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DIVERSIFICATION.

Paper by Oswald Wilson Secretary of National Cotton Association, of Fort Worth.

Diversification means intelligent farming on a business basis.

Diversification means that farming shall be the highest, noblest and most profitable profession that man can follow. Cotton is the great money crop of the South, and of the Nation, and of the world. When diversification is applied to this great industry it means a greater yield per acre, at a less cost for production. It means less cotton acreage, but more cotton per acre. It means rotation of crops, which will improve the fertility of the soil, add to the yield and lessen the cost.

The one-crop farm is like a bank, if you continually draw on your account and make no deposits, your credit will soon be exhausted and the bank will refuse to honor your checks; so it is with the farm, continual cropping year after year with the same crop will exhaust the fer-

tility of the soil and sooner or later end in failure.

Again, seasons are financial panics, come with a ore or less varying irregularity, and the one-crop farmer suffers great loss, if not ruination, in an unfavorable season, as it would be with the bank which had only one resource, and was dependent entirely on a one-crop community when a panic comes.

Diversification does not mean for the cotton farmer to give up cotton and go altogether to some other crop. Nor would it be wise to plant all truck or onions or corn or rice or grapes or any other crop—diversify.

COTTON IN NORTHWEST TEXAS.
Do you know that cotton is a good diversification crop in some sections?

Last spring I went up the Fort Worth & Denver railway in a special car loaded with diversification speakers and talked cotton to the wheat and cattle farmers of the Panhandle.

We went as far north as Donley county and organized Farmers' Institutes in every county south to Fort Worth. We advised them to plant cot-

ton and follow the cultural system of Dr. Knapp, of the United States Department of Agriculture.

What was the result? They adopted cotton as a diversification crop and made money. They raised cotton for 6c per pound, after allowing \$6 to \$8 per acre as a rental. This is a cheaper cotton than produced in any section of the South.

TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES.

Do you know that Texas is richer in a diversity of climate, diversity of soil, diversity of products, diversity of markets and diversity of natural advantages greater than any other known section of the world—I can only numerate a few.

Texas does not raise enough hogs and hominy for her own people.

Last year the great packing house at Fort Worth bought 280,378 hogs, worth \$2,851,000.

Of this amount the Texas farmer only received \$265,000, and consumed nearly \$20,000,000 of hog products. Is there any good reason why the farmer should send \$20,000,000 out of Texas for bacon and hog products, paying a tribute to the Northern diversification farmer, the Northern railroad, and holding down the price of hogs sold our packers. There isn't a diversification farmer in Texas that can't raise bacon at 3c per pound. Then why should he pay 10c at his retail store?

With alfalfa and corn, every farmer in Texas should not only raise his own meat, but have some to sell. Don't go into hogs exclusively; they are only one branch of diversified farming, but raise your own meat and some to sell.

CORN PROFITABLE.

Do you know that the Iowa farmer raises corn at 30c per

bushel on \$100 per acre land and makes money? His soil and climate is not as favorable as yours in Southwest Texas, but he diversifies. He farms intelligently; corn is his great surplus money crop, but he lives at home and sells something every day.

Texas should not only raise enough corn to supply her own needs, but the corn crop should bring as much money into the State as cotton.

The corn crop of Texas for 1904 was valued at \$71,085,403, being third in value of the United States. With the markets of the world at our door, through our great seaports we have an advantage over any agricultural State in the Union. Diversify your cotton, your fruit, your truck, your rice farms with hogs and corn and alfalfa; there is a cash market for them every day in the year.

\$18,000,000 IN BUTTER IMPORTED
Texas has more cattle than any other State, and nearly 1,000,000 milch cows, yet imports \$18,000,000 of creamery butter from the North and West every year. It seems to me that a little effort on the part of our farmers would save this \$18,000,000 and bring \$18,000,000 from the other States for Texas butter.

Do you know that we send cotton seed meal to the North every year and get back creamery butter? Don't you know that our climate is in our favor? We have no long, hard, cold winters; we can raise and feed cheaper and make better butter at a less cost, than any state in the Union. You bankers are the ones to profit by this. Send North for an experienced, successful creamery man and start a diversification creamery. One pound of butter daily at

30c is equal to two bales of cotton at 11c per pound, at one tenth the cost.

One dozen eggs per day at 20c per dozen is equal to two bales of 7c cotton. One dozen eggs per day can be raised by any farmer with practically no expense.

The hen is a great diversificationist, and no farmer who expects success and prosperity can do without the hen. She will make a bank account when everything else fails.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS.

What does Southwest Texas offer for diversified farming? It is rich in undeveloped opportunities for diversified farming greater than any State.

VINEYARDS OF AMERICA.

Some day in the near future the country between San Antonio and the Rio Grande, from Del Rio to the Gulf, will be the vineyard of America. Nature has given a soil and climate superior to the great vineyards of Europe or California.

The richest of wines will flow from the hills and valleys of Southwest Texas when diversified.

Under irrigation there are hundreds of thousands of acres in Southwest Texas, where, if

diversified trucking is followed will pay \$250 per acre annually.

You are further South than California or Florida, with a richer soil and more favorable climate, and most important, nearer the markets, with quicker and better transportation.

But don't put all your farm into one crop. "Diversify." These bankers of Southwest Texas, are only a few diversification pointers.

WHAT SHOULD DIVERSIFICATION FARMER DO?

He should do just like his banker would do. First decide what line of farming he wishes to follow and get the best location adopted to some staple crop which he would make his surplus cash crop.

It is all-important to know what his soil is best adopted to. This can easily be ascertained by having it analyzed by the Bureau of soils, United States Department of Agriculture. Unusual care should be taken to locate his farm on a good road, where he can get to market with the least possible expense. Follow his banker, who does not locate his bank in a back street or cross road, but on

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ALL OVER TEXAS.

Waco is suffering from an epidemic of grip.

The Kansas Oil Producers Association of Kansas has declared war in the Standard Oil company.

Analysis of the stomach of Marie Walker Hoch, the last wife of Johann Hoch, revealed arsenical poisoning.

Reports have been received, cables a St. Petersburg correspondent, that Vladivostok is being closely blockaded by Admiral Uri's fleet.

The Gonzales cotton mill, which has been idle for a year, has been leased to Northern capitalists, and will soon be in operation again.

A strike in part of the Goss printing press involving 200 men and lasting since last May, has been settled and the men have been re-instated.

The City Council of Pittsburg has closed a contract for a system of waterworks to be completed by July 1, 1905.

Securing an ax by means unknown, five negroes confined in the Tyler City prison chopped their way out Wednesday night.

Six men were injured, two of them seriously, in an explosion at the chemical plant of the Brooklyn sulphur works in Brooklyn The building caught fire.

Frank Bill, a German sailor, who was removed from the steamer Orizaba last Friday, suffering from yellow fever is dead in Swinborn Island hospital, New York.

Keene Canning Company (Ltd.) of Keene, Johnson County has been incorporated with a capital of \$5,000. Incorporators, A. P. Wesley, J. D. Sasey and J. L. Jones.

About one hundred men, representing almost every business interest in Denison gathered at Elk's Hall and perfected an organization to be known as the Board of Trade of Denison.

Frank Webber, aged about sixty-five, who has traveled in Texas for the past twenty-five years, died suddenly at the Oriental Hotel in Dallas while writing a letter in the public writing room.

Arthur W. Epps, sixteen-year-old son of W. W. Epps, near Buffalo, and Klara in a friendly scuffle over a gun with another boy named Chas. Owens, about the same age.

By special permission of the school board of Dallas the graduating class of the high school will present a dramatization of "The Princess" at the close of the school this year.

Nato Flores, a Mexican boy of San Antonio, aged 15 years, accidentally shot and killed himself Sunday afternoon. The body was not discovered until Monday evening and an inquest was held.

Charles Coates, night foreman at the Pecos Valley Railroad roundhouse at Amarillo, was run over by an engine and one of his legs was so badly crushed that it was found necessary to amputate it.

Following nominations for postmaster have been made by the President: Thomas J. Epperson, Livingston; Thomas H. Danforth, Goliad; William S. Strain, Lancaster; John N. Johnson, Rockwall.

Hays Ridenour was convicted of assault to murder in the criminal district court of Grayson county and given two years in the state penitentiary.

Miguel Tijrent, a Mexican lunatic hanged himself in jail at Pleasanton with a towel.

The Central Texas Compress Company at Temple has already shipped to Japan so far this season 6,800 bales of cotton and it is learned that the presses all over the State have largely increased orders for that country.

The 4-months-old infant of George Johnson, a negro farmer, two miles west of town, was burned to death. The baby was wrapped up in a quilt and placed in a chair in front of a stove to keep warm and the wrapping caught on fire.

In the whole of Tarrant County there are 6,468 voters, including those to whom exemption certificate were issued. This shows a decrease of about 1,500 voters as compared with last year's statistics.

The Texas and New Orleans Railway purchase bill which authorizes that road to sell the Dallas branch from Dallas to Sabine Pass will be come a law upon receiving executive approval, it having passed finally in the Senate.

Great encouragement is held out that the cotton mill at Denison will pass into hands of capitalists who will operate it in the spring. The mill cost \$500,000 and the machinery is in good order.

\$5,000,000 FIRE IN NEW ORLEANS.

Illinois Central Terminals and Docks Destroyed. Hot Springs, Ark., Was Fire-swept.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 27.—Fire involving millions of dollars' loss in property and that strikes a serious, if only temporary, blow to the export trade of New Orleans, swept the river front last night and wiped the vast freight terminals of the Illinois Central, known as the Stuyvesant docks. Nearly a dozen squares of modern wharves and freight sheds, two magnificent grain elevators, hundreds of loaded cars and vast quantities of freight, including 20,000 bales of cotton, were destroyed, together with a large number of residences. The fire was still raging furiously at midnight, at which time it had almost reached the upper end of the Illinois Central property. It has not been determined whether there has been any loss of life. The ocean-going shipping seems to have escaped serious injury. A number of firemen and employees of the docks were injured. Actual estimates of the losses are impossible yet, although they may exceed \$5,000,000.

The Stuyvesant docks extended from Louisiana avenue to Napoleon avenue, a distance of twelve squares. The wharves between these points were covered with miles of trackage and steel and iron sheds ran the whole distance. The two grain elevators were of the most modern construction, the upper one having a capacity of a million bushels. Thousands of bales of cotton, several hundred thousand packages of sugar, great quantities of cotton oil cake, lumber and every conceivable variety of freight filled the warehouse and sheds. Practically all

the export business handled by the Illinois Central was put aboard ships at the docks. The docks have been under construction for ten years, elaborate extensions and immense investments having been made after the constitutional convention of 1898 made it possible for the road to invest permanently at this point.

The fire was discovered shortly after 7 o'clock. It is thought to have resulted from a journal that had not been sufficiently oiled. The whole plant was equipped with gigantic water tanks and fire extinguishing apparatus, but the blaze, small at first, almost instantaneously got beyond control, communicating through the conveyors to the lower elevator and some of the sheds. The response of the fire department was prompt, but owing to the fact that the terminals were inaccessible, owing to fences and tracks, the engines found difficulty in reaching the flames. In half an hour the fire covered two squares, the lower elevator being practically consumed, and it was sweeping with irresistible fury up and down the river. As soon as it became known that the scene of the fire was the Stuyvesant docks, harbor tugs hastened to the wharves and vessels that were moored there were pulled out in the river.

At the same time switch engines were rushed to the wharves and hundreds of cars loaded with freight were drawn to points above the upper end of the terminals before the fire reached them. Many hundreds more, however, were consumed.

TWO MILLION-DOLLAR LOSS.

Immense Conflagration at Hot Springs, Ark.—Saloons All Closed.

Hot Springs, Ark.: Sunday has been a day of gloom in Hot Springs. The first estimates of the damage done by the great conflagration were not exaggerated. More than forty blocks were eaten away by the flames, and the most conservative estimates place the loss at a million and a half dollars, and several insurance men state the figures will reach two millions.

The three unknown bodies recovered from the situation well in hand. Mayor Belding is at the head of this body and Charles N. Rix, president of the Arkansas National bank, is acting as treasurer. The amount subscribed for relief work totals \$12,000 and the sum is being steadily increased. The committee feels that the city can take care of the homeless although voluntary subscriptions from the outside are being donated and are accepted.

Several excursion trains arrived here yesterday, bringing visitors from adjacent cities and towns to view the ruins. Mayor Belding ordered all saloons closed, and it was a "tight" day in Hot Springs. The following statement has been issued: "To the Public—The fire-swept areas lie principally in the residence portion of the city. While the loss is enormous the principal business section of Hot Springs, including the hotels and saloons, are not affected. We think therefore it is proper to request the Associated Press to announce that our city has ample accommodations for all who may desire to visit it for health or pleasure, and no advance in rates will be tolerated." "George S. Belding, Mayor." "Martin A. Elsie, Supt. Government Reservation."

A Copperas Cove National Bank.

Temple, Texas: A new national bank is contemplated for Copperas Cove, a thriving little town on the San Angelo branch of the Santa Fe, thirty-five miles west of Temple, in Coryell county. F. F. Downs, president of the First National bank of Temple, and T. S. McCarron of Ferris, are interested in the matter.

Arrested Humble Women.

Houston, Texas: Last night Chief Deputy Sheriff Conaway, sent out by Sheriff Anderson to Humble to look after violations of the law, came back. While out there he and other deputies arrested thirty-nine women on the charge of vagrancy and keeping disorderly houses. They will be tried Monday by Justice of the Peace Lambrecht.

Neck Broken in Runaway.

Kosse, Texas: Ross Francis, aged 16 years, son of J. P. Francis, was killed Saturday night in a runaway. He had been to Mart with a load of potatoes and was on his way home, on High Prairie, ten miles east of Kosse. Before reaching home his team ran away, throwing him out of the wagon, breaking his neck.

Plowing Begun at Calvert.

Calvert, Texas: The present favorable weather is rejolcing the hearts of the farmers, who have begun plowing and getting the soil ready for corn. Potatoes, Irish and sweet, and other truck will be planted in larger quantities than ever this year.

Bryan Hog Shipments.

Bryan, Texas: H. S. Franklin has made a shipment of five carloads of hogs to Fort Worth and will ship two more cars in the next few days.

New Librarian at Temple.

Temple, Texas: A change of librarians has again taken place at Carnegie library. Mrs. Kate Alma Orgain succeeding Miss Kate Butler, who filled the place only a week. Delicate health prevented Miss Butler from prosecuting the duties of the place.

Kilmueca Volcano Active.

Honolulu: The crater of Kilmueca, which became active February 15, is now reported to be showing the greatest activity that it has exhibited since 1898.

JAPANESE ARE PUSHING NORTHWARD

Reports Confirmed of Activity in Vladivostok in Anticipation of an Attack by Japs.

Shenking, Manchuria, Feb. 25.—It is reported here that the Japanese are closing in on the Russian east flank. As a result of this movement it is possible that there will be either a general engagement or at least a counter move by the Russians along some part of the line, especially if, as is thought, the Japanese have returned

Map Showing Vladivostok and Vicinity.



to their original tactics of making flanking movements from the mountains. The early advent of spring now makes possible operations in and from the mountainous districts.

For the past three weeks the Russians have suffered no material disturbances with the exception of comparatively unimportant damage to the railroad and to a bridge near Kuan-

Berry Crop Outlook Uncertain.

Alvin, Texas: There are various opinions as to the present condition of the strawberry crop. The plants are in a very unpromising condition at present. It is generally conceded by all the growers that the main crop will be late, as the cones of the plants are still unformed, and many of the plants were injured by the freeze, and just what the yield will be is not fixed in the minds of the growers, and fear of a short crop the only expressed opinion. Other case it will depend largely on the weather. Continued warm weather for a few weeks without rain would be of great value to the crop.

Tried Assassination.

Washington: United States Minister Dawson at San Domingo City yesterday cabled to the state department that an attempt was made there yesterday to assassinate President Morales, that the attempt failed, that five of his assassins were captured and the remainder escaped. No further details are supplied, but the affair is supposed to have grown out of an attempt on the part of the revolutionary element in Santo Domingo to prevent the consummation of the financial agreement between that government and the United States.

Negroes Supplanting Foreigners.

Chicago, Ill.: Colored men are taking the places of foreign white laborers in the steel plants and other big factories in and around South Chicago. While the negroes may not work cheaper, it is claimed they will lessen the number of accidents about the plants. The theory is that the negroes can be made to understand the instructions of foremen more easily than the foreigners.

Bank Cashier Indicted.

Lake Charles, La.: As a result of the grand jury's investigation into the failure of the Citizens' bank of Jennings a month ago, J. H. Hoffman, former cashier, gave bond last night in \$1000 for his appearance on a charge of receiving deposits when he knew the bank to be insolvent. The grand jury is said to be scrutinizing the affairs of the wrecked bank very closely.

American Rice Favored.

Crowley, La.: Local rice men are elated over the receipt yesterday of cable advices from Havana stated that the government rice bill, which will give American rice an advantage of half a cent over foreign rice, is about to pass, and that it will probably go into effect next Monday.

Refinery in Colorado.

Denver, Col.: Representative Clifton H. Wilder's bill appropriating \$125,000 for the establishment of a state oil refinery was favorably reported to the house by the finance committee yesterday.

Deadlock Unchanged.

Jefferson City, Mo.: The deadlock over the selection of a United States senator remains unchanged, after the thirty-second ballot, taken yesterday, of the joint sessions of the legislature. The legislature adjourned until Monday.

General Strike Threatened.

New York: As a result of the strike of local bakers, who have now been out four days, says a Rome dispatch, a general strike of the bakers throughout Italy is threatened.

chia pass, as the result of Japanese raids, aided, it is alleged, by Chinese bandits.

Since the receipt of news of the movement of an unidentified armed force of unknown numbers behind the Russian right wing, the Russians have taken measures for the purpose of minimizing the opportunities of brigands, in the belief that Chinese bandits are to some extent being organized and directed by the Japanese cavalry.

Reports of activity at Vladivostok, in anticipation of an attack on that place by the Japanese, are confirmed, but the town continues in its accustomed gayety, in which the civil and military elements participate.

Supplies at Vladivostok, it is reported, are plentiful, though prices are high. The naval attaches of foreign governments are leaving Vladivostok by request of the Russian authorities.

On to Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg: General Kuropatkin, in a dispatch dated February 23, sends a report that twenty Japanese transport boats and a large warship are on their way to Vladivostok.

A Desperate Battle.

St. Petersburg: A dispatch from Sachetun, dated February 24, says: "The Japanese in superior numbers forced the Russian detachment at Tsinketchen to abandon their base at Beresneff hill. The battle has been desperate on both sides. The result is not yet known."

Patrick Hearing Postponed.

Albany, N. Y.: The court of appeals yesterday postponed until March 14 hearing of the argument in the case of Albert T. Patrick, who is under sentence of death for the murder of William M. Rice, a millionaire of New York city, in 1900. The application for further postponement was made on the ground of newly discovered evidence. This has special reference to Patrick's claim that the embalming process effects a congestion of the lungs similar to that produced by chloroform, with which Mr. Rice is alleged to have been murdered.

Adverse to Merger.

Austin, Texas: After a long delay in committee and after exhaustive hearings, the Southern Pacific merger bill was last night adversely reported by the house committee on revenue and taxation by a vote of 10 to 8. One of the friends of the measure, Mr. Terrell of McLennan, voted against it in order to break a tie vote and to get the bill out of the committee.

There will be a strong minority report. The result is satisfactory to the friends of the measure, who were anxious to get it where the house may consider it.

Killed at a Wedding.

Appleby, Texas: Thursday night at a negro wedding about two miles from here, in a general rough and tumble with knives, one negro was killed, Henry Johnson being stabbed in the throat. Fears received one stab in the shoulder and a cut in the neck, which is very serious and may prove fatal. About that time Sheriff Buckner appeared on the scene and arrested seven, Sid Sparks, Tobe Sparks, Rolen Sparks, Wilson Sparks, Henry Sparks, John Cooper and Andy Whitaker.

Old Lady Fatally Hurt.

Timpon, Texas: An old lady on the south bound passenger on the Houston East and West Texas, passing here at 11:20, jumped off after the train had pulled from the station about half a mile Thursday. The lady is not known here and is in an unconscious condition, not knowing anything. The doctors say she can not live. Nothing on her to tell who she was or where from.

Several Cases of Rabies.

Brenham, Texas: As a result of a maddog in the Welcome neighborhood ten days ago, several cases of rabies have since developed and five dogs that were mad had to be killed in that neighborhood Thursday.

Wholesale Wood Theft.

San Marcos, Texas: Twenty-one Mexicans were arrested yesterday by Sheriff W. T. Jackman, charged with stealing wood from Beverly Hutchinson. Ten wagons loaded with wood were brought in as prizes by the sheriff. The Mexicans had a hearing.

Alleged Boodler Acquitted.

Butler, Mo.: The jury in the case of Charles Kratz, on trial for alleged boodling while a member of the St. Louis council, returned a verdict of not guilty after being out an hour and forty-five minutes.

Raised Trainload of Pickles.

Clriesman, Texas: The last car of the cucumber crop that was raised here for pickles last year was shipped to San Antonio yesterday. Thirteen carloads in all were raised.

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LONGING FOR BOYHOOD DAYS.

Post Remembers Compensation for Hard Work He Had to Do.

I think I'd stop the pigs the way I used to do, and bring in wood and hunt for eggs and bring the pigs home, too; and grease the wagon and hitch up the horses every day, and water all the cows and calves and give the horses hay; and pump wash water and stay in an' churn, and churn, while other boys down by the creek were having fun to burn. I'd like to salt the sheep, I would; I'd like to milk the cows; I'd like to man a cross-cut saw and have a wild carouse, with dad the other end of it to pull me through the log. I'd love to curry off the team and feed the cat and dog. And when I'd got the chores all done and had got through the rush, I'd love to take a brush-hook and go out and cut some brush. I'd do these things again, I would, and never leave a sigh for 'long about this time o' year I'd get my full pie—good home-made mince and pumpkin pie, and hen's eggs newly laid; salt-risin' bread and biscuits like the kind my mother made; and good backbone and spare-ribs, too, and cornbread spread with grease—these things to have again would bring my spirit lasting peace. And so I'd like to stop the pigs and feed the critters, too, and churn, and churn, and churn, and churn, just like I used to do.—Houston Post.

Cured Her Diabetes.

Halo, Ind., Feb. 27th.—(Special.)—If what will cure Diabetes will cure any form of Kidney Disease, as so many physicians say, then Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure any form of Kidney Disease. For Mrs. L. C. Bowers of this place has proved that Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure Diabetes.

"I had Diabetes," Mrs. Bowers says, "my teeth all became loose and part of them came out. I passed a great deal of water with such burning sensations I could hardly bear it. I lost about 40 pounds in weight. I used many medicines and doctored with two local doctors, but never got any better till I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. They cured me so completely that in three years I have had no return of the disease, I am a well woman now, thanks to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure all kidney ailments from backache to Bright's Disease. Cure your Backache with them and you will never have Bright's Disease, Diabetes or Rheumatism.

The London Lancet says that "once in a blue moon" does not mean never, but seldom. The last blue moon in England was on December 10, 1883. Its color was due to atmospheric conditions.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

Teresa Nolan was absent from school Monday.

Lottie Herzing was absent from school Monday.

Katie Fillippone was absent from school Friday on account of sickness.

Maggie Kremer went to San Antonio Tuesday and will be out of school several weeks.

Roy Vincent answered the greatest number of questions in the Mental Arith. Review.

James Keith of the first grade was withdrawn from school as he has gone to San Antonio to live.

Attendance is excellent in all rooms, much better than it has been on an average in previous years.

Willie Sharp, Finis Morrison and Della Rose remained at the head of their classes all the past week.

One of the fourth grade recently being asked what crops were raised on the Congo River in Africa replied promptly

"Negroes." When asked if they grew up out of the soil like corn and cotton, he said he didn't know.

The larger boys had great fun out of their foot ball until a thorn punctured the inner casing and ruined it. Base ball is now the game.

The following program was had in Miss Windus' room on Washington's Birthday:

Comp.....Life of Washington Hope Anderson.

Reading.....Longfellow Bsalrn of Life.

Annie Keith.

Rec.....Visions of Lincoln Marion Lindsley.

Comp.....St. Valentine's Day Henlen Lindsley.

Soug.....Some Ninety Years Ago Girls V and VII Grades

Rec.....Story of Washington Hortense Sauer.

Com.....Life of Longfellow Mollie Murphy

Rec.....Children Hour Burtle Jones.

Rec.....The Banner Betsy Made Pauline Matthews.

Last Tuesday closed the sixth month of school and only three more left this session. It be-

hooves teachers and pupils all to strive hard to accomplish successfully the session's task.

SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES. WORK OR PLAY?

"It is for you to chose whether you will work with your hands or with your head; of course my son could not be an idler. I want more cotton pickers and I will give you work." These words were uttered to a fifteen year old boy by his father one day when he had run away from school because his teacher was going to whip him. The boy was put to hard work and anyone who has picked cotton knows it is a hard task. After toiling two days in the hot sun and finding his back blistered and nearly broken each night after he carried his basket of cotton home, he decided that work at school was the better of the two and that the teacher's harsh rule was better than the blistering sun; so he went back and became a fine scholar, graduating at West Point finally, and then being assigned to good positions in the U. S. Army. He became U. S. Senator and afterwards held a prominent position in the Southern Confederacy. Can you give me his name?

He chose between head work and hand work and we note that his father said he must not be an idler.

We find so many boys and girls today who say "Oh how I hate my books; I wish I didn't have to go to school!" If such girls were made to stop school and put to hard work, cooking, washing dishes, sewing etc., or any regular employment so as not to be allowed to sit up in a rocking chair and idle their time away, their tune would rapidly change and they would soon want to be at school again. When boys become so they hate to go to school it would be a good idea for parents to keep them at home a few days, deprive them of the privilege of play with other boys and make them cut wood, or engage in some other hard labor. Gener-

ally they will soon want to return to their books. If they are allowed to stop and do nothing it suits them exactly, satisfying their idle or lazy propensities. Remember the motto "My son must not be an idler."

The Clark Case.

The case of the State vs. E. J. Clark charged with the murder of F. Bryant at Sanderson in Oct. 1902 was tried at Marfa this week. It resulted in a hung jury, four for conviction and eight for acquittal. The venue was again changed this time to Brewster county.—Sanderson News.

Rare Sheep.

There might have been seen on Thursday at the express office, Eagle Pass depot, two splendid specimens of French merino sheep—rams, on their way to Mexico. They were in charge of Mr. G. M. Brown of Del Rio, brother-in-law of Mr. Thos. Frost, and partner in the firm of Overstreet & Brown, of Del Rio, breeders and importers of thoroughbred French merino sheep. Mr. Brown takes them to Mexico for exhibition to sheepmen in the expectation that he will be able to introduce into that country a herd of at least 2000 which they have secured in California. The idea being that the sheepmen in Mexico are waking up to importance of grading up their flocks by means of thoroughbred rams. The two specimens will certainly bear looking at. They wear fine, thick, fleecy coats—clipping all the way from 15 to 40 pounds a year. The policy of grading up stock is as good for Mexico as Texas and Mr. Brown should find a ready demand for his thoroughbred merinos.—Eagle Pass Guide.

The Doctor and the Editor.

An unknown author has noted a few of the many differences between a doctor and an editor. He says if an editor makes a mistake he has to apologize for

it, but if a doctor makes one he buries it. If the editor makes one there is a lawsuit, swearing and a smell of sulphur, but if the doctor makes one there is a funeral, cut flowers and the smell of varnish. The doctor can use a word a yard long, without

knowing what it means, but if the editor uses it he has to spell it. If the doctor goes to see another man's wife he charges for the visit, but if the editor goes to see another man's wife he gets a charge of buckshot. Any old medical college can make a doctor, but can't make an editor. He has to be born. When a doctor gets drunk, it's a case of overcome by the heat and if he dies it is heart trouble. When an editor gets drunk, it is a case of too much booze, and if he dies it is a case of delirium tremens.

When a petition is handed to you to sign it is a mighty good thing to stop and read it before putting your name down. Besides men, as a rule are too busy nowadays to stop for a little thing like that. The other day

a man went through a big office building in Chicago, on a wager, and secured 20 names to a petition asking the public executioner to hang everyone of the signers.

The averaged educated man gets a salary of \$1000 per year. He works 40 years, making a total of \$40,000 in a lifetime. The average day laborer gets \$150 per day 300 days in a year. In ten years he earns \$4,500 or \$18,000 in a lifetime. The difference between \$40,000 and \$18,000 or \$22,000 equals the value of an education in dollars. To require this earning capacity requires 12 years at school of 180 days each, or a total of 2160 days. Divided \$22,000, value of an education by 2160, number of days required in getting it, and we will find that each day at school is worth a little more than \$10 to the pupil. Can't afford to keep them out, can we?—Deaton Chronicle.

Hair cuts and shaves at the Brackett Hotel. Courteous treatment to all.

PATRICK'S DRUG STORE.

Fresh Drugs, Chemicals and Patent Medicines.

Complete Stock of Pure Drugs Always on Hand. Toilet and Fancy Articles, Stationery and Cigars...

Registered Cattle For Sale.

Short Horns, Polled Durhams, Red Polls.

Three Hundred Head in Herd. Located below fever line. Healthy, Hardy Stock of Best Scotch Strains. Reasonable Price and Easy Terms to Responsible Buyers. Will take some Good Land at market Price in part pay for round lots: Address

Landa Cattle Company, NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS. Breeder of Registered Cattle Only.

Fresh Candies and Cigars. Prescriptions accurately Compounded at all hours.

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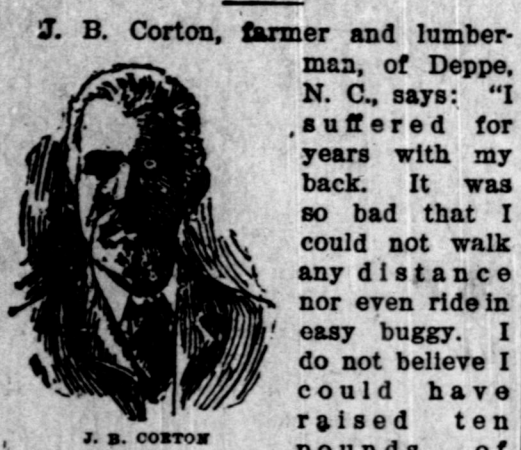
Fresh Prescription, Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Stationery, Cigars, Combs Brushes, Perfumes, Soaps,

Sponges, Chamois Skins and polish.

Fishing tackle of every description.

COULD LIFT TEN POUNDS.

Doan's Kidney Pills Brought Strength and Health to the Sufferer, Making Him Feel Twenty-five Years Younger.



J. B. Corton, farmer and lumberman, of Deppe, N. C., says: "I suffered for years with my back. It was so bad that I could not walk any distance nor even ride in my buggy. I do not believe I could have raised ten pounds of weight from the ground, the pain was so severe. This was my condition when I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They quickly relieved me and now I am never troubled as I was. My back is strong and I can walk or ride a long distance and feel just as strong as I did twenty-five years ago. I think so much of Doan's Kidney Pills that I have given a supply of the remedy to some of my neighbors and they have also found good results. If you can sift anything from this rambling note that will be of any service to you, or to anyone suffering from kidney trouble, you are at liberty to do so."

A TRIAL FREE—Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents.

Queensland is an ideal country for fruit farming. Almost every favorite fruit flourishes there to a wonderful extent, and modern facilities of transport makes this vocation a lucrative one.

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.

First Use of Heavy Ordnance. The Turks were the first to employ enormous ordnance in warfare, and when Mohammed II. besieged Constantinople in 1453 he battered the walls with huge stone shot, some of them weighing as much as 1,200 pounds. A huge specimen of this ancient Turkish artillery is to be seen at the present time in the Rotunda at the present museum at Woolwich, England. They were extremely unwieldy weapons and could only be fired at the rate of four times a day. King Henry V. of England, well understood the possible advantages of the artillery, and there is still extant an order of his to the clerk of the ordnance and one John Bonet, a mason at Maidstone, to cut 7,000 stone shot in the quarries at that place.

IT IS IN THE BLOOD

Neither Liniments nor Ointments Will Reach Rheumatism—How Mr. Stephenson Was Cured.

People with inflamed and aching joints, or painful muscles; people who shuffle about with the aid of a cane or a crutch and cry, "Oh! at every slight jar, are constantly asking, "What is the best thing for rheumatism?" To attempt to cure rheumatism by external applications is a foolish waste of time. The seat of the disease is in the blood, and while the sufferer is rubbing lotions and grease on the skin the poison in the circulation is increasing. Delays in adopting a sensible treatment are dangerous because rheumatism may at any moment reach the heart and prove fatal. The only safe course for rheumatic sufferers is to get the best possible blood remedy at once.

Mr. Stephenson's experience with this obstinate and distressing affliction is that of hundreds. He says: "About a year ago I was attacked by severe rheumatic pains in my left shoulder. The pains were worse in wet weather, and at these periods caused me the greatest suffering. I tried a number of treatments and ointments, but they failed to alleviate the pains."

Then he realized that the cause must be deeper and the pain only a surface indication. He adds: "I had heard Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People recommended as a cure for rheumatism, and when I found that I was getting no relief from applications, I made up my mind that I would try them. Before the first box was gone I noticed that the pains were becoming less frequent, and that they were not so severe as before. After the second box had been used up I was entirely free from discomfort, and I have had no traces of rheumatism since."

The change in treatment proved by almost immediate results that Mr. Thomas Stephenson, who lives at No. 115 Greenwood street, Springfield, Mass., had found the true means for the purification and enrichment of his blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are without doubt the best of all blood remedies. They effect genuine and lasting cures in rheumatism. They do not merely deaden the ache, but they expel the poison from the blood. These pills are sold by all druggists.

SECRETARY HAY NOT TOUCHY

Diplomat Carefully Preserves Cartoons in Which He Figures. Secretary of State Hay employs a small army of retainers to gather from the domestic and foreign press all cartoons and caricatures in which he is depicted. There is one large room in his home which is papered from ceiling to floor

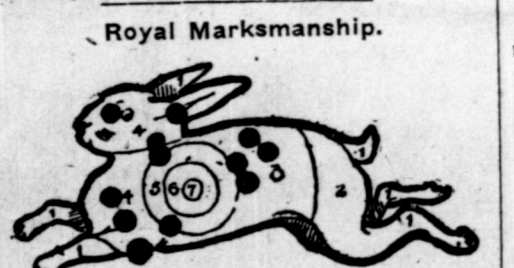


Mr. Hay and His Cartoons.

with cartoons, for the most part the original pen and ink drawings, where-in Mr. Hay is depicted. Mr. Hay's fad is known to many of the best-known cartoonists of the country, and a majority of them send him the originals of their work as soon as the reproductions are published. To such artists as do not know of the secretary's weakness, his secretary will write asking if the original of any cartoon which has attracted Mr. Hay's attention is for sale, and, if so, to name the price. A price is seldom charged, but Mr. Hay does not forget a favor and many of the numerous gifts he sends out each Christmas come into the possession of cartoonists in this country and abroad.

Quails Found Under Snow Crust. A. E. Manchester of Slade's Corner, Dartmouth, Mass., about ten miles from this city, who was tramping the woods near his farm, found twenty-two frozen quail in the snow. They were all fat and in good condition, and had when found been dead perhaps a week or two, and were all huddled together and were buried in the snow, which had become quite deep and crusted on the top, so that it was impossible for them to get out. This is a case of hard luck—a good sized flock of birds that lived to get by the hunting season, only to be wiped out by a hard winter.—New Bedford Letter in Forest and Stream.

Recovered Money Ate by Goat. Probably one of the oddest claims ever made on a bank is recorded as having been made against the National Bank of Belgium. An old peasant woman had laid on the grass a jacket containing bank notes of small denomination for \$240 in the pocket, and while she was at work her pet goat had got at the notes and eaten them. The animal was killed, and the chewed paper recovered from the stomach was submitted in support of a claim for compensation, which the bank paid after verifying the facts by chemical analysis and other inquiry.



Royal Marksmanship.

King Carlos of Portugal made these hits on a running rabbit target. Caterpillar as a Weather Prophet. An aged farmer, living near Columbus, Ohio, has for a number of years watched the color of the caterpillar and the way it changes with the weather. The color of that insect, late in the fall, he claims, is a correct index of the weather for the coming winter.

This year the caterpillar was dark at either end, but very light in the middle, showing, according to his theory, the fore part of the winter to be cold, the middle warm, or mild, and the latter cold. Last year, he says, the caterpillar was dark all over, and as proof of his theory this aged farmer points to the severity of last winter's weather.

Invitation From the Dead. The undersigned has the honor to bring to your notice his death, which occurred on Jan. 3, 1905. His burial will take place on Friday, Jan. 6, at 10 a. m., in the Kiel cemetery. He recommends his memory to your affectionate remembrance. CHARLES AECKERLIN. —Antwerp Matin.

Freak Fox Caught in Trap. Frank D. W. Gleason of Leominster, Mass., set a trap for a mink the other day and caught one of the strangest foxes that local sports have ever seen. It is neither an albino nor a wood gray, but resembles each in many ways.

Took Vow to Get Married. On New Year's day, twelve young men of Louisville, Ky., formed the league of Marry or Bust, each one pledging himself to take a wife within the year or suffer expulsion from the league and to pay a fine of \$100.

THRIVED ON LEAN DIET.

Englishman Who Lived for Year on Less Than One Dollar. Roger Crab waged £1,000 that he would live for a year on three shillings and sixpence and won his bet. Indeed, he more than won it, for at the end of the twelve months he had managed to save threepence out of his "housekeeping money," his expenditure for food, therefore, averaging just over three farthings a week. For this sum even the cheapest of ordinary vegetarian diet—such as lentils, for instance, was quite out of the question, and he had to content himself with nettle soup thickened with acorn flour, pudding made of bran and turnip leaves chopped together, and so forth. Yet on this diet Crab not only survived, but actually gained some few pounds in weight; while as for his general health, he declared that he had never felt better than he did at the termination of his self-imposed ordeal.—English Exchange.

The Summer of the Heart. For all the wintry fakes of frost it's summertime somewhere. Violets in the valleys, bird songs in the air. The chilly winds have only blown the lily's lips apart. It's summer in the world, my dear, and summer in the heart. For all the gray skies glooming, it's summer in the dells; in the merry song of reapers, in the tinkling of the bells; the sweet south skies are brightening as with springtime's magic art. But the sweetest summer, dearest, is the summer in the heart! Still, still the birds are singing, and still the groves are green, and still the roses redder and the royal lilies lean; Love fades not with the season; when summer days depart, It's summer still, my dearest, in the Eden of the heart! —F. L. Stanton.

When left for dead upon the field, The foe, victorious, passed me by— This was my curse; that I must yield, Who could not win and might not die! —Gelett Burgess, McClure's.

CUTICURA GROWS HAIR.

Scalp Cleared of Dandruff and Hair Restored by One Box of Cuticura and One Cake of Cuticura Soap. A. W. Taft of Independence, Va., writing under date of Sept. 15, 1904, says: "I have had falling hair and dandruff for twelve years and could get nothing to help me. Finally I bought one box of Cuticura Ointment and one cake of Cuticura Soap, and they cleared my scalp of the dandruff and stopped the hair falling. Now my hair is growing as well as ever. I am highly pleased with Cuticura Soap as a toilet soap. (Signed) A. W. Taft, Independence, Va."

Average Life Among Europeans. Of European nations the Norwegian and Swedish are the longest lived, the Spaniards the shortest. According to a foreign statistical return recently issued the average duration of life is as follows: Sweden and Norway, fifty years; England, forty-five years; and three months; Belgium, forty-four years and eleven months; Switzerland, forty-four years and four months; France, forty-three years and six months; Austria, thirty-nine years and eight months; Prussia and Italy, thirty-nine years; Bavaria, thirty-six years, and Spain, thirty-two years and four months.

"How's Your Cough?" "If you are still coughing your life away, we desire to tell you once more—lest you forget—that Simmons' Cough Syrup will cure you, and do it quickly. It gives you rest, peace and sleep."

A Maxim gun fires 600 shots a minute, a Gatling 1,200. Superior quality and extra quantity must win. This is why Defiance Starch is taking the place of all others.

Benefits of Calamities. Were it not for these calamities and misfortunes incident to us all, individually and collectively, the great heart of humanity would stagnate like the heavens without electricity, or a lake of fresh water without inlet, outlet and motion. The best qualities of human nature would never see the light; sympathy never would expand beyond self, and society would become one vast, arid, dewless expanse of selfishness.—Elihu Burritt.

Family Record. As a family record the following would be hard to beat. In the town of Thurso, England, an old man, eighty-seven years of age, still follows his duties as superintendent of some flagstone quarries. Among the workmen he has seven sons, six sons-in-law, twenty-nine grandsons, four grandsons-in-law, and two great-grandsons. Forty-nine members of one family, all connected with the same trade, employed in the same works, and living in the same district, is something decidedly out of the common.

Thomas Pearson is the name of the first negro admitted to practice in the United States district court at San Francisco. He was admitted January 18 and is said to be a man of education and ability.

An electric current of 5,000 volts is fatal. Increase the voltage to 500,000 and it will be quite harmless.

"A Guild of Tubalines" has been formed in an English Episcopal church. Its special business is to keep bright the brass gas fixtures of the church.

The matrimonial broker is responsible for many broken hearts.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c. The value of a ton of pure gold is approximately \$600,000.

Pilgrims to the number of 92,500, from all parts of Islam, reached Mecca last year. Five thousand are known to have died on the way, and 10,000 who started, but did not arrive, are unaccounted for.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1904. FRANK J. CHENEY, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials and full particulars. Sold by all Druggists. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Dr. William Henry, an English physician, states, as the result of experiments, that in all forms of animal life, insects included, exists the taste for alcohol. He says that fishes are the only "real teetotalers" in creation.

You Have No Friends that will not be interested in a remedy that is being used extensively as a permanent cure for Dyspepsia, Constipation, Headache, Catarrh of the Mucous Membrane, and all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys and Bladder. Only one dose a day. Write at once to the Vernal Remedy Company, Le Roy, N. Y., and they will cheerfully send you free, a trial bottle of Vernal Palm-tona (Palmetto Berry Wine), to convince you of the wonderful results to be obtained from its use. Sold by druggists everywhere.

Summer heart trouble has many symptoms of the first love affair with no lasting effects.

Home Treatment For Chronic Diseases by Dr. J. H. Hunter, 310-1-2 Main street, Houston, Texas, an old specialist of 45 years experience. Cures guaranteed. No matter how bad your ailment or who has failed, you will here get a cure. Send for books and lists of questions. No patent medicines. Only scientific treatment of a skilled specialist.

The London Musical World does not consider "The Girl I Left Behind Me" a suitable marching tune for departing regiments to play. It says Tommy Atkins is usually heartily glad to leave his girl behind him.

A military balloon came down in the grounds of the Hatton (England) lunatic asylum. A large crowd of inmates enthusiastically received the unflattered lieutenant in the basket as "The Prophet Elijah."

A racehorse owner was sued by Jas. Lucas of Blackpool, England, for \$40 which included \$20 for champagne supplied to a horse. The court struck out the champagne.

To escape from the North Shropshire hounds, which were hot on his scent, a tired fox yesterday plunged into a pool and brought his career to an inglorious and unorthodox termination.—London Chronicle.

School Children's Dyspepsia. The common form of dyspepsia, or indigestion, which stops the growth of the cheeks, weakens the system of so many school children, is often due to improper or too quickly eaten lunches. While seeing to a correction of the cause, it is also important to cure the disordered conditions of stomach and bowels. This can be done by no medicine so safely and surely as Dr. Caldwell's (Laxative) Syrup Pepsin. Try it. Sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1.00 Money back if it fails.

Mrs. Porter, wife of Col. Porter of Christ church, New Zealand, an army officer, who died recently, had a clear genealogical line of Maori ancestors for fifty-two generations.

Billion Dollar Grass. When the John A. Salzer Seed Co., of La Crosse, Wis., introduced this remarkable grass three years ago, little did they dream it would be the most talked of grass in America, the biggest, quickest, hay producer on earth, but this has come to pass.

AGRICULTURAL EDITORS wrote about it, Agr. College Professors lectured about it, Agr. Institute Orators talked about it, while in the farm home by the roadside, in the corner grocery, in the village post-office, at the creamery, at the depot, in fact wherever farmers gathered, Salzer's Billion Dollar Grass, that marvelous grass, good for 5 to 14 tons hay per acre and 100 lbs of pasture besides, is always a theme worthy of the farmer's voice. Then comes Bromus Inermis, then which there is no better grass or better permanent hay producer on earth. It grows wherever soil is found. "Then the farmer talks about Salzer's Teosinte, which produces 100 stocks from one kernel of seed, 11 ft. high, in 100 days, rich in nutrition and greedily eaten by cattle, hogs, etc., and is good for 30 tons of green food per acre. Victoria Rape, the luxuriant food for hogs and sheep, which can be grown at 25c a ton, and Splutz at 20c a bu., both great foods for sheep, hogs and cattle, also come in for their share in the discussion. JUST SEND 10c IN STAMPS and this notice to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., for their big catalog and many farm seed samples. [W. N. U.]

In "time of money" many see, A rather ghastly joke. Those with most leisure seem to be Ofttimes most nearly broke.

Those Who Have Tried It will use no other. Defiance Cold Water Starch has no equal in Quantity or Quality—16 oz. for 10 cents. Other brands contain only 12 oz.

There are few women so perfect that their husbands do not sometimes repent their choice.

"I Went Home to Die from Gravel Trouble. Doctors failed. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy cured me." Mrs. C. W. Brown, Petersburg, N. Y.

African epicures consider the tongue of a young giraffe a great delicacy. The meat of the animal is said to taste somewhat like veal.

In France there are 1,500,000 aliens, and, but for a registration fee of about 50 cents, once paid, however long they stay, they have the full freedom of the country.

BOUGHT SKIN OF PIRATE.

Fifteen Dollars Paid for Gruesome Relic of Barbarous Times. Fifteen dollars was the price a collector of curiosities paid for a piece of a Danish pirate's skin about the size of a half dollar. It was sold at auction in London.

At the same sale a lock of hair (guaranteed genuine) from Edward IV.'s head did not find a purchaser. The royal hair was taken from the King's tomb at Windsor when it was opened in 1789. The Viking pirate, whose skin was sold, was captured and executed while pillaging Hadstock's church, in Essex, over nine hundred years ago, and his skin was nailed to the church door as a warning to other evildoers. The relic, which looks like a jagged piece of thick parchment, became lodged in the hinges of the massive old door, where it was discovered in 1855. The remainder of mediaeval barbarity was an object of awe-struck interest to the buyers at the sale.

Colossal Idol.

Two miles from Kamakura, and about twenty from Yokohama, in Japan, on a terrace near the temple sits the most gigantic idol in the world. It is the brazen image of a deity, and it dates from the reign of the Emperor Shomu, who died A. D. 784. The dimensions of this idol are colossal. His height, from the base of the lotus-flower upon which he sits to the top of his head, is 63½ feet. The face is 16 feet in length and 9½ feet wide, the eyes are 3 feet 9 inches from corner to corner, the eyebrows 5½ feet and the ears 8½ feet. The chest is 20 feet in depth, and the middle finger is exactly 5 feet long. The fifty-six leaves of the lotus throne are each 10 feet long and 6 feet wide.

Ancient Gateway in Ireland.

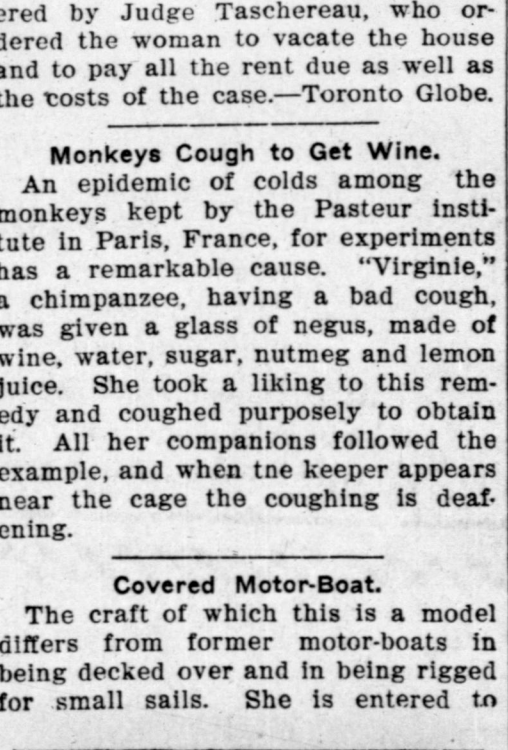


The gateway at Glendalough, County Wicklow, Ireland, formed the entrance to the Seven Churches, the ruins of which, although they were erected in the sixth century, still arouse the admiration and evoke the religious sentiment of travelers from all lands.

Lone Widow's Hundred Cats. A singular case was decided in a Montreal court yesterday. Mrs. L. Brossard, widow, resides in a rented house and her landlord moved to have the lease canceled on the ground that the woman used the house more as a menagerie than as a place of human habitation. It was set forth that about a hundred cats were kept by this lonely widow, and the plea was that they not only injured the premises but were a nuisance in the neighborhood. The woman conducted her own defense. She argued that she was a poor, lone widow and therefore should be allowed to have as many cats as she thought necessary to solace her declining years. Judgment was rendered by Judge Taschereau, who ordered the woman to vacate the house and to pay all the rent due as well as the costs of the case.—Toronto Globe.

Monkeys Cough to Get Wine. An epidemic of colds among the monkeys kept by the Pasteur institute in Paris, France, for experiments has a remarkable cause. "Virginie," a chimpanzee, having a bad cough, was given a glass of negus, made of wine, water, sugar, nutmeg and lemon juice. She took a liking to this remedy and coughed purposely to obtain it. All her companions followed the example, and when the keeper appears near the cage the coughing is deafening.

Covered Motor-Boat. The craft of which this is a model differs from former motor-boats in being decked over and in being rigged for small sails. She is entered to



compete for the Mediterranean cup at the Monaco races for automobile vessels. These were instituted last year, and at once became extremely popular with society on the Riviera.

Cat Rang for Admission. Ira S. Hatch of Hartland, Me., was aroused from his slumbers about 11 o'clock the night of a big storm by the furious ringing of the doorbell. Lighting a lamp the host went down to his midnight guest, which proved to be no other personage than his wonderful coon cat, Nigger.

A HEALTHY OLD AGE

OFTEN THE BEST PART OF LIFE Help for Women Passing Through Change of Life

Providence has allotted us each at least seventy years in which to fulfill our mission in life, and it is generally our own fault if we die prematurely.



Nervous exhaustion invites disease. This statement is the positive truth. When everything becomes a burden and you cannot walk a few paces without excessive fatigue, and you break out into perspiration easily, and your face flushes, and you grow excited and shaky at the least provocation, and you cannot bear to be crossed in anything, you are in danger; your nerves have given out; you need building up at once! To build up woman's nervous system and during the period of change of life we know of no better medicine than Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Here is an illustration. Mrs. Mary L. Koehne, 371 Garfield Avenue, Chicago, Ill., writes: "I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for years in my family and it never disappoints; so when I felt that I was nearing the change of life I commenced treatment with it. I took in all about six bottles and it did me a great deal of good. It stopped my dizzy spells, pains in my back and the headaches with which I had suffered for months before taking the Compound. I feel that if it had not been for this great medicine for women that I should not have been alive to-day. It is splendid for women, old or young, and will surely cure all female disorders."

Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., invites all sick and ailing women to write her for advice. Her great experience is at their service, free of cost.

If our neighbors were only as good as we are, lawyers would starve.

Wonderful Statistics. When it is considered that the percentage of deaths from consumption is 91 per thousand against 63 per thousand of any other malady, how important to guard against a slight cold. Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is the great medicine for coughs, colds and consumption. At druggists, 25c, 50c. and \$1.00 a bottle.

Don't try to keep the measles quiet. You want them to get out.

McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY. Houston, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South Give them a call.

No man's good intentions ever boosted him into the hero class.

Four hundredweight of sealing wax per month is used by the British Great Seal, of which the lord chancellor is the official custodian.

More Flexible and Lasting. Won't shake out or blow out by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

The lazy man wastes a lot of time looking at the clock.

No chromos or cheap paintings but a better quality and one-third more for same money.

In nearly every street of the city of Japan there is a public oven, and for a small fee people may have their dinners cooked.

98cts., 16x20 Bust Crayon 98cts., 56 ct. photo and 98cts. and we will make a 16x20 Bust Southwestern Artists' Association, Dallas.

Blue windows to the soul turn the milk of human kindness into clear.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure—J. W. O'BRIEN, 322 Third Ave., N. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

A poor man is one who gets his money by earning it.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures whooping cough, 25c a bottle.

Adam had a wife made to order, but she turned out to be a misfit.

Insist on Getting It. Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch because they have a stock in hand of 12 oz. brands, which they know cannot be sold to a customer who has once used the 16 oz. pkg. Defiance Starch for same money.

In South Greenland the color of the hair ribbon which a woman ties round her head denotes the social condition of the wearer—whether she be maid, wife or widow.

From a Merchant. "I have sold three bottles of Frank's Lightning Oil to Frank Swartz, Gallop, N. M. They think it is the best medicine for all purposes." C. P. Fisher, Plymouth, O. T.

Many a man is in advance of his age—and many a woman is several years behind hers.

The Uncrowned King

Or God of Mamman, as he serves
Straight to his goal he cuts his way,
Perhaps on some vast continent
His hand was closed but yesterday.

"Aye, yesterday," you say. "But Death,"
Because one died in all life done?
The uncrowned monarch never dies,
The sun hath set—there springs the sun.

Nor shall his power be the less
If in his childhood's bygone peace
The gutter cradled him, nor may
A stately birth his strength increase.

He is. For good or ill, he is;
And woe to those who blindly cling
Unseeing to the ancient thrones,
And reck not of the Uncrowned King!
—Clinton Dangerfield, in the Century.

AT THE CALL OF DUTY

BY NELLIE CRAVEY GILLMORE

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When I entered Thompson's room, he was pacing excitedly up and down the floor in a way that was altogether new in my experience of him. He paused a moment to look at me in a half startled, half uncertain way; then resumed his pacing without a word beyond an abrupt "Good morning."

He carried an open letter in his hand, and I noted that his face bore a strained, tense look and that it was perfectly pallid.

Presently he stopped in front of me and flung himself dejectedly into the chair opposite. After a second's hesitation, he leaned over and thrust the letter into my fingers.

"Read it, Dick, and for God's sake, tell me what I'm to do."

The letter ran:

Charity Hospital, Feb. 6.
My Dear Mr. Thompson:—I have under my care, a patient in whom you will recognize the wife supposed to be dead for many years. Briefly, her story is this:—Seven years ago, she left your house in an impulsive moment—she says you will remember the details well enough—so I pass them over. The only thing clear to her seems to be the recollection of a heavy snow storm and the fact that she was insufficiently protected from the bitter cold. She sat down on someone's doorstep to rest, after hours of distracted wandering. She realized then that she had done, but a sense of foolish pride kept her from going back. After that, her mind became a blank, and so it has remained through all these years—till now.

If this letter comes to you, come at once to the hospital. Mrs. Thompson has so far recovered that she will be able to return to her home within the week, unless some unexpected complication ensues. Respectfully yours,
Dr. L. S. Whildon.

P. S.—The above letter is written with your wife's full permission.

L. S. W.

I could not restrain a glance of compassion as I returned it to Thompson. His face was like ashes and he trembled visibly from head to foot.

My first thought was for poor little Elsie. Thompson must have divined this, for when he next spoke, it was as though we had been just talking of her. He looked at me a moment with dry, pain-dark eyes before he spoke. "You will explain—this to her, old fellow? You know, you understand—you—you believe in my good faith, Dick, do you not?" He regarded me anxiously. Then, in a dull tone, he went on:—"Thank heaven I told you the whole story of my wife's strange desertion of me—of her complete disappearance into the world for many months—of the sudden intelligence I received of her death, and"—he broke off abruptly and walking over to an open window, stood for many minutes, looking down into the crowded street. "You never investigated the circum-

stances, the whole thing arising, I suppose, from the—my wife's mental condition. I advertised for her—to her, rather, continually—till the time of her supposed death. There was never the shadow of a response."

We were both a long time silent after that. Thompson set the first to speak. "Of course I can't see Elsie again—not now, any way—after what has happened. I—I couldn't bear it."

Even as he spoke, there was a hurried little rap on his door, and the next moment, Elsie stood in the room. She had promised to meet me here at half past one; I had forgotten that. She threw back the veils from her glowing face and stood looking at us—from one to the other. The keen,



"You will do your duty, Jack."

winter wind had crimsoned her cheeks to the hue of pomegranate blossoms, and coaxed innumerable flecks of black brilliance into the gray irises of her eyes.

Thompson stood silently by. For an imperceptible instant, I caught his glance, wistful, appealing—almost desperate. Neither of us could speak. Elsie's glance of good-natured surprise changed to one of consternation. "Why—whatever is the matter with you two?" she demanded, almost sharply. "I half believe you've been quarreling or something."

Thompson took the letter out of his pocket and handed it to her without a word. She opened it slowly, trying hard to keep her hands steady and the color in her cheeks. Then, he bent suddenly and laid his palm over the written words. "Don't," he said hoarsely. "I'd rather tell you myself."

She looked up at him dazedly, all the light dying out of her eyes as they recognized the tragedy in his. She sat quite still, almost statue-like, waiting for him to speak.

He hesitated a moment, then broke off passionately, the despair in him rushing to uncontrolled utterance:—"I have just learned that I have a living wife—the woman who deserted me in a fit of petty temper—the woman whom I mourned as dead—whom I honored and cherished in my home while she made it hers! There's no human law now to hold me to her. There is a law that will give me my freedom. I—"

Elsie interrupted him with a deprecative gesture. "There is a divine law," she said in a tone of finality.

Thompson did not speak for several seconds. Afterwards, he said, dully:—"You are right in this—as in everything. I shall, of course, do what is right."

"You will do your duty, Jack, I am sure of that," she returned in a low tone. Elsie rose as she spoke, and a few moments later, we took our leave.

At the foot of the steps, we came face to face with a special messenger. "Mr. Thompson live here, sir?"

"He does. Anything wrong?"

"Yes. A woman just died at the Charity Hospital. She—"

"Yes, I know. Three doors to the left,—up this flight."

Elsie had entered the coupe and was waiting for me. "To the Metropolitan Opera House," I told the driver. She looked at me in hurt bewilderment. "Oh no—not there—not now!" she cried, a quick reproach leaping to her tear-blinded eyes.

I took her hands in mine and held them close till she calmed herself. "Everything is all right," I said, then, "I have just found out that the woman—that she is—dead. But this day, at least, belongs to him and—to her."

TREPOFF FEARED AND HATED.

Many Attempts Made to Kill Dictator of St. Petersburg.

"There is no other man in all Russia whom the revolutionary party hate with quite the same intensity as they hate Gen. Trepoft, the newly appointed dictator of St. Petersburg, and they fear him even more than they hate him," says an English writer. "For years past he has been, in their eyes, the veriest personification of everything that is dangerous, everything that is evil—a sort of tiger and serpent combined. There is nothing they would not do to rid themselves of him; they have tried to kill him, not once, but times without number—three times in the course of a single fortnight. So often, indeed, have they tried and failed that strange legends have sprung up around him, the superstitious gravely arguing there must be something uncanny about him that renders him impervious alike to steel, powder and dynamite."

It was while acting as chief of the Moscow police that Gen. Trepoft first showed that he could think as well as shoot. When the city was placed under his care disorder was rife; anarchy was being preached almost openly and students and workers alike seemed to have no thought beyond parading the streets with red flags. Trepoft set to work. Ghastly scenes ensued, of course. How many men were slain in those days and how many more disappeared—to reappear later in Siberia—will probably never be known. The end of it was that order reigned in Moscow. Then he suddenly changed his tactics. He summoned the leaders of the rioters and told them frankly that they had been acting like fools, allowing themselves to be used as a cat's-paw by revolutionaries who were much more in sympathy with their masters than with them and would never raise a finger to better their condition. He told them, too, that the enemy they had to fear was not the government, but the capitalists, their employers; and he pledged his word to them that, if they would remain quiet and orderly, he, acting on behalf of the czar, would protect them against their enemy. He allowed them to form themselves into unions and even meet together every Saturday to talk over their own affairs.

"At first he scored brilliantly. The Moscow workers threw over both their student friends and their revolutionary wire-pullers and ranged themselves on the side of the government as devoted subjects of the czar. The general in return started a regular campaign against the capitalists. This brought every capitalist in the empire into the field against him. From St. Petersburg he was ordered to have done coquetting with labor. Against Trepoft's will the labor unions were ordered dissolved and their meetings prohibited. This practically undid all of Trepoft's work by shaking the men's faith in the czar's power to help them."

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NOW ON RETIRED LIST.

Rear-Admiral Wilde Has Seen Forty-three Years of Service.

Rear-Admiral George F. F. Wilde, U. S. N., commandant of the Charles-



Rear-Admiral Wilde.

town navy yard, has been notified that his request for voluntary retirement from active duty, after forty-three years of service, has been honored by the Navy department. His name was placed on the retired list on Feb. 20.

TOO MUCH COMMON SENSE?

Writer Thinks Overabundance is Hurtful to a Nation.

A writer in Harper's Weekly makes a plea for the limitation of "common sense," which, he claims, while preserving us from cranks, fools and cheats, is hurtful to us as a nation. "Common sense" has made us "the most practical, the most inventive, the most mechanical people on earth." But we are particularly devoid of enthusiasm, which has always been made the butt of common sense; and genius is a product of enthusiasm. "As a nation, we have produced few geniuses than any other nation of first or second rate. * * * If we desire great geniuses for our land we must cease counseling common sense"; for "to take pains to be common to have common sense of the multitude—means to rain in power of accomplishment."

Change in Gulf Stream.

It is said that the gulf stream is running so much more rapidly than formerly that sailing ships cannot make headway against its current. This "river in the ocean" is caused by the waters of the Gulf of Mexico piling up until that oval caldron rises two or three feet higher than the waters in the mid-Atlantic. Florida Strait, about ninety miles broad, forms the only egress for the waters, which flow through this narrow outlet, between Key West and Cuba, at a speed of eight or ten miles an hour.

DRAWS SALARY OF \$120,000.

President of Vanderbilt Railroads is Handsomely Remunerated.

It is announced by a high official in railroad circles that W. H. Newman, president of the Vanderbilt roads, has been guaranteed a salary of \$120,000 a year, a sumptuous residence in New York and a handsomely fitted private car.

The official responsible for the statement stands high in favor with President Newman and is well acquainted with the affairs of the Vanderbilt system.

This arrangement, marking the beginning of the new management, was especially made for Mr. Newman, according to the official, by W. K. Vanderbilt himself.

The salary given to President New-



W. H. Newman

man is, it is understood, the largest ever given to the head of any railroad system.

TO BE RID OF BANDITS.

Chinese Authorities Urge Criminals to Leave the Country.

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VOTE WAS A CLOSE ONE.

Senator Frye Apparently Knew Sentiment of His Colleagues.

While the fortifications bill was before the senate Senator Carmack offered an amendment directing the war department to prepare a list of fortifications necessary in the insular possessions of the United States. Senator Perkins of California, who has charge of the fortification bill, said there was a paragraph in the bill that covered the point Senator Carmack desired to make. President Frye put the question on the amendment. "All in favor say aye," he said. "Aye," said Senator Carmack alone. "No," said Senator Perkins, also alone. "The noes have it," announced Mr. Frye, and the forty or fifty senators on the floor laughed.

New Vessel With a History.

The four-masted vessel Mary L. Newhall, which was launched recently in Maine, has a history. The frame is of live oak and probably the best ever built in that state. It was got out in 1862 by the United States government for a war vessel, and was sent to the Kittery navy yard. Before the keel was laid the great fight between the Merrimac and the Monitor came off, and the result changed the navies of the world. It was seen that wooden vessels were doomed, and the building of the ship was abandoned. The frame, still on the hands of the government, was sunk in Portsmouth harbor, and there remained forty years under water, until purchased and raised two years ago.

Has Taught School Fifty Years.

After fifty years of continuous service in the Brooklyn schools, forty-eight of which have been spent as teacher and principal in public school No. 21, Miss Kate E. McWilliams closed her official connection with the schools, and began that rest which she has so well earned. Since she was five years old her life has been spent in the schoolroom—the early years in molding her own mind for the life work she had chosen and later in teaching the youth of Brooklyn the fundamentals of education.

WHAT TUBERCULOSIS COSTS

Immense Monetary Loss Caused the Country by Its Ravages—How to Retain Health and Bodily Vigor

Cost of Tuberculosis.

Dr. Harmon Biggs of New York (American Medicine), after a careful estimation, places the annual expense of tuberculosis to the people of the United States at \$330,000,000. He first calculates the loss to New York city by putting a value of \$1,500 upon each life at the average at which deaths from tuberculosis occur. This gives a total value of the lives lost annually of \$1,500,000.00.

But this is not all. For at least nine months prior to death these patients cannot work, and the loss of service at one dollar a day, together with food, nursing, medicines, attendance, etc., at one and one-half dollars a day, results in a further loss of \$8,000,000.00, making a yearly loss to the municipality of \$23,000,000.00. For the whole country the 150,000 deaths from tuberculosis represent in the same way a loss of \$330,000,000.00.

Dr. Biggs also states that the total expenditure in the city of New York for the care of tuberculous patients is not at present over \$500,000.00 a year; that is, it does not exceed two per cent of the actual loss by death, etc. "If this annual expenditure were doubled or tripled it would mean a saving of several thousand lives annually, to say nothing of the enormous saving in suffering." Further evidence of this is afforded by the fact that in the last twenty years the total number of deaths from tuberculosis in New York has decreased instead of increasing, although there has been an increase of 70 per cent in the general population.

Oil Rubbing.

Clothing exposes us to great dangers. We wear too many clothes. We dress too warmly, so the skin becomes relaxed, and loses the power to take care of itself, and this is the reason oil rubbing is necessary. The simple removal of a thin layer of oil by a hot bath may be sufficient to cause a man to take cold, so this must be replaced by a special oiling, or some other treatment, in cold weather.

People who are very susceptible to cold, should be rubbed with oil after each bath. Oil rubbing is especially needed in cases in which the skin is dry, through deficient activity of the oil glands of the skin. Great care, however, should be taken to avoid too vigorous rubbing in the application of the oil, as sweating is very easily produced, to the disadvantage of the patient. In the treatment of infants and children a marked benefit is observed in the effect upon nutritive power produced by rubbing. Application of oil after cold baths encourages reaction. In most cases of chronic dyspepsia when accompanied by emaciation, in diabetes, and in most cases in which malnutrition with dryness of the skin is a prominent feature, oil rubbing is a valuable curative agency.

Horrors of the Cocaine Habit.

The following illustration of bad advice in the lecture room is probably not an exceptional case. A professor of materia medica lecturing on cocaine called it one of the greatest of all stimulants and perfectly harmless. He cited his own experience of its good effects, and advised the class to test it personally in debility and exhaustion. Of a class of thirty-two who listened to this advice, five became cocaine takers within two years. Ten years later thirteen of this class were drug and spirit takers. In all probability, the use of cocaine was the starting point of their addictions. Four died from the direct use of this drug. Evidently more than half the class had followed the advice of the teacher and were wrecked. A few years after, the professor became an invalid and retired from the profession, a victim of his own counsel and confidence in cocaine.

When anything is growing, one formatory is worth more than a thousand reformatories.—Horace Mann.

Tuberculosis Rightly Classified.

The Health department of the city of Philadelphia has decided that in future tuberculosis shall be classed with other diseases that are dangerous to the public health, such as smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and other contagious maladies. The law in Pennsylvania and most other States of the Union requires that every case of contagious disease shall be reported to the Health department. Hereafter all cases of tuberculosis must be so reported by the attending physician. The purpose of this law is to enable the Health department to take necessary steps to prevent the extension of this disease by disinfection of the apartments which have been occupied by the patient, and by instruction of the patient and the patient's friends how infection from the disease may be avoided.

This law is a good one, and ought to be enforced in every civilized community.

Body and mind are both gifts, and for the proper use of them our Maker will hold us responsible.

Simple Living and Longevity of the Brazilians.

According to a writer in a contemporary magazine, "the Brazilians, when first discovered, lived the natural, original life lived by all mankind, as frequently described in ancient histories,

before laws, or property, or arts made entrance among men. The Brazilians lived without business or labor, further than for their necessary food, by gathering fruits, herbs and plants; they knew no drink but water; were not tempted to drink or eat beyond common thirst or appetite; were not troubled with either public or domestic cares, and knew no pleasures but those simple and natural in character.

"Many of these were said, at the time the country was discovered by the Europeans, to have lived as long as two hundred years."

This was without doubt an exaggeration, but that they were very long lived is evidenced by the fact that within the last quarter of a century there was an old woman living in Rio Janeiro at the remarkable age of one hundred and forty-one years.

Beauty of form and face are the natural results of right living, and to try to get them in idleness by the aid of massage, drugs, or physical culture, is to undermine the foundation for all charm. Nature intended that we should be of use, whether we are genius or common clay, and nature rules. We can't cheat her.

The Quiet Way Best.
What's the use of worrying.
Of hurrying,
And scurrying.
Everybody hurrying.
And breaking up his rest.
When everything is teaching us,
Preaching, and beseeching us,
To settle down and end the fuss.
For quiet ways are best?

The rain that trickles down in showers—
A blessing to the thirsty flowers—
And gentle zephyrs gather up
Sweet fragrance from each brimming cup.
There's ruin in the tempest's path.
There's ruin in a voice of wrath.
And they alone are best
Who early learn to dominate
Themselves, their violence abate,
And prove by their serene estate
That quiet ways are best.

Exercise gradually increases the physical powers, and gives more strength to resist sickness.

Frequency of Tuberculosis.

From the Massachusetts Medical Journal we abstract the following: At the second annual American Congress on Tuberculosis held in New York in 1902, Dr. Pryor stated that 14,000 persons die annually in the State of New York of this disease. One-sixth of all the deaths in the world are due to this one disease. Statistics show that in France 150,000 die every year of this disease; in Germany, 170,000; in the United States, 160,000; in Paris, 11,000; in London, 13,000; New York 10,000.

Of deaths between the ages of fifteen and forty, tuberculosis claims one-third; between fifteen and thirty-five, one-half. The mortality from tuberculosis alone exceeds that of war, plague, cholera, famine, yellow fever and smallpox.

Plato called a man lame because he exercised the mind while the body was allowed to suffer.

HEALTHFUL DISHES.

Fruit Nectar—Take Concord grapes or any kind of berries and put into a stewpan with a small amount of water; boil ten minutes, stirring occasionally. Strain first through a sieve and then through a cheese cloth. Add one-third sugar to two-thirds juice and boil briskly for fifteen minutes. Put in bottles and seal. When used add either hot or cold water, to suit the taste.

Macaroni au Gratin—Break enough macaroni into inch lengths to fill a cup and cook in one and one-half pints of boiling water in a double boiler until tender. When done, drain and separate by dashing over it a little cold water. Mix with the macaroni one cupful of cottage cheese, one tablespoonful of cracker crumbs, rolled fine, one-fourth cup of cream and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Put in an oiled granite dish and bake until brown.

Grape Fruit—Chill the fruit; then cut it crosswise, providing a half for each person. Loosen the sections from the skin and remove the center white membrane. Fill the cavities with sugar, and serve with a couple of white cherries on top of each half.

Vegetable Bouillon—To one and one-half pints of bran (pressed down), add two and one-half quarts of boiling water. Allow this to simmer for two hours or more; strain, add one pint of strained tomato, one stalk of chopped celery, one large onion and one-half teaspoonful of powdered mint in a muslin bag. Let this simmer together for from half an hour to an hour. Add water to make two and one-half quarts of soup. Strain, add one teaspoonful of salt, or more if desired, and reheat for serving.

On each bread-and-butter plate put a pat of cocanut butter, two nut cheese straws, and a couple of bread or cream sticks tied together with yellow and white ribbon.

Golden Salad—Prepare eggs by hard boiling them. Cut, when done, into two parts; remove the yolks without breaking the whites, mash them and mix with enough mayonnaise or boiled salad dressing to bind them. Fill the egg-white shells with the prepared yolks, and stick the two self whites together, thus forming whole eggs. Cut one end flat, and stand an egg on a lettuce leaf on each salad plate. Around each egg put a circle of mayonnaise.



Pacing excitedly up and down. stances surrounding her death?" I asked after a pause.

"The proofs I had, or thought I had, seemed incontestible enough," he replied despondently. "I mourned her sincerely and genuinely for long months after."

"My sister is too true and sensible a woman not to understand—everything," I said presently, "and I—I hope I am too good a friend to doubt."

Thompson's eyes flashed a quick gleam of gratitude into mine at this. "Thank you," he said simply. Then after a silence, he continued, more composedly now:—"It was all a mistake—a terrible mistake, that is all,

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LOCAL.

Uncle Newt McBee, of Live Oak is in town.

Albert Postell of Pinto was in town Saturday.

L. Henze, of Kickapoo, was a Brackett visitor Saturday.

Sam Hutchinson, jr. of Tularosa, was in the city Saturday.

G. Dietze and son of Maraposa were in Brackett Wednesday.

Jim Mosley, foreman of the Woodhill ranch was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gav. of Spofford were shopping in town Saturday.

Albert Schwandner, of Nueces, was in town for supplies Saturday.

Jim Winn, of Kickapoo, was in town several days this week to visit his family.

Max Herbst, of Mud Creek, was in town Saturday and made the news force a pleasant call.

Geo. Blair, has returned from Galveston and has accepted a position at Keys Kool Korner.

Jack Morrell who has been ranching on the Nolan ranch is now working for Henry Veltmann.

Mrs. Brookins, who has been spending the winter with relatives in California has returned to Brackett.

Mrs. G. B. Filippone went to Del Rio Monday and will remain there for several days for medical treatment.

John Long, of Laguna, one of our most progressive goatmen was in Brackett several days this week on business.

Mrs. Doc Anderson, who has been visiting relatives in Brackett for the past month returned to her home near Dryden yesterday.

Mrs. Louis Fontana who has been visiting her brother G. B. Filippone for the past week returned to her home in Del Rio Monday.

Geo Windus left yesterday for Rock Spring to accompany Miss Lucie home who has been teaching school near there the past six months.

Mrs. M. Keys received the sad news Wednesday morning that her mother died in Marshall Ill. As the distance was far Mrs. Keys could not attend the funeral. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Keys sympathize with them in their bereavement.

Weddings are rumored in the near future.

Otto Stadler went to Del Rio Wednesday.

Ladies visiting cards printed at this office.

Will Dooley spent Sunday on the Stadler ranch near Silver Lake.

Miss Katie Hudson, of Pinto, was shopping in Brackett Saturday.

Jim Gildea, of Nueces, was transacting business in town Saturday.

John Morrison, of Cisco, is visiting his father this week in Brackett.

Billy Hudson went to San Antonio Monday for medical treatment.

Frank Studer, who is ranching on the Nueces was in town several days this week.

WANTED—to buy live rabbits. Will pay from 20c to 40c. Apply to J. F. Nance.

Judge M. P. Malone returned Saturday from a few days visit to the Alamogordo City.

Chas. Hinde and Jas Ray were ranching on the Nueces several days this week.

Now is the time to have your job work done. Bring it in and help home industry.

Rev. H. N. Dikemann returned to Uvalde Tuesday after a few days visit in Brackett.

T. J. Martin, one of Spofford hustling business men was in town Saturday on business.

R. E. Cannon, of Mud Creek, our popular commissioner Precinct of No. 3, was in town Tuesday.

For Sale—A Good Present bicycle. In good running order. Will go for \$10.00. Apply at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Rose and little daughter Miss Ruby were visiting in Del Rio a few days this week.

Miss Helen Elliott returned to Leavenworth Kansas Wednesday after a few days visit with relatives in Brackett.

Carl S. Kennedy, of Live Oak, one of our most progressive ranchmen of this county, was in Brackett Tuesday.

Capt. Ed Ross and Jno. Fritter left yesterday for Hot Springs, Ark. where they expect to remain for a few weeks.

The editor made a mistake last week in mentioning the Grand Mask Ball given on Washington's Birthday by the Ft Clark Social Club. As this organization did not have anything to do with this affair we desire to make the correction.

Joe Veltmann and Oscar Seagrave received the agency this week of the City Beer and Lone Star Breweries. Messrs Veltmann and Seagrave are rustlers and good business men and will no doubt give the Breweries general satisfaction in handling their business in Brackett.

Hans Petersen received a letter this week from parties in Vera Cruz Mexico, that his brother Martin had died February 2. Mr. Peterson is well known to Brackett people having lived here for several years and is also well known in Del Rio being at one time interested in the firm of Roach McLymont & Co.

BRING

IN

JOB WORK.

A COWARDLY VILLAIN

Some Unknown Party Attempts to Burn the Town. A Narrow Escape.

About half past 3 o'clock Wednesday morning the colored cook at the Brackett Hotel arose for the purpose of going about his usual duties and immediately discovered that the kitchen was on fire. He quickly seized a bucket of water that happened to be convenient and threw it upon the fire, at the same time shouting with all his might fire! fire! This aroused Mr. Howell, the proprietor of the hotel, who rushing out at the back door found the wall of the house in a blaze as high as a man's head. As luck would have it, a hydrant was near by and a large tub was under the hydrant full of water. Also a cup was at hand and Mr. Howell had no difficulty in quenching the fire before it had gotten under head way.

After the fire was put out a close investigation of the place revealed the fact that a long table that happened to be close to the wall was thoroughly saturated with kerosene oil from one end to the other. Several articles such as ropes and sacks under the table, were completely saturated with oil. Also the wall of the kitchen had oil sprinkled up and down it.

There is no mistaking the intention of the would be burner. That it was wilfully and maliciously set on fire for the purpose of burning someone out can not be doubted. Had the fire not been put out other houses near by and perhaps the whole town would have suffered. Keys Kool Korner would have succumbed to the flames as well as several ware houses belonging to Petersen & Co.

Mr. Howell has no idea who the culprit was. He does not know whether the fire was done for his benefit or for that of his neighbors. Suffice it to say that the cowardly scamp that committed the dastardly act has no regard for the lives or property of anyone. It might furthermore be said that the citizens of Brackett are very well aware of the fact that someone is in their vicinity who is not too good to burn them out of house and home at anytime. And if such acts become frequent in the future it would behoove them to hire a night watchman whose duty it would be to make it warm for such midnight culprits.

\$100 REWARD.

The above reward will be given for the arrest and conviction of the party that attempted to start the fire back of the Brackett Hotel Wednesday morning March 1, 1905.

N. PETERSON.
JNO. W. HOWELL.
M. KEYS.

Farewell Party.

A farewell party was given in honor of Frank Gastring at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Herzog Thursday night. Delicious refreshment were served, after the refreshments, Prof. Will Terrell's orchestra furnished the music, some very touching pieces of music were rendered. After participating in tripping the light fantastic for a while the guest went home. Mr. Gastring left for San Antonio where he has a responsible position in the I. & G. N. machine shops.

Advertise in the News.

Hair cuts at the Brackett Hotel, Everything done right.

Carl S. Slater, the busy wind mill man, is busy at work putting up a wind mill for Henry Veltmann in the pasture two miles south of town.

FROM THE POST

Maj. O. J. Brown returned yesterday.

Colonel and Mrs. M. B. Hughes returned Tuesday.

Sgt. Lott C. Meek left Wednesday for Galveston on 10 days pass.

1st Sgt. Bunn, who went to San Antonio last week is seen in the Post again.

Sgt. Keene, troop E 1st. Cav. is appointed Q. M. Sgt. and private Waterman is appointed corporal.

Recruit Miller, troop G is to be discharged on surgeons certificate of disability on account of vertigo.

Pvt. 1st. Class Rogers hospital corps, made another raid on the ducks last Friday killing 10 fine mallards.

Now that winter is over the water pipes wherever it is possible are being covered with dirt and stone to prevent freezing?

A regimental dance was given last Monday evening at the Post Hall. The 1st Cav. band furnished music for the occasion.

Sgt. King troop E had the misfortune to get a limb broken Wednesday in the Riding Hall. He is getting along very well at this writing.

Sgt. Kremer and family left Wednesday for San Antonio where they will spend 1 month, the Sgt. being on furlough for that period.

The ball team returned last Sunday from Fort Sam Houston. They report a jolly good time. They won 2 games and lost 2.

Messrs. Asher and Larison Q. M. teamsters went to west Nueces last week for a load of sand for building purposes in the Post.

We learn incidently of the re-inlistment of Sergt. Wint, formerly of troop F. 1st. Cav. He will join his troop (F) in the near future.

The 1st Cav. orchestra has an increase of two new members. The orchestra is being hastily brought up to the standard by the professor.

Sgt. Gyre, troop E has been reduced by request in order that he may go to the blacksmith farrier school at Ft. Riley Kan. and prepare himself for farrier.

Because we were misinformed we have made another blunder. Corporals Vincent and Dingworth are not promoted to the rank of Sergeant. But they expect to be so promoted in the very near future.

Spring is coming again and with it target season. The troops are daily making minor preparations, position and aiming drills snapping the pistol mtd. to accustom the horses to pistol practice etc.

A lecture on the Constitution of the United States of America was given by Captain George W. Goode, last Monday afternoon in troop G's dining hall. The lecture was brief to the point, but, interesting and educational.

A series of road sketches are being made by the Non-Commissioned officers of the 2nd. squadron. Quite a little interest is being taken in this work and some good sketches are anticipated.

Privates Mitchell troop F and Vetzal troop G who have been attending the cavalry school at Ft. Riley. Kan. returned Tuesday. Mitchell will be appointed blacksmith and Vetzal will be appointed Far-

rier in F and G troops respectively. They hold good diplomas.

Troop G has a fine Quartette and good music can be heard at any time. The following members compose this quartette: Moore, 2nd. tenor; Sallenski. ("Sall") 1st. tenor; Frankenberg ("Gettysburg") 1st bass; Present (McCarty) 2nd bass.

The following re-inlistments are reported in the 'past few days: 1st. Sgt. C. J. Leach, troop, H. Feb. 24; Reg. Q. M. Sgt. Geo. P. Foltz, Feb. 26; 1st. Class Sgt. Warren E. Dubs, Hosp. Corps, Feb. 26; Sgt. Johan Kremer, troop. G. Feb. 27; Sgt. Lott C. Meek, troop, G. Feb. 28.

The regular monthly inspection and muster was held on the target range Tuesday preceded by a regimental review, with Maj. Blocksom as reviewing officer and Captains Wright and Goode in command of the 1st. and 2nd. squadrons respectively. Troops were armed with carbine and sabre.

Stockmen tell us that the stock stood the winter remarkably well and the losses have

been comparatively nothing. No stock country excels this portion of Texas for the raising of cattle and it is very seldom that they need to be feed during the winter months unless the pastures have been greatly overstocked.—Uvalde Leader-News.

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Keep a Good Thing Going.
 This is the time of the year when the average business man cuts off his advertising expenses because business is bad. There is a great deal of talk about making business good the year round by keeping up the advertising. It would probably be impossible to make business as good in January and February as it was in November and December, no matter how much advertising is done, but it is possible to increase the volume of business over what you have usually experienced in January and February by pushing your advertising in the right manner. The man who stops because business is dull is of course saving the money he would spend for advertising, but he is also lengthening the time of the dull season and decreasing the prospect for business from day to day.
 —Big Sandy News.

The Lunatic's Explanation.
 "I met a young widow with a grown step-daughter and the widow married me. Then my father who was a widower, met my step-daughter and married her. That made my wife the mother-in-law of her father-in-law and my step-daughter my mother and my father my step-son; then my step mother, the step-daughter of my wife had a son; that boy was, of course, my brother because he was my father's son, he was also the son of my father's son, he was also the son of my wife's step-daughter and therefore grand-son.
 That made me grandfather to my step-brother.
 Then my wife had a son. My mother-in-law the step-sister of my son is also his grandmother because he is her step-son's child; my father is the brother-in-law of my child because his step sister is my wife; I am the brother of my own son who is also the son of my step-grand mother, I am my mother's brother-in-law, my wife is the child's aunt, my son is my nephew and I am my own grandfather.
 After trying to explain the relationship some seven times for a fortnight, I was brought here —I came of my own will.—Ex.

Not only in certain sections of the great Far West, but right here in Southwest Texas, within the past few years, it has been demonstrated that it is not a change in seasons, but a change in the class of farmers; not a change in soil or climate, but in the kind of crops grown, that ultimately is to convert millions of acres of fertile lands, hitherto considered suitable for grazing purposes into profitable farms. We are just on the verge of a most wonderful agricultural development, but beyond doubt success largely, if not almost entirely, depends upon the class of farmers. A man who has spent most of his life in the saddle, with a lasso in one hand, a quirt in the other, and the bridle reins between his teeth, and whose ancestors for generations followed a like avocation, can not reasonably be expected to succeed as well in agricultural pursuits, even where climate, soil and other conditions are most favorable, as the man who has been taught practical agriculture "down on the farm." This fact has been illustrated in several instances at Alice. Some of the best paying farms here were once owned by men who, after a succession of costly failures, declared that "farming did not pay," and engaged in other business, while their successors are succeeding, to the astonishment of those who had no practical or scientific knowledge of farming.—Alice Echo.

DIVERSIFICATION.
 (Continued from page.)
 the most prominent corner in a city or town, so should the farmer locate his farm.
 He should build a good, comfortable modern residence with all the conveniences of a city home for his family, and a barn and house for his animals and tools. A banker don't open up in a shed or leave his books and furniture exposed to the weather.
 The farmer should give his family, stock and tools better protection than the banker gives his money. The farmer wants his money kept in a fire and burglar proof vault where it can't be stolen, burnt up or destroyed by the weather, but leaves his stock and tools, which produce this money, exposed to all these dangers.
 RAISE EVERYTHING NEEDED FOR FAMILY.
 The farmer should lay off land enough to raise everything needed for his family and his stock and "have something to sell every day." Have garden, have chickens, have butter, corn and hogs, not only for his own consumption, but for his local market and for other markets.
 Then plant a surplus cash crop, cotton or some other staple, and be master of his farm in place of being mastered by it. Let his wife and children have all the pleasures and comforts of a city with the poetry and freedom of the farm.
 Diversification will do it, and you bankers can point out the way with profit to yourselves.
 The National Cotton Association is organizing the farmers, merchants and bankers into schoolhouse cotton associations, to reduce the cotton acreage and adopt the cultural system, and diversification, and every week through 18000 country papers carrying the gospel of diversification along such lines as I have briefly outlined more than two million farmers in the Southern States.
 Will the bankers of District No. 5 aid us in this great work? The prosperity of the farmer of your community is the most important problem to solve.
 Will you have every farmer in your community wear at diversification button of the National Cotton Association.—San Antonio Express.

The happiest man that lives is the old man, who believes that his old wife is still the most beautiful, best and most perfect woman he knows.
 A Michigan girl fainted upon being kissed, and the chump of a fellow doused cold water in her pretty face instead of using the "simila similibus curanter" treatment on her.
 You don't need to advertise because everybody in town knows who you are and where you are? So does every one know who the other fellow is and where he is. What is going to keep them from going to see him instead of you?
 A Japanese boy presented an essay in one of the English school examinations which contained the following: "Until recently the Japanese used to fight with bows and arrows. But now they are equipped with the complete arms of a Christian.
 A Cullom woman gets up in the morning, puts on her husband's trousers, builds the fires, milks the cows and does chores—all before the old man wakes from his slumbers. There would not be so many broken-down husbands, who believe that marriage is a failure if more wives would follow the Cullom woman's example.

SOCIETIES.
 Las Moras Lodge No. 444 A. F. & A. M. meets 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month in Masonic Hall, over Stratton & Co's store. A cordial invitation extended to all visiting Brethren. O. F. Seargeant, W. M. E. A. Jones, Sec'y.

Echo Lodge No. 279 I. O. O. F. meets every Thursday night at their Lodge room in Filipone hall, Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend. Frank Smith-N. G. Geo. W. Fairchild, Sec

Rosewood Camp No. 128. W. O. W. meets every Wednesday night in K. P. Hall. T. S. Sweeney, C. C. O. F. Seargeant Clerk.

Las Moras Lodge No. 122. K. of P. meets every Monday night at their hall. Visiting Brethren cordially invited to attend.

W. H. Lewis Post No. 17 G. A. R. meets the first Monday in each month at their Hall. Visiting Comrades cordially invited to attend. Wm. Kitch Post Commander.

President Roosevelt will be introduced to the father and mother of twenty-seven children next week, and it is expected he will present them an autograph photograph. George Dunville, the father of the twenty-seven, is but forty-three years old and his wife thirty-eight. They live in Yankton, S. D. They expected to be in Washington on a visit during the coming week and the senators and representative will take them to the white house. The children are nine sets of triplets. Twenty-four of them are boys and three girls. The mother ought to receive a pension and she would be if the women had the say.

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ANNUAL EXHIBIT
 Showing the aggregate amount received and paid out of each fund, and balance to their credit and debit. Also amount to debit and credit of each officer. Also amount of indebtedness of County, to whom and for what due, with dates of same, for the year 1904. The following amounts have been received and paid out of each Fund, leaving balances on hand or overpaid at the close of the year, viz:

	DR.	CR.
JURY FUND FIRST CLASS.		
To amount received.....	1203 34	
By amount paid out.....		1132 09
Balance.....		71 25
	1203 34	1203 34
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.		
To amount received.....	4049 94	
By amount paid out.....		2987 98
Balance.....		1061 96
	4049 94	4049 94
GENERAL FUND.		
To amount received.....	10016 50	
By amount paid out.....		7665 64
Balance.....		2350 96
	10016 50	10016 50
DISTRICT SCHOOL FUND.		
To amount received.....	4396 11	
By amount paid out.....		5412 72
Balance overdrawn.....		1016 61
	4396 11	5412 72
	5412 72	5412 72
AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND		
Bonds.....	\$4000 00	
	4000 00	4000 00
PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND.		
Notes.....	3542 40	
Bonds.....	1000 00	
	4542 40	4542 40
Tax Collector, Advalorem Fund.....	2553 70	
Tax Collector, Pub. B. & Imp. Fund.....	2558 77	
Road and Bridge Fund.....	1532 85	
District School Fund.....	598 60	
Sheriff, Fines and Judgments.....	180 00	
J. P. Prec. No. 1, Fines and Judgments.....	76 50	
County Treasurer Jury Fund.....	21 25	
Co. Treas. Road and Bridge Fund.....	1061 56	
Co. Treas. General Fund.....	250 00	
Overd'n, Feb. 1st '05 Dist. School Fund.....		1016 61
Amount to Balance Available Fund.....	4000 00	
Amount to Balance Permanent Fund.....	4542 40	

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 County of Kinney I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report for the year ending February 1st, 1905 as required by Art. 935a, General Laws of Texas, approved May 11th, 1893.
 Given under my hand and seal of office, at Brackett Texas, on this 21 day of February 1905.
 [Seal] O. F. SEARGEANT, County Clerk.

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