well stay out for six months."

### EXTINCT.

"People no longer use the term 'your obedient servant,'" remarked Mr. Oldstyle. "No," responded Mr. Housekeeper, "there's no such thing these days."

### ANOTHER RECORD.

Redd—"My chauffeur's made a new record. Greene—"You don't say?" "Yes, been fined eight times in six days for speeding."—Yonkers Statesman.

### NOT ALIKE.

Willie—"Your sister Mame and Mr. Sophr are pretty thick, ain't they?" Susie—"Gracious! No. Of course Mame's thick enough, but Mr. Sophr is jest awfully thin."—Philadelphia Press.

### PROOF OF ITS QUALITY.

"I heard Wickerly swearing at his new automobile the other day. He said it was an ice wagon." "He likes it better now. He has been fined for scorching."—Chicago Tribune.

### WHIRLING DIGITS.

"Gee, are those fellows crazy?" "What's wrong?" "Look at their fingers gyrating. Gosh, they'll snap them off!" "No; it's all right. They're a couple of deaf-mute students giving their class yell."

### COMFORT.

A little child ate everything she fancied, until she took sick of acute indigestion and died. "What a comfort," exclaimed the bereaved parents, "now that she is gone to recall that we never denied her anything."—Life.

### UNREASONABLE.

She—"Now, wasn't it thoughtful of me to go out early and gather those flowers for the breakfast table?" "Fine." (He kisses her.) "Where's the coffee?" "Oh! But I can't think of everything, darling; can I?"

### WORSE THAN A SNUB.

"You say you think your girl is going back on you? What leads you to such a supposition; did she snub you?" "No; but she called her little sister, into the parlor last night and had her recipe for me."—Houston Post.

### QUALIFICATIONS.

"I want to be ambassador to somewhere. As an ex-Rough Rider I ought to stand a pretty good chance, hey?" "Yes," replied Senator Smoothguy, "but you'd stand a heap better chance if you were an ex-football coach."

### DIFFERENCE.

"Why don't you get up and give that seat to your father, Bobby?" reprimanded the lady. "Don't it pain you to see him reaching for a strap?" "Not on a street car," chuckled Bobby, "but it pains me to see him reaching for a strap at home."—Chicago News.

### QUITE ESSENTIAL.

Towne—"I believe Subbubs has bought a houseboat." Browne—"The idea! I didn't think he could afford such a luxury." Towne—"Oh, it isn't a luxury, but a necessity. I believe he has to have it to get from his house to the Swamp-hurst station."—Philadelphia Press.

### NEVER HAD ONE.

Citizen—"Well, well, looking for another cook, eh?" Subbubs—"No; I—." Citizen—"Why, you just said you were." Subbubs—"I did not; I said I was looking for a cook. The others we've had were not."—Philadelphia Press.

### RELIEF.

The moment the nurse turned her, back the rich baby ran over and kissed the poor baby frantically. "It's such a relief to get hold of somebody who isn't sterilized," he exclaimed, in baby talk, for he spoke no English. "I understand, old man," rejoined the poor baby, indulgently.—Life.

## St. Helena.

St. Helena is one of England's most-bund colonies, according to the report of the governor. It has a cable station and a garrison, but that is all. Only three British warships called in during last year. Considering the proximity of St. Helena to the West African coast, and the splendid climate of the island the government wonders that it is not used as a sanitarium by the navy.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in ½-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Glory may be but another name for greed.

### Try One Package.

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The reckless extravagance of women's dress at the present day is little short of criminal insanity.—Marie Corelli.

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# Swift & Company

**Year 1905 Sales.**  
The total distributive sales for 1905 exceeded

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This total is realized from the sale of fresh meats (beef, mutton and pork), provisions, produce (poultry, butter and eggs), soaps, glues, oils, bones, fertilizers, feathers, casings, hides, wools, pelts and other by-products derived from cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry.

### Margin of Profit.

The industry is operated on a margin of less than 2 cents to each dollar of sales. Swift & Co. do not sell at retail. Their entire output is sold at wholesale to many thousands of dealers in various parts of the world. There are hundreds of local slaughterers throughout the United States, who buy their live stock in competition with the packer doing an interstate and international business. Likewise the packer must sell in competition with the local slaughterers. There are no secret processes in the industry, no complicated and expensive factories, and as live stock can be purchased in almost every hamlet and city, and the preparation of meats is simple in the extreme, local slaughtering will long remain a factor in the production of fresh meats and provisions.

### Economic Advantages.

The large packing houses will, however, always have these advantages: Locations at the chief live stock centers, with the opportunity to buy the best live stock; manufacturing in large quantities, at the minimum of expense; utilization of all waste material; refrigeration; mechanical appliances; highly efficient business management. These advantages are reflected in the quality of the packer's output, a quality that has reached its highest development in the products bearing the name and brand of "Swift."

### Purchasing Live Stock.

The principal live stock centers are Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St.

Louis, St. Joseph, St. Paul and Fort Worth. The same methods of purchasing cattle, sheep and hogs prevail at all cities. At Chicago, which is the largest market, there are about two hundred and fifty buyers, representing packers, local slaughterers in various cities and exporters. Of this number, less than a score are employed by Swift & Company. The farmer ships his live stock to Chicago, consigns them to a commission firm at the Union Stock Yards, who sees that they are unloaded and put in pens. Then the buyers inspect them, make their offers to the commission dealer, who accepts or rejects as his judgment dictates. All buying must be finished at 3 o'clock each day, and the buyer must pay spot cash. If the commission man has no satisfactory offers, he can hold his stock over to the next day. He gets his commission from the farmer, and naturally strives to get the highest possible price for his client.

### Wholesale Distributing Houses.

A wholesale distributing house is a giant refrigerator, but instead of shelves there are trolley rails, from which are suspended hooks to hang the carcasses. Some of the houses cost as much as a hundred thousand dollars to build and equip. As a rule they are of pressed brick, the insides being lined—floor, walls and ceiling—with highly polished hardwood. The floors are covered daily with fresh sawdust, and all are kept spotlessly clean. There are over three hundred of these wholesale houses in various cities of the United States, and the public is always welcome to visit them.

### Packing Plants.

All the Swift & Company plants are located at the great live stock markets, in the heart of the great agricultural sections, where can be purchased the finest grades of cattle, sheep and hogs. We have seven packing plants, employing at each from two to eight thousand persons.

The following gives the locations and sizes of the different plants:

### Packing Plants.

	Buildings, Acres.	Floor Space, Acres.	Land, Acres.
Chicago	44%	87%	47
Kansas City	7%	30	19½
Omaha	6	26	23
St. Louis	7%	19%	31%
St. Joseph	6%	25%	19%
St. Paul	5	12	16
Fort Worth	3	15	22

### Employees.

The total number of persons employed in all the Swift packing plants and branch houses aggregate over 20,000 persons. Conditions for employees in the various manufacturing and operating departments is continually improving with the construction of new buildings and the installation of new and up-to-date equipment.

### Sanitation and Hygiene.

The housewife makes no greater effort to keep her kitchen clean than we do to keep in sanitary and hygienic condition our abattoirs. They are thoroughly scrubbed at the close of each day's operations, and automatic appliances are used wherever possible in order to eliminate the personal handling of meats. Rigid rules governing these points are strictly enforced; laxity means dismissal.

### Visitors Always Welcome.

No other industry in the world gives such a cordial welcome to visitors as Swift & Co. We keep open house the year around, and maintain a corps of specially trained guides, with special elevators and rest rooms. In one year we have entertained over a quarter of a million of men and women; in one day—Grand Army Day, 1901—we entertained 23,000. Among our visitors have been ambassadors from foreign governments, princes, noblemen and distinguished citizens from all lands and eminent folks from every state in the Union. We wish to familiarize the public with our methods, and the best way to do that is to let the public see for itself. We have no secret processes or methods in any department.

Swift's Premium Hams and Bacon.

Swift's Premium Hams and Bacon are more widely and favorably known

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Swift's Pride Soap, for laundry and household use.

Swift's Pride Washing Powder, unsurpassed for all cleaning purposes.

### Swift's Specialties.

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Swift's Premium Bacon  
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Swift's Premium Lard  
Swift's Winchester Ham  
Swift's Winchester Bacon  
Brookfield Farm Sausage  
Swift's Silver Leaf Lard  
Jewel Lard Compound  
Swift's Cotosuet  
Swift's Jersey Butterine  
Swift's Beef Extract  
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**BRACKETTVILLE AND KINNEY COUNTY**  
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averaging 27 inches can't do as well?

**WATER SUPPLY.**  
Kinney County is the best favored in West Texas in water supply having within its boundaries the running streams the Sycamore, Mud Creek, the Pinto, the Las Moras, Spring Creek, Loss Creek and the Nueces. There are also numerous other creek beds such as the Chacon, the Elm, Cow Creek etc. that furnish many permanent standing water holes and are frequently running in wet spells.

As to well water it is a very rare thing for one to fail to get water in the valley regions at a depth of 25 to 60 feet. In the hills in northern part of the County there are numerous wells from 50 to 400 feet in depth. All well water is cool and pure, being about the same as that of the Las Moras Spring. Many wells have been sunk in the last few months.

**Proposals for Construction.**  
OFFICE OF COUNTY JUDGE

BRACKETTVILLE, TEX. JAN. 10. 06.

Sealed proposals in duplicate will be received here by the Honorable Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas, on the second Monday in February, the same being the 12th day of February A. D. 1906 until 12 o'clock noon for the construction and painting of a frame two story school house to be built in accordance with the plans and specification now on file in the office of the County Judge.

Information furnished on application.

The Honorable Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Envelopes containing proposals should be marked "Proposals for building school house at Brackett" and addressed to E. A. Jones, County Judge Brackettville, Kinney County Texas.

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**The Printer's Devil.**  
The familiar term "printer's devil," as applied to the boy of all work about the printing office is said by the Fourth Estate to have originated with Aldus Manutius. He employed a small negro boy, a curiosity in those days in Europe, who became known as the "Little Black Devil." Printing was then a mystery and a superstition spread that Aldus was invoking the black art and that the negro boy was the embodiment of Satan. To correct this opinion Aldus publicly exhibited the black boy and declared: "Be it known to Venice that I, Aldus Manutius, printer to the holy church and to the doge have this day made public exposure to the printer's devil. All those who think he is not flesh and blood may come and pinch him."

**NOTICE.**  
I have posted my pasture on Live Oak Creek.  
CARL S. KENNEDY.

**Notice.**  
The Central Meat Market is opened from 5 a. m. to 11 a. m. and from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m.

**The Hicks Almanac For 1906.**  
Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac will not be published for 1906, but his monthly Journal, World and Works, has been changed into a large and costly Magazine, forecasts and other astronomical features complete. The November number, now ready, contains the forecasts from January, to June, 1906. The January, number, ready, December 20th, will contain the forecasts from July to December, 1906. The price of this splendid Magazine is one dollar a year. See it and you will have it. The November and January number containing the Rev. Irl R. Hicks forecasts for the whole year, and more complete than ever, can be had by sending at once 2 cents to Word and Words Publishing Company, 2201 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

**Columbia's African Students.**  
Columbia university's summer school is clearly ahead of all its rivals, so far as the names of two of its students are concerned. One is a full-blooded African from the Gold Coast, named James Euman Kodwo Mensa Ostiwadu Human punsam Kwegye-Aggrey. The other, Srirangan Desikacher Shes hadry Iyngar, is an East Indian. Both are said to be good students. The former will be the first negro to receive the Ph. D. degree from Columbia.

**A Heroine's Offer of Marriage.**  
Mary McCann, a 17-year-old girl, who, though only three days out of the hospital at North Brother island, with scarlet fever, saved six people from drowning after they had jumped from the burning steamer General Slocum, has received 1,000 letters with offers of marriage. Some of these are very complimentary and very good as offers in themselves, but she says that the sickly sentimentality of most of them has disgusted her, and she asks to be relieved from receiving any more of them, as she merely acted under the impulses of duty.

**Ireland's 108 Lords.**  
There are more than eighty Irish peers other than the twenty-eight representative peers who occupy seats in the house of lords by virtue of peerages of the United Kingdom, which they hold in addition to their Irish honors, so that of the 593 members of the upper house of Great Britain's national legislature, more than 100 are peers of Ireland. These members of Erin's peerage who are neither representative peers and who have no English dignities entitling them to a seat in the house of lords, are at liberty to stand for the house of commons, a privilege which is not shared by the peers of Scotland. Thus the late Lord Palmerston, whose peerage was an Irish viscount, spent his entire parliamentary career, extending over a period of three score years, in the house of commons, while at the present time viscount Valentia, who is also an Irish peer, represents the city of Oxford in the lower house of the imperial legislature.

**SOCIETIES.**

**Las Moras Lodge No. 444**  
A. F. & A. M.  
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Now that the detectives say that the \$200,000 worth of jewels supposed to have been stolen from Mrs. Ogden Goelet have been found, it may be interesting to note that the gems stolen represented only one-fifth of this lady's possessions. The total value is said to be \$1,000,000. There are at least fifty women of the Newport colony whose jewels would appraise above the \$100,000 mark. There are ten who have upward of \$1,000,000 invested in rare stones. The value of Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt's jewels is popularly supposed to be \$500,000. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt is said to possess \$1,000,000 worth, and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs modestly admits that she has gems to the value of \$500,000. The Mesdames Elver and Perry Belmont have hats full of gems, and Mrs. E. J. Berwind and Mrs. Joseph T. Widener run close to \$1,000,000. While Mrs. Goelet is supposed to head the list, it is said that Mrs. Ogden Mills has precious stones to the value of nearly \$1,000,000, and those of Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish fall little short of this figure. It must not be supposed these quantities are all kept at Newport during the summer, and in places easily accessible to social highwaymen. As a matter of fact, they are most securely tucked away in safety deposit vaults in New York. It is only on rare occasions that they are worn, and then they are safeguarded by private detectives.

**New York's Other Parker.**  
New York once had another Parker who was almost the exact counterpart of the present nominee for the presidency on the Democratic ticket. He was Amasa Junius Parker, a school teacher, politician and supreme court judge. Just like his namesake. He ran for governor of New York twice, meeting defeat both times. He was district attorney, circuit judge and vice chancellor, and served a term in congress. After eight years on the supreme court bench he retired to private practice. He probably will best be remembered for the part he took in the anti-rent crusades in Delaware and contiguous counties. Tenants refused to pay rents to the patroons who had gobbled up nearly half a million acres of the best lands. Supported by the Seward wing of the Whigs, they made much trouble. An officer by the name of Steele was shot while collecting rents, and the governor declared Delaware county in a state of insurrection. Judge Parker opened court with a military force at his back. Three jails were full of prisoners whose friends swore that they would either go free or there would be a "calf-skin edition of hell with copper borders" let loose in the court of oyer and terminer. Threats of personal violence and even death had no effect upon the Democratic nominee's namesake. The prisoners were sentenced to life imprisonment. Amasa J. Parker died in 1890.

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